

Dear Jervois Primary School Community,

This has been a year quite like no other.....school closures, learning from home, no visitors on site, social distancing, sport at a standstill, regular hand cleaning like never before, businesses forced to shut down, staying at home in lockdown. Who would have envisaged we would go through all that in the last nine months! Even with all that happening, we still managed to cram so much into our school year, although some terms were crazier than others for very different reasons! It's at times like these we appreciate living in the country in a rural community with lots of space.

We are very proud of how our students have adapted to situations, particularly our Year 7s who missed out on so many final opportunities: concert, Wheelathon, some SAPSASA sport, a large graduation night, choir performance, YEL, SLC.....that's a lot; but we are grateful for the things we have been able to squeeze into the short time we have had.

This year we farewell not only our graduating year 7 students and a few families who have now ended their time at JPS, but a couple of other families who are leaving as well as the huge number of staff who are going onto new roles, or a well-earned retirement. Check out the profiles in our newsletter as we put the spotlight on our departing troop.

We must say a **HUGE THANK YOU** to those wonderful people who support our staff to enable us to offer all of these things as we can't do it all ourselves. This year has certainly been challenging for all of us. It has changed the way we go about things, reduced the support we can utilize from our volunteers and reduced a lot of extra activities we would normally do; including excursions, sports, visits and community involvement. Governing Council were challenged to meet via email a few times and our P&F were unable to support very much at all. We thank everyone who did could and those who offered but couldn't to help us in so many ways during this crazy year of 2020.

Our Governing Councilors: Sharon, Greg, Tim, Chelsea, Jen, Trudy, Craig, Andrew & Jo: Thank you for the time and effort you have provided to support leadership and staff with decisions and discussions based around what we do at JPS. It's always a learning curve for us all and we appreciate your commitment to our school. Thank you to all our volunteers who help out in so many different ways – parents, grandparents, aunts, uncles, friends, community members and others outside our school community. We say a huge, heartfelt:



Enjoy the holiday break, spend lots of time doing outdoorsy things as a family – turn the PlayStation and all of those electronic devices OFF – go for a walk, find a playground, swim at the pool or river, climb Mount Lofty, visit the museum, see a movie, have a picnic, go for a drive, take a walk in Kuitpo Forest, go to the beach, visit the library, read a book or two, paint a picture, make a jigsaw, ride your bike or skateboard, spend some time with family (grandparents, aunts & uncles, cousins), have a catnap, REST and RELAX.....and don't annoy your parents (too much)!!! But most importantly, stay safe!

**Final reminder:** Staff will be onsite next week from Tuesday 15/12 until Friday 18/12 if you need to collect reports for anyone absent on the last day of school. Reminder to return your BUS permission forms for 2021 & orders for Yr 6 & 7 uniforms.

## 2021 Term 1 starts WEDNESDAY 27<sup>th</sup> January

- \* Staff will be back at school from Wednesday the 20th of January until Friday the 22nd of January.
- \* No staff will be on site on Monday the 25th of January & Tuesday Jan 26<sup>th</sup> is a public holiday for Australia Day.

Sit back with a cuppa, relax and enjoy our final newsletter for 2020

## Mikelle's Final Farewell 2020 Moment



Staffing for 2021 has been a focus over the term and all our ducks are in a row, which is fabulous.



Yesterday an interview panel was held for the PCW position for 2021 -2022 and our appointment means our expected PCW is [Anna Houghton](#). This needs a few more final processes to occur though SMG, but all going well Anna will be ready to start next year. Anna works at El Shaddai and met a few of our students earlier this year over a few Impact sessions before COVID hit and changes occurred.



[Jess Hankin](#) will be the year 6/7 teacher next year and, like Tania, is trained in SHINE which is key to the Health curriculum for this age and stage. Jess also enjoys the Hass curriculum and has recently been in a wellbeing role and will be able to offer strengths in this area to support 6/7 students. We congratulate Jess, as last week she found out she was successful in the year 7 to High School teacher process for 2022 and we are thrilled she will move with our 6/7 cohort to MBHS at the end of next year and they can take that next step together.



