

Reminders - Have you:

- * returned 2021 Yr 6/7 shirt order?
- * returned 2021 Bus permission form?
- * replied for the Yr 7 Graduation dinner?

Diary Dates Term 4

Wk 8

Mon 30/11

- Living Safely with Pets chat for R-3 classes

Tue 1/12

- MBHS transition day for Yr 7 students

Fri 4/12

- MBHS Music Perf
- Terrific Kids Awards

Wk 9

Mon 7/12

- Yr 7 Graduation dinner

Fri 11/12 1:30pm

- Yr 7 assembly

Canteen:

Week 8

Tuesday 17/11

Recess time only
NO LUNCHES

Friday 20/11

recess time
Lunch: Michelle & Jo

Week 9

Tuesday 24/11

recess time only
NO LUNCHES

Friday 27/11

recess time only
NO LUNCHES

Dear Jervois Primary School Community,

Only 2 more weeks to go Wow, where has the year gone? With only a couple of weeks remaining of the school term and year there is still action-a-plenty in classrooms. Kids are still learning, teachers are still sharing their knowledge and encouraging their students to grow as learners and leaders. In the last 2 weeks we have a Pet safety visit, Yr 7 High School transition visits, MBHS Music performance, concert practice and filming, Kiwanis visit for Terrific Kids, Yr 7 Graduation, Yr 7 assembly, reports & end of year stuff to go home.....not to mention staff planning for 2021 which is a continual & ongoing process. No wonder we are all feeling exhausted! 10 more days of school: let's see if we can manage full attendance to enjoy our final crazy year of 2020!



BUS for 2021

A reminder to please return your 2021 BUS PERMISSION note to ensure you have access to the bus from day 1 of the 2021 school year. Michelle still needs to hear from some Winery stop families for their preference for non-Bus day/s. If you have not yet responded, please do so ASAP.

Yr 7 Graduation

We are hoping restrictions ease as from 1st Dec allowing us to proceed as planned with the Year 7 Graduation Dinner. Families involved will be contacted next week to confirm arrangements and finalise our booking. If you have not yet RSVP'd, please contact Michelle to confirm your family numbers attending ASAP.

School Concert

~~Wed Dec 9th **cancelled**~~

UPDATE: you will all be aware of the changes we have decided to make for School Concert this year with no audience ☹: everyone has had to be so adaptable to sudden and sometimes turbulent decisions this year.....

Unfortunately our concert is one of the things we have to make drastic changes to!

Students and staff have been busy fine tuning their class items, ready for the camera (or iPad) to roll for the final takes before cutting and pasting it all together into a great production for every family to share with their own DVD/USB copy. Perhaps you can have a family movie night with your kids acting out their parts while chomping on popcorn enjoying the concert. There will be lots of ways you can view it together in a fun way; perhaps not with a cosy fire and marshmallows though!! With everything going to schedule, we hope to have the final product ready to send home with each family in the last week of school when reports are also sent home.

For those families unable to play a DVD at home, a USB option will be available – simply send in a labelled USB to us (in a sealed envelope with your name on it) and we will pop the concert on it for you.

Being Happy, Safe and Belonging**Being Happy, Safe and Belonging**

because we value respectful relationships, wellbeing and community

**Stop and Think**

because we value every opportunity for student success

**Learning and Leading**

because we value lifelong learning and leadership.

**The Learning Pit**

because we value challenge, effort, persistence and progress

Since the last newsletter a fortnight ago we have all responded and supported the State Lockdown. What a rollercoaster year the world over, well done to our State Leaders, Department Leaders, staff, students and community for continuing to do what has needed to be done and putting the safety needs of our school community and wider community as a priority.

I would like to thank Claire, who has been kind enough to volunteer and offer some class support with teachers while our PCW Shelley has been on study leave. Claire also sent me an email recently and I have shared her message of gratitude and insights below.

Hi Mikelle,

Thinking of your staff and students today trying to settle back to a routine after the sudden lockdown.

Under the current circumstances, I've decided I will stick to one worksite (Murray Bridge) for the remainder of the year, so I won't come for the last few Fridays of this term.

