



Dear Jervois Primary School Community,

It's been another HUGE term and year at JPS and a finish quite unlike any other year with us saying farewell to our Year 7s AND Year 6s as they both set off on their new adventure to Murray Bridge High School. It sure has been a crazy couple of weeks with two graduations, lots of family and staff farewells, some new faces popping in; and all our little newbies we will be welcoming next year!

So sit, back, relax and take it all in as we present our final newsletter for the year: chock full of fond memories and best wishes as we celebrate all that is and was our JPS of 2021.....

HUGE THANKS to the wonderful people who support our staff to enable us to offer all of these extra things we need additional hands for. This year has again been challenging for all of us. It has changed the way we have had to go about things, reduced the support we can utilise from our volunteers and meant a few less extra activities than we would normally do. Although next year brings in new requirements for volunteering, we are hopeful this won't restrict us and you too much....and we can return to some form of 'normal-ness'!

THANK YOU to our Governing Councilors: Sharon, Tim, Chelsea, Jen, Trudy, Craig, Danielle, Elyse & Jo: 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. Special thanks to Sharon, Tim, Chelsea & Jen as they are leaving JPS. Thank you to our P&F committee and helpers who have been able to have a few fundraising events this year: your efforts are very much appreciated! Thanks Lexi for steering the ship for the last few years as you too now finish your time with us at JPS!

And to all our volunteers who help out in so many different ways, when it was possible to do so – parents, grandparents, aunties, uncles, friends, community members and others outside our school community.

THANK YOU EVERYONE!



Final reminder: Admin Staff will be onsite

next week from Mon 13/12 until Fri 17/12 if you need to collect reports for anyone absent on the last day of school. Reminder to return your BUS permission forms for 2022 & orders for Yr 6 uniforms.



2022 Term 1 starts MONDAY 31st January

All Staff will be back at school on Thursday 27th and Friday 28th of January



Kimberly's Last News for 2021

We have reached the end of the term and what a way to finish. Over the last two weeks, we have celebrated our year 6 and 7 students. The graduations were held at the Wellington Hotel and I was extremely impressed with the student's speeches. They all spoke with confidence and reflected on their time at JPS. The meals were great and a big thank you must go to the staff at the Wellington Hotel. It was good to see the tradition (when the students were in their parents care) of jumping into the river. I would like to wish our year 6 and 7 students all the best in 2022.

On Tuesday, our new Principal for next year, Elissa Hunter, visited to meet staff and students. It was a great day where Elissa gained great insight into JPS and our plans for 2022. She is looking forward to working with everyone next year.

The weather was perfect for our pool day on Monday. It was great to see students enjoying the facilities at the Murray Bridge Swimming Pool. A big thank you to Ann and Lexi for cooking the sausages, making sure we were all fed before leaving the pool.

This week I have been working Stan and Sue to ensure our SIP (Site Improvement Plan) is ready to take to Governing Council in term 1. The SIP is in line with our ESR (External School Review) directions and staff is already working toward these directions. It is going to be an exciting year at JPS in 2022.

Step Up day was a wonderful day! It was great for our students to work in their 2022 classes with their new teachers. As you may have read on our class placement note, Kiri Thompson has been appointed to JPS in 2022. She will share the year 5/6 class with Georgie Shearer and provide NIT (non-instructional teaching) to some classes. Kiri visited our school yesterday.

Thank you to all families who have participated in weekly reading rewards. We have seen students who have regularly participated in reading reward improve with their reading. I would encourage all families to listen to their child/ren read over the holidays. You may even like to share the reading of books. It is a great way to strengthen the skills learnt across the year.

It is hard to believe this is my last newsletter article for JPS for 2021. I have thoroughly enjoyed my time and have learned so much! It was been wonderful to get to know each and every one of you and I have been honoured to lead your child/ren's school. I would like to wish everyone a magical Christmas and all the very best in 2022!

Kimberly

**"What we call the beginning is often the end.
And to make an end is to make a beginning. The end is where we start from."
T.S. Eliot**



(Thank you Kimberly – we have loved having you at JPS)



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.

