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# Jerrys Journal

Newsletter of Jerrys Plains Public School

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## Important dates to remember

### MARCH

Wednesday 7th:  
Ready4School

Thursday 8th: Swimming  
for Sport

Thursday 15th: Swimming  
for Sport

Friday 16th: P&C Meeting

Wednesday 21st:  
Ready4School

Thursday 22nd: Swimming  
for Sport; Scripture

Wednesday 28th:  
Ready4School

Thursday 29th: Swimming  
for Sport

Friday 30th: Good Friday—  
no school

### APRIL

Monday 2nd: Easter Mon-  
day—no school

Above, our young environmentalists stand accomplished; bags in hands ready for their next mission.

### Students helping to keep Jerrys clean!

Last Friday, students of Jerrys Plains Public School participated in Clean Up Australia Day. This initiative is designed to teach students about the repercussions associated with dumping rubbish irresponsibly in our local environment; and the importance of disposing it responsibly. According to our students this process is called littering.

*'When the rubbish is gone; nature can carry on'*

With gloves and hessian bags in hand; students begin rubbish collection. Our mission began inside the school; before setting our sights on the streets of Jerrys.

Teamwork and school values were the essence of the clean-up process. The materials and workload was distributed evenly amongst groups; making it a more rewarding experience for all involved.

Finally, I would like to extend an immense thank you to all, for welcoming me into the position of relieving principal. I will be filling this role until the end of term. I have an open door policy and am happy to assist with any concerns or questions that may arise.

**Emily**

# READY4SCHOOL

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We were lucky enough to celebrate Felix's 4th Birthday in Ready 4 School on Wednesday the 21st. We sang 'Happy Birthday' and ate some delicious cupcakes. Happy Birthday Felix!

Gross motor skills are important to enable children to perform every day functions, such as walking and running, playground skills and sporting skills



Fine Motor skills are essential for performing everyday skills as well as academic skills. We have been strengthening the smaller muscles of our hands by using tweezers, threading, weaving and most recently by doing some finger painting which was very messy and lots of fun!



# ***The Enhancement Program***

## **Robotics, Technology and Design**

Technology is not just a stand-alone subject, it is embedded right throughout our curriculum. It incorporates literacy, numeracy, science and art. Last week we read 'The Very Hungry Caterpillar'. We counted all of the foods that he ate and then spoke about how caterpillars become butterflies. We watched some science clips of this process and completed some shared writing about our observations. For technology we then used our new knowledge to turn Colby our robotic mouse into the Very Hungry Caterpillar and map out his journey through the different foods until he became a beautiful butterfly. This whole lesson incorporated comprehension skills, counting, analytical processing, problem-solving and collaboration. Again, the students were very engaged and not even aware of the deep learning that they were experiencing.



## **Music**

This term in music, we have been listening closely and examining pieces of music. Students have been learning specific musical terminology, defining them and discovering how they impact a song. They have been having fun altering and studying a concept of a song. Through exposure to different musical genres, students are realising how many important concepts there are to be considered.

Older students have also been developing skills in writing music. They have been working very hard to draw their treble clefs and write their notes on the stave. Meanwhile, our younger students have been learning how to identify the beats and rhythms of nursery rhymes.

