



7th July 2023

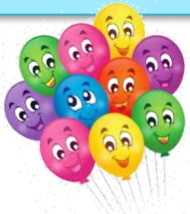
School starts at 8:50am

School finishes at 3:05pm

happy birthday to our JPS-ers celebrating in July:

- Scarlett A Kane
- Skylah Knox
- Bailey Declan
- Lucas Mia
- Ruby Indee
- Jylen Chloe K
- Lauren Anna (2!!)

we hope you all have a super-doooper day!



JUST BE KIND 

Dear Parents & Carers,

Principal's Piece

Hi everyone,

I hope everyone has been managing to keep warm in this weather! Lots of things are happening around the school and most importantly last week was camp and excursion week! The children have shared their excitement and fun stories with me and its been a great experience for them all.

Last Friday was Portfolio Day in Waikerie, with the focus being on quality feedback. The purpose of feedback should be targeted and intentional. We can support this approach with our children, when we give them feedback that is able to be actioned on. Student Free day at Murray Bridge South School was successful. Run by Literacy Lead Bec Eli, we learned how to analyse our reading data, and plan where to next to increase reading achievement. The next Student Free Day will be in September at Tailem Bend Primary, and we will be analysing our Maths data.

Your child's Semester 1 (Mid-Year) report is coming home today – please take the time to read through teacher comments and if you have any questions or concerns, please speak with your child's teacher. Relief teachers are hard to come by at the end of term, so I appreciate family's patience and flexibility when your child might have one or two different teachers. We have had a lot of sickness across the site, and unfortunately the time of year can make it difficult to find cover. So thank you again.

Have a restful holiday break; hoping we can get rid of the flus and bugs going around lately!

Stay warm

Elissa



TERM 3 starts Monday 24th July
HAVE A WONDERFUL HOLIDAY BREAK!

SAPSASA District Athletics the JPS team has been entered:

Harry, Elijah, Richard, Dylan, Xavier, Elise, Charly, Scarlett, Noah, Logan, James, Knox, Bailey, RayJ, Indee, Julia, Charlotte & Lilly – congrats and good luck for District Day! Remember to return your forms by the end of week 1 28th July.

Mobile Device Policy was emailed to all families and popped onto seesaw to our older student's families too. The Policy was previously a Mobile Phone Policy, but has been updated to include reference to all Mobile devices. It is written in line with Department for Education directives and is very clear with what students must do if they have any such devices in their possession while attending school, or on the bus: keep personal devices 'off and away' between the start and end of each school day, travelling on the bus to and from school, and while they are attending school activities off-site, such as camps and excursions. (** This includes smart watches or similar devices). Devices brought to school will be handed in to Front Office staff and kept securely in an Office drawer.....Devices will be handed back to students at the end of the school day or when collected by a parent/carer if earlier.

Non-compliance: device will be securely stored until it is collected by a parent/carer.

Bus reminder: please be vigilant at the bus stop (**near winery stop**): be aware of others (people & their vehicles), to keep everyone safe.

Important Dates and Reminders

STUDENT FREE DAYS – 2023

TERM 3: Mon 4th September
 TERM 4: Mon 16th October
 Wed 6th December (School Closure)

FINANCE – Do you have a credit with us?

If you currently have a credit at school, it can be used for payment of excursions, Friday Fresh, camps, bookclub etc. When returning forms, note "USE CREDIT" on the payment line and we will process it. If you are unsure if you have a credit, or how much: please ask Jo or Michelle. Thanks 😊

Absence reminder:

Please remember to let us know when your child is absent any day from school: text the school mobile, give us a call, or use the School Stream app. If you have a planned absence of 3 or more days, there is an exemption form which we need completed. Ask us for a form and we can email it or send it home with your child. We have to report on all absences from school, including a reason. An accumulation or pattern of unexplained or repeated absences can result in further follow up from Department for Education Attendance personnel.



P&F News

Plans are underway for the 2023 Mini Deb Ball – set for early in Term 4. We have quite a few keen students wanting to be involved, with their parents getting together to organise the event, led by GC Chairperson Bianca Gazzola who has been instrumental getting things pre-organised! They have had some past 'Mini Deb Mums' come along to share their own experiences and ideas, so there's lots of ideas floating around to help make the event one to remember!

Shout out to **The Play Space** for hosting their meeting earlier this week – they opened up early just for our parents to have their chat, with a coffee, while their kids were entertained with all of the play stuff!

The Play Space are located at 14 Sixth Street in Murray Bridge: check them out during the holidays!!

Naidoc week celebrations reached JPS – see all of the photos and info on the next page. Here we are as a whole school listening to the story of 'Once there was a Boy'.

We were very lucky to have some special visitors come and do some cool activities with us and teach us a little more about their culture!

