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Newsletter

JPS Celebrating NAIDOC Week

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Morning-Duty of Care & Student Arrival Time

It has been noticed that students are arriving at school as early as 7.50am in the morning. Please be advised that we do not consider it to be safe for your child to be at school unattended.

While we have a duty of care for your child once they enter the school gates, these gates are not opened until the first bus arrives at 8.30am. Any students who arrive at school before this time do not have access to the school grounds and are unsupervised. Our morning playground duty teacher commences duty at 8.40am. Please be mindful of the time your child is leaving home, being dropped off and arriving at school, particularly if they are walking to school. Let’s work together to keep our children safe.

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Principal’s Note

Semester One Reports

Your child’s Semester One report will be sent home on Friday 5th July. These reports inform you of your child’s academic and social progress over the semester. I encourage all parents to take the time to sit down and discuss the report with your child, congratulate your child in areas of growth and set goals for future improvement. Reading through the reports, it has been wonderful to see the gains our students have made in all areas of their learning and social development.

Over the past two terms, each of our students have demonstrated their commitment in displaying our Positive Behaviour for Learning (PBL) core values of Respect, Responsibility and Success. This reinforces that Junee Public School is a wonderful school in which to learn and grow. I would like to acknowledge the time and effort our teaching staff have put in to writing their students’ reports.

NAIDOC Week

Under the theme – Voice, Treaty, Truth – Let’s work together for a shared future. – NAIDOC Week 2019 will be held nationally from Sunday 7 July and continue through to Sunday 14 July. The Indigenous voice of this country is over 65 000 years old and the first words spoken on this continent. They are words which connect us to country and through voice, Aboriginal culture, knowledge, history and Dreamtime stories and shared with and carried on to future generations. Last week our school celebrated and acknowledged NAIDOC week by engaging in programs at the Riverina Environmental Education Centre (REEC). Our students thoroughly enjoyed their time at the centre and spending time with Aunty Jocelyn who shared Dreamtime stories. They engaged in many activities and a more comprehensive report and many photos can be viewed in this edition of the newsletter. Thank you to Mr Harris for organising a great learning experience for our students.

Synthetic Courts

Our courts are open for play! The students had their first chance to use the courts at lunch time today and had a fabulous time. I’m sure you will agree that the courts look fabulous but more importantly they provide a wonderful surface to play sport on and keep our students fit, healthy and active. I have no doubt they will provide the students with hours of fun and play for many years to come.

School Holidays

It’s hard to believe we are half way through the school year. Friday is the last day of Term 2 and we all get to enjoy a well-earned, two week holiday. The first day back of term three, our staff will be involved in their Staff Development Day. They will all be heading to Gundagai for a combined schools professional learning day. Students will return to school on Tuesday 23rd July.

Mrs Diggins and I are both on long service leave after the holidays. Mrs Diggins returns to work in week two on Monday the 29th July. We wish her a well-deserved break. I return to work on Friday August 9th. A massive thank to Mrs Sheridan who will be relieving in the principal position during my absence.

For those of you travelling away for your well-deserved break, be safe. We look forward to further strengthening our partnership next semester and enjoying another productive term of learning together. Happy holidays everyone!

Enjoy the remainder of your week!

Tracy Delaney
The fortnights PBL focus has been Hands and Feet to Self. Students are reminded to follow this school expectation to ensure that they are safe at school and have positive and respectful relationships with their peers. Our Sentral data shows that we need to explicitly teach this focus.

This week the students all have the opportunity to celebrate their individual successes, both academically and socially during our rewards day. Details to follow.

I would like to wish all of our students and families a safe school break.
News from the Classroom-Gurawung

It is difficult to believe that we are a few days out from the end of Term 2. The term has certainly been very busy and we have covered a lot of ground in the classroom.

The term began with a great deal of momentum as we headed straight into preparations for the annual NAPLAN Assessment and completed our first instalment of the Seven Steps of Successful Writers program. Our focus then turned towards persuasive text types for the first few weeks of term. In mathematics we revised many of the concepts we learnt in Term 1, which provided a good basis for students to develop their understanding. We have further developed our ability to subtract with trading and how to use multiplication strategies such as multiplying numbers with zeros and how to use the area diagram for two-digit by two-digit multiplication.