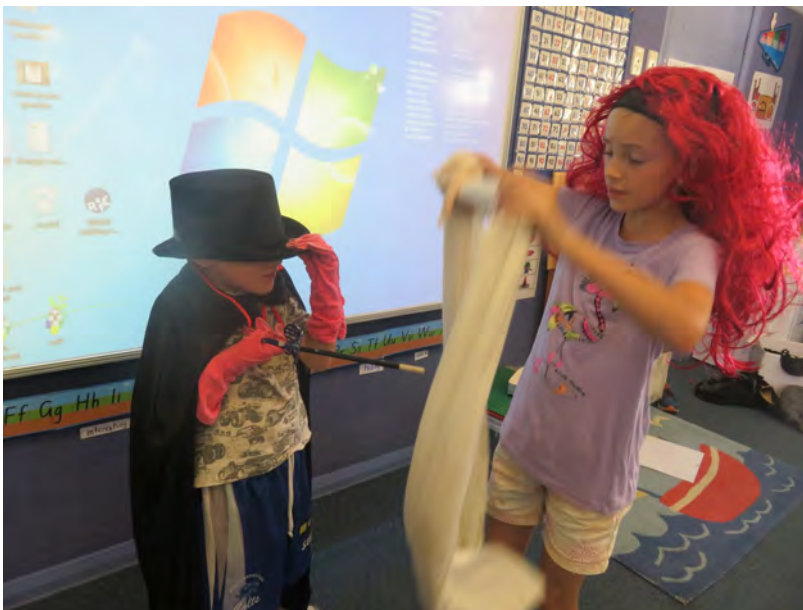


## Creative Arts

Creativity involves two processes: thinking of the situation, then producing this. These two processes are the essence of our drama classroom. Students have been exploring character emotion over the course of two weeks. On Friday, students were asked to think of a situation; demonstrating opposite emotions and perform on our 'drama stage'. A quick dash to the costume department, then dressing room and our characters were ready for action...literally! Our performers (in quality costumes...no doubt) for the day were—joy, fear, anger, sadness and disgust in the form of magicians, fairies, ladybug, witches, rabbits and Elmo (of course).

**Final note from the little performers in creative arts classroom:**

If you have any items you would like to donate to our costume department, it would be much appreciated. Thank you.





# Clean Up Australia day





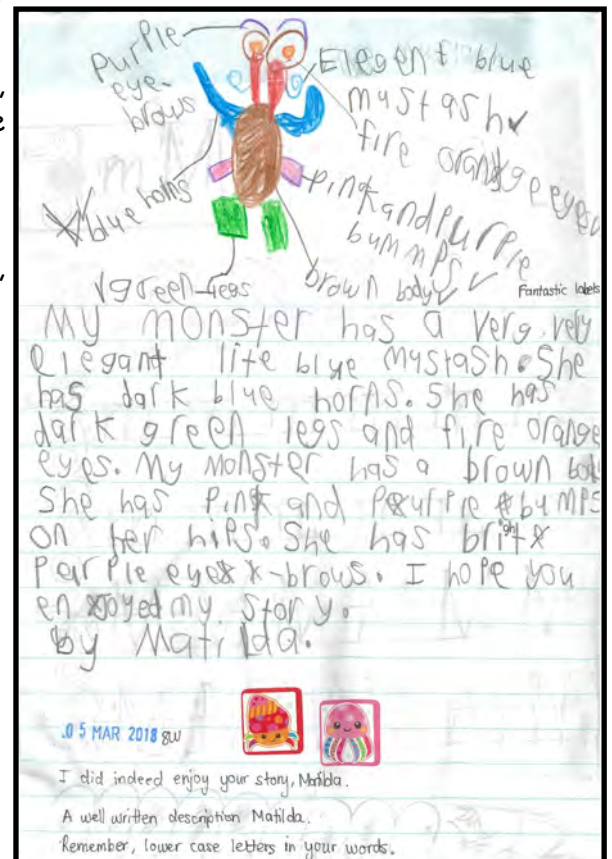
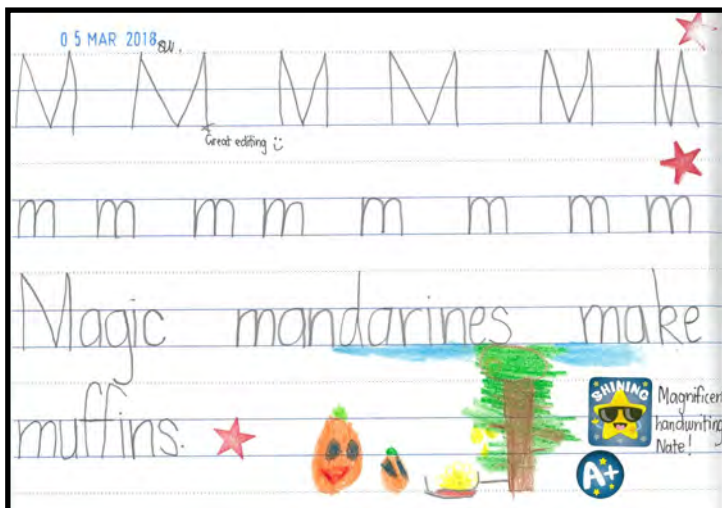
# Classroom News

## K-2 corner

K-2 enjoyed learning the 'm' sound and all about 'Monsters' with Miss Wilson this Monday.

Matilda wrote a wonderful description of a monster, Nate's handwriting was magnificent and we made some marvellous monsters during visual arts in the afternoon.

