



# Jervois PS Final Newsletter 2023



Dear Jervois Primary School Community,

As the sun sets on another school year, we reflect on everything JPS. School life is ALWAYS super busy and this year has been no exception! It was great to have a CAMP again for our students, we've had some excursions, incursions, fun days and lots and lots of learning along the way! The return of the Mini Deb Ball was a highlight of the year, with almost 30 kids involved, a lot of planning and organising and a great night had by all!

This week we say farewell to our Year 6 students as they complete their Primary School education and move onto Murray Bridge High: Good Luck, strive high, do your best, and be kind! We also have a few other students & their families who are leaving and some much valued staff members too! You have all been part of our JPS family, some for many years, and we **THANK YOU** for all you have contributed ♥♥

We look forward to welcoming our newbies: our 11 little reception students (+ a Year 1 student), who will be eager to start school after their long holiday break! They have had a little taste of school life over the past four weeks with their transition visits; school will soon be in full swing for them (and all of us) before we know it!



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 2023.....

**HUGE THANKS** to the wonderful people who support our staff and students in many different ways; whether it's in class, the canteen, excursions, school events & special days and any other way....we truly appreciate the time and effort you give.

**THANK YOU** to our Governing Councilors: Bianca, Craig, Danielle, Elyse, Jo, Maria, Mel, Zoey, Roxy S, Sarah and Catherine (& Andrea for Finance): 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 our helpers who have been able to support our fundraising events this year: your efforts are very much appreciated! And the resurgence of P&F in 2023 has been great and we hope this will grow and become a strong and well-supported group again. Thanks to Bianca for driving this and encouraging others to be involved.

And **THANKS** to all our volunteers who help out in so many different ways – parents, grandparents, aunties, uncles, friends, community members & others outside our community



**Final reminder:** Admin Staff will be onsite next week: Mon 18<sup>th</sup> – Fri 22<sup>nd</sup> if you need to collect reports or anything else. Reminder to return your BUS permission forms for 2024.



## 2024 Term 1 starts MONDAY 29<sup>th</sup> January

All Staff will be back at school on Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> & Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> of January





## Elissa's Last Words for 2023

Hi families,

As another school year comes to an end, it is often a time where we reflect on our achievements and how far we have come. 2023 saw us welcome back school camps after the disruption of Covid 19. Our whole school camp was a resounding success. We also welcomed new staff members, and saw some of them take other opportunities. I want to thank Cathryn Knight, Ereena Walawski, Michelle Koehler, Andrea Hughes, Sovhe Taylor and Patriz Kerkenaar for their professionalism and flexibility in an often unpredictable environment. They all have embraced these challenges with both hands.

I would also take this opportunity to welcome Jayde Kennedy, Henry Bruce, and welcome back Serenity Gazzola. We are looking forward to working towards our 2024 site improvement goals. As we move into 2024, I am excited for the future and believe that Jervois has a very bright future.

Enjoy the break. Look after each other, and have an outstanding Christmas and New Year.

Elissa

## 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 2024



Principal

R/1

1/2

3/4

5/6

ATSI/Autism

Wellbeing/PE

SSO support

PCW support

Admin & Finance

Elissa Hunter

Tam McGavin

Ann Cracknell

Chloe Shaefer

Jayde Kennedy

Serenity Gazzola

Henry Bruce

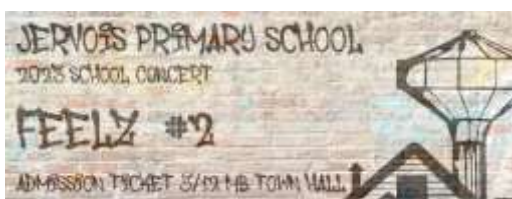
Elyse, Samantha & Lauren

Anna

Michelle & Jo



WELCOME to our newest staff members and we look forward to them joining our JPS family ☺



## School Concert 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 ☺ Huge shout out to JO for all of her concert awesomeness: **YOU ARE AMAZING!!**

