

- Respect – Organisation – Commitment – Kindness – Safety –



Jerry's Journal

Newsletter of Jerry's Plains Public School

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Wednesday, 21 February

Important dates to remember

FEBRUARY

Thursday 22nd: Swimming
for Sport; Scripture

Wednesday 28th:
Ready4School

MARCH

Thursday 1st: Swimming
for Sport

Friday 2nd: Young Teen
Talk (Year 6)

Wednesday 7th:
Ready4School

Thursday 8th: Swimming
for Sport; Scripture

Wednesday 14th:
Ready4School

Thursday 15th: Swimming
for Sport

Friday 16th: P&C Meeting

Wednesday 21st:
Ready4School

Thursday 22nd: Swimming
for Sport; Scripture

Friday 23rd: Startsmart

Wednesday 28th:
Ready4School

Thursday 29th: Swimming
for Sport

Friday 30th: Good Fri-
day—no school

APRIL

Monday 2nd: Easter Mon-
day—no school



Following our first whole-school Assembly last week, Jack, Dakota, Kayden and Lillian were selected the *Positive Behaviour for Learning* Award winners. Recipients will be honoured in **Jerry's Journal** as well as on our Facebook page.

Our official school Facebook page was launched last week, after a great deal of detailed work by Mrs Morrison. It's vital that the legalities of social media be applied, thus there have been copious notes for you and your children to sign. With the introduction of personal email to the older students, the responsibility of interacting through the internet cannot be stressed too much.

Last week, Years 3-6 participated in an interactive presentation about responsible use of the internet; Miss Em has provided a report in this Newsletter. In the light of tragedies at the beginning of the year, we can't be too vigilant, or too responsive. We will be talking to our students about caring for others, how they feel and how they are cared for. Our School values of Respect, Organisation, Commitment, Kindness and Safety, are admirable hallmarks for behaviour and we have students in our school who display those qualities.

This morning I met with family of some of our Ready4School little ones. They have begun their school journey and we wish them well, and welcome families into our school community.

I will be on leave from Tuesday, February 27th, until the beginning of Term 2. I am accessible through my email address and I'd be happy to respond.

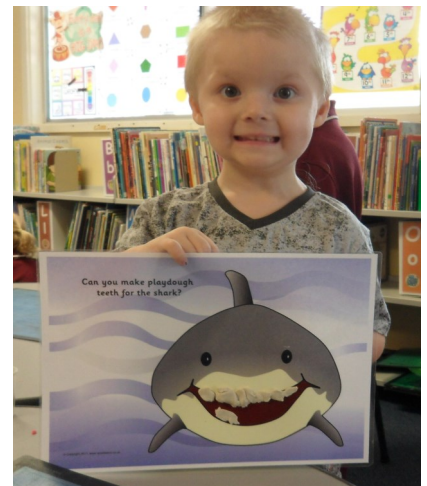
Regina

READY4SCHOOL

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This term in Ready4School we will be learning about Animals. Last week during 'Choice Time' the children used play dough to make animals, used felt pictures and blocks to build farms and zoos and made Lion masks. Choice Time allows our littlies to use their imagination and prior knowledge to learn in many different ways. After reading the story 'Down in the Jungle' we used natural materials from our school environment to create our own Jungle on paper.



The Enhancement Program

Robotics, Technology and Design



In our world of ever-evolving technology, it is said that the jobs that some of our children will be employed in have not been invented yet. It is for this reason that it is important for students to understand the world of technology and the fundamentals that underpin it. In our robotic class we look at how robots and computer programs follow a series of instructions in order to function. We learn that if there is a 'bug' in these instructions, then the program does not work. Here our



youngest students at our school are learning to give our cardboard robot a set of instructions. They learnt to check their 'program' regularly to make sure the robot is doing what they want it to, and to fix any 'bugs'. Once they had mastered this they were able to apply their programming knowledge to make Colby, our robotic mouse, move through a maze and get his cheese. Lots of problem solving was involved but most of all, the students were very engaged the whole time. We may just have a whole lot of future computer programmers here at Jerrys!

Creative Arts

Creativity is the freest form of self-expression. Opportunities for students to express themselves openly and without judgement is a satisfying experience and is the emphasis of our creative arts classroom. Our focus this term is—exploring emotion and characters through elements of drama and visual arts. Below our students explore different emotions and how they impact people through role playing different situations and characters.



Kids in the Community



Our kids are an integral part of our community... every day is growing, living, learning and finding themselves.