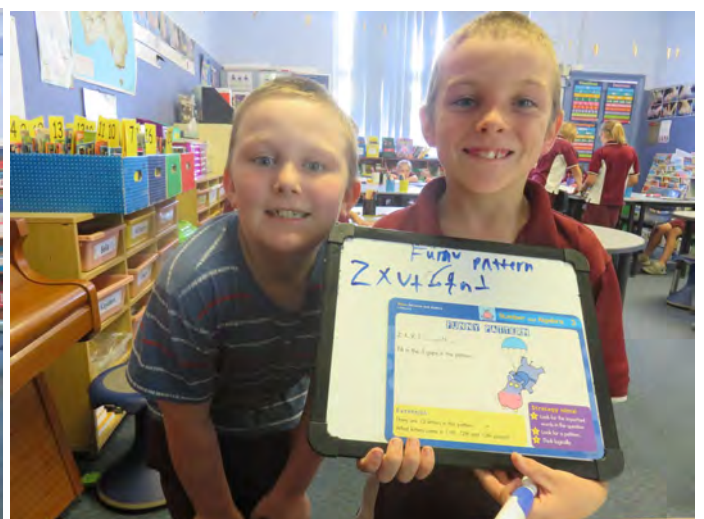
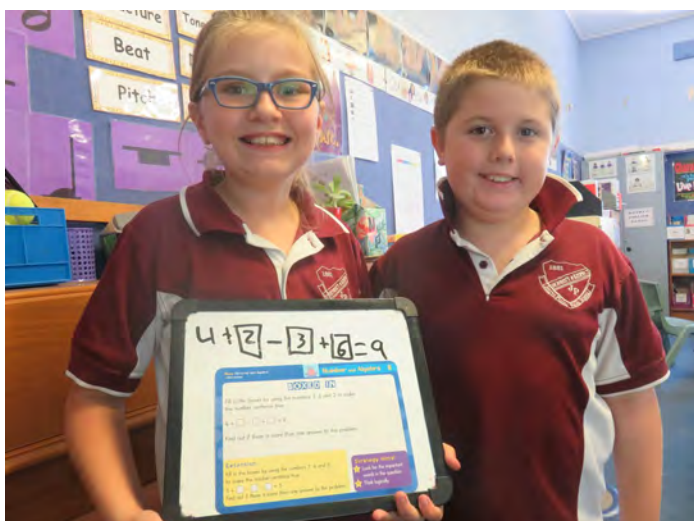
Thank you K-2 for letting me spend a great day with you, Miss Wilson :-)



## Years 3-6 corner

Years 3-6 students have been busy in mathematics. They have been working on developing efficient strategies to describe the relationships between numerical calculation and patterns.

Below, Jayda and Jesse explore number and algebra through the activity—boxed up. Nicholas and Jack can be seen exploring patterns through the activity—funny patterns.





## *Level playing field*

What a busy term of sport it has been so far. Congratulations to Lilly-Jane and Stevie-Lee for competing at the Upper Hunter Zone PSSA Swimming Carnival. The girls swam brilliantly in the Senior girls relay placing 4th. Congratulations Girls!

Well Done to Alex, James and Kayden for joining together with Broke to compete in the first Small Schools Knockout Competition for the year. The boys went along to play against Singleton Public School in a 25 over cricket game. All the boys said they had a wonderful afternoon of fun and cricket!



## Positive Behaviour for Learning Awards

Congratulations

Nathan, Alex & James





# Kids in the Community



## P&C News

The P&C Association have now purchased a Square reader , The Square will allow you to make most P&C payments at the school office using your Debit/Credit card, whether you Tap, Swipe or Insert we will be able to process the payments instantly making payments for uniforms, raffles etc easier (not currently available for lunch orders). Minimum \$10 transaction.



**Next P&C Meeting, Friday, March 16th**

**All welcome**

We currently have a Easter Raffle with over \$100 in hampers to be won. Tickets are \$1.00 each, why not come down to the school and purchase a ticket or a book of 10 tickets.





# What's on at our Hall



The Hall Committee is hoping to continue holding a social night each month when our commitments allow it . After the success of our Christmas party last year we are planning to start with an Easter event for March 23<sup>rd</sup>. Starting at 5.30pm we invite you to bring along a picnic dinner and drinks. We will have our usual meat and vegie raffles plus a



100 Club. We will also have a free Easter raffle for the littlies. Each child will receive a free ticket giving them the chance to win an Easter prize. We are also inviting the children to bring an Easter bonnet to enter in the categories: 0-5, 5-10 and over 10. There will also be a suggestion box to give you the chance to have input into our social nights.

