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Newsletter edition