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Calendar

Term 2, Week 2

Thursday 10 May	PATCH Information session and morning tea
Friday 11 May	Assembly 2:30pm PSSA Touch Football Trial

Term 2, Week 3

Monday 14 May	Gymnastics
Tuesday 15 May	NAPLAN
Wednesday 16 May	NAPLAN Gymnastics
Thursday 17 May	NAPLAN
Friday 18 May	JPS Cross Country at Loftus Oval
Friday 18 May	Walk Safely to School Day

Term 2, Week 4

Monday 21 May	Gymnastics
Tuesday 22 May	Mortimer Shield at Loftus Oval
Wednesday 23 May	Gymnastics
Friday 25 May	Assembly 2:30pm

Term 2, Week 5

Monday 28 May	Gymnastics
Tuesday 29 May	ICAS – Science
Wednesday 30 May	Gymnastics
Friday 1 June	District PSSA Cross Country

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Principal's Note

Welcome

What a wonderful start we have had to Term 2! It has been pleasing to see our students settled and engaged in their learning from day one this term. While we thought last term was busy and productive, this term is already proving to be 'jam packed' with exciting opportunities for learning, extra-curricular activities and new experiences.

ANZAC Day

Congratulations to our school leaders and students who attended the Junee community ANZAC Day Service and March. I have had many reports back acknowledging how well our students represented our school and their excellent behaviour and respect demonstrated on the day.



New Director Educational Leadership

Commencing this term, the Department of Education has employed additional Directors and realigned the boundaries of local school networks. While the old Cootamundra Network extended from Junee to Binalong and beyond, the new network will encompass a smaller area and number of schools to ensure that directors can work closely with schools on a more regular basis. We bid farewell to Mrs Jenene McGrath who was our Director of Schools for the Cootamundra Network and thank her for tireless efforts and support in ensuring we provide the best possible educational outcomes for our students and community. We now identify in the Gundagai Principal Network, and welcome our new Director of Educational Leadership, Mr Russell Graham. I had the pleasure of meeting with Mr Graham last week and look forward to

working alongside him and other principals in our network, delivering the best possible education and opportunities for our students and community.

NAPLAN

Next week our Year 3 and 5 students will sit the 2018 National Assessment Program – Literacy And Numeracy (NAPLAN). Included in this newsletter is some additional information to assist parents and carers in the role of NAPLAN and how best to support your child through the process of assessment. We would like to remind parents that this assessment is one 'snapshot' of your child's achievement and does not provide a comprehensive indication of their overall academic achievement.

Gymnastics

Our Gymnastics program has commenced this week and is a prescribed strand in the current Personal Development, Health and Physical Education curriculum. Ben Sharp from Little Champions, a qualified Instructor will be conducting the program which is designed to teach our students gymnastic skills and develop their core body strength and coordination. Notes have already been distributed to students and parental/carer permission is required for students to participate in the program. The cost of the program can be paid weekly or in a lump sum and is payable at the front office. Please return the permission note as soon as possible.

Mother's Day

Mother's Day is fast approaching, and I would like to take this opportunity to wish all of our special mothers, step mothers, grandmothers and carers a Happy Mother's Day! You all deserve to relax and enjoy the one day in the year where being a mum is acknowledged and celebrated.

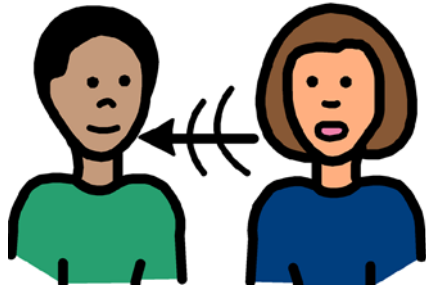


Enjoy the remainder of your week!