Staffing for 2022

Principal

Elissa Hunter

R/1

Andrea Hughes & Serenity Carson

1/2

Sophie Frosat & Serenity Carson

3/4

Rachel Edwards & Elise Hams

5/6

Georgie Shearer & Kiri Thompson

Wellbeing

NIT

Ann Cracknell

Ann Cracknell &

Kiri Thompson



Term 4 Terrific Kids:

R/1: Hayden
2/3: Charly
4/5: Zoey
6/7: Fraser



Presented by Malcolm & Kathy from the Murray Bridge Kiwanis Club

Student Council (Semester 2)

Our Executive: Sophie & Fraser (Joint Chairpersons), Ellie (Secretary), Aia (Treasurer),
Committee: Zoey, Charlii, Riley, Sierreh, Jylen, Imogen, Hamish S, Saydee, Hallie, Eli W, Kohan

Young Environmental Leaders (YEL)

Ava, Caleb T, Ffion, Jazlyn & Sabai

Thanks to our students who have represented JPS for these groups, we know you have grown from the experience and we are proud of how you have taken on the challenge and shared your knowledge & ideas with us all! Many thanks to Mrs Cracknell (SC) and Kel (YEL) for adult support for these groups, to guide and mentor our students in their roles.



T4 Terrific Kids: Charly (2/3), Hayden (R/1), Zoey (4/5) & Fraser (6/7) with Malcolm & Kathy from MB Kiwanis



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 (there's a LOT!): Rickaby, Hicks, Baker, Turner, Brooks, Law, Goodridge, Miller, Clifford, Naughton, Newell, Beaumont, Norvill, Fowler, Thirkettle and Williams 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: Kohan, our Year 6s: Sarah, Bethany, Ava, Mia, Phoebe, Jemia, Jed, Rylann, Jack & Caleb and our Year 7s: Aia, Ffion, Kiara, Bethany, Sophie, Lylah, Ellie, Olivia, Ella, Jazlyn, Sabai, Charlie, Kody, Fraser, Darcy, Corbin & Kaylam - 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!



School Concert DVD or USB

Each family will have a goodie pack sent home today, including school reports, newsletter, copy of ordered school concert performance and any other bits & pieces. If you think you are missing something, please let us know ☺

Spot the typo

When you receive your copy of this year's school concert (DVD or USB) see if you can spot the typo.....there's our challenge to you! It will make sure you watch the whole performance with great scrutiny! Our apologies – it's a bit ironic when we at school can't get all our spelling correct!!



Staff leaving JPS: We've taken a leaf out of the graduating students book and used a 'then & now' photo; but with a few more years in-between!! And included a little interview snap-shot about where they are heading next



Kimberly Rathjen our 2021 Principal

Greatest JPS moment: So many to choose from..... end of year concert and watching the junior and middle classes copy the uppers dancing on stage!

What you will be doing next year: Principal Fraser Park Primary School

What you are looking forward to about it: Continuing my journey as a Principal; putting into practice what I have learned at JPS & continuing to learn at Fraser Park.

A final word of advice for us left at JPS land: Work hard and believe in yourself. It is an amazing school with a very bright future ahead.

You have supported both students and staff immensely. Thank you for your effort to get and keep us on track, steering us forward ready to take on 2022. Good luck with your new role at Fraser Park PS!!!



Jess Hankin our 6/7 class teacher

Greatest JPS moment: going on the whole school excursions and being so proud of all the kids and how they behaved.

What you will be doing next year: I am going to be working at Murray Bridge High

What you are looking forward to about it: I'm excited that I will still get to see my ENTIRE class next year continue to grow (and keep an eye on them)

A final word of advice for us left at JPS land: Please listen to ALL the adults in your lives - we ALL care about you and only want the best for you!



Monika Hatcher taught in 4/5s and 6/7s + Choir

Greatest JPS moment: There are sooooo many: teaching the dances for the concert & watching confidence & excitement grow to the point of being performance ready! Aquatics Camp was an absolute highlight for me as was choir & school concerts!

What you will be doing next year: I will be teaching core subjects and music to the year 7's at Murray Bridge High School!

What you are looking forward to about it: New challenges and being closer to home which means being able to spend more time with my family.

A final word of advice for us left at JPS land: For the students: Work hard and aim high - You will do amazing things!

For the teachers and staff - I will leave you with a recipe favourite: How to make iced coffee

1. Become a teacher 2. Bring hot coffee to school 3. Start doing a million things 4. Forget your coffee 5. Drink it cold. Seriously though - You have all been so lovely to work with! I feel so lucky to have had the opportunity to work with you and get to know you all. I will sincerely miss everybody!!



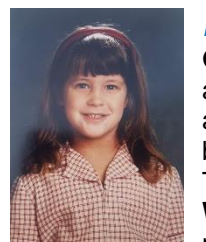
Kel Hicks SSO support/Numeracy & Rave-O groups/YEL

Greatest JPS moment: Every time a student has an 'ah ha' moment in Numeracy! It's great when students understand what they are learning and it makes sense to them.