Jo & Michelle wish all our JPS families a super holiday break: enjoy Christmas with your loved ones & thanks for your support in 2023! The office elves xo



## 2024 Coming Events *(some things to keep in mind for the coming school year)*

**SWIMMING** has been booked in for Week 3 of Term 1 (Feb 12<sup>th</sup> – 16<sup>th</sup>) when the weather should be nice and warm! This includes ALL Reception to Year 5 students. Year 6 students will participate in Aquatics later in the year. There is a cost to families for swimming, which we have kept to a minimum with school subsidies. This year it was \$15 per student and we envisage it will possibly be something similar for next year. Information and permission forms will be sent home to all participating students in Week 1.

**YEAR 6 UNIFORM** will be organised first thing back in Week 1 of the new school year. We have a large cohort of Yr 6s next year (11 at this stage), so will wait until we have confirmed numbers and get the process happening for shirt design and order information. Approximate costs at this stage: polos \$42 and hoodies \$50, maybe a little more with allowing for increased costs.....just to give you an idea. We are going with the same supplier as this year – they were quick, good value and good quality!!

**SCHOOL FEES** are set for 2024 and the process remains the same: invoices will be issued early in Term 1 including payment options and information about applying for School Card.

**HATS & READER FOLDERS** will be sent home with your child today. Please wash your child's hat over the holidays and return with them on the first day back at school. We will have a stockpile of legionnaire and bucket hats on hand, so if you will need a new one, send along some cash or do a bank transfer and we can organise whatever you need.

**MEDICATION** which will be past its due date over the holidays will be sent home with your child today. Please renew any medication plans and replace any medication your child will need while at school, remembering it **MUST** be prescription labelled and we **MUST** have an appropriate authority for it to be used at school. If you have any questions, please speak to Michelle or Jo.



Knox & Bailey at SAPSASA tennis in Adelaide in November: they had a great couple of days ☺

# Christmas fun

Match the words to the correct pictures to complete the Crossword. Then find a secret message.

**bells**

**Candle**

**Candy Cane**

**Card**

**Chimney**

**Christmas tree**

**elf**

**gingerbread**

**holly**

**letter**

**lights**

**ornaments**

**presents**

**reindeer**

**Santa Claus**

**sleigh**

**snowman**

**stocking**

**wreath**

The secret message is \_\_\_\_\_ lead home



# MRS. HUGHES WELLBEING BITS...

## TERM 4 WEEK 8...

hello there...

Oh my gosh... it is nearly the end of the year and this is my VERY last little 'Hughesy bits' for the newsletter. EVER!!!! (the newsletters will be considerably shorter as of 2024!)

So for one last time, here I go....

I just want to say a very **BIG** thankyou to you all.

Thankyou for making my time here **at JPS such a beautiful one.**

I have **loved loved loved** being part of this school community and it has felt like home for a very long time.

Jervois Primary has **wiggled its way into my heart** and there it will stay, I think, probably forever.

As I was thinking about what to write this one last time, I started jotting down some of those Jervois-y memories that have just stuck in my head.

Here are just a few... I have SO many (and they are in no particular order and definitely not them all... ) And I apologise for this winding higgledy trip down memory lane..

## Some of my rememberings...

I remember when...

- this big old kangaroo just bounded through the nature play space.
- the bus broke down under the Swanport Bridge on our way home from swimming one afternoon and we had to walk to the Swanport Hotel and wait to be rescued... the WHOLE bus got soft serve ice creams.
- our school assemblies used to be in my teeny tiny Wellbeing Room... the whole school used to squeeze in there every Friday arvo. (I am talking years ago!)
- concerts used to be in the Jervois Town Hall ... we would pack in like sardines and after we would have a shared supper... the kids would run around out on the courts while their Mums and Dads mingled in the supper room... **oh the good old days!**
- we used to be a sustainable school and we aimed for 'litter free lunches' and had to collect data EVERY day and how amazing those lunch boxes were ( I only found ALL that data we collated about a month ago hiding in the library!)