Tracy Delaney

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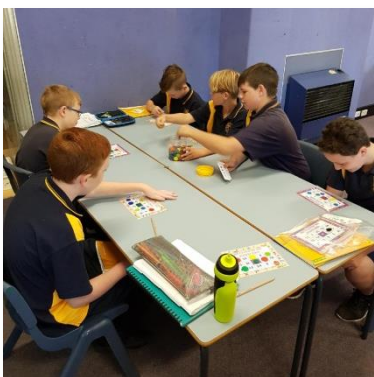
Every fortnight students are explicitly taught a new PBL expectation. This fortnight we are been focusing on **Following Instructions**. Our expectation is that students do what they are asked the first time. For example, if a student is asked to move to a different play area they need to do so straight away.



News from the Classrooms

Where did the first term go? It has been a busy and productive start to the year for Muliyil. Students have displayed an exceptional attitude towards their learning and have been settled and successful when working both independently and collaboratively. The development of these positive learning habits sets the stage for a big 2018!

During Literacy we have looked at *The Witches* by Roald Dahl and *The Thief Lord* by Cornelia Funke. We have looked at these texts to complement and help us develop a greater understanding of the concepts that we have been exploring during narrative writing lessons such as hooks, settings, text structure and character development. It has been pleasing to witness the development of everyone's writing so far this year and the improved pride students are showing in their work and abilities.



In Mathematics we have focused on revising key problem solving strategies within the areas of addition, subtraction, multiplication and division. We have been developing faster and more accurate recall of our times tables and maths facts and are now looking at length, perimeter and area and data.

In Geography, we have been exploring Australia's relationship with our Asian and Pacific neighbours. We have been discussing concepts such as trade, international aid, geographical features and settlement patterns. Moving forward we will begin our research projects on an Asian country of our choice while developing our understanding of computer features and enhancing our presentation skills.

This term in CAPA we will be taking part in drama games aimed at improving our confidence on the stage and translating theoretical concepts that we will be exploring. We will also begin capturing and manipulating digital pictures using photography software.

We are looking forward to Georges Marvellous Medicine, Mortimer Shield and we are beginning to get excited for our end of year Sydney excursion.

The Sports Report (by Mr Cox)

Term 2 has begun with a flurry of sporting activities having already taken place and a number of upcoming events on the horizon.

During Week 1 a number of our students attended a "Multisports" day. This day was aimed at developing fine and gross motor skills within the context of modified versions of sports such as Australian Rules football, Rugby League and Cricket.

Tuesday, Week 2 saw our Stage 3 students attend a Premiers Sporting Challenge Sports Leadership day at Junee High School. JHS students became the teachers for the day, coordinating sports such as basketball, golf, dancing, tennis and fitness circuits as part of course requirements for PDHPE and PASS subjects.

Next Friday, students turning 8 and above will participate in our 2018 Cross Country Carnival. This will be held at Loftus Oval. If you are able to assist by manning a checkpoint, please get in contact with Mrs Leonard.

Mortimer Shield will be taking place in Week 4 for Stage 3 students with teams entered in Rugby League and League Tag. Notes were handed out at the end of Term 1 for this event. More news will come for Mortimer Shield and Soccer knockout competitions.



NAPLAN

Next Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday our Year 3 and Year 5 students will be participating in the National Assessment Program for Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN).

We have sent home some additional information to assist parents and carers in understanding the role and process of NAPLAN and some ways that you can support your child as they undertake the assessment.

If you have any further questions, please see your child's teacher or make an appointment to speak with me.

Tim Harris,
NAPLAN Co-ordinator.

6 Steps to prepare for NAPLAN

1. Make sure they get enough sleep

Making sure your child gets enough sleep is vital to make sure they're feeling their best on testing day. Try to make sure they go to bed on time during the week of NAPLAN testing.

2. Take the pressure off

A bit of stress is normal before any test, however the National Assessment Program (NAP) recommends helping your child prepare for NAPLAN by reassuring them that NAPLAN tests are just one part of their school program, and reminding them on the day to simply try their best is vital. The use of services by coaching providers is not recommended.