Miss Harpley has been teaching our class about the benefits of healthy eating and what foods help us to remain healthy. Everyone has enjoyed our weekly STEM lessons with Mrs Leonard, as students have been introduced to some very impressive technologies, like the Ozobots and the virtual reality headsets.

As the term progressed we began to look at new comprehension strategies to assist us with identifying the main complications in a story and how to summarise our understanding. We also began to look at how to write a good information text. Students have researched an animal and learnt many new facts about them. Our facts will help us complete a factual report that we will be putting together as a class book next term. We have also begun to use sentence diagrams as a way to help us with the development of paragraphing and sentence structure.

Our highlight for this term was the trip to Riverina Environmental Education Centre (REEC). During our visit we learnt about the many cultural aspects of Indigenous Australians. How they used the trees and plants for food and medicines and the technologies that they had developed and used for centuries.

I would like to thank all the students in my class for the outstanding effort and dedication they have displayed towards their learning, it has been a very busy and full semester... And a lot of fun!

Please take care over the holiday break. Remember to relax and enjoy your time, but find a little time to read and do your times tables as well. I look forward to seeing you all safe and sound at the start of Semester 2.

NAIDOC Week

Last week students from all stages had the opportunity to participate in our excursion to the Riverina Environmental Education Centre (REEC). During the school holidays our state will be holding celebrations for NAIDOC Week and a part of those celebrations, our students participated in two programs offered by REEC, the programs were ‘Whats in a Tree’ and ‘Aboriginal Cultural Study’. Both units provided students with unique hands on activities and perspectives that looked at the significant connection that our traditional owners have with our land.

Throughout the day, our students participated in a range of different activities that included a bush tucker and plant walk, a look at traditional gunyas, fish traps and the yarning circle, aboriginal art and spear and boomerang throwing. One of the highlights was having Aunty Jocelyn share a dreamtime story in front of the cave.
The smiles on everyone’s faces at the end of the day was an indication of the magnificent day that was had by all.

I would like to thank all of the staff who came along for their hard work and a really big thank you to our student. The staff at the REEC Centre were very impressed with the engagement and wonderful manners of all of our students.

A huge thank you also to Danny, Joe, Aunty, Jacqui and Darren from REEC, for all their hard work and for sharing such a wonderful learning environment with us.

We can’t wait to visit again!

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The Sports Report (by Mr Cox)

Congratulations to all students who qualified for district athletics. The carnival will place at Nixon Park in Temora on Friday, Week 3 of next term. Please ensure you are returning notes and money to the office as soon as possible.

In exciting news our new jerseys have arrived. Our sporting sides will be the talk of the town! At this stage our girls’ touch football side will be the first team to try these out as we are currently in talks with Junee North and Temora Public to complete PSSA knockout games early next term. Look out for more information to come.

P & C News

The P&C will be conducting our AGM on Monday 12th August at 5pm in the community Room. We hope to see some new faces at our meeting. All are welcome and if you would like to become a financial member prior to the meeting please see Rachel.

Our uniforms are almost back to full stock and the uniform shop will be open on the first day of next term, Tuesday 23 July from 9am to 9.30am. Orders can be placed at any time and left with the office staff.
## Awards

### Merit Awards
- **Wombad:** Callie & Zavier
- **Gugaburra:** Serenity & Molly
- **Gurawung:** Billy & Archie
- **Bagal:** Bobby & Ethan
- **Muliyan:** Mitchell & Bryce

### PBL Award
- **Wombad:** Phoenix
- **Gugaburra:** Mia
- **Gurawung:** Noah
- **Bagal:** Tyson
- **Muliyan:** Tahlia

### How 2 Learn Awards
- **Wombad:** Levi
- **Gugaburra:** Summer
- **Gurawung:** Zac
- **Bagal:** Declan
- **Muliyan:** Patrick

### Principal’s Awards
- **Wombad:** Christa-Leigh
- **Gugaburra:** Edward
- **Gurawung:** Jack
- **Bagal:** Chevee
- **Muliyan:** Blake