## and just a few more rememberings...

- how our sign by the front office came about. Joan Fabbian, our principal at the time, took a photo of a belief statement she saw in an ice cream shop while on holidays up in Queensland. What was SO cool was how the whole school community came together to work on what Jervois Primary stands for to all of us... students, staff, parents, the wider community. That **connectedness** that we shared then was really something special to be apart of. JPS is SO special to SO many people.
- we used to have Combined Sports Days with Myolonga Primary School... The red + black versus the yellow + black. That **connecting to others in our community**... such fun!
- the coming together of our Nature Play space and the philosophy behind that + the importance of play and being a part of those early thinkings + discussions + learnings, to build what we now call Discovery Time in our JP classroom
- we used to have 'Book Club' as a staff (with educational texts.) We had to have read a certain chapter before Wednesday pd to talk about our wonderings and our thinkings. We were SO studious!!!!
- the staff room flooded
- Mrs. Cracknell kept a tally of her mice conquerings during a mice plague... it was some MASSIVE number!
- I used to have a neighbour when over in room 1 and we would open the doors up at the end of the day... I would be marking books + whoever was the teacher in room 2 would be marking their books and we would just chatter about our day over a cup of tea... each in each's classroom!!

## Then there were our excursions...

And man oh man... I have been on some super cool excursions... **lots of them with a water element**... there was our **Grug excursion** at Goolwa and a trip to the beach... we may have got just a teeny bit wet!!! Well... maybe ALOT! Then there was that Morialta excursion with this year's year 6 crew when they were little... in the creek we went and yep... we may have got a bit wet AGAIN!

We loved Morialta SO much, went back again this year, but this year we were prepared for the wetness... (at least we had changes of clothes + towels)

- We have also had some super cool nature play incursions and excursions too... Kuitpo Forest making cubbies and cooking damper was up there with my favs!
- But also just spending the whole day outside at school doing Outdoor Classroom Days were super fun too!



- And then there was THAT school camp... another water related outing but this time with a shark story attached and we were NOT allowed in the water! CrAZY stuff!

i could go on and on and on... ( and you are probably thinking phew... thank goodness she has stopped!)

Just in reflection ... and I have been reflecting ALOT of late... it is that **connectedness** that has made Jervois so special to me... connectedness to students , connectedness to staff, connectedness to parents and connectedness to the wider community. **Please please please** do not loose that **connectedness** with each other. It is SO important.

I have had the privilege of watching SO many students ( your peeps included) grow and bloom into these most **beautiful humans**. It is SO cool to see them out and about in the community and all grown up! It makes my heart swell!

I have been at Jervois Primary for 18 years... that is a super LONG time and it is proving very hard to say goodbye.I am SO very grateful to those people who I have worked alongside for SO SO long that I look upon them as my little Jervois family. I will miss you terribly! .

I have to keep telling myself it is not goodbye but just a simple see you later.

So... in saying that...seeyou later and I wish you all a super beautiful Christmas and a happy and safe 2024! Hoping you all enjoy some down time with your beautiful families!

love Andrea X

And I do apologise for the length of my ramblings ...



AND JUST A QUICK  
LITTLE SHOUT OUT...  
HOW GOOD WAS OUR  
SCHOOL CONCERT?  
A BIG THANKYOU TO JO...OUR  
SUPER CLEVER CONCERT  
EXTRAORDINAIRE... YOU TRULY  
ARE AMAZING!!!!  
AND A THANKYOU ALSO TO HER  
BEHIND THE SCENES CONCERT  
CREW TOO!



# We are lucky!

Each student has been given a box of Lego this week (for them to keep at home!!)  
Thanks Deadly Science for your generous donation to our kids!

.....and something to reflect on!



Christmas isn't always easy for some people so PLEASE continue to check in on your family, friends and colleagues to ask, "R U OK?" Those few words and act of kindness may make all the difference at this time of year.



