



# Junee Public School Newsletter

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**PBL REWARD DAY**  
**FRIDAY 18TH AUGUST**

**PY JAMA DAY**

Movie and Popcorn

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## Welcome to Week 4!

As we near the halfway point of Term 3, I would like to thank our many wonderful families who consistently ensure their children come to school each day dressed in full school uniform. School uniform is our identity, our sense of belonging and when worn by all students, the blue and gold looks amazing. You may have noticed JPS staff proudly wearing their uniform items of late. All school uniform items are cost-effective and readily available from the school office. There are many

activities coming up, both this term and next, where JPS students will venture into the community to represent our school. School uniform must be worn on these occasions. These include sporting events, transition programs and excursions.

## Student Attendance

During the cooler winter months, we usually notice a decline in attendance across the school. Despite a number of families battling various illnesses, our attendance percentages, particularly Kindergarten to Year 4, remain above 90% for Semester One. Percentages for our Stage 3 students are a little lower, which is concerning as many of them are preparing for the challenges of Year 7. We hope to see an overall improvement in attendance as the year continues.

## Term 4 Excursions

Families are reminded that Term 4 will be here before we know it and all students K-6 have excursions coming up. **K-2 students** will travel to Wagga for the performance of 'Possum Magic' on **Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> November**. **Years 5 & 6 students** will travel to Jindabyne Sport & Recreation centre for a week-long outdoor education experience from **Monday 27<sup>th</sup> November to Friday 1<sup>st</sup> December**. **Years 3 & 4 students** will venture to Taronga Western Plains Zoo Dubbo for an overnight 'Zoosnooze' from **Thursday 7<sup>th</sup>-Friday 8<sup>th</sup> December**. The school is supporting families by paying all transport costs as well as subsidising the cost for each student.

Families who are experiencing difficulty meeting excursion costs are encouraged to contact Mr Leary.





# Starting School at June Public School KINDERGARTEN 2024

## About our School

At June Public School, every child is known, valued and cared for. The aspirational learning culture at our school, based on effective partnership with parents and carers, ensures that all students are motivated to do their best and continually improve. Please contact the school for further information or if you would like to book a tour at our school. We look forward to welcoming you to June Public School.



## Transition

Friday 20th October (10-11:30am)  
Friday 27th October (12:10-1:40pm)  
Friday 10th November (10-12:10pm)  
Friday 17th November (12:10-3pm)

## Book Week

Friday 8th September we will be hosting a book fair parade. All are welcome to attend and participate in the parade!

## Best Start Assessment

Best Start Assessment identifies student's literacy and numeracy skills on entry to Kindergarten. This will take place in the first week of school.

## First day of Kindergarten

Monday 5 February 2024



Week 3

Annabelle - Wambad



Annabelle is an amazing Wambad learner who arrives at school each day with a very positive attitude and a strong desire to do her best and succeed. She is always polite and respectful and she has wonderful manners. Well done Annabelle!



Week 4

Katey - Bagal



Katey is a quiet achiever, always doing her best during all learning tasks. She is a happy and outgoing student who gets along with her peers. Katey is respectful towards others, and she is kind and caring. Katey is a successful learner - well done!



## Positive Behaviour for Learning

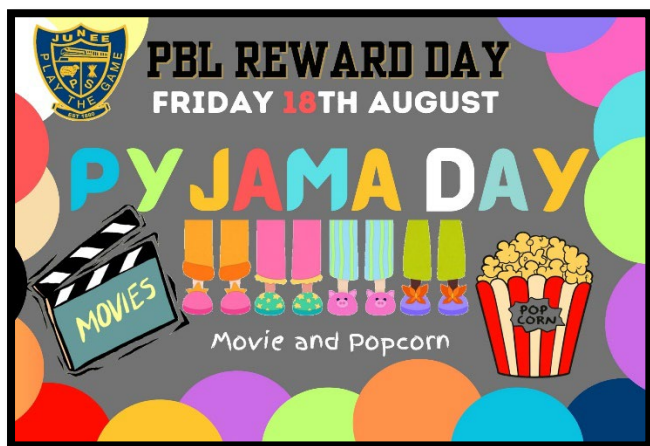
### A PBL message from Mr Harris...