What you will be doing next year: Next year I will be at Murray Bridge High School working in Learning Support for Numeracy and Literacy.

What you are looking forward to about it: Learning new strategies & being able to teach them to a number of students. I'm sure this new role will be challenging but also very rewarding.

A final word of advice for us left at JPS land: I wish everyone the very best in 2022! I hope it is a great year for learning and sharing. Thank you to all teachers, parents and students over the past 5 years, you have all been great sources to learn from and create memories with. I will continue to touch base with my JPS family for many years to come. **"The best way to predict your future is to create it!" - Abraham Lincoln.**



Madalyn Schache SSO support/Phonics groups

Greatest JPS moment: I have a bunch of great JPS memories & the whole year has been an opportunity for me: from watching room 1 newbies become familiar & confident with life at school, science experiments that became a part of the Friday reading rewards, baking in the canteen with students & watching them share their food with pride to all JPS. The daily hugs, hellos & students asking to listen to them read, not be told they have to!

What you will be doing next year: In 2022 I'm looking forward to spending more time in my own business.

A final word of advice for us left at JPS land: Fail. Fail as many times as you can, at as many things as you can. Because that means you are living, trying and with no "what ifs!"

I will miss every single student and staff member a whole gigantic bunch! 😊

We will miss you all and appreciate the contribution you have all made to make our school great!





Fraser & Sophie were selected to compete in the Murraylands SAPSASA Tennis team earlier this term. They had a great four days, playing with other kids from local schools, making new friendships and having some great games of tennis. Well done both of you!

Thanks to our Bus Driver, **Sam**, who gave everyone an ice cream at recess time today. Thanks Sam...we love your kind gesture and thanks to **Sam**, **Prizzy** and **Geoff** for getting us safely to school and home again each day!

Thanks **Andrew**, **Craig** & **crew** for keeping our lawns mowed and all the big and little jobs you do around the place!

We had **big Charlie** doing lots of stuff around our grounds earlier in the year, but he has now retired!

Many thanks to **Margaret** & **Maureen** who clean for us every day — we really appreciate your effort and sorry things are a bit messy in classrooms sometimes!

Bus for 2022

We have been informed the Willow Point Winery are having renovations/development done early next year. This will impact on us utilising their property as a Bus drop off and pick up point. We are currently looking at other options and will keep you informed as things develop.



It's almost holidays.....yay!

Make sure you spend your holidays doing lots of fun stuff: spend lots of time outdoors, breathe the fresh air, turn off the play stations & switches and GET OUTSIDE! Play some backyard cricket, catch some bugs, fly a kite, make sand castles, mud pies and cakes, go for a hike or run, find a nature trail to explore, go swimming or surfing, camp out (even if it's just in your backyard!); and if you're lucky enough to go away on holidays somewhere....have an amazing time!




Jervois Cricket Club / Junior Blasters Thurs **04:30pm**
PLAYCRICKET.COM.AU / 0400 048 968 / jervoiscc@gmail.com

SIGN UP
TODAY



Graduation: Year 7 & Year 6

Both Yr 6 & 7 Graduations were traditionally held at the Wellington Hotel in separate celebration evenings. We had a HUGE group of graduating Year 7 students (17) & their families, with a much smaller group of Year 6s (10). Students made great speeches & their teacher Jess spoke about each one during entertaining slideshows depicting photos of each graduate. Kimberly, P&F Reps Jen & Samantha presented each student with a graduation certificate, photo & gift to celebrate their final year at Primary School. Awards sponsored by Murray Bridge Kiwanis for a Graduating Terrific Kid; SMG Support Task Group for Encouragement & Creative Arts; & Principal awards were all presented. Shelyn Wilkinson also came to present the Too Deadly Awards for our ATSI students. Both were great nights shared by students, staff & families; which both ended with the traditional jump in the river!

Graduation Awards

Year 7

Year 6

SMG (PCW) awards

Encouragement award:

Creative arts award:

KIWANIS Terrific Kids award:

Principal's Awards:

Deadly Awards:

Darcy Melbourne

Sabai Baker

Ffion Brooks

Olivia Turner

Charlie Clifford

Jazlyn Wynen

Ellie Tabe

Phoebe Sewell

Ava Miller

Jemia Wynen

Jemia Wynen



Kimberly & Phoebe



Jemia & Malcolm



Kimberly & Ava



Jemia & Jess (Deadly award)



Olivia & Kimberly



Jazlyn, Shelyn & Ellie (Deadly awards)



Ffion & Kimberly



Charlie & Kimberly



Sabai & Kimberly.....