Thank you so much for allowing me to volunteer at Jervois and please thank the staff on my behalf too. I learnt a lot as well, alongside the students, and what really struck me is the strong culture you have developed at the school: respect and care for others and learning from nature as well as in the classroom.

I am excited to share that 2 teachers for next year have been placed and we hope they are both able to visit in the next few weeks to allow students and staff to meet, greet and support them with the first stages of orientation and induction in preparation for 2021.

A stop and think with the whole school on Monday occurred with a short focus on what we need more of and less of for learning and play in the remaining weeks of the term. Several students shared their thinking including RayJ who suggested more respect. Continuing to reinforce, remind and importantly involve students in this thinking and ongoing reflections is key to our success. It was fantastic to hear from Mrs Shearer and students later in the day as they all enjoyed the best ever class game of the year by actioning many of the suggested actions on their MORE list.

The R-3 students next week will learn about Living Responsibly/Safely with Pets with a guest visit and the 4-7 will also enjoy a planned visit and performance from MBHS Yr 8 special interest music students.

Even though the end of the school year has crept up quickly and there are not many days left, learning and leading remains our core business and focus. Keep checking in on the class See-Saw app as you are sure to see a few learning gems like this Haiku poem → Your conversations with children at home that show an interest in their learning and efforts make a significant difference and we appreciate you continuing this over the remaining days.

A few questions which may help are:

- What are you most proud about at school today?
- How are you going with your reading goal?
- How did you show kindness or respect during learning or play today?
- What challenges you in learning at the moment?

I am about to pop myself into a new learning pit and it is definitely with mixed emotions that I share with you all: I have successfully won a new leadership position for 2021. I will reflect more on my 5 years at JPS in the final newsletter but know that as a team we have continued to offer a quality education to students, continued to innovate, lead, learn, progress and improve in a range of areas. I will leave with a full heart and keep a special place in my heart for this amazing place we all know as JPS.



I am grateful for the understanding and support of families as school and our associated events continue to change, fingers are crossed for our year 7 graduation! *Mikelle Miegel*



District Athletics: NOT Adelaide bound

How disappointing for our 9 students who had earned their spot in the Murraylands Athletics team. Unfortunately a victim of the statewide lockdown, the championships had to be cancelled as the event fell right in the middle of the 3 days! Such a shame there is not enough time for this event to be rescheduled. Another reason to bring on 2021.....hoping things may be better!

Choir

As with many things, Choir has looked a little different this year too. No regional performance and opportunity to put on an event for a crowd.....today the Choir put in their best effort to video their singing for the concert DVD. In coloured shirts, the kids sang melodiously and with gusto for their final choir session. Many, many, many thanks to Peta for her hours of commitment, patience, encouragement and quirky singing and performance tips. Most of the kids had fun and enjoyed the challenge to learn a heap of songs and accompanying actions. Great job!!



Wellbeing Words

Hello everyone, welcome to the pointy end of the term...only two more weeks to go! Are you travelling ok? How have you been managing all these changes? I feel like keeping up with restrictions and changing plans is a bit like keeping up with the weather at the moment...almost impossible. But like the weather; we can't change it, instead we must do our best with what we've got in each situation. Our resilience and patience are being tested as we are forced to continue to change plans. How are you dealing with that? Are you demonstrating strategies that you would be proud to see in your child? Or are you letting frustration take over and leave you acting in ways that are not so mindful? I should have been at a wedding, celebrating the marriage of a friend on the weekend, however when lockdown happened, they had to change plans, and change plans they did – quickly!! Wednesday after the lockdown announcement they decided to get married that evening before restrictions came into play. I spent my Wednesday evening in front of my screen and watched them get married via a live-stream!! Were they frustrated and annoyed? I'm sure they were, but their actions were calm, mindful, focused and led by feelings of love and gratitude. They focused on the positives and adapted. While there is disappointment, doom and gloom all around us, our attitude and actions are in our control. I want to remind you of the quote from last newsletter: *"It's not happy people who are thankful, it's thankful people who are happy."* Hang in there, keep finding the positives and be mindful of your actions!

You've got this!