3. Let them know it's not pass or fail

NAPLAN is not a pass-or-fail type test. Individual student performance is shown on a national achievement scale for each test. Each test scale has 10 bands and all year levels are reported on the same scale. Six bands are reported for each year level for each test. One of these bands represents the national minimum standard for students at each year level. A result at the national minimum standard indicates that the student demonstrated the basic literacy and numeracy skills needed to participate fully in that year level. The performance of individual students can be compared to the average performance of all students in Australia.

4. Give them a good breakfast

Breakfast before learning is ideal every day for students but a nutritious meal before a morning test like NAPLAN will give students doing the test the best start to the day.

5. Make sure they know what NAPLAN is

NAPLAN assesses literacy and numeracy skills that Students have already been learning through the school curriculum. Teachers will ensure students are familiar with the test formats and will provide appropriate support and guidance but asking your child if they have any questions can be a big help. If you have any questions about your child's preparation for NAPLAN, you should make a time to speak with their teacher. Sample questions and a sample writing task are also available on the NAP website.

6. Don't emphasise the result

Schools will receive NAPLAN reports for their students from mid-August to mid-September, depending on their state or territory test administration authority. The school will notify parents when the reports are being sent home. Try not to place too much pressure on what result your child receives and remind them that they've done their best.

If you have any further questions you may find the ACARA NAPLAN website helpful

<https://www.nap.edu.au/home> or alternatively your child's teacher may be able to help you with your queries.



P & C News

The P&C will be holding our Mother's Day stall this Thursday 10 May. There will be lots of gifts to choose ranging in price from \$1 - \$5.

The uniform shop is open on a Monday morning from 9am and uniforms can be ordered at the front office for collection the next day.

The canteen will be open every day this term for afternoon recess and Monday, Wednesday and Friday for lunch. If you are able to volunteer on any given day please do not hesitate to contact a member of the P&C.

Our next meeting will be held on Monday 4 June at 5:30pm at the Red Cow Hotel. Everyone is welcome to attend.



JUNEE PUBLIC SCHOOL TERM 2 CALENDAR

WEEK	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
1	30 April SDD	1 May Students return for Term 2	2 May	3 May	4 May
2	7 May	8 May Premier's Sport Leaders day @ JHS	9 May GYMNASTICS ICAS Digital Technology Primary Excursion – Civic Theatre Wagga	10 May PATCH Information Session and Morning Tea P&C Mother's Day Stall	11 May PSSA Touch Football Trials Assembly 2:30pm Debating Workshop - Wagga
3	14 May GYMNASTICS	15 May NAPLAN	16 May NAPLAN GYMNASTICS	17 May NAPLAN	18 May Walk Safely to School Day Cross Country @ Loftus
4	21 May GYMNASTICS	22 May Mortimer Shield @ Loftus	23 May GYMNASTICS	24 May	25 May Assembly 2:30pm
5	28 May GYMNASTICS	29 May ICAS Science	30 May GYMNASTICS	31 May	1 June District PSSA Cross Country
6	4 June GYMNASTICS P&C Meeting 5:30 Red Cow Hotel	5 June	6 June GYMNASTICS	7 June	8 June Pirate Day Assembly 2:30pm
7	11 June QUEENS BIRTHDAY PUBLIC HOLIDAY	12 June	13 June GYMNASTICS ICAS Spelling	14 June Riverina Cross Country ICAS Writing	15 June
8	18 June GYMNASTICS	19 June	20 June GYMNASTICS	21 June	22 June Assembly 2:30pm
9	25 June GYMNASTICS	26 June	27 June GYMNASTICS	28 June	29 June
10	2 July GYMNASTICS (Make up for Public Holiday)	3 July	4 July	5 July	6 July Last day Term 2 Assembly 2:30pm
HOLS	9 July	10 July	11 July	12 July	13 July
HOLS	16 July	17 July	18 July	19 July	20 July