[Monika Hattcher](#) will join JPS next year and share the 4/5 class with Georgie Shearer and take on the NIT role where she will focus on performing arts. This is a strength Monika brings and her focus on Drama, Dance and Music will complement the visual arts learning Danielle did with 4-7 students and complete the Arts Curriculum over a 2 year band as it is intended.

Our process in replacing Nicki in the kitchen garden role and Mrs Abbott in literacy support and intervention is well underway and again last process pieces between the Department and the individuals are occurring.

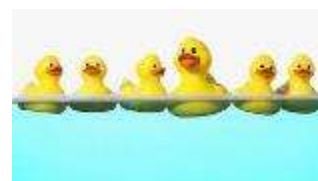
Exciting news came through yesterday and we congratulate [Kimberly Rathjen](#) who will take on the JPS Principal role for the first 2 terms. Kimberly and I worked together 16 years ago and I know she will bring many strengths with her. When we first met, Kimberley and I were both teaching in Junior Primary classes at Mannum; she moved into middle schooling and I moved into middle primary and we both moved into leadership at Mannum too. Kimberley is about to complete a graduate certificate in Developmental Trauma and has recently worked as a Behaviour Support Coach in the Murraylands partnership.

I know JPS staff, students and families will make all new staff feel very welcome as they settle in. In my new Curriculum Lead role and as part of the Leaders Executive Team, I will be supporting leaders and teachers in sites from Waikerie to Jervois, so I will also be around to support in a smooth transition and ongoing progress and successes in curriculum too.

Our focus on Reading is a big area at JPS, as we are keen to set students up for many future successes and be strong in this fundamental skill of life. You can see in the JPS reading time line our key approaches and efforts, as well as the thinking we have done to continue this journey in 2021.

A way we have monitored student progress and achievement in reading over the last 5 years is with a colour coded system and all staff and several students are familiar with the Reading data wall in my office. The goal is to get students in the blue zone - as this indicates they have met expectation or green where they have exceeded expectation. The yellow indicates they are close to approaching the expectation and the red shows they do not yet meet the expectation. We use the same colour code for numeracy data which we started collecting this year. Each box below represents a 2020 JPS student and as you can see, around 75% of our students have met or exceeded reading expectation this year. What you can't see in this data is some of the students in the red and yellow areas have made amazing progress this year through their own efforts, class learning and intervention support groups. An example of this is the 4 students in year 1/ yellow who have all made either 12 or 14 months of reading progress. Every year 3/red student has also made 12 months progress in reading. And the 2 year 6 students in yellow made 16 or 20 months progress.

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I am so proud of the approach to reading we have at Jervois, from teachers committing to improving their understanding and practices through Professional Learning, the 47 students we have supported through literacy interventions, and efforts of students themselves with the Premier's Reading Challenge, to reading lessons in their class, and reading behaviours at home. You will read about your child as a reader and learner with their end of year report.

The upcoming holidays are a great time to rest, relax and enjoy but also to visit a library or enjoy reading alone or together at home, or under a shady tree, or by the river or wherever. Like everything, maintaining skills and habits require daily actions, so please model and encourage your children to continue to read/be read to and talk about what has been read for 10-20 minutes most days.

For the time being this is my final JPS newsletter, although history shows I do have a habit of returning to this wonderful place. It has been a privilege to have been a part of the team at JPS and to get to know so many great kids and families who choose Jervois to be their school. We have achieved a lot together and have always had students at the centre of what we do and have continued to aim for better.

My attempt at a top 5 areas/memories out of millions in the last 5 years include:

- Establishing a strong structure and regular opportunities for SC (Student Council)
- Things we do as a whole school: whole school reading, assemblies, MMM, and definitely the Mad magpie mural and the recent school mosaic project
- Developing Nature Play areas and play pedagogies in JP
- Community development of our 4 foundations, and
- Supporting staff in a range of ways including improvements to teacher knowledge and practice, Admin processes, including archiving; and JPS data collection/data walls and data analysis and responses to support learners.

And so much more.