Kimberly, Darcy & Necia (Kiwanis)





Kiara



My favourite JPS moment was aquatics

The important questions we had to ask.....

- * My Hero & why
- * Favourite JPS moment
- * What I'll miss most about JPS
- * What career path I might take
- * Words of advice for next year's graduates



Bethany G



My hero is my sister Hayley because she is there for me when I need her the most



Sabai



Advice – eat your veggies!!

PS – Dad is my hero!



Phoebe



Ambra is my hero – she is good at drawing and she gives me tips on my drawing



Raylam



I will miss Samantha and all the other staff



Ella



1. focus on school first
2. try skiing & kneeboarding at aquatics
3. have FUN (not too much)



Aia



Try your hardest and don't let anyone drag you down



Fraser



Thomas is my hero – he is my big brother and he is cool!



Jed



I think I will be a mechanic or in motocross



Rody



I think I will get a trade and do building or carpentry



Bethany L



My hero is Ffion because she was there when I needed her, she is caring



Olivia



Favourite JPS moment is this years school concert – it was a really fun experience because we did dancing – which I'm good at!



Ava



I'll miss the kind staff and the raspberries at the garden

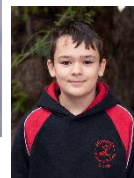


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Caleb



My favourite moment is my first day at school, and aquatics

Corbin



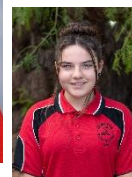
My brother Ethan is my hero – he takes me to do fun stuff and helps me with stuff

Jaz



Advice: just do your work, don't get involved with friend problems, listen to your teachers cause they only want the best for you!

Lyiah



I think I would like to be something to do with animals – a vet or zoo keeper

Ffion



My hero is my mum because she's helped me through tough situations

Jack



Be good and respectful!

Sarah



Advice: enjoy it while it lasts because the year goes fast!

Rylann



I really loved aquatics camp this year – it was lots of fun

Sophie



I'll miss that it's a small school and all the kids and staff

Mia



My favourite JPS moment was when we walked around the city for our excursion

Jemia



Mads is my hero because she helps me with my problems and helps when its needed



Ellie



Just do your work and be kind to the teachers!

Darcy



I'll miss Friday Fresh the most! (brownie points for you Darcy!!)

Charlie



Favourite moment at JPS was the Challenge Hill excursion





The legendary and infamous Welly River jump after graduation for our Year sixes (right) and Year sevens (below). After graduation dinner and speeches, this was the best way to clear out the dining room really quickly!!



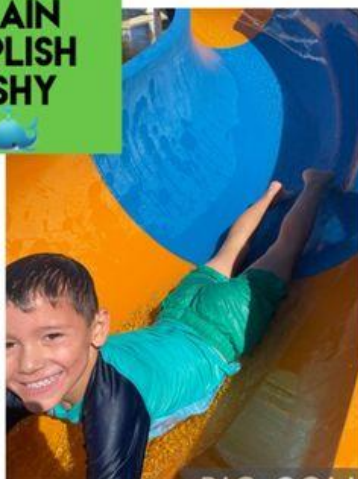
The last couple of weeks of school have been full of exciting and fun things: graduations, end of year whole school excursion at the pool, making cool stuff in classes



**END OF YEAR
POOL DAY...**



**WAS A DAY
OF PLAIN
OLD SPLISH
SPLASHY
FUN**



PIC•COLLA

Here is a Christmas tree



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 – Yr 6 & 7 Graduates 2021

Back: Ellie Tabe, Sophie Hicks, Jazlyn Wynen, Sabai Baker, Corbin Rickaby, Bethany Goodridge, Caleb Turner, Bethany Law, Fraser Hicks, Jess Hankin (teacher), Mia Newell, Ffion Brooks, Olivia Turner, Aia Ban-Venables, Kody Hameister, Charlie Clifford, Darcy Melbourne
Front: Jemia Wynen, Ella Valderemao, Kaylam Thirkettle, Jed Fowler, Phoebe Sewell, Lylah Naughton, Ava Miller, Sarah Beaumont, Kiara Fenner, Jack Spry, Rylann Norvill

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



That's a wrap for 2021 from us.....have a wonderful holiday break, enjoy your Christmas festivities and a well-earned rest!
We're sure we are all wishing for a super-doooper 2022
Love from all the students and staff at JPS xoxo