



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.



Newsletter 5 – 6 May 2016

Principal's Message:

There have been some great achievements happening at our school in the past few weeks. Here are some of the amazing achievements by our students:

- Kiera – Achieving a 'B' on her last English assessment.
- Allegra – Improving her reading level.
- Christian – Improving his reading level
- Kyle B. – Achieving an 'A' for his knowledge of analogue and digital time.
- Layla – Achieving 20/20 on her spelling test
- Ashley – Achieving a 'B' on her latest maths test on telling the time.
- Johben – Improving his reading level
- Amelia – Achieving 100/100 on her times tables test
- Kain – Achieving a 'B' on his latest English assessment
- Kyle W. – Improving his reading level by 9 levels so far this year.
- Jett – Improving his reading level
- Jarrold – Achieving 100/100 on his times tables test

These great achievements are the result of the hard work that staff, students and parents have done over the year.

Well done everyone!

Sincerely,
Mr Troy Patti

ANZAC Day

On Thursday 21 April we were extremely lucky to be visited by Mr Dan Nicholls, President of the Ayr RSL and Vietnam Veteran. Mr Nicholls visited us for our ANZAC Day Ceremony. He spoke to the students about his experiences during the Vietnam War and showed them a practice grenade and a piece of shrapnel that landed near him when he was fighting. The students learnt a lot about the ANZAC spirit and why it is important for us to commemorate the extraordinary efforts of Australian and New Zealand soldiers both past and present.

It was also great to see Jarvisfield State School Students participating in the Ayr ANZAC Parade. It is important for our school to be a part of this parade. Layla, Johben, Mrs Sam and Ashley all marched in the parade and laid a wreath, which all the students had made, at the cenotaph. It was also a welcome surprise when Mr Nicholls asked Layla to help him lay his wreath on behalf of the Ayr RSL.

P&C Annual General Meeting

The AGM of the Jarvisfield State School P&C will be held at 3:00pm on Monday 21 March in the Jarvisfield Community Learning Centre (JCLC). So far this year, the P&C have finalised the Centenary, endorsed the Annual

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Implementation Plan for Jarvisfield State School and have discussed a number of other ideas that will improve Jarvisfield State School. I encourage all parents and carers to come along to our P&C Meetings. The P&C provide

- A voice for parents and carers in their child's education.
- A group that allow the school to be a part of community events.
- The opportunity to sell goods such as uniforms, book-packs and food and drinks to students.
- Much needed fundraising opportunities for our school.

Without a P&C, these benefits cannot happen.

At the AGM, all executive positions will become vacant. I encourage all parents and carers to nominate for the executive positions to ensure that our P&C will continue to function and benefit the school.

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. Those students who are completing the NAPLAN tests will sit for them as follows:

Tuesday 10 May - Writing and Language Conventions Tests

Wednesday 11 May – Reading Test

Thursday 12 May – Numeracy Test

All tests will be completed in the JCLC and will be supervised by a teacher and teacher aide. All other students who are not involved with NAPLAN will be having normal school days on these days.

To assist your child with NAPLAN tests, please make sure that they have enough sleep and a good breakfast to ensure that they are functioning fully on these days.

Unit Work

In English, students are continuing with Unit 3. Students in P-2 and 3-4 are looking at the development of characters in story stories and novels. They have been analysing their texts to identify adjectives and noun groups that the author uses to describe characters and how these descriptions affect the audience's beliefs about these characters. They will be creating their own character description for their assessment task, which will be happening in week 6 of this term.

Students in yr 5-6 are covering the same idea of character development but they are doing theirs in the context of a comic. They are also learning about ethical dilemmas and how these are often used to create the complication in an animated text or comic. They will be creating their own animation or comic for their assessment task, which will also happen in week 6 of this term.

In mathematics, students have just finished learning about time and I am pleased to report that all assessment tasks completed during this time were done exceptionally well with a vast majority of students achieving a C or better on their assessment tasks.

We are now moving on to a learning block on chance and data. Students are using chance words such as "likely", "unlikely", "certain", "impossible" and many others to describe and compare chances of outcomes for different events. The students in the older year levels have also started interpreting data displays such as graphs and tables and working out ways that this data could be biased. We will be continuing to learn about chance and data for the next two weeks before doing some revision of number concepts and starting fractions year 6.

Moderation and Unpacking Units

Last week, the principals of the Burdekin Small Schools and some of the teachers from these schools met to moderate the English assessment completed in Unit 2. We also unpacked the English Unit 5. This ensures that all small schools across the Burdekin have the same understanding of the unit and also ensures that assessments are marked equally across our schools

Cross Country

Last Wednesday our students went to Maidavale State School to compete in the Burdekin Small Schools' Cross Country. All students who raced did our school proud. Special mentions must go to Ashley and Johben who finished third in their races. Well done kids!

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Camp

Students in Years 4 – 6 are able to attend the S4 Science Camp from Monday 23 – Friday 27 May. The permission note for this camp was due today. If your child would like to go to the camp but you have not returned their permission form, please do so by Monday 9 May. The cost of the camp is \$114. This must be paid in full by Wednesday 18 May.

We have organised a bus to take the children to the camp. The bus will leave Jarvisfield State School at 11:00am on Monday 23rd May and return to Jarvisfield State School at 3:00pm on Friday 27th May. Students are still required to come to school at 8:45am on Monday 23rd May as it will be a normal school day until the bus leaves. For students who are not going on the school camp, school will be a normal school week for them.