Have a safe and happy holiday and all the best for 2021.

Kind regards,

Mikelle ☺



## From our Governing Council

Farewell to our teachers: Amanda, Danielle, Tania and Mikelle.

Wishing you all the best in your new ventures and thank you for your contribution to the students, Jervois Primary School and our wider community. Your dedication over the year/s is now a time in history. Tania especially, who has been a fabulous contributor to JPS for over 2 decades (actually 24 years!).

Mikelle, we thank you for your time as Principal of JPS and for leaving your stamp on the school and students. Your time and dedication is gratefully appreciated.

SSOs who are leaving for new ventures are Naomi and Nicki and also our PCW Shelley who recently left, we thank you for your dedication to JPS and wish you well.

Vicki and Liz we would like to wish you well in your retirements and hope you can travel safely and see Australia and enjoy time with your Families. Thank you for your dedication to the students and the support you have given staff and families.

To Greg and Peta, we thank you for your massive contribution to the school and being involved with numerous committees, excursions etc. You will be sorely missed but we wish you and your family well.

Thank you to all our Governing Councilors for your contribution this year.

Look forward to seeing you all next year.

Regards

Sharon Rickaby (Chairperson JPS Governing Council)

## School Reports

Today your child will bring home their School Report for Semester 2. Teachers spend many hours compiling information from Term 3 and 4 learning across all subjects to give you a snapshot of how your child is progressing as a learner. Time is taken to give comments to support their progress, also highlighting areas of strength and those which need further development. Please take the time to read your child's report and discuss it with them – it gives you and also your child the tools to build a plan to support them to become a deeper and more independent learner, whatever their level. As always, if you would like to discuss any aspect of your child's report, or their learning – including social skills; please contact your child's teacher (seesaw message or email is best) or contact the school office and we will pass on any messages for/from you.





# Merry Christmas & Happy holidays from us all at Jervois Primary xo



## AMANDA

When did you start at JPS? Beginning of 2018  
That makes me part of the furniture – but not the old furniture!

Any funny JPS moment you would like to share?  
Maybe that time a student called me: not Mrs Durham, not Mrs D, not even mum but... DAD?!?!?

Highlight of your time at JPS? Spending time teaching, learning and laughing with all the amazing people – you are all fabulous and I will miss you all sooo much!! xo  
If you were a superhero, who would you be & why?  
I don't think this superhero exists but one that can still function at a high level with minimal sleep!! (zzzzZZZ)

Where are you moving onto next year, or if not in another school, what will you be doing? Heading over to Tyndale to teach.  
Any words of wisdom to share with us? Work hard at what you do - your actions of today impact your tomorrow and keep looking for the positives, there is always a reason to smile! 😊



## LIZ

When did you start at JPS? Back in 2006!

That makes me feel like it's my happy place

Any funny JPS moment you would like to share?

Even though it was embarrassing at the time, I fell over on the stage during the end of year concert & needed help to get up: I can laugh about it now!

Highlight of your time at JPS? Many highlights, but the 1 dearest to me is the 7 yrs I worked with Cody who I often think of.

If you were a superhero, who would you be & why?

Wonderwoman – I am caring, kind & compassionate

Where are you moving onto next year, or if not in another school, what will you be doing? Retiring & looking forward to what the future brings.

Any words of wisdom to share with us? Always be kind & caring to each other – have confidence in yourselves: you never know where it will take you. Remember we are all in the learning pit at different times.

Love Mrs Abbott xx



## NAOMI

When did you start at JPS? I started in 2017.....That makes me a novice!

Highlights of your time at JPS? Starting out with the newbies in Reception and by the end of the year seeing how far they have come in their development. Also working with students and seeing the delight in their eyes when they have been successful in their learning.

If you were a superhero, who would you be & why? I would be wonder woman! Then I would find it so easy to have a career (or 2), plus keep up with being a wife & mother & fitting everything into my day

Where are you moving onto next year, or if not in another school, what will you be doing? Next year I will continue with my Veterinary Nursing and take a break from SSO work. I am also wanting to dedicate more time to breeding Miniature Schnauzers and have more energy for my own children.