Kaye's Kids



“Learn to play, play to learn”

2018 has found us up and running with some welcoming new faces. Darcy flew the coop and started big school; we miss him and his stories.

This term we continue to foster new partnerships and encourage the kids to feel a sense of belonging and be able to explore this amazing universe we share.

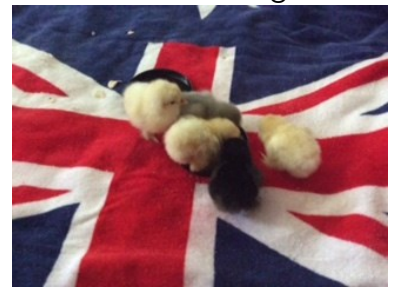
Yoga, meditation and group starts and finishes our day. In between we experience music and dance, open activities which suit each kid, which is all developmentally appropriate.

The kids have most of the input into our weekly program so I can build on their interests.

We have been working on busy work for the older kids to help support their Ready4School program. The kids have been brainstorming how to save water and have focused on emotional, social, fine motor, gross motor skills. We do attempt a rest time to allow for reflection and gathering energy through the hot afternoons.

Take care,
Kaye Care.

More photos on page 4





**Safer
Internet
Day 2018**

**Tuesday
6 February**

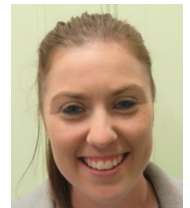
On Thursday of week 2, years 3-6 students attended an online Internet Safety session to raise awareness of the safe and positive use of digital technology. The 40 minute guided experience was hosted by Aurora College in partnership with the Office of the eSafety Commissioner.

The session assisted students in identifying the benefits of belonging to an online community and identifying strategies for creating a respectful and inclusive online and offline school community. The students enjoyed the opportunity to share their learning with other teachers and students from schools across the state in the online forum. At the end of the session, students were asked to share an internet safety pledge with other schools. Our school pledge for internet safety is - 'We will teach others to use the internet in a safe and happy way so that no one gets hurt'. Go team!

Our swimmers at Small Schools Carnival



Participation was high by our students, with Lilly-Jane winning 11years Girls 100m championship.



A word from Miss Maher...

It was a great day of participation and sportsmanship. Thanks to the families who transported their children and stayed around for the fun. Competitive sport at this level is a sound learning experience for all children and I'm proud to facilitate that.

Nate, the Cattleman...



SCHOOL UNIFORM DONATIONS

If you have any old school uniforms that no longer fit your child and cannot be passed on to a sibling or friend, could you please donate them to the school. We are always in need of clothes – particularly shorts or skorts - when children have accidents and need a change of clothes.

SCHOOL FEES

Voluntary School contributions for 2018 are \$50 per student or \$100 for 2 students or more in a family. Payments can be made at the office or on our school website there is a link there to make a payment on line. Please note that direct payments into our account is no longer available.

Statement of Accounts have gone home today with the newsletter.



Please take the opportunity to download our free 'Skoolbag' phone app. This is for both iPhones and android phones. It is the simplest and most effective way for us to communicate with you. You will be able to access our newsletter, parent notes, alerts and so much more.

You can also provide a note for student absences using this app as well as complete change of address forms. We recommend Skoolbag app as the easiest way to let the school know when your child/ren are going to be away from school as it aligns with the Department of Education policy on having to have a hard copy of a written absence note.

Please just go into your phone's app store, search for Jerrys Plains Public School and download the app for free, it is that easy!

Are you thinking about becoming a foster carer?



Family & Community Services

Hunter Child and Family District Unit

Carer Development team

Ph: 40882001

<http://childstory.net.au/>

<http://www.fosteringnsw.com.au/>

It is said, "It takes a community to raise a child".
Your Community needs you!

Across the Hunter we are recruiting for carers of all ages and backgrounds to meet the needs of our resilient, courageous children and young people up to the age of 18!



We are looking for motivated people to open their hearts and homes to children and young people requiring short-term assistance. Foster carers may be individuals, couples or families who are able to provide care on weekends, for a few days in an emergency, or for a few weeks until a more permanent home is available. All carers receive training, ongoing support and financial assistance. Our Community is in need of passionate caring people especially if you are willing to care for children who are; older than 7, part of a sibling group, have a disability or health needs and or from an Aboriginal or culturally diverse background.

WORLD PREMIERE

My Black Dog

A short film by Lleyton Hails

FREE ENTRY
ALL WELCOME

My Black Dog is a poem written by Jim MacCallum to help people to understand how it feels to battle depression. Lleyton Hails has turned Jim's poem into a short film.