The weather has been much kinder as we move into spring and it has been wonderful to see the students taking advantage of the beautiful days, spending their lunch and recess times enjoying each other's company in the playground.

I would like to thank all our students who have been displaying our PBL core values in the playground and in the classroom. There must be a great deal of fantastic learning taking place, as we have achieved our personal best.

We have filled our PBL raffle ticket barrel to the very brim and in only THREE WEEKS! That is the best I have ever seen at June Public School. Well done everyone on such a stupendous effort!

As a reward for such outstanding learning and engagement, we will be having a **Pyjama Day** (onesies and oodles are also acceptable) next **Friday 18th August**.



Students are invited to wear their pyjamas to school for the entire day, which will culminate in a movie afternoon; different movies for K-2 and 3-6.

If students wish to bring in a **pillow and blanket** to lay on, they may, but I suggest not to bring in your best doona.

Students are also invited to bring in **slippers** to wear in class, but regular school shoes will need to be worn in the playground. It will be a wonderful Reward Day, with a great movie and popcorn being

provided by our wonderful Student Representative Council (SRC).

Well done everyone; what a fabulous start to the term!

*Mr Harris*

### Term 3 Weeks 5 & 6 PBL focus



#### **Being a good sport means:**

- including others in our games
- having fair teams
- treating others with respect
- taking turns
- playing by the rules
- respecting school property
- packing equipment away

#### **Assembly Lines Trophy**

**Weeks 3 & 4**

Congratulations to Gugubarra (Week 3) and Wambad (Week 4), winners of the assembly lines trophy and treats.

### PBL Shield Week 4: **WAMBAD**

**Annabelle**



**For being an engaged and successful learner!**

## Upcoming Term 3 & 4 Events

### Term 3

Friday 18/08/23 **PBL Pyjama Day**

Friday 25/08/23 Touch Football clinics (weekly)

Friday 25/08/23 **RIVERINA ATHLETICS CARNIVAL**

Friday 25/08/23 Assembly 11.10am

Monday 04/09/23 **BOOK FAIR**

Thursday 07/09/23 **TRENT BARRETT SHIELD**

Friday 08/09/23 **BOOK FAIR PARADE**

Friday 08/09/23 Assembly 11.10am

Friday 22/08/23 Assembly 11.10am & **final day of Term 3**

### Term 4

Monday 09/10/23 **Term 4** begins for students

Friday 03/11/23 K-2 Possum Magic excursion

Monday 06-Friday 17/11/23 **K-6 Swimming Program**

Monday 27/11-Friday 1/12/23 **Stage 3 Camp**

Thursday 07/12/-Friday 09/12/23 **Stage 2 Excursion**

Thursday 14/12/23 **Year 6 Farewell**

Friday 15/12/23 **Presentation Day Ceremony & last day for students**

### Reminder: Audiri Communication App

Our SkoolBag app has now been upgraded to Audiri. Parents/carers who use this app to receive communication via the various groups will need to update their existing Skoolbag app by clicking on the existing phone app and it will update automatically.

The upgrade is available for both phone platforms and tablets from their respective app stores.

## Week 4 Assembly Awards

### Wambad

Merit Award	Aeon
Merit Award	Baylie
Merit Award	Patrick
PBL Award	Bryce
Principal's Award	Haylee

### Gugubarra

Merit Award	Amelia
Merit Award	Elliott
Merit Award	Scarlett
PBL Award	Will H
Principal's Award	Claire

### Bagal

Merit Award	Hannah
Merit Award	RJ
Merit Award	Haami
PBL Award	Kaiwen
Principal's Award	Axl

### Gurawung

Merit Award	Dane
Merit Award	Joe
Merit Award	Abigail
PBL Award	Edward
Principal's Award	Karli

### Maliyan

Merit Award	Zamara
Merit Award	Mi Yeon
Merit Award	Dre
PBL Award	Phoenix
Principal's Award	Lachlan

\*\*\* Assemblies are held fortnightly on Friday from 11.10-11.30am

### Days missed = years lost

A day here and there doesn't seem like much, but...

When your child misses just... they miss weeks per year and years over their school life

1 day per fortnight = 4 weeks = Over 1 year missed

1 day per week = 8 weeks = Over 2.5 years missed

## Classroom Focus...WAMBAD

Term 3 is off to a fantastic start for Wambad with students working independently, in small groups, and in class groups, to further extend their learning. We are becoming much more independent when reading and writing.

