



# Jarvisfield State School

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We acknowledge the traditional custodians (*the 'Juru' people*) of this land and pay our respects to the Elders both past, present and future.



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## **Principal's Message:**

Thank you to those parents who came along for our Induction Ceremony, Soccer Match and Reading Programme Presentation on the last day of Term 1. It was really great to see all of our school community combine for a fantastic day. Special thanks to everyone who brought along a plate of food to share and to the P&C for the Easter Egg Hunt, the students really enjoyed themselves.

At the Induction Parade, we inducted our school captain, Jarrod, Student Leaders, Lachlan and Ethan, and all of the members of the HELP Committee. It is great to see that all of the students have chosen to be a part of the HELP Committee. It is a wonderful opportunity for them to get involved in the Jarvisfield State School community. So far the HELP Committee have weeded the playground and helped clear fallen branches. Over this next term. They will be sorting reading books and clearing the drain at the back of the school, as well as many other things.

The soccer match between the adults and students was hotly contested. The adults looked certain to snare a victory, thanks to some sharp skills from Mrs Sam, Mr Tabo, Mr Zaro and some spirited runs and defensive efforts from the other parents, but the students scored in the dying seconds to draw the match 2 – 2. Sounds like we need a re-match to settle who is the best, once and for all?

Thank you to Shane, Leah and Neil who stayed to go through our Reading Programme. A note has been sent home today asking for helpers to start a Parent Reading Programme. All parents and family members are encouraged to help with our Parent Reading Programme wherever they can. The benefits for the students are amazing!

Sincerely,  
Mr Troy Patti

## **ANZAC Day**

We will be holding **our own ANZAC Ceremony** at Jarvisfield State School on Thursday 21 April at 2:30p.m. Parents, family and community members are invited to attend. We will have a wreath laying ceremony at our ANZAC memorial garden as a part of this ceremony, which parents and community members will be able to participate in.

We will also be participating in the Ayr Main Parade at **8:30a.m. on Monday 25 April**. Parents and family members are welcome to march with the school. Please see the attached note for further details.

## **P&C General Meeting**

The next general meeting of the P&C is to be held at **3:30p.m. in the JCLC on Tuesday 26 April**. All parents and family members are welcome.

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### **Principal on Leave**

It has recently been announced that Mrs Denise Celledoni, principal of Jarvisfield State School, has extended her leave for another term. She will return to work in the Education Department at the beginning of Term 3 and a date for return to Jarvisfield State School yet to be set, but possibly towards the end Term 3.

### **Public Holidays**

ANZAC Day – Monday 25 April

Labour Day – Monday 2 May

### **NAPLAN**

National Assessment Program Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) will be taking place for all students in year 3, 5, 7, and 9 across the country on 10 – 12 May. Please read the NAPLAN – Information for Parents, which is attached. If you have any queries about NAPLAN, including exempting a child from NAPLAN, please come and see me.

### **New Units**

This week, all students are commencing new English Units. They have just finished learning about persuasive texts and have completed the following assessment tasks:

Prep – A multimodal presentation about their favourite book.

Year 1 – Constructed a picture book where the main character uses persuasive techniques.

Year 2 – Constructed the back cover of a book to persuade people to read it.

Year 3 and 4 – Constructed a persuasive text on a topic of their choice.

Year 5 and 6 – Constructed a persuasive newspaper article about the introduction of net-free fishing zones.

During their next unit, students in P-2 will be looking at developing characters in narratives by using descriptive words and phrases. They will also be writing a recount. Students in year 3 – 4 will also be looking at how characters are developed but will have to give their point of view about the character's thoughts, feelings and actions. Students in year 5 – 6 will be viewing a range of comics. They will identify ethical dilemmas, storylines and character description. They will have to make their own comic.

In Mathematics, all of the students have been learning about telling the time. They have learnt:

- Telling o'clock times (Yr 1)
- Telling time to the half and quarter hour (Yr 1, Yr 2 and 3)
- Telling time past and to the hour (Yr 3 and 4)
- Longer and shorter durations of time (Yr 1)
- Converting between 24-hour and 12-hour time (Yr 4, 5 and 6)
- Solving time problems (All Grades)
- Interpreting timetables (Year 6)

They will continue to learn about time this week before moving on to Chance and Data.

### **Moderation and Unpacking Units**

To ensure consistency in delivery of curriculum across the district, the principals of the small schools from around the Burdekin District are now unpacking units of work together. This means that we read through the unit and find out what the students need to know and be able to do to be successful in the unit. This improves our understanding of the unit, which then gets passed on to staff and the students.

We are also starting a moderation process. This means that once the students have completed their assessment task, we take it to a group meeting with the principals of other schools and compare the tasks and the grade that we give them (A, B, C, D, E). This ensures that students' work is being marked equally across all of the small schools in the Burdekin District.

### **Camp**

Students in Years 4 – 6 are able to attend the S4 Science Camp from Monday 23 – Friday 27 May. The camp will be held at the Paluma Environmental Education Centre and is run as a part of the S4 Science Programme that these students are a part of. For students who are not going on camp, school will be on as per normal. Please see the attached camp forms and return them to school by **Friday 6<sup>th</sup> May**.

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