Any words of wisdom to share with us? You only live once.. but if you do it right once is enough. This is a favourite of mine as such a reminder to make the most of every day and we should all do whatever makes us happy!



Thanks for the year. Wishing everyone a wonderful Christmas and holiday break with your family!



### TANIA

When did you start at JPS? Waaaay back in 1997!

That makes me a fossil, dinosaur, old hand & part of the furniture!

Any funny JPS moment you would like to share? Hmmm; the shenanigans which occurred on the compactus back in the day....seriously:

Highlight of your time at JPS? Staff shows, Wheelathon, Sports Days, excursions, camps and of course the amazing student make teaching at JPS a highlight! But I must also mention the committed and beautiful bunch of people I work with every day at JPS. I will never forget staff, students & the community who I have formed lifelong binds & friendship with.

If you were a superhero, who would you be & why? Hmmm I'm going with Captain Marvel, mainly because I would love to be able to fly.

Where are you moving onto next year, or if not in another school, what will you be doing? Murray Bridge High School, where I will be a middle years leader focusing on numeracy, but also seeing some old JPS student faces as I will be teaching maths also.

Any words of wisdom to share with us?

I have a whole book of wisdom, if you're afraid to fail then you're probably going to fail. Every mistake you make is progress. The most important thing is to try and inspire people so that they can be great in whatever they want to do. I can accept failure everyone fails at something but I can't accept is not trying. I'm never satisfied I'm always trying to get better and learn from my mistakes. No! Try not, do or do not there is no try! Your focus determines your reality. Mistakes are proof that you are trying! If it doesn't challenge you it won't change you! I think that is enough words of wisdom. Tania OUT!

A final word from our JPS staff:

Safe travels for your holidays,  
Spend lots of time outside,  
Enjoy the sunshine,  
Do some water activities

Enjoy this time with your  
families,  
Share special moments,  
Take lots of photos,  
Remember the gift  
of giving

Spend time together,  
Read some books,  
Play games,  
Make memories,  
And laugh lots!

Have a super Christmas and wonderful  
holidays....Love from all of us xoxo



## Nicki's Final Garden Guru News



Hi everyone,

It is with some sadness and some excitement about new plans for next year and all sorts of other feelings mixed in, that I am writing my last garden update.

I just mostly want to say a huge THANK YOU to all the amazing people here at this awesome little school. Everyone has pitched in, both in big and little ways, over the past 5 years since I started here, to help make our garden grow and our outside spaces more beautiful, productive, creative and inspiring.

For the students who I have spent time with in the garden.....I hope our garden learning has helped plant a seed of understanding and appreciation for our earth and what it gives back to us when we take the time to nurture it.

For all the students who will spend time in our kitchen garden space in the future.....I hope what we have all created here will be a space for growing, learning and enjoying for a long time to come.

*"To plant a garden is to believe in the future".*

Happy gardening and happy holidays to you all  
Lots of love Nicki xo



## Wellbeing Words

Student Council chose some books to be purchased from SC funds to be available through the library and in classrooms. Who can believe the Christmas holidays are nearly upon us? Families travel, gather, meet, swap, and usually spend more time together. While many are excited about this time, others become anxious or even dread all that extra often-unstructured time together, when siblings (and adults) get tired, lose patience and get frustrated with one another. If you are someone who does not get excited about the 6 weeks of school holidays can I encourage you to think positive, plan some simple and free outings – like the local playground, library or just a walk around the block – to break up the day with a change of scenery. Use the holidays to spend quality time with your family and friends, play a board game or I spy, challenge someone to name an animal for every letter of the alphabet, or google 'would you rather' questions for something different and entertaining! There will be days that are less fun than others but these days can also be learning opportunities and great for reflection conversations. Discuss what happened in a disagreement, what decisions were made and what decisions could have led to better outcomes. It might be a challenge, but lose the screens & devices; it will benefit you & your family's wellbeing!! Make the most of this special time and we'll see you all back in 2020!!