## Christmas Gift Challenge



1. Something they want



2. Something they need

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3. Something to wear



4. Something to read

Money Saving Sisters

## Twelve Days of Christmas

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11 CALLING BIRDS  
CHRISTMAS DAYS  
DRUMMERS  
DRUMMING  
FRENCH HENS  
GEESE

8 GOLDEN RINGS  
LAYING  
LEAPING  
LORDS  
MAIDS  
MILKING  
PARTRIDGE

9 PEAR TREE  
PIPERS  
PIPING  
SWANS  
SWIMMING  
TURTLE DOVES  
TWELVE

7

5



## Term 4 Terrific Kids:

R/1: **Scarlett A**

1/2: **Olivia M**

3/4: **Lizzie H**

5/6: **Charly B**



Presented by Malcolm from the Murray Bridge Kiwanis Club  
(Thanks Malcolm for all your support for many years with Kiwanis & their TK awards)

### Student Focus

Andrea (Wellbeing) and Anna (PCW) supported many of our kids in small groups to learn more about themselves, feel better about themselves, or to just have a chat about something which may have been bothering them.....thanks for all of the very cool things you have shared with our students and families in your Wellbeing/PCW and student support roles: it is very much appreciated by not only the staff, but students and families too!

### Young Environmental Leaders (YEL)

Semester 1: Julia, Storm, Noah & Malachi

Semester 2: Dylan, Charly, Sophie S, Degan & Scarlett F-G



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 Andrea & Anna (Wellbeing/PCW) and Samantha (YEL) for adult support for these groups, to guide and mentor our students in their roles.

## End of Year Class Awards



With support of a generous donation from Brad of Response Building Group, eight class awards were given out today to recognise excellence in a variety of areas over the whole 2023 year, highlighted by class teachers. We thank Brad for providing these awards; each student was presented with a \$25 gift card and certificate.

Congratulations to:

R/1: **Riley M & Hudson** for being all-rounders, consistently following expectations, being respectful & kind to peers and trying their best with learning

1/2: **Koah & Arabella** for being consistent leaders & role models for others

3/4: **Eli W & Shaylah** for being consistent high achievers & role models for peers

5/6: **Storm & Scarlett F-G** for being consistent high achievers & positive role models for peers





## And now it's time for the sad bits.....saying goodbye!

### 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!



**Students & their families:** Max & Imogen, Mia & Ruby, Charly & Maisie & our Year 6s: Charlii, Hollie, Maddy, Indee, Lilly, Charlotte, Julia, Storm, Knox, Noah, Malachi, Riley, Daniel & Bailey - 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 deep thinker.....but most of all; BE KIND, to become the best possible version of YOU!



**Staff leaving JPS:** It's always sad to say goodbye: some of our staff leaving us have been around for a LONG TIME and you all will be sadly missed! Here's a little snapshot of them and their departing message: .....

**Andrea Hughes (Mrs Shughes)** our Wellbeing, ATSI & Autism support teacher and staff member since 2005  
*Andrea has her own little section in our newsletters, so has included her personal farewell message there. WE will miss you Mrs Shughes! Thanks for EVERYTHING you have brought to JPS over the past 19 years – you have left an indelible mark on the school, our kids, families and staff. You have injected a sense of pride in us all about all things Jervois and always have KINDNESS and THINKING OF OTHERS as your mantra which you impress on all of us all the time! You have organised such COOL stuff for our kids, always with a wellbeing focus and giving our kids memories they will cherish! Thanks Hughesy – we will all miss you A LOT!! ♥*



**Jason Hagger** our IT guru – he's been in the background for a long time!  
*Although Jason hasn't been actually AT school for quite some time, he officially left his IT role earlier this year. Jason has been a wealth of IT information, particularly supporting Jo & Michelle in their IT support roles, with knowledge and his experience to source equipment for our school and then spending many hours setting up and tweaking things to make them work! Thanks Jase for your time and effort while you have supported our IT needs over the past years!*