Amanda



Garden news

This heat is taking a toll on our garden – extra watering and TLC is needed to ensure our plants survive the hot weather, especially with a few intense and windy days in a row like today and tomorrow. Charlie and Margaret give our plants around the school water before or after school, so thanks heaps for the extra care you give to keep everything alive and healthy!

As we move into the holidays, the garden won't have it's usual weekly 'looking after' from Nicki and students, but Charlie will make sure it is watered regularly! Thanks Charlie – you are a gem! Nicki is hanging up her JPS gardening boots at the end of this year – thanks so much for the love and care you have given to our garden space. It has evolved into a user-friendly and prosperous area where students can get really involved with the growing process from early preparation, to planting, tendering and harvesting.....then enjoy the fruits of their labour with tasting and cooking with the produce. We have gained much from Nicki's vast gardening knowledge; she really does have a green thumb and love for nature and sustainability! Thanks so much Nicki for all of the time, love, energy and effort you have put into our Garden, learning space, the chooks, art projects, student jobs and sustainability practices.....we have a great garden area to continue with, growing and reaping the rewards of its produce and how we can learn from all of the processes involved.



Thanks a bunch Nicki



Week 3 Spotlight: Year 6/7 class

As a year like no other draws to an end the students in the 6/7 class have been analysing and creating poetry. The class has learnt about the structure and literary features of poems including Cinquains, Odes, Limericks and Ballads.

The anthology of poems on display today are a reflection of the year that was according to the students.

2020, What can I say?
Covid came and didn't go away
2020, What can I do?
Bushfires, covid, and lockdown too.

The cancellations! The postponing!
The days in home learning!
All these things we've had to endure,
While covid scientists look for a cure.

Our favourite things have been cancelled
Wheelathon, YEL, both dismantled
Restrictions strangled our events,
The costs are high, the risks are dense.

2020 has been a year of pain
The economy and business has gone to wane.
But among the bad times there has been light,
SAPSASA Softball won the fight!
Mack D



K I bushfires
Agonising pain
You burnt my property
The noise like fireworks piercing my ears
Disaster
Jacob T

2020 the worst of all years
It started with a fire and ended in tears
Then came a disastrous new flu
It stopped Wheelathon and cancelled SANTOS too.
Kody H



Challenge Hill
Slippery, challenge
Climbing, leaping, swing
So relieved we got to go.
Darcy M



CHALLENGE YOURSELF

Challenge Hill
We went to challenge hill that rainy day.
We had lots of fun but had to pay.
Slippery, soggy, muddy all day.
But just one more thing, how long can we stay?
Ballad Poem by Sophie, Makayla & Bailey



More 6/7 poetry.....

Lockdown

Stopping us from going to school,
Leaving us bored and sad.
Stuck at home all alone,
This covid stuff is bad!
Cancelling excursions and sport events
We have had enough
Shutting down school that is pretty
uncool,
Getting through this has been tough!
Levi M



Oh Covid, Oh Covid
You are the worst of all flus,
You are attracted to old people and kids too,
Your germs spreading as fast as a bullet,
Lockdown and home learning for all students at school,
Oh Covid how we hate you!!
Gemma, Ellie

2020
Covid, worries
Scary, sad, depressing
Horrible year
Terrifying
Ffion B

Covid, oh Covid
You are the worst virus around
You put us in the pound
With sad frowns
We were chased by greyhounds
And then bushfires drowned

Sports Day, oh Sports Day
Unbearable, exciting
Run, jump, hop
Joyful running through the grass
Kieran W



Sports Day, oh Sports Day
You were postponed twice,
But that didn't stop us from putting up a fight,
Sturt, Tolmer, Murray battle for the shield,
Adding up points and teamwork on the field,
People contributing and supporting others,
Sports Day, oh Sports Day how we love you!
Ellie & Gemma





SC interviews



Name: Charlotte Age: 9

At school I am grateful for: stick insects in class, teachers & friends: when I am lonely I have company.

At home, in my world I am grateful for: My animals, family and the river that is at my house.

I am learning about New Zealand key/interesting word is Today. I was in the Yellow zone

(ask me about this, & I can tell you more!)

I felt Happy when I was playing. I was in the GREEN zone.