Amanda ☺



## Canteen wrap-up

Huge thanks to our wonderful Mums, Dads and Grandparents who have taken the time to come and help with lunches in the canteen during the year. It's a big commitment and one we really appreciate. Thanks for all those Tuesday wraps and sandwiches and the delicious Friday Fresh lunches – yum! Although canteen was rather disrupted with what and when we were able to offer service, the adaptation of our volunteers and students has been truly appreciated!

**Special thanks to those who go 'above & beyond', filling in when someone is unable to make their rostered day for various reasons – sometimes at very short notice, and those who help out quite regularly. Thanks, your availability and willingness to help is greatly appreciated. Michelle & the JPS Staff xo**

## NEW BOOKS!

**CHECK OUT SOME OF THE NEW BOOKS PURCHASED BY THE SC TO GO ON THE ZONES/HINDNESS SHELF AND SOME FOR YOUR ROOM!!**



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## A Message From Scholastic (our Bookclub)

Dear Families,

Students should keep reading for at least 10 minutes a day over the school holidays to set themselves up for a great start to the new school year. It will keep their brains active, develop overall reading skills and their love of reading. To help families **keep their reading momentum rolling over the holidays**, Scholastic are releasing some reading resources at the end of term, including

- Fun competitions and reading challenges
- Reading games for car trips
- Author and illustrator tutorials
- Book recommendations
- Extra special book sales and promotions
- Reading tips and more!

Go to [www.scholastic.com.au/summer](http://www.scholastic.com.au/summer)

Happy summer reading!



## Term 4 Terrific Kids:

R/1: Shaylah  
2/3: Sophie S  
4/5: Georgie  
6/7: Darcy



Presented by Malcolm & Betty from the Murray Bridge Kiwanis Club

### Student Council (Semester 2)

*Our Executive:* Roxanna (Chair), Fraser (Vice), Bethany G (Secretary), Georgie (Assist-Secretary), Phoebe (Treasurer), Caleb W (Assist-Treasurer)

*Committee:* Indee, Riley, Scarlett, Jylen, Noah, Daniel, Matilda, Shase, Mia D-M, Elise, Richard, Saxon

### Young Environmental Leaders (YEL)

Sabai, Mack, Makayla, Gemma, Sophie

### Student Learning Community (SLC)

Hollie, Taylor, Caleb W, Patric, Mack, Ellie

*Thanks to our students who have represented JPS for these groups, we know you have grown from the experience, although your opportunities have been limited this year with covid restrictions: but we are still proud of how you have taken on the challenge and shared your knowledge & ideas with us all!*



### Farewells

To our families, students and staff who are leaving our JPS community, we say a huge thank you for your contribution and support of our school. Good luck for whatever lies ahead, may your future journey be filled with risk taking, kindness and deep learning!

**Families:** *Davis, Cocks, Welsh, McFee, Litchfield, Tyler & Kalikas* families, – thank you for your contribution in so many ways to enable us to provide such a diverse learning environment for our students. We appreciate it so much and will miss you all.

**Students:** *Ryley, Kieran & Patric*, and our Year 7s: *Gemma, Sienna, Makayla, Bailey, Roxanna, Nathan, Mack, Angus, Levi & Jacob* – Good luck as you venture off into a whole new world of learning.....grasp every opportunity which comes your way: remember our foundations and share your knowledge with others. Be a risk-taker and think deeply to become the best possible version of YOU!

**Staff:** We have a HUGE list of leaving staff – thank you all for what you have brought and shared with us at JPS over the time you have been here. We will miss you all and appreciate the contribution you have all made to make our school great! .....so here goes



*Mikelle Miegel* – Principal since 2016 and also had a few stints with us before that too! Mikelle has been an influential and driven leader with her passion for learning, leading and growing. We have had SVA, SLC, word necklaces, LLI, 4 foundations, learning pit challenge, kindness focus, nature play, kitchen garden, chooks, creative play areas, art deco, building art.....a long list. Mikelle's deep love of reading has been instilled in us all. Enjoy your new role, we will still see you around at JPS when you come to visit!