**Michelle Koehler** our Science/HASS teacher this year  
*Thanks for a wonderful 2023. A year where my students and I have learnt together new and interesting ideas about the world we live in. A year of fun, laughing and taking a risk with our learning. Thank you to the students, families and staff for welcoming me to Jervois Primary School. A year of new teaching areas for me which has been so enjoyable due to the willingness of the students to enthusiastically engage with their learning. I have enjoyed getting to know your children and supporting them as learners. It has been a privilege to chat with your children about what is important to them and what is worrying them and so pleased they felt comfortable coming to me. Your children have grown as learners this year and have continued to develop into special young people. I wish you and your children all the best for the future. Michelle K ☺*



**Cathryn Knight** our Technology teacher this year  
*As the year draws to a close, I find myself reflecting on the incredible journey we have shared over the past year. The enthusiasm and curiosity displayed by the students in every science and technology class were truly inspiring. Your children's passion for learning and their endless reservoirs of creativity have made each day a joyous adventure in discovery. Jervois Primary School is more than just a workplace for me; it is a community where a shared commitment to learning, growth, and mutual support has flourished. I am genuinely thankful for the collaborative spirit among students, parents, and colleagues that has defined our time together. Wishing each one of you continued success, joy, and fulfilment. With gratitude, Cathryn ☺*



**Ereena Walawski** Ereena taught our 5/6 class for most of this year (up to early in Term 4), but left us to return to her family over in Western Australia.



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





Patriz and I would like to thank everyone at Jervois for the warm welcome we have received as late comers to the Jervois school community! We have enjoyed our short stay and look forward to meeting with more families in the future. All the best for a safe and joyous Christmas Holiday!

Sovhe Taylor (Teachers: 5/6 class Term 4 – Mrs Taylor & Ms K)



The year has officially come to an end and one thing for sure is... I am going to miss this place over the holidays! To all the students, staff and families thank you for an amazing year. This is my third year here at Jervois and I have loved all my time spent here and cannot wait for more to come. I have loved every chat, board game, cooking group, lunch club hangouts and so much more and am excited to see where next year will take us all. Thankyou Mrs Hughes for working alongside me this year as the Wellbeing leader, I will definitely be missing you a lot next year! See everyone else in 2024!



Anna 😊 - PCW

My 2023 highlights.

\*Seeing the garden grow and produce fruits & Vegetables for us to get in the kitchen, making & baking things to share and try with the whole school. We sure have had some delicious things.

\*Spending time outside of school with excursions here there and anywhere & especially YEL trips.

\* Most of all is seeing all your happy, smiling faces and cheerful hello's.

(What a year guys, we have had some great fun times, mountains to climb and come back down even stronger. We have all learnt so much and are better for it.)

Wishing all those that are moving on at the end of the year all the very best!

To ALL Staff, Students & Families, Wising you a Merry Christmas, Happy Safe New Year with friends and family. Always stay positive and work on your dreams to make them happen.

Samantha 😊



Just wanting to wish all our Jervois Families a Safe and Merry Christmas & New Year. Would love to share a little Christmas Laughter with you all.....

What is the best present to receive for Christmas?

A Broken Drum.....you just can't beat it?

Happy Holidays Everyone see you in the New Year, Awesome Elyse xo xo

2023 has been a very busy year with the Yr 1/2s showing some great learning. I was so proud of the children on concert night as they showed the end result of all their hard work with their Peter Rabbit dance, it brought a tear to my eyes as I was watching from the side of the stage. As the world experiences stressful times I consider myself and family extremely lucky to be living in such a beautiful country. I wish our school community a very special Christmas, and may you have the best holiday break ever with your family and dear friends. Love Ann Cracknell ❤️



Reflecting on my year at JPS, I would like to thank everyone for being so welcoming and supportive! I have loved being part of Room3, and am so proud of all the learning and growing that has happened within the last year. I hope everyone has a safe and happy holidays and I look forward to seeing you around next year! Chloe 😊

I would just like to wish all our JPS families a Merry Christmas and hope they enjoy their school holidays. Love Tam x (I'm sure you will enjoy your break too Tam!!)



Wishing all our families a very merry Christmas and happy holidays. Looking forward to another great year at JPS with our new reception starters too!  
Love Lauren





Thanks to our Bus Drivers, **Sam 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!