Thanks for organising some really cool stuff for us all this term Mrs Hughes!! ❤️❤️

Work Experience

This week we have had Sera from Unity College come and join us for Work Experience. Sera worked with several teachers during the week and in all classrooms. We hope you enjoyed having a taste of Primary School life at JPS this week Sera – you were super helpful!



SCHOOL FEES

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

Naidoc Week celebrations...

What an awesome day was had here at JPS on Thurs this week (Wk 10). A very BIG thankyou to **Ray & Owen Love** for sharing the afternoon with us. We read a book. Once there was a Boy. We spoke and wrote about the book. We had Ray come with his didgeridoo and enough wooden boomerangs for the whole school (thank you Scott Crouch too ☺). Ray brought along his brother Owen and little nephew. Ray and Owen kicked the footy at lunch time. We made yarning sticks. We learnt about 'Respecting our Elders'. We had a good day!



MRS. HUGHES' WELLBEING BITS...

Term 2 Week 10

We have made it through to Week 10! YIPPEE!!!!!!

Our Year 3-6 camp + our R-2 excursion have come and gone! We spend a big chunk of time looking forward to these experiences and then they are over in a blink of an eye!

Lucky we have some super cool memories to remember them by.

What an absolutely HUGE week was had last week.

Camp did not disappoint and how lucky were we with the weather. I had been watching my willy weather app the whole week before and was sure it was going to rain the whole time... the only rain we had was just as we were waiting for the last of the campers to be picked up.

At camp we had some awesome Active Ed leaders who shared their knowledge with us regarding bush tucker foods found in the scrub as well as plants we can use for medicinal purposes. They introduced us to some super cool games and gave us hot tips on how to throw a spear and boomerang (some of us are pretty good!)

We learnt the Dream Time story of the Rainbow Serpent by collecting parts of the story using a mapping and orienteering activity around the campsite.

Cedric Varcoe came and told us the story of **Ngurunderi...**Ngurunderi was a legendary ancestor of the Ngarrindjeri people from the lower River Murray and Coorong regions of South Australia. In the Dreamtime, Ngurunderi travelled down the River Murray shaping the landscape.

Cedric is known for his amazing art work and guided us to paint our own story on little black canvases. I hope some of these are on display in your homes.

We wrapped rainbow trout in clay and cooked our 'fish pasties' in the hot coals of the camp fire. This activity was a definite fav! The fish was delish and I could not get over how many of our students were happy to eat fish (and then some fish eyes!!!!)

Our night time activities were super fun with some Minute to Win it games and quizzes. Congratulations goes to the blue team.

Camp as a whole was a super amazing experience for everyone...it popped some of us out of our comfort zone and for those that did get out of their comfort zones... you made it! Camp was where new connections were made and a chance to hang with our buddies in an environment away from the hustle and bustle of school. It was a chance to develop some independence and practice life skills. Camp was exhausting but oh SO worth it. Looking forward to our next camp experience wherever that may be!

And a BIG thankyou to our one Dad volunteer, Andrew Beare. We hope you enjoyed camp as much as we did. (and thankyou to ALL our JPS staff that made camp the super fun experience it was!)

And then to top the week off.... we had the R-2 excursion to Morialta Nature Playground. This was another day of being super lucky with the weather.

Morialta was a day of play. A day to get outdoors and connect with nature and perhaps get a little wet.

There was water in the creek and we had recommended that rubber boots be packed with a change of clothes. Lucky for the change of clothes. The squeals of delight from our little crew as they stomped and splashed was music to our ears (as well as SO many passerby walkers who stopped to comment on how lovely it was to see and hear such joy.

Our little peeps had the BEST time exploring Morialta and would definitely recommend if you were looking for something to do in the upcoming holidays. It is just a really cool place for big and small and now is the time to go with the weather being on the mild side.

Thanks everybody who tagged along for making this such a beautiful day. Mrs. Tam and I both said it is something we need to do more often... SO good for the mind and body. It just makes you feel good.

My heart is full.

I hope you enjoy the photos!

This week is NAIDOC week and we have Ray Love coming back to spend the afternoon with us on Thursday. Ray is bringing his didgeridoo with him this time as well as some wooden cut outs to paint.

We will be reading a book together called 'Once there was a Boy' written by Dubb Leffler....

Once There Was A Boy is a beautiful story about friendship, trust and forgiveness. A boy who lives alone on an island spends his days picking fruit, climbing mangrove trees and watching the sun light up the sea. His life is simple and uncomplicated. A young girl suddenly appears on the island. She is asked not to look under the boy's bed, but when she eventually succumbs to temptation, she breaks his heart. The reconciliation at the end of the book helps readers to understand the importance of sharing and thinking about other people's feelings

This is a perfect book for us to share for NAIDOC week. (Hopefully we can share some of our writing next term)

HAPPY HOLIDAYS EVERYBODY...