*Tania McFee* – teacher who started as 'Miss Liebelt' in 1997, Tania has taught in all year levels across the school and has a passion for Math and Physical Education. There have been so many Tania-ified experiences she has brought to JPS: maths strategies, fun camps & excursions, cool PE games....Tania is moving on to a position at Murray Bridge High, so our graduating and past students may have the opportunity to learn from Tan again. After such a long time at JPS, she leaves big shoes to fill and will be missed greatly by us all!

*Amanda Durham* – teacher for the past 3 years in the 4/5 and 6/7 classes, and well-being leader, steering our SC group. Amanda has won a full time position at Tyndale: we wish her well and will miss her smile, laugh and kindness.

*Danielle Gruric* – teacher in 4/5 and 6/7 classes for Science, German & Art. Danielle has shared her creative side with our 4-7 students in classes and the activity room amongst the paint, boxes, paper and colours. Good luck with whatever comes along for next year and beyond!

*Liz Abbott* – SSO since 2006 who has worked with students in all year levels and more recently as our LLI queen. Liz's art ways and attention to detail is evident and we hope Liz enjoys retirement with John and her four legged babies!

*Nicki Foster* – SSO and our garden guru for the past 5 years. Nicki has nurtured our garden with love and care and shared her vast knowledge with students. Her passion for the outdoors, the garden, recycling, art and creativity is captured in whatever she does. Enjoy your next chapter of the great outdoors Nicki!!

*Naomi Buick* – SSO in our Junior classrooms for the past 4 years mainly helping with newbies in the R/1 class and students in 2/3s. Naomi's calm & kind ways will be missed by us all!

And we have already farewelled *Vicki Mason* and *Shelley Alexander* earlier during the year.

Phew....that's LOTS of changes for us at little old JPS!







Elise & Macy proudly display the R/1 & 2/3 class decorated Christmas tree: a competition run by acCare. The kids drew and coloured self-portrait Christmas angels, laminated them and used as tree decorations — it does look pretty cool!



Thanks to our Bus Driver, [Sam](#), who gave everyone an ice cream at recess time today — Thanks Sam....we love your kind gesture and thank you and [Prizzzy](#) and [Rob](#) for getting us safely to school and home again each day!

Super thanks to [Charlie](#) who does lots of jobs around our school, fixing things, building things, keeping plants watered, mowing the lawn, building benches and tables, lacquering wooden bits, making gardens, fixing fences, removing rubbish & recycling.....and keeping us entertained in the office! Thanks Charlie, we do appreciate all the things you do to keep JPS looking great!



Today we had a surprise visit from Santa's naughty elves: they had skipped out on helping Santa for the day and thought they would pop over to JPS to deliver some letters for the R/1 class direct from the jolly old fellow himself!

Their timely reminder was:  
'Don't forget to keep being good'!

Flashback Friday & re-enactment 8 years later! Little Levi, Little Angus & Little Mack started school in Reception with Mrs Hughes (she hasn't changed a bit!!)  
How cutell!!  
And my, how the boys have grown up — well Levi has anyway!!!





## Graduation

The Year 7 Graduation was traditionally held at the Wellington Hotel with a smaller than usual number of guests due to covid restrictions. The students made great speeches and their teachers Tania McFee & Amanda Durham highlighted special moments and funny times which stood out for them. Mikelle presented students with a graduation certificate & photo and Lexi (our P&F Rep) presented each graduate with a gift. Awards were presented sponsored by the Murray Bridge Kiwanis for a Graduating Terrific Kid, along with awards sponsored by the PCW Support Task Group for Encouragement and Creative Arts. A great night shared by everyone which ended traditionally with a jump in the river – and yes....once again the weather was a bit cold, evidently the water was quite warm!! Roxanna even glad-wrapped her plastered arm up so she could jump in too!

## Graduation Awards

**PCW Support Task Group awards**

**Marj Byerlee** encouragement award: **Bailey Sewell**

**Rosemary Wells** creative arts award: **Makayla Litchfield**

**4 Foundations** prize: **Roxanna Tyler**

**JPS 4 Foundations** Principal's Prize: **Mack Davis**

**KIWANIS** Terrific Kids award: **Angus Mc Fee**



.....so it's finally time for farewell to this bunch of cool kids, some of who have been with us for 8 years! Good Luck, be kind, stay true to yourselves, take risks, grab opportunities, keep learning, laugh, enjoy life and always remember your time at JPS fondly (we hope!)