Many thanks to **Margaret** who cleans for us every day – we really appreciate your effort and we are really sorry when things are a bit messy in classrooms sometimes! (And we really need to be better at keeping the toilets not so messy so Margaret doesn't have to deal with the yucky stuff!)



### Bus for 2024

Have you returned your bus permission form yet?

We need your completed form before students can access the bus for the start of the 2024 school year.

Permission forms have important details for the drivers and us: emergency contacts/drop off instructions etc.

Forms can be returned via email, or text a photo to the school mobile, but we **MUST** have the form **BEFORE** your children can use the bus!

### A message from Bianca.....

FINAL WRAP UP FROM GOVERNING COUNCIL.

2023 has been a school year we can all be proud of, as we've seen the return of a year 3-6 student camp and the Mini Deb ball was back after a 6-year break. It's been wonderful to re-establish our school Parents and Friends group, as a way families can get to know each other. As well P&F has played a key role in fundraising for our school.

Across the year, we had outstanding fundraising efforts (from rocky road sales to the pie drive) which has raised thousands of dollars for our school, that we are grateful for.

Thank you to our school and community volunteers who helped across the year:

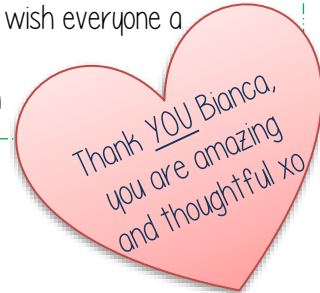
- A big thank you to our Governing Council members, for your meeting attendance and for the time taken to help behind the scenes across the school year.
- Thank you to our P&F group for attending catchups and fundraising efforts.
- Thanks to all the parents who undertook volunteer training at the start of the year. Your support in the classroom, canteen and at school events is greatly appreciated.

Next year, we'd love to welcome more of our school family members onto governing council, parents and friends and into volunteer helper roles. If interested, please feel free to get in touch.

THANK YOU to Elissa and our team of staff, for your hard work and dedication to teaching our children every day. To staff leaving JPS this year, thank you and we wish you well for next year. An extra special note to Andrea Hughes, we can't thank you enough for the love you've given to Jervois primary over 19 years. We look forward to you popping in and out in a relief teaching role next year.

Farewell and thank you to families leaving Jervois Primary. Wishing our year 6 students all the best as they transition to high school. On behalf of Governing Council, I'd like to wish everyone a Very Merry and Safe Christmas.

**Bianca** Gazzola – Gov Council Chairperson



It's almost holidays.....you!

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 its just in your backyard!); and if you're lucky enough to go away on holidays somewhere...have an

amazing time!



## Graduation: Year 6

Our Yr 6 Graduation was traditionally held at the Wellington Hotel on Monday evening. We had a HUGE group of supporters celebrate our graduating students, who made great (& entertaining) speeches. Andrea spoke about each student, including excerpts from their Reception report (for those 'golden oldies' who have been at JPS for all of their schooling); while looking at the student's cool slideshows. Sovhe (Mrs Taylor) presented each student with a graduation certificate & gift to celebrate their final year at Primary School. Awards sponsored by Murray Bridge Kiwanis for a Graduating Terrific Kid; and SMG Support Task Group for Encouragement & Creative Arts were all presented by Elissa & Malcolm (representing Murray Bridge Kiwanis), as well as the Just 2 Deadly Award. It was a great night shared by students, staff & families! And at the end there was the traditional 'jumping in the river' by most students; something last year's graduates missed out on due to the high river.

## Graduation Awards

### SMG (PCW) awards

Encouragement award:

**Madeleine Crook** (presented by Elissa for Anna)

Creative arts award:

**Malachi Fabbian** (presented by Elissa for Anna)

**KIWANIS** Graduation award:

**Riley Kessels** (presented by Malcolm Allen)

**Just Too Deadly Award:**

**Hollie Carter** (presented by Elissa for Sheyln)



Madeleine & Elissa



Malachi & Elissa



Riley & Malcolm



Hollie & Elissa



Graduation was a great night with great speeches and brave Year 6 students standing up to deliver them in front of the 100-strong crowd! It was lovely to hear about their personal highlights and things they valued in their time at JPS. They all did a super job, with some very proud parents & family (& staff) sharing their final Primary School special evening!