We have been focusing on extending our vocabulary and then using these words when both speaking and writing. Amazingly for kindergarten, we have had descriptive phrases like 'strawberry roan' and 'comforting' used in our sentences. Using descriptive words and explaining the meaning of words to your children is a great way to help their literacy development.

Home readers are an important part of developing reading skills. It is great to see the improvement in those students who are reading each night. We would love to see more students bringing their readers in each day.

During the early part of this term, we are focusing on visual arts and music. Using the ABC Kids Art Crew videos as a starting point, we created our version of Monet's Waterlilies and completed our artwork using paper shapes, after looking at art by Matisse.



Students are also listening to the ABC "Sounds Like Australia" Podcasts. With a bit of help from Google Earth, we are following the adventures of Kirra the Quokka as she travels from Rottnest Island to Sydney. This story is introducing us to many musical instruments and developing our ability to relate sounds to movement and feelings.



During the latter part of the term, we will focus on science concepts during our afternoon sessions where we will try to answer the question "What are things made of?" We will also be participating in Touch Football coaching from Weeks 6 onwards.

*Ms Fixter*



**No birthdays this fortnight**

## Sports News

### Riverina Athletics Carnival

Congratulations Summer (Maliyan) and Levi S (Gurawung) who have qualified to represent Cootamundra Zone at the upcoming Riverina Athletics Carnival to be held in Albury on **Friday 25 August**. Summer has qualified in the long jump, 100m and 200m events. Levi has qualified in discus. Well done Summer and Levi!



***Congratulations Summer and Levi***

### Touch Football Sessions

Commencing Friday 18<sup>th</sup> August, all classes will participate in a 6-week touch football skills program. Sessions will run for 30 minutes. All



students are to wear sports uniform and appropriate footwear. Sessions will be conducted by a NSW Touch qualified coach.

## **Trent Barrett Shield**

The annual Trent Barrett Shield, for students in Years 3&4 is coming up this term. At this stage, JPS intends to enter teams in both the boy's mod-league and the girl's league tag. This is a fun, non-competitive day for students who have had experience playing these sports. Our upcoming touch football clinics will provide excellent training and skill development for our students.

The date for the Junee Trent Barrett Shield is **Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> September.**

## **School Bytes Finance System Update**

**We are excited to announce our school will be transitioning to an upgraded School Bytes finance system on 15 August 2023!**

In preparation for the transition to a simplified finance system for both you and the school, we will be required to implement a short payment lockout period where we will not be able to receive any payments.

### **What this means for you:**

- We will advise you when payments can resume closer to the above date.
- Any existing payment links that have been sent to you previously in emails can still be used after the transition and will automatically redirect to the new system.
- After the transition, a School Bytes portal will be available for you to register and begin using.

(Link: <https://portal.schoolbytes.education>)

- All previous payments made will be migrated to the new School Bytes finance system and portal.
- Moving forward, when making a payment online, you will be redirected to a Service NSW page to complete an online payment. This is the new payment platform for online as directed by the NSW Department of Education.
- Payments made online will display as 0SCHOOLSONLINE 0000 PARRAMATTA AUS on your bank statements moving forward.

## **What is the School Bytes portal**

The School Bytes portal provides flexibility for you to conveniently:

- Make school payments online (including paying for multiple siblings at once)
- Use a family credit to pay for an activity or school contributions
- Download a receipt for payments made
- View all historical payments in one place
- Complete and submit digital permission notes
- View the status of all permission notes
- Request a refund if required

This can be done where you want at any time: day or night.

Through the portal, you will easily be able to download a receipt once a payment has been made and have access to view all historical payments when needed. Online payments are processed in real-time and can be viewed by school staff immediately.

While our preference is for payments to be made via the portal, we will still accept payment via cash, cheque and EFTPOS.