Where there's a Will has introduced Mental Health First Aid short courses to help people to recognise the symptoms of mental illness and support those suffering.

Join us for the launch of Lleyton's film and to find out more about Mental Health First Aid.

Friday 2nd March 2018

from 5pm, Scone Brumbies Rugby Club
49 Aberdeen Street, Scone

BBQ, Liza White's Supavan meals & licensed bar, open 'till late
Colour obstacle course for kids & Sparkles the Clown

My Black Dog short film, Lleyton's Studios | Poetry reading, Jim MacCallum,
Poet, author of *My Black Dog* | Featuring live music

LLEYTON
STUDIOS

Where there's a Will

www.uhwheretheresawill.com.au

Jerrys Plains Progress Association

One of the community events enthusiastically supported by Jerrys Plains P&C Association every year is the Community Fair. Rhonda Walter, on behalf of the Progress Association, is seeking interest from people who would like to assist in the organisation of the Fair. Rhonda can be contacted on 0402026143. This is a friendly, community event when children and adults alike can enjoy each other's company.

BOOK TODAY!

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Yoga

FOR KIDS
& TEENS



\$120

PER CHILD - PER TERM
(NORMALLY \$15 PER CLASS - DROP-IN WELCOME)

TUESDAYS & THURSDAYS @ 4PM - (45MIN)

PRIMARY SCHOOL AGED - TUESDAYS &
HIGH-SCHOOL / TEENS - THURSDAYS



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We would love your help collecting Coles Sports for Schools for our school.
Tell your friends and family to get involved as well, because the more
vouchers we collect, the more sports gear our school will receive.

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GROUP 21 LAKE LIDDELL CLINIC

Saturday, 10th March 2018



Lake Liddell Power Station

WHEN: Mini's 9:00-11:30am / Mod's 12:00-2:30pm

COST: \$25 - includes training shirt, water bottle, hat and lunch.

REGISTER: group21jrl.leaguenet.com.au



Registrations close
Tuesday, 6th March.

Contact - group21jrl@outlook.com



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GROUP 21 LAKE LIDDELL GIRLS CLINIC

Sunday 11th March 2018



Lake Liddell Power Station

WHEN: 9:00am - 11:30am

COST: \$25 - includes training shirt, water bottle, hat and lunch.

REGISTER: group21jrl.leaguenet.com.au



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Head lice are extremely contagious and it really doesn't have anything to do with personal hygiene...

95% of lice are transmitted through close contact, which means sharing hats, head bands and pillows - and to top it off with the no hat no play rule makes it even more difficult to control head lice.

Ensure that you are protected from head lice this season and take the necessary preventative steps to keep away head lice.

Below are 4 crucial steps to keep your school head lice free:

- Avoid sharing clothing: especially hats, ribbons, head bands and helmets
- Discourage children from playing with each other's hair
- Don't share brushes, combs, towels and pillows
- Keep long hair plaited or firmly tied back to prevent contact from other kids

We hope that the above tips will help you keep head lice away for good!



Registrations are now OPEN for two Youth Mental Health First Aid Training Workshops in SCONE and MUSWELLBROOK for March 2018.

With one in four Australians aged between 16-24 having a mental health issue, with suicide being the leading cause of death (age 15-44), with one person dying every four hours from suicide in Australia and with half of all life-time mental health disorders starting by age of 14 we strongly encourage parents and carers to consider participating in this training.

Thanks to the extraordinary donations that have been made to Where there's a Will, these workshops (valued at \$490 per person) will be delivered FREE by presenter Philippa Baker, from Ripple Effect Mental Health Education.

SCONE workshop
Saturday 3 March & Sunday 4 March
Venue: Scone Council Chambers

MUSWELLBROOK workshop
Saturday 10 March & Sunday 11 March
Venue: TBA

Both days are from 9 – 4pm with a ½ hour break for lunch, with morning tea and lunch kindly provided by the community.
Course participants will learn about the following:

Developing mental health problems covered:

- Depression
- Anxiety
- Psychosis
- Substance use problems
- Eating disorders

Mental health crisis situations covered:

- Suicidal thoughts and behaviours
- Non-suicidal self-injury (self-harm)
- Panic attacks
- Traumatic events
- Severe effects of drug or alcohol abuse
- Severe psychotic states
- Aggressive behaviours

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TRAVEL ROUTINES

If your child's travel home from school changes in any way please notify the school office by phone or letter before lunch time. This helps us support your child and avoids any confusion or upset at the end of a busy day.