# A final word from our Yr 6 graduates:

We LOVE seeing how our Yr 6s have grown and changed over the years with us at JPS – just look at these cute photos of their first year at our school, compared to their final year (7 years apart for some)! This week it's all about them and their final year of Primary School.....enjoy!



We've quizzed this bunch of graduates to find out their thoughts about JPS, what their ideal career is, and who their hero is & why.....here is a snapshot of their responses with



**Charlii**

Mum is my hero!



*Ideal job: POLICE WOMAN*  
*I want to be remembered for being FUNNY and KIND!*

**Indee**

My family are my heroes!



*Ideal job: DOCTOR*  
*I want to be remembered for being a GOOD person & was never sent to the office!*

**noah**

Mum & Dad are my heroes!



*Ideal job: GOOD FOOTBALLER*  
*I want to be remembered for my name on the whiteboard!!*



**hollie**

Hayden & Dylan are my heroes!



*Ideal job: MARINE BIOLOGIST*  
*I want to be remembered for my LORAX slide shows!*



**Lily**

Sarah J. Maas is my hero!



*Ideal job: ANESTHESIOLOGIST*  
*I want to be remembered for the Lorax, FUN & LOUD!*



**maddy**

Notch is my hero!



*Ideal job: FIRE FIGHTER*  
*I want to be remembered for: I LOVE MINECRAFT!!*

**Riley**

Liam is my hero!



*Ideal job: Cashier/Influencer or a Tennis player*  
*I want to be remembered for being ME!*



**Knox**

Lachie Neale is my hero!



*Ideal job: play AFL or a BUILDER*  
*I want to be remembered for being a COOL kid!*

**Charlotte**

Harlow is my hero!



*Ideal job: Horse Trainer or Doctor/Vet*  
*I want to be remembered for my PERSONALITY!*





**Daniel**

Mum, Dad, Nanny,  
Poppy are my heroes!



*Ideal job: hmmm??*

*I want to be remembered  
for how good I am at  
MINECRAFT!!*



**Julia**

Reuben is my hero!



*Ideal job: Interior  
Design/Teacher/Artist*

*I want to be remembered  
for being SMART and  
good at ART!*



**Bailey**

Rory Sloane is my hero!



*Ideal job: My Dad's  
APPRENTICE*

*I want to be remembered  
for being a good footy  
player!*



**Storm**

Mum/Dad are my  
heroes!



*Ideal job: KITCHEN  
HAND*

*I want to be remembered  
for not liking SPORT and  
SPORTS DAY!*



**Malachi**

Brick Man is my hero!



*Ideal job: Business  
Owner (Retail/Florist)*

*I want to be remembered  
for my KINDNESS!*

**What I'll miss most about JPS:**

All the teachers & SSOs (Charlii & Maddy)

Some weird kids in this school (Noah)

Being one of the oldest kids at school and then  
going back to like being a reception next year  
(Bailey)

The teachers (Daniel)

Anna and the little kids (Julia)

My friends group and the teachers (Charlotte)

The teachers from 2022 (Malachi)

My friends and the staff here at JPS (Storm)

The teachers, playground, & hanging with my  
friends (Indee)

Having a small school (Knox)

Being in the highest grade (Riley)

All the SSOs and teachers – they are so nice  
(Lilly)

Not being in the same class as all of my friends  
(Hollie)

**Favourite JPS memories:**

Aquatics: we lost control of the boat (Charlotte)

Camp: when we played volleyball (Hollie)

Camp: so much fun with my friends (Lilly)

High School Transition (Julia)

Wheelathon: riding bikes around the place (Riley)

Playing footy with my mates (Bailey & Knox &  
Noah)

Camp, Aquatics & just JPS in general (Indee)

Camp, Aquatics, Sports Day Captain (Maddy)

Aquatics: kneeboarding, sailing, kayaking (Storm)

Canteen with Mrs Hughes making yummy food  
(Charlii)

Mini Deb – I won a raffle prize! (Malachi)

Thanks for all of that insightful  
information! It will be good to look back in  
10 years' time and see how close the  
aspirations have become! Good luck!!



