



Dear Jervois Primary School Community,

**Welcome to Week 3 (already!)** This week our Reception to Year 5 students are enjoying a daily trip to the Murray Bridge pool for swimming lessons. While it has been a cool start to the week, by afternoon the weather has been quite pleasant and looks like it's warming up for the remaining days. We have had to juggle around a few lesson times for our Reception, Year 1 & Year 2 students to accommodate the available instructors, but it hasn't impacted our arrival and departure times at the pool. For anyone popping into the pool to watch their child, if you want to double check their actual swimming times, please give Michelle or Jo a call in the office.



Huge shout out and thanks to Michael McEntee and Travis Schenke from Tailem Bend PS for supporting us with an additional bus to get everyone into the pool each day. We would be quite stuck without your help – many, many, many thanks!



## COVID-19

Despite Covid-19 cases diminishing in South Australia, we ask you all continue to observe the following:

1. Parents are permitted on school grounds but please maintain social distancing and do not enter classrooms. We still encourage 'kiss & drop' at the front gate.
2. If you child is sick, please keep them at home.
3. When entering school grounds, please sign in using the school QR code – there are various QR code signs located at both main entrances, front office doors, and library. If you cannot use the QR code on your phone, complete and sign our covid site entry form & visitor book at the Front Office as per normal.

## School Attendance

A few reminders to help you and us navigate our school days:

- \* If your child is late to school (after 8:50am), please sign them in at the Front Office, or flick us a text on the school mobile 0419 618 309 to let us know they have arrived
- \* All absences must be notified to school: use the School Stream app, send a text to the school mobile, give us a phone call, or pop into the office when dropping off your other child/ren. It is an audit requirement for all absences to be supported with an explanation from parents – we cannot accept a verbal reason from a sibling.
- \* Please let us know if you will not require your bus seat in the afternoon (e.g. if you are picking up your child from school early for an appointment that day), particularly for the Woods Point/ Winery run: we are then able to allocate spare seats to anyone who rings to ask.
- \* Early pick-ups must be organised through the front office & students must be signed out (and crossed off the daily bus list if applicable)



School Stream App



It is appreciated you follow these requests to help us know who is and isn't at school and for end of day bus needs.

## New Student



Welcome to Brea who joined our Year 3s at JPS last week. We hope you LOVE being with us and we welcome the Leske family to our school community. Some of you may have met Brea and her family at Community Night – it was a great way for our new families & staff, in particular, to meet & greet with others.

(Check out some of the photos from Community Night on page 2!)

## Kimberly's Corner



What a busy start to the year we have had! Over the first two weeks I have spent time in every classroom, where it was great getting to know the students and seeing the quality learning occurring. The classrooms are abuzz with students developing their expectations, completing tests and getting to know each other. The sea of red and black in the classrooms is a very good sight to see and it is a wonderful achievement to see almost 100% of students in school uniform. Well done everyone!

Wednesday night we had Community Night and thank you to all families who participated. It was a pleasure to meet a number of families and reconnect with some familiar faces. Unfortunately I was not able to chat to everyone, so please pop in and say hello. Thank you to all the staff for your organisation and participation on the night. We hope to have more events like this throughout the year.

At Community Night I made a short speech introducing myself; here is a little snippet for those who may have missed it. *I started my teaching career at Mannum Community College in a reception and year one class. Over the years there I was able to teach all year levels from reception to year twelve and this is where I began my leadership journey when I became the Middle School Assistant Principal. From there I moved to the Better Behaviour Centre in Murray Bridge where I managed the centre. During this time, I took maternity leave for my three children (Mia, Emily and James). I then moved into the Education Office as part of the Support Services team where I was the Behaviour Support Coach and worked in preschools and schools in the Adelaide Hills, Murraylands and Coorong Mallee. I am excited to be at JPS and I am so proud to be leading such a dynamic and strong team. We will be following our SIP (Site Improvement Plan) for 2021 alongside continuing to develop the culture here at JPS. Over the coming weeks we will be introducing our staff (old and new), please watch out for this.*

Also on Wednesday we held the Governing Council AGM. We now have our Governing Council for 2021 and Sharon Rickaby is continuing as Chairperson. Throughout the meeting we looked at the annual report, discussed the budget and spoke about the Site Improvement Plan (SIP). If any of this sounds interesting to you, please come along to one of our meetings. They are held twice a term, generally in week 3 and 8. The dates will be in the newsletter calendar. If you have any further questions please contact either myself, Jo Flett or Sharon. Over the coming weeks we will introduce our governing council members; look out for their profiles in future editions.

