



8th March 2023

Dear Parents & Carers,

School **starts** at **8:50am**
School **finishes** at **3:05pm**



Principal's Piece: from Elissa

The term is flying by and we are already at the half way point. At times it is a moment to reflect and for me it is a reminder of the things we have achieved as a site, and of course the things we have yet to finish! **Governing Council** AGM saw some new faces volunteering for council, and reappointed some not so new parents. Another opportunity exists for a parents and friends group. This means we'll need some parents who are keen to volunteer some time to pursue fundraising activities, and organise community events for the school. If you are keen you can contact the school.



Continuing with **volunteers**; we recently had a very successful volunteer morning where we supported our volunteers through the sometimes onerous Responding to Abuse and Neglect training. Thank you to all of those who attended, and we are very much looking forward to integrating you within our school community. Community night was again successful and Mrs Hughes and the student forum's burger building station was very popular, as was the end of night dancing entertainment by some of the students in Miss Chloe's class.

NAPLAN is being undertaken earlier than it has in the past this year. Next Wednesday to Friday the year threes and fives will participate in Writing, Reading, Language Conventions tests, with Numeracy in the following week. If you haven't already, it is important to advise school if you wish your child to be withdrawn.

We have taken the opportunity to use our partnership's Literacy Lead, Bec Eli who is working closely with myself, Mrs Cracknell, and Mrs Tam in tightening our **Phonics Instructional Routines**. As a site we have invested a lot of time, effort and learning around the English learning area, and I look forward to seeing our younger students being able to access the curriculum successfully because of the quality teaching they receive at Jerois.

Thanks,
Elissa

GC AGM

Our 2023 Governing Council are: Bianca Gazzola (Chairperson), Craig Clark (Vice), Jo Flett (Secretary), Sarah Beare (Treasurer), Zoey Cazzolato, Danielle Wohlschlager, Roxy Smith, Maria Crook, Elyse Faehrmann, Catherine Rogers, Mel Crouch & Andrea Hughes (Staff rep), plus our Principal, Elissa Hunter.



We welcome our newest members: Sarah, Roxy and Catherine! With a great representation of parents, this year's Governing Council is keen to emphasise **COMMUNITY** within the school, **CONNECTION** between home/community/school, and bringing back a strong **VOLUNTEER** presence to support students, staff and our school in general. We look forward to seeing and hearing lots of positive things inspired via GC to encourage families' participation and input to our school!

PARENT/TEACHER INTERVIEWS

We are fine-tuning teacher available times for our coming Parent/Teacher Interview week: WEEK 10 Monday 3rd, Tuesday 4th & Wednesday 5th APRIL. There will be numerous times available for parents/carers to book a time with their child's teacher to chat about their learning journey so far this year, any concerns and steps or strategies to put in place moving forward to support and enhance their education and/or social development. All of the information, including the online booking link, will be sent home with all families very soon. If you have any issues with the online booking platform, please don't stress.....you can ring us or pop in and we will slot you into a free spot! All teachers will be available:



Regular class teachers: Tam (R/Yr 1), Ann (Yr 1/2), Chloe (Yr 3/4) & Ereena (Yr 5/6)
Additional teachers: Cathryn (Mrs Knight – Science), Michelle (Mrs Koehler) 3/4 and R/1, and Andrea (Mrs Hughes) Wellbeing, ATSI & Autism inclusion

Important Dates and Reminders

LONG WEEKEND – PUBLIC HOLIDAY

Monday 13th March is a Public Holiday – enjoy your long weekend!

STUDENT FREE DAYS – 2023

TERM 1: Thurs 6th April
 TERM 2: Tues 13th June
 TERM 3: Mon 4th September
 TERM 4: Mon 16th October
 Wed 6th December (School Closure)

SCHOOL FEES

Remember to either APPLY FOR SCHOOL CARD or PAY YOUR SCHOOL FEES please (EFT, cash or cheque preferred. EFTPOS is also available)! See Jo if you need to chat about a payment plan!