***If you have any further questions, please do not hesitate to contact the school office.***

**AVAILABLE NOW!**

We are excited to announce our school will be transitioning to a more flexible and simplified way parent/carers can make payments

**The Parent Portal**

- Easily make a payment online
- Download your receipt
- Sign and return permission notes digitally
- Use any credits on your account to make payment
- View your complete payment history
- Request a refund

**AVAILABLE DURING TERM 3**

Register for the Parent Portal via the QR Code or visit <https://portal.schoolbytes.education>

**School Bytes**



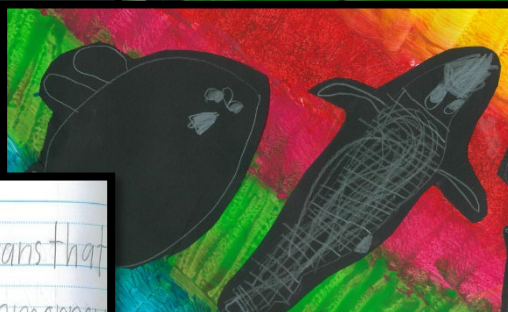
# Student Learning

Wambad Painting



Maliyan Handwriting

ABC



Thursday 3rd August 2023  
Today is Thursday which means that we only have today and tomorrow and then it will be the weekend. I really enjoy weekends because I can sleep in, relax and have with my family. We can have bbqs and go out for breakfast lunch or dinner. We only have two more weeks and Mrs Reeves will be back YAY!!!



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FOR PARENTS AND CARERS

# THE FACTS ABOUT VAPING

Electronic cigarettes or e-cigarettes, often called 'vapes', are electronic devices designed to deliver vapourised liquids into the lungs. There are many different styles of vapes available and they can be difficult to spot.

The main ingredient in vapes is propylene glycol, vegetable glycerine or glycerol, and they often also contain nicotine, flavours and other chemicals. Vapes may contain harmful chemicals that aren't listed on the pack.

The biggest misunderstanding about vapes is that they are harmless compared to cigarettes. This is not true. **Vapes are not safe.**

## DO YOU KNOW WHAT THEY'RE VAPING?



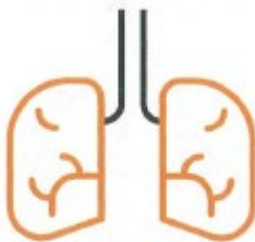
Many vapes contain nicotine making them **very addictive**



The nicotine in 1 vape can  
**= 50**  
cigarettes



Young people who vape are **3 times** as likely to take up smoking



Vaping has been linked to **serious lung disease**



Vapes can contain the same **harmful chemicals** found in cleaning products, nail polish remover, weed killer and bug spray



Vapes come in a variety of designs and styles and can be **easy to conceal**



Do you know what they're vaping?  
Get the evidence\* and facts at [health.nsw.gov.au/vaping](https://health.nsw.gov.au/vaping)

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## SELLING VAPES TO YOUNG PEOPLE IS ILLEGAL

**It is illegal to sell any vape to anyone under 18 years of age.** Many young people purchase their vapes at school from friends and contacts using social media.

It is illegal to sell nicotine vapes to anyone, unless they are prescribed by a doctor to someone over 18 years for smoking cessation purposes, and obtained with a prescription from a pharmacy.

There are a number of retailers who sell vapes to young people. This is a crime.

If you suspect someone is selling vapes to minors, you can report it to NSW Health via its website or by calling the Tobacco Information Line on 1800 357 412.



## IS YOUR CHILD VAPING?

You may not know your child is vaping as vapes are small and resemble common items like highlighters, pens and USB drives. They are also not easy to smell.

Tell-tale **signs that your child might be vaping include the symptoms of nicotine addiction** such as your child feeling irritable or anxious. If your child is vaping, encourage them to stop and let them know that help is available and you are there for them. Stopping vaping can sometimes be hard and your child may need advice from a GP.

It also helps to set a good example by being tobacco and vape-free yourself.



## MISLEADING AND DANGEROUS LABELLING

Vaping products are often not labelled or are incorrectly labelled.

The labels may state that vapes are nicotine free, **but many of these products contain nicotine and a lot of other chemicals.**

They just don't put it on the pack.



## THE IMPORTANCE OF TALKING TO YOUR CHILD

If you suspect your child is vaping, take the time to talk to them about it and help them understand all of the risks.

As vaping is often common in schools, they may see it as a normal or safe thing to do, but that is not the case.

**It is important to let your child know the risks of vaping.** Try to start the conversation with your child in a relaxed easy-going way, perhaps taking the cue from around you, such as a note from school, a news story about it, or seeing people vaping on the street. And have your facts ready.



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