Wednesday was certainly a busy day at JPS as we also had the cricket sessions for all classes. A big thank you to Georgie Shearer for organising and to Josh from SACA for running the sessions. It was great to see students working on their gross motor skills as well as their hand-eye coordination. Keep an eye out for photos on class seesaw apps.

This year is building to be full of fantastic learning opportunities. If you have any questions or concerns please let us know. If you have things to discuss please organise a time to meet, then I can guarantee you the time needed. Have a great week!

Kimberly

*"Education is the most powerful weapon which you can use to change the world."*

**Nelson Mandela**



*Relaxing and enjoying the company of others at JPS Community Night. What a great way to meet new families and staff, & chat in a comfortable and informal setting!*



## PCW (Pastoral Care Worker)

This week we welcome Anna Houghton as our new PCW! We hope you settle well into your new role with us at JPS Anna, and we look forward to all meeting you over the next few weeks!

Anna will be with us on Mondays and Tuesdays to support students and staff across the whole school. We will share some info about Anna in our next newsletter, including a photo. Please say 'Hi' and make yourself known to Anna when you see her 😊

## Governing Council and Staff Spotlight

Over the next few newsletters we will share some insights of who our 2021 JPS Governing Counsellors are, and a little bit about them. We will also have a Staff in the spotlight section; giving everyone some inside info about our teachers, and SSOs. While you may know some of us quite well already, there still might be something interesting you may learn about us too!

## What's On for Term 1:

C = Canteen @ recess time

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
8/2 R-5 Swimming	9/2 C R-5 Swimming	10/2 R-5 Swimming	11/2 R-5 Swimming	12/2 C R-5 Swimming
15/2	16/2 C	17/2	18/2 Finance Audit (Jo)	19/2 C Assembly
22/2	23/2 C	24/2	25/2	26/2 C
1/3	2/3 C Communities for Children Calendar Art sessions	3/3	4/3	5/3 C Assembly
8/3 PUBLIC HOLIDAY Adelaide Cup	9/3 C	10/3	11/3 SANFL Footy Clinic	12/3 C
15/3	16/3 C	17/3	18/3	19/3 C Assembly
22/3	23/3 C	24/3	25/3	26/3 C
29/3	30/3 C	31/3	1/4	2/4 PUBLIC HOLIDAY Good Friday
5/4 PUBLIC HOLIDAY Easter Monday	6/4 C	7/4	8/4 RAA Street Smart visit	9/4 C WHEEL-A-THON 2:05pm dismissal
<b>TERM 2</b>				
26/4 PUBLIC HOLIDAY for Anzac Day	27/4 STUDENT FREE DAY	28/4	29/4	30/4 C





## Community news & events

### Murray Bridge United Football (Soccer) Club

2021 Registration / Information / Player Nomination Night on:  
Friday 12<sup>th</sup> February from 4.00pm to 6.30pm

All Enquiries/Player Nominations to:

Grant Klenke 0411 057 039

Email: [klenkegc@internode.on.net](mailto:klenkegc@internode.on.net)

### NOW OPEN

Callington A & H Show announces its first online **Literary, Artwork and Photography Competition**, for S.A. Residents only, on the theme:  
**"Reflections 2020"**

Like many other country shows, the pandemic forced us to cancel our show in 2020. However, the show committee is enthusiastic to share details of this brand-new initiative - an online competition.

The winner's book, "Reflections 2020" will be launched at our Show on the last Sunday in October 2021. This book will contain the work of successful entrants in the competition, which has three sections: literary, colour artwork and black and white photography. Within each of these sections, there will be Open and Junior classes. The literary section has three classes – Open, Junior and Primary. Entries must reflect the theme and may be about Covid19, about the bushfires, about the drought, or any other pertinent focus from your 2020.

**This is a competition for all ages**, and we are so looking forward to showcasing South Australia's talent. Details of the competition, which opened on 18<sup>th</sup> January 2021 & closes on 26<sup>th</sup> February are on our website

[www.callingtonshow.com.au](http://www.callingtonshow.com.au)

Mandy Toczec McPeake  
Comp Convenor/Asst Sec Callington Show Committee

ONLY  
\$30





## ALL GIRLS MASTER BLASTERS

AGES 8-11 | 90 MINS | 6 WEEKS

Johnstone Park ~ Tuesdays 16<sup>th</sup> Feb to 23<sup>rd</sup> March ~ 5:00-6:30pm

Play in teams of 6 with your school friends

All participants to receive a Cricket Blast cap and shirt

Program managed by qualified SACA staff

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