Name: Sophie S Age: 8

At school I am grateful for: having nice teachers because they give me challenges to challenge myself.

At home, in my world I am grateful for: My mum and dad because they give me things that I want and need.

I am learning about New Zealand A key/interesting word is supercalifragalisticexpialidocious.

I felt happy when it was playtime. I was in the GREEN zone

Name: Lyric Age: 5

At school I am grateful for: The library and my friends because I like playing with them.

At home, in my world I am grateful for: My mum because I love her and do the dishes with her.

I am learning about silence A key/interesting word is silence *(ask me about this, & I can tell you more!)*

I felt happy all day. I was in the GREEN zone.

Name: Ellie Age: 11

At school I am grateful for: All my friends because they are kind to me and they help me when I need it.

At home, in my world I am grateful for: my family because they are also kind to me and my parents because they cook for me.

I am learning about how to use pulleys, A key/interesting word is discombobulate

(ask me about this, & I can tell you more!)

I felt tired when it was the end of the day. I was in the BLUE zone.

Name: Ffion Age: 12

At school I am grateful for: teachers because they teach us new things.

At home, in my world I am grateful for: animals because they help me through the hard times

I am learning about Pulley systems, A key/interesting word homophones *(ask me about this, & I can tell you more!)*

I felt tired I was in the BLUE zone.

Name: Ryley Kal Age: 10

At school I am grateful for: a caring teacher that helps when we have problems.

At home, in my world I am grateful for: my family and having a roof over my head that helps to keep me safe.

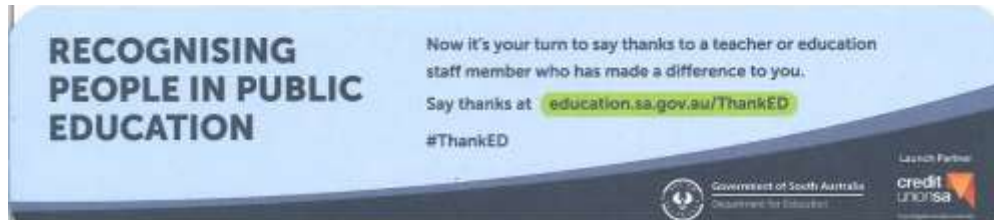
I am learning about maths and decimals, A key/interesting word median *(ask me about this, & I can tell you more!)*

I felt frustrated when I was at home. I was in the Yellow zone





To recognise a teacher or education staff member who has made a difference to you, Say THANKS at education.sa.gov.au/ThankED



PASTORAL CARE WORKER POSITION JERVOIS PRIMARY SCHOOL



Schools Ministry Group

together with

MURRAY BRIDGE INTER-CHURCH COUNCIL
are seeking applications for a Pastoral Care Worker

Working Hours:	10.7 hours per week
Commencing:	Term 1, 2021
Job Description:	www.smg.asn.au/work-with-us
Apply By:	9 AM, MONDAY, NOVEMBER 30TH, 2020



We are seeking applications from anyone interested in the PCW position at our school. Unfortunately Shelley has been offered another position in Adelaide. Further information is available through the Job Description or website link or contact David from SMG. Applications close Monday Nov 30th.

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Holiday Swim 14-18 December 2020



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Wonder and Courage
Ages 6 months to 5 years
5x 30min lessons
Costs: \$41.50

Wonder (6-36m) - water familiarisation program for children & parents, uses songs, games & activities to teach children a variety of skills.
(Note: parent/carer participation in class is essential.)

Courage (3-5yr) - water confidence program for children, seeks to build water confidence and develop water skills. Small class sizes.

Swim & Survive
Levels D1 to 7
Ages 5 - 14 years
5x 60min lessons
Costs \$51.50

Participants undertaking Levels 1, 2 or 3 for the first time should enrol in the Development Level of that award (ie: first experience in Level 1 - enrol in D1).

Higher Awards
Ages 12 to 18 years
The Rescue Strand & Bronze Star are 5x 60 Minutes Lessons
Bronze Medallion, Bronze Cross, Award of Merit & Distinction are 5x 90 Minutes lessons
Prices vary depending on desired level (\$90-\$120)