2023 YR 3-6 CAMP ALDINGA



Just a few pics from camp...



PIC-COLLAGE



We celebrated a birthday



And just loads of happy faces!



Some of us liked the fish and some of us didn't!



Camp was just a good opportunity to hang with our classmates.



We did some fun night time activities!

More pics...



R-2 EXCUR MORIALTA NATURE PLAYGROUND



PIC-COLLAGE



And just a few pics from our r-2 excursion to Morialta.



PIC-COLLAGE



We had the very best-est time!



What's on in the local area

MURRAY BRIDGE PERFORMING ARTS & FUNCTION CENTRE PRESENTS:

Nitro Nat

'School Holiday, Science Fun!'

11:00AM (DOORS 10:30AM)



FRIDAY 14TH JULY

TICKETS \$12.00
CHILDREN 2 YEARS & UNDER FREE

TICKETS - www.ticketbooth.com.au
OR
MURRAY BRIDGE REGIONAL GALLERY
PH 08 8539 1420




Learn from a 36er!

JULY SCHOOL HOLIDAY CLINICS





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| MON 10th & TUE 11th 9am - 3pm St Clair | WED 12th & THU 13th 9am - 3pm Springbank |
| MON 17th & TUE 18th 9am - 3pm Mount Barker | THU 20th & FRI 21st 9am - 3pm Seaford |

CLINIC INCLUSIONS

- ✓ HOSTED BY CLUB LEGENDS, PAST PLAYERS, CURRENT 36ERS & COACHING STAFF
- ✓ AVAILABLE 36ERS PLAYER VISITS TO ALL CLINICS WITH SINGING OPPORTUNITIES
- ✓ LEARN FROM ADELAIDE 36ERS PLAYERS
- ✓ CLINIC GIFT PACK | CLINIC GIVEAWAYS
- ✓ 15% MERCHANDISE DISCOUNT VOUCHER




SECURE YOUR SPOT

For more information or to book please call Helen on 0466 809 400

LEARN TO COOK EASY, CHEAP & HEALTHY MEALS

SIGN UP TO THE FREE NEST PROGRAM!



NUTRITION EDUCATION AND SKILLS TRAINING (NEST) is a fun 6-week cooking and nutrition program designed to help you make lasting changes for better health!

TOGETHER WE'LL LEARN:

- 👛 How to save money on your food budget
- 📦 How to store food safely
- 🔍 How to understand food labels
- 👨‍🍳 New food knowledge and cooking skills
- 📅 How to plan meals to reduce food waste



Each 2.5 hour NEST session includes a series of fun nutrition activities, practical group cooking lessons, and then at the end of each session we share a meal together.

At the end of the 6-week program you'll receive a certificate, take home resources, and your own copy of the **OZHARVEST EVERY-DAY COOKBOOK** packed full of simple, healthy, and delicious recipes - most of which cost less than \$3.00 per serve!

YOUR NEST PROGRAM WILL BE HELD AT:
Murray Bridge Community Centre 18 Beatty Terrace.

ON THE FOLLOWING DATES:
14th June, 21st June, 28th June, 5th July, 12th July, 19th July

DAY: Wednesday

TIME: 10:30am **TO** 1:00pm

DO YOU HAVE A DESIRE TO HELP OTHERS AND SOME TIME TO SHARE?

Volunteers are needed for the Murray Mallee Community Passenger Network (MMCPN) transport services in the Coorong, Southern Mallee & Karoonda East Murray councils.

You can choose to drive (accreditation required) or provide non driving assistance accompanying people who are aged, frail, vulnerable or living with a disability to appointments.



Volunteer!

“ Start where you are, use what you have, do what you can! ”
 ~Arthur Ashe



The process to become an accredited volunteer driver for a Community Passenger Network in SA is controlled by the Department of Planning, Transport & Infrastructure (DPTI) and has no cost for you.

On completion of the accreditation process, an Accredited Volunteer Driver permit will be issued by DPTI and is valid for 6 years.

MMCPN will support you with the application process.



WE NEED YOU!

For more information or to register your interest to become a volunteer:

Visit: www.mmcpn.org.au
 Phone: (08) 8572 3513
 Email: mmcpn@tbcc.org.au



Tickets now available
 Murray Bridge Crime Prevention have organised a Movie Screening at Wallis Cinema Mt Barker during school holidays, **20th July 1pm.**

Book your ticket via Wallis Cinema website

JERVOIS HALL

WINTER DANCE

29TH JULY

Come from 7pm for a sip & nibble & catch up
 main Dance from 8pm with music from **PETER HUTCHINS**

Entry \$12 (includes a door raffle)
 \$2 raffle tickets available
 Pooled supper (BYO if you prefer)
 Look forward to seeing you then.

NEXT DANCE 30TH SEPT

Contact: Malcolm
 0401 043 382