



# Wee Jasper Public School Newsletter



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Proud member of the  
BinIt BinIt Learning Community

*We acknowledge the traditional custodians of this land,  
the Wiradjuri and Ngunnawal nations, and pay our re-  
spects to Elders past, present and future.*

# Wee Jasper Public School Term 1 Calendar

Week	MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI		
<b>1</b> Jan		28 Staff Development Day	29 Mrs Griffiths Mrs Longley  Students Return	30 Mrs Longley Mrs Griffiths Mr Smith Mrs Young	31 Mrs Longley Mrs Griffiths	7	8
<b>2</b> Feb	3 Mrs Griffiths Zoe Foulon  Swimming les- son 2-3pm Yass Pool	4 Mrs Griffiths	5 Mrs Griffiths Mrs Longley  Electricity Out- age—Students and Staff attend- ing Bowning PS	6 Mrs Longley Mr Smith	7 Mrs Longley	14	15
<b>3</b> Feb	10 Mrs Griffiths Zoe Foulon  Burrinjuck Learning Com- munity Small Schools Swim- ming carnival	11 Mrs Griffiths  Esther (Headspace) workshop	12 Mrs Griffiths Mrs Longley	13 Mrs Griffiths Mrs Longley Mr Smith  8am P&C Meeting	14 Mrs Longley Mrs Griffiths	21	22
<b>4</b> Feb	17 Mrs Griffiths Zoe Foulon	18 Mrs Griffiths	19 Mrs Griffiths Mrs Longley	20 Mrs Longley Mr Smith  Ms Andrews attending Small Schools Princi- pal Conference	21 Mrs Longley Mrs Cathles  Ms Andrews attending Small Schools Principal Conference	28	29

School Holidays



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2020 Term 1 Week 1 Principal: Michelle Andrews

### Principal's Welcome

We trust everyone had a great holiday and happily welcomed in the new year with their family. 2020 is definitely going to be a rewarding and action-packed year. Today, four students eagerly arrived at school and had a brilliant day getting to know each other. The boys have articulated their vision for the year both personally and collectively. We were all thrilled to hear their ambitious dreams and desire to be a close-knit team. The enthusiasm has also been matched by staff. Trust me—it WILL be an exciting year!

Our students and families this year include;

George (Yr 5) & Jackson (Yr 6) Cathles. Their parents are Antony and Bridgette and Tilly is their little sister (4 years)

Dougal Cathles (Yr 5). His parents are Tim and Helen and Dougal's brother is Louis (Yr 8)

Toby Payne (Yr 6). His mother is Angela and brother is Ethan (Yr 7).

We warmly welcome Toby and his family to Wee Jasper PS. I believe he will find our school family to be positive, encouraging and caring. The boys all connected immediately and strong friendships are well along the way.

The first P&C Meeting and AGM will be Thursday 13 February at 8am. It will be wonderful if all families could attend, as it is a great opportunity to share many of the wonderful things planned for our students in 2020. Any parents who are available from 1:30pm are welcome to join us at school to assist with the covering of books. This could be a great opportunity to catch up for a coffee as well.

The students will have three homework books this year. We have circled limited sections for completion for this Friday. We will be having swimming training next Monday from 2-3pm at Yass Pool. I will transport the students and meet with Helen Cathles as they prepare for the BLC Swimming Carnival Monday 10 February. Please communicate with me arrangements for drop offs. Next Wednesday there is a planned electricity outage. We will transport the students to Bowning PS for the day. We will leave school at 8:30am and return to Wee Jasper by 3:30pm. Notes with more details about all of these events will be distributed on Friday.

Mrs Longley and I would love the opportunity to meet with parents early this term, to discuss goals for your child. We invite parents to arrange a time which suits anytime from Week 3 onwards. Please be aware that Mrs Longley works each Wednesday, Thursday & Friday. We would prefer afternoons, as the morning is ideal preparation time for class. Please just let us know whether your son will be present for this meeting or whether you would prefer to have a private meeting. Early Term 2 will be our usual three-way conferences.

This year we are requesting parents to contribute towards the text books and our extensive out of school learning programs (excursions). We are asking for \$250 for the year. This will then mean that school will not request any further financial contributions from families for the remainder of the year. This payment is not due until Easter and parents have the option of making instalments. I am excited to share with you some of these opportunities include; 4 day writing & film camp with Bongongo PS, Dalton PS, Brungle PS & Nangus PS; 3 day Music & Movement Camp with 60 students in Years 5/6 from small schools; Sydney Excursion and attendance of the film festival; 3 day hike Hume & Hovell Track (Wee Jasper section).

Yesterday's Staff Development was attended by all staff. Some of the 2020 mandatory training was completed and all staff meet with their team to confirm 2020 plans. Esther Ramsay from Headspace delivered a workshop around positive wellbeing. I thank staff for their enthusiasm and dedicated approach toward excellence.

I would also like to acknowledge the consistent love and attention Mrs Griffiths and Mr Smith provided to our school grounds and gardens. Thank you to Mrs Hollaway for the outstanding clean she gave our school. It was an absolute joy for the students and staff to begin the year in such a clean and beautiful environment.

### 2020 Staffing

Mrs Wendy Griffiths— School Administration Manager (Mon—Fri odds weeks & Mon—Wed even weeks)

Mrs Tracey Longley - Teacher (Wed—Fri)

Miss Zoe Foulon—SLSO, garden specialist & SAO (Monday 8:30 –12:30pm)

Mr Michael Smith—General Assistant (Thursdays)

Ms Michelle Andrews—Teaching Principal (Mon—Fri)

**Bus Update** - We are working with Fleet Services and negotiating the replacement of our bus. Unfortunately, our brand new bus was damaged in the hail storm. The intention is to wait for a replacement one, but this may takes some time.

**Michelle Andrews**  
Teaching Principal



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■ 2019 ■ Term 4 ■ Week 7

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