# FRIDAYS ARE FOR THE GIRLS



Friday evenings at a rotating venue for six weeks with a carnival-type atmosphere. Come along to learn, play and have fun!

Commencing February 23.

Come and join the fun!

**All-Girls Auskick**  
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## Calling all netballers.....

Jervois Bluds Netball club is seeking your registration of interest to play.

Please use the link to log into/register through PlayHQ and sign up for the Bluds!

<https://www.playhq.com/netball-australia/register/58e180>

It's easy, won't take long and doesn't cost anything to register your interest to play.

Separate link for Little Bluds Buddies players (aged under 8):

<https://www.playhq.com/netball-australia/register/21ba46>

For further information, chat to Jo or Michelle or call 0412 697 742



We'd love to have you join us!!!

# Get active...

## 51 things to do before you're 12

### TO DO BEFORE YOU'RE 12

TURN PLAY INSIDE, OUT

- 1 Climb a tree
- 2 Sleep under the stars (even in your backyard)
- 3 Fall off a bike
- 4 Learn to swim
- 5 Build a cobby or a tree house
- 6 Find a geocache in your neighborhood
- 7 Go beach combing after a storm
- 8 Cook dinner in a campfire
- 9 Go on a school camp in the bush
- 10 Catch a wave (start with a small one)
- 11 Play chess in the rain
- 12 Catch a yabby in a dam (or at least have fun trying)
- 13 Make a water slide with builders plastic and a hose (do it on your watering day)
- 14 Find a cave
- 15 Make something with things you find
- 16 Play in a creek
- 17 Do something yours scored of
- 18 Watch kangaroos in the wild
- 19 Slide down a grass hill on cardboard
- 20 Tell "cooses" in a garage or a valley
- 21 Camp on a beach
- 22 Build a sandcastle city
- 23 Shave a stone
- 24 Plant something and watch it grow
- 25 Play spotlight
- 26 Ride your bike on a bush trail
- 27 Visit an island
- 28 Go for a two-day hike
- 29 Snorkel at the beach or on a reef
- 30 Ride a flying fox
- 31 Play under a sprinkler
- 32 Climb a big rock
- 33 Play in the bush for a whole day
- 34 Visit a waterhole
- 35 Meet kids in a park and invent a game
- 36 Puddle in a hoopie
- 37 Dig for worms in your backyard
- 38 Catch a crab
- 39 Learn the Aboriginal names for five plants and five animals
- 40 Visit a national park
- 41 Catch a fish
- 42 Play on a rope swing
- 43 Eat bush tucker
- 44 Make a kite and fly it
- 45 Jump in a muddy puddle
- 46 Identify the birds in your backyard
- 47 Go abseiling
- 48 Catch a tadpole (and release it)
- 49 Make a mud jet
- 50 Find a lake, puddle, pond etc and use a magnifying glass to spot the creatures in it
- 51 Play beach cricket

Find out why at [www.natureplaysa.org.au](http://www.natureplaysa.org.au)

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So it's finally time for farewell to this bunch of cool kids, some of who have been with us for 7 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 Graduates 2023

Back: Daniel Myles, Knox Crouch, Bailey Smith, Lilly Fromm, Hollie Carter, Indee Duffield, Charlii Buick  
Front: Storm Stavast, Riley Kessels, Noah Elliot, Julia Pisulak, Madeleine Crook, Malachi Fabbian, Charlotte Lear

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

That's a wrap for 2023 from us..... it's been a blast with lots of fun things and lots of learning too! Have a wonderful holiday break, enjoy your Christmas festivities and a well-earned rest!  
Here's to a super-doooper 2024!



Love from all the students and staff at JPS xoxo