## Regular Events:

- ♦ Our Progress Association meets quarterly in the Hall. Next meeting is March 5<sup>th</sup> at 7pm – all very welcome to attend.
- ♦ P&C Meetings last Friday of each month at 1.30pm at the school.
- ♦ Hall Committee meets at the Hall monthly. Meetings: 6.30pm on 2nd Tuesday of each month.
- ♦ Kaigan-Kan Karate-Do in the Hall on Thursdays from 5pm
- ♦ Yoga - Wednesdays at 6pm
- ♦ Toybox in the Hall on every second Monday during school term time Ph: 65434877  
Email: [toybox@uhcs.org.au](mailto:toybox@uhcs.org.au)

If you would like to hold a function in either the hall or the tennis club please contact Kaye on 6576 4168 or 0448 130 935. Don't forget you are most welcome to come along to a Hall Committee meeting on the second **Tuesday** of each month at 6.30pm.

## Save the Date

**Jerrys Plains Community Fair and Car Boot Sale—Saturday, September 15th 2018**

NEEDED: Goodies for weekly cake raffle!

PLEASE CHOOSE A FRIDAY WHEN YOU CAN DONATE  
SOME GOODIES!



**Friday Cake Raffle:** 50cents a ticket to support Student Leadership Team

Friday, March 9th

Friday, March 16th

Friday, March 23rd

Friday, April 6th





# Kaye's Kids



This weeks programme is focused on child directed learning each child is promoted in enabling them to make decisions. The kids have collected and gathered recycled items the kids wrapped and painted each item matching sizes and colours to start the construction of their dream home activities such as this encourages social and language skills and development brain storming ideas on shapes colours and working what to put where to make the construction secure and sturdy. We have a strong focus on positive behaviour learning boundaries and what is acceptable and what is not these qualities are introduced at a very early age in the lives of these little ones it helps build responsible, caring, empathic kids with this foundation we can help build a most positive environment for all to share and fulfill their goals in life.

Take care kaye care

Although I'm not their mother  
I care for them each day,  
I cuddle, sing and read to them  
And watch them as they play.

I see each new accomplishment,  
I help them grow and learn.  
I understand their language,  
I listen with concern.

They come to me for comfort,  
And I KISS AWAY their tears.  
They proudly show their work to me,  
I give the loudest cheers!

No, I'm not their mother,  
But my role is just as strong.  
I nurture them and keep them safe,  
Though maybe not for long.

I know someday the time will come,  
When we will have to part.  
But I know each child I cared for,

IS FOREVER IN MY HEART!

"Learn to play,




play to learn"





# LONDON KLEZMER QUARTET

## AUSTRALIA TOUR 2018

 In the stunning Sisters' Chapel at  
Sacred Spaces at the Sisters of Mercy Convent  
30 Queen Street, Singleton, Hunter Valley

**Sunday, 11 March at 2pm**

Tickets: \$35 adult, \$5 school student  
Tickets include a complimentary Convent-made afternoon tea  
Available at [www.trybooking.com/TJRG](http://www.trybooking.com/TJRG) or at the door from 1.30pm  
Prebooked groups of 8 or more adults - \$30 each



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# SUPPORT OUR SCHOOL AND GET COLLECTING




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.

### SCHOOL FEES—Reminder

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.

## Kids in the Community

If you would like to send in photos for our "Kids in the Community" page please email them to the school

[jerrysplain-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au](mailto:jerrysplain-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au)

or if it is easier you can send them in on a usb  
(the usb will be returned).

We love seeing what the kids have done when they are not at school.



## Easter Picnic Social Night

The Jerrys Plains Hall Committee is  
holding a  
**FREE Social Night**

Where: Jerrys Plains Hall  
When: Friday, 23rd March 2018  
Start: 5.30 pm

- B.Y.O. Picnic, drinks etc.
- Meat/fruit and Veg raffles
- 50/100 Club
- FREE Easter raffle for children
- Music



### Children's Easter Hat Parade

*Easter Prize for the best hat in each age category  
0-5 years, 6-10 years and 11 years plus*

*Condition of entry; all hats are to be made by the children*



# Why Can't I Skip My 20 Minutes of Reading Tonight?

**Student "A"**  
reads **20 minutes**  
each day

3600 minutes in  
a school year

**1,800,000 words**



*90<sup>th</sup> percentile*

**Student "B"**  
reads **5 minutes**  
each day

900 minutes in  
a school year

**282,000 words**



*50<sup>th</sup> percentile*

**Student "C"**  
reads **1 minute**  
each day

180 minutes in  
a school year

**8,000 words**



*10<sup>th</sup> percentile*

By the end of 6<sup>th</sup> grade Student "A" will have read the equivalent of 60 whole school days. Student "B" will have read only 12 school days. Which student would you expect to have a better vocabulary? Which student would you expect to be more successful in school...and in life?

(Nagy & Herman, 1987)

**We encourage students to take Home Readers home,**

**They can take a new one home each time they bring the old one back.**