SCHOOL CONCERT: Date is SET for Term 4 TUESDAY 5th December! Pop it in your diary NOW!

YR 6 UNIFORM ORDERS: A reminder Yr 6 uniform orders are due back by THIS FRIDAY 10th March. A deposit is required to secure your order, with full payment due prior to the uniforms being given to your child. If you need another order form, please let Michelle know.

CAMP UPDATE: for Yr 3-6 As you know, we have booked a camp for our Yr 3-6 students at Aldinga in Term 2. Look out for consent forms coming home today. We are excited! Should you need to discuss a payment plan for your child, please contact Jo asap.

And don't forget to support our ROCKY ROAD fundraiser – one of the ways we are raising money to support our families with the cost of camp & excursion opportunities for this year!

Jarvis Primary School **Rocky Road** Fundraiser...

We are making and selling rocky roads at school to help bring down the cost of our term 2 camp (3-6) and excursion (r-2).

Cost: \$10.00 (gst excl)


These would make the perfect Easter or Mother's Day gift (or just a gift for anybody really!!)

We will have them ready for delivery or pick up by Friday 3rd March 2023. miss out!

We can make them **with** or **without** peanuts (but still may contain traces of nuts.)

Ingredients: chocolate, raspberries, marshmallows, peanuts

name	How many with peanuts?	How many without peanuts?	Total amount due...	paid	phone number



100th BIRTHDAY MERCHANDISE: There is still merchandise available from our 2022 100th JPS birthday celebrations if you would like to stock up on some PORT, browse through a century of JPS in pictures, grab a special centenary PEN or TOTE BAG, or would like a copy of the JPS 70th History book. All wonderful mementos of a special event, a once in a lifetime celebration of 100 years of learning at JPS!

TOILET ETIQUETTE: There has been a large number of reports of inappropriate behaviour in the toilets (mostly the boys' toilet): students climbing over the cubicle wall and locking doors, students peeking over or under doors, wetting toilet paper or hand towel and throwing at the wall/ceiling/mirror, and some nasty writing on the girls' toilet door.....this behaviour MUST STOP! Please have a chat with your child to ensure they are using the toilets appropriately, and being kind and considerate for Margaret who has to clean them for us!

BUS BEHAVIOUR REMINDER: A timely reminder for ALL bus families to emphasise to your child/ren the importance of appropriate safe bus behaviour while using the school bus. For many travelers, having access to the bus is a privilege and available only due to the size of the bus we have available which gives us extra seats we can offer. The bus contract with the Department for Education is reviewed annually and we cannot guarantee this current arrangement we use (with the bus roster) will be available year after year. Unfortunately, in most cases, bus issues seem to involve students using the near Winery stop; its important for parents/carers to encourage safe & kind behaviour while travelling on the bus to not cause a distraction to the driver & keep all bus users safe; giving everyone a nicer end (& start) to each day! We don't want to have to remove anyone's privilege to use the bus, so please reiterate this with your kids!



HAT & SUNSMART REMINDER: Back to school tips and SunSmart reminder for Term 1

The school year is well underway, with both new and returning children and students excited for the year ahead.

Term 1 is a great time to reflect on our school sun protection policy and practice, to ensure we are all being SunSmart. With the UV reaching extreme levels during February and March, remember, protect your skin in five ways when the UV is 3 or above – slip, stop, slap, seek and slide.

When UV is 3 or above be SunSmart



Here is our top back to school SunSmart tips:

- Encourage families to apply sunscreen as part of your child's morning routine, to assist with protection throughout the morning. We also have supplies of sunscreen at school in classrooms & the front office, & encourage children to use this.
- Our sun protection policy includes ensuring all students wear a broad-brimmed, legionnaire or bucket style hat, and are familiar with the SunSmart dress code.
- Reinforce hat wearing during outdoor play and break times; and encourage staff and parents to role model SunSmart behaviours too.
- Involve students in SunSmart reminder processes: 'no hat, play in the shade'.

If you need a new hat for your child, we have legionnaire (\$7), bucket styles (\$8), and only a very few broad-brimmed (\$8) hats available for sale in the front office.

COVID-19

We have had a few positive cases of Covid-19 reported to us recently. It's an important reminder to remain vigilant with keeping your child/ren at home if they are feeling unwell and testing if they have symptoms; this will all help to avoid an infection spread.

If they return a positive test (RAT or PCR), please let us know, and keep them home for 5 days and while symptomatic.

FUNDRAISING through DRAKES MURRAY BRIDGE

We are registered through the Drakes Community support program – when shopping at Drakes, make sure you have their Community app downloaded, scan the barcode on the right, go to settings and search for Jervois Primary School – make sure it's ticked as your preference, then you're good to go!

At the checkout, make sure you scan/use the app and JPS will benefit from your shopping \$\$.

We receive vouchers with community dollars earned, which we can use for purchases (e.g. for items we need for the coming Car Boot sale BBQ stall – which will then help to generate more fundraising \$\$ for the school!).

FRIDAY FRESH

Last week we started the 2023 Friday Fresh lunches, with 35 orders! It was a great way to kick off Friday options for lunch. While you may be confident your child will eat what is on offer, if you (or they) are unsure, please make sure you pack them something extra just in case they don't eat FF.....better to at least have something for lunch than nothing. We will be introducing some different menu options but also having some old favourites too!



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VOLUNTEER UPDATE

Thank you to all parents/carers who responded to our volunteer call out! We have a nice number of adults willing to help out at school when they can.....The Department requires volunteers to have the necessary clearances to be involved at school: Working With Children Check (WWCC) clearance, Responding to Abuse & Neglect in Education & Care (RAN-EC) training and completing the relevant Volunteer agreements. If you would still like to pop your hand up to help out, please contact Michelle to get the ball rolling. All of the above will be emailed to you, with the relevant links and support, if needed.

PCW Piece



Its been a steady few weeks as we step back into school after swimming! I have been able to do a few fun jobs with some students; like building some furniture and playing a couple of games these last few weeks! Lunch club is continuing to be a real success here at Jervois, especially on the SUPER hot days we have had. It's giving everyone a nice quiet and cool place to chill out! Hope everyone is having an excellent start to term 1! We are half

way through!!

Enjoy your week,

Anna

CHOIR CORNER

Choir has taken off for 2023! We had our first lesson in Week 4 and it was a BIG HIT! I think both the students and myself were shocked at how well it went! We have spent the last two weeks learning the song 'WHISPER' and wow the students have caught on fast! I have loved hearing how excited they are to take their books home and practice!

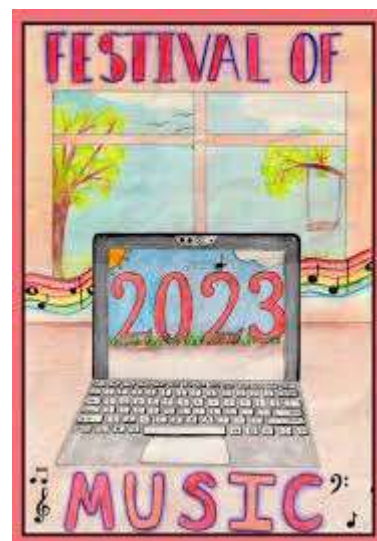
Choir is new for me as I have spent the last 2 and a bit years being the PCW at Jervois but taking on this new second role has been so exciting for me!

Just a few things for parents and students to remember! If your child is taking the choir book home, PLEASE make sure they bring it back each Thursday for our lesson! Also if they wish to use the app they are more than welcome too. Details are:

- * App name – Festival of Music
- * Username – student
- * Password – world23

Keep practising and happy singing!