Jervois Primary School      2020      Year 7 Graduates

Back: *Makayla Litchfield, Gemma Cocks, Roxanna Tyler, Bailey Sewell, Sienna Law*

Front: *Nathan Kalikas, Mack Davis, Jacob Thirkettle, Angus McFee, Levi Miller*

*Teachers: Tania McFee & Amanda Durham*



## Question time: Yr 7s under the microscope for the last time!

*We posed some 'serious' questions to our group of Year 7s to find out what they really think about life and the future, here's what they had to say.....*

Who is your ultimate superhero and why (cos that's really important to know!!)

Gus: Spiderman – he's just an ordinary kid who uses his knowledge & skills to his ability.

Bailey: My parents because they are always there for me and have been with me all through Primary School!

Mack: Shazam – he can go from a kid to an adult superhero by saying a word

Levi: Thor – he is played by Chris Hemsworth & is extremely powerful with some added humour

Sienna: Ice Girl – I made her up myself for a task & I want to have ice powers one day

Makayla: Dad, Amy & Sharon (my family) – they are my everyday super heroes: I can talk to them anytime, they have my back, will do anything for me & are always there for me

Roxy: Wonder Woman – she has an invisible jet that was pretty cool!

Gemma: Michael Jordan – he is my basketball idol (I think Tania would agree!!)

Jacob: Batman – he has no super powers, but he is strong and smart!

My favourite JPS moment was:

Gus: I don't think I could decide, there are so many, but Aquatics was pretty cool!

Bailey: When I went on an excursion in Mrs Cracknell's class to the Monarto Zoo & went on the bus early in the morning

Mack: My first day when I got to meet everybody (check out his smile in the Reception photo)

Levi: There's so many to choose from – but either this year's excursion or aquatics camp

Sienna: When at Challenge Hill, I accomplished majority of the obstacles: when we did Laser Tag I slipped in the mud!

Makayla: I don't have a favourite moment, but I've enjoyed my time at JPS

Roxy: Aquatics

Gemma: Making my first friends at JPS

Jacob: High School transition

What I will miss most about JPS:

Gus: How small it is & everyone's positivity

Bailey: All the teachers & the very good Friday Freshes. I will also miss all the challenges I was given

Mack: How small the school is & being able to ride to school

Levi: the teachers and how small this school is

Sienna: The small school, staying in one classroom, being the oldest class, all the little R/1s

Makayla: All the staff & students & the caring, kind school community

Roxy: Teachers & friends

Gemma: all the amazing teachers, students and staff

Jacob: Nice kids

What career path I might take:

Gus: I'm not sure, at my age I think there are so many opportunities

Bailey: Being successful in High School and finishing Yr 12 to get a good job

Mack: Get a good job first, then maybe start a small business in mountain biking & other outdoor sports

Levi: Maybe woodwork or welding

Sienna: A babysitting path as I love little kids

Makayla: I don't really know, but I would like to work in a café or something along those lines

Roxy: Professional basketball player & a vet

Gemma: I want to learn how to be a teacher or a doctor

Jacob: I think I will be a tradesman

Any advice for next year's Yr 7 group?

Gus: Be positive inside & outside the classroom & be as kind as you can!

Bailey: Don't take the easy path, take the most challenging one. Be a good leader and stay positive at all times!

Mack: Work hard, enjoy it while it lasts!

Levi: Be good and have fun!

Sienna: Be a leader & a good role model. Do your best work, be the best version of YOU!

Makayla: Be the best version of you, always put in 110% effort to everything you do. BE YOURSELF & have FUN!

Roxy: Don't be afraid to make mistakes, enjoy your time at school because it goes fast!

Gemma: Never give up when something is challenging. Be the best version of yourself!

Jacob: Work hard!