Anna 😊



Jervois Hall Car Boot Sale

Sunday 2nd April @
9am

Site Bookings:

0417 837 641

Outside sites \$15

Inside sites \$20

JPS has been asked to run the BBQ, coffee, tea & cake: we need volunteers!!

Family / Couples Portraits

Sunday 2nd April 2023
@ Jervois Institute Hall
9am-2pm

Pre-booking your time slot is preferred
but not essential.

\$20 x1 \$35 x2 \$45 x3 \$50 x4 Portraits

For more information, please message Via Messenger,

Samantha Warner Photography or email
Samanthawarnerphotography@hotmail.com

(For Gift Vouchers, Family, Baby, Event Photography or Photoshoots at a later
convenience also feel free to message me Samantha).



Mrs Hughes' News (Wellbeing & other bits)

What a HUGE turnout we had at **Community Night!**

Thanks SO much to those for making the effort to pop along. It was SO nice to see old and new families enjoying each other's company.

I am really hoping to build that **feeling of community** back that I think we have lost a little since covid entered our lives.

We need to rebuild and reconnect with each other and I think we are off to a good start!

And the **burgers** were delicious!!!!

Thankyou also to those parents that came to our **Volunteer Morning** last Thursday, or those parents that were unable to make it, and have done what they need online to volunteer at JPS.

We are **very grateful** for your support and look forward to seeing you pop up around school from time to time!

I have been having a few conversations with Bianca Gazzola (our Governing Council chairperson) about **building our school community as well as building those connections between home and school, as well as each other.**



We have been wondering what we can do to bridge this gap? In the past we have had a Parent and Friends Committee which used to meet once or twice a term at school.

We understand in this day and age, this is very tricky for lots of us due to lots of reasons.

So... we are thinking we might try and mix these **get togethers** up a little bit with the main aim:

connection! And if you can come along that is absolutely wonderful and if you can't, that's totally ok too! We are not even sure what we would call these little get togethers... but they could look like a coffee catch up in Murray Bridge during the day; dinner at one of the hotels one night; coffee and cake morning tea at school; a family movie night (or just a girl's one!)

I might send home a little flyer in the next week (or even just pop one up on seesaw) to see what interest we might get and if you have any ideas of what you would like these catch ups to look like, please let us know! **So please watch this space!!!!**

And just lastly... here are a few pics from the Dream and Lead Conference some of us went to yesterday (it was **super cool**... our 'Deam and Leaders' have lots to share...)



THE EMOTIONAL CUP

Imagine that every child has a cup that needs to be filled -- with affection, love, security, and attention. Some seem to have a full cup most of the time, or know good ways to get a refill. But most children get a little nervous when their cup gets near empty.

Some ways that children deal with having an empty cup:

- steal from other people's cups
- misbehave to get your attention and show that they need a refill
- seem to have bottomless cups, or need constant 'topping off'
- can't sit still for refills or actively refuse them
- bounce off the walls when they approach 'empty'
- think they have to fight or compete for every refill

What fills a child's cup:

- play
- friendship
- one-on-one time
- love and affection
- connection
- succeeding
- doing what they love to do or what they choose to do

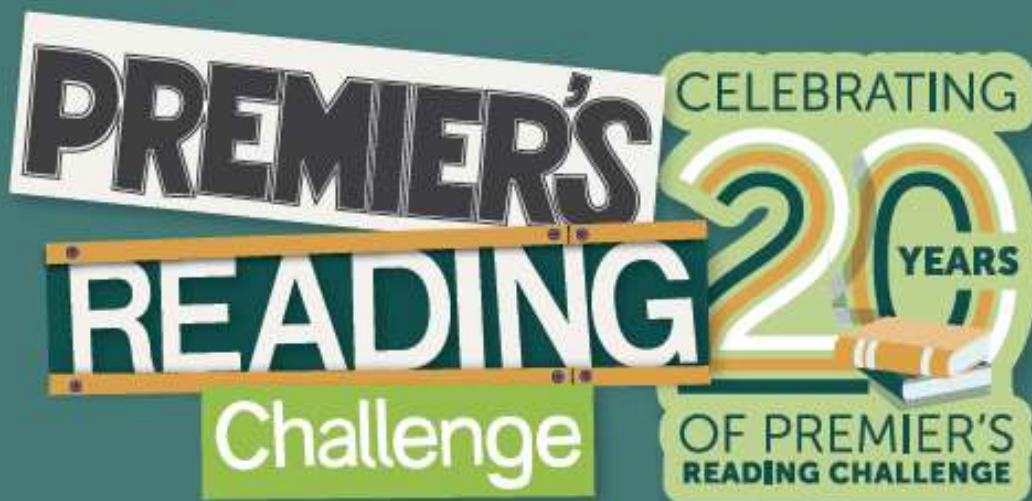


What empties the cup:

- stress and strain
- rejection by peers
- loneliness and isolation
- yelling and punishment
- failing
- fatigue
- doing what they're forced to do or they hate to do

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This was just a little something that popped up on my Facebook feed... and I just really loved the simple message and reminder that we all sometimes need as parents. Parenting **IS** tricky at times!



20 BOOK CHALLENGE

In 2023, the Premier's Reading Challenge turns 20!

To commemorate this milestone, we are running an additional Challenge where students can challenge themselves to read 20 books instead of the usual 12.

Successful students will receive a bonus certificate.
This challenge is for 2023 only!

Books to be read: The additional 8 books to be read in the 20 Book Challenge are free choice.

Data entry: Schools will enter data the same way as previous years.

Tracking students: Each school will keep track of their students who complete the 20-book challenge.

Certificates: All students who complete the Premier's Reading Challenge will receive their award at the end of the year. Students who also complete the 20 Book Challenge will receive a bonus certificate. Schools will download and print the 20 Book Challenge certificates for students and present them.

Reading logs: Both 12 and 20 book reading logs are available on the Premier's Reading Challenge website. Only 1 reading log needs to be filled in (by completing the 20 Book Challenge log, students will have automatically completed the 12 book requirement).

Reading for the Challenge finishes on 8 September 2023

For more information visit the website, phone 08 8226 4300 or email prc@sa.gov.au

www.prc.sa.edu.au



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Community notices and coming events

Mem Fox

At Murray Bridge
Library

Join us on
Thursday 9 March
4:30pm-5:30pm
for Australia Reads!



To book, contact the Library on 8539 1175 or speak to staff

In 1983 Mem became Australia's best-selling writer. She has remained a preeminent writer for children for an entire generation. Possum Magic, her first book, is still available in hardback after more than 30 years and has become a beacon in children's literature for millions of Australian families.

Australia Reads is about getting more people to read, more often! Australian Reading hour is a national day dedicated to sharing the joy of books, reading and stories.

So spend an hour on the day to read, share and enjoy the stories they love with others!



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Bridge
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JOIN THE FUN!

JERVOIS FC

Jervois Oval

Thursdays 5-6pm

Jake Fix 0467 828 715

Centre starts: March 9

[play.afl/auskick](https://www.playhq.com/afl/register/9b331c)

Auskick registration:

To register, simply go to

<https://www.playhq.com/afl/register/9b331c>.

Also, don't forget that Auskick is FREE with the use of the \$100 ORSR voucher (on the final payment screen, select 'I have a government voucher'. Enter your 10-digit Medicare card number + child's ref. number. Select apply & your program cost will reset to \$0!).

Know Your Strength Pilates

Tallem Bend Catholic Parish Hall

\$15 per class

Limited class numbers



SUNDAY'S
9AM, 10AM, 11AM

WEDNESDAY'S
4.30PM, 5.45PM, 7.15PM

REGISTRATION REQUIRED

To secure your place please
call 0438 801 557 or e-mail
knowyourstrength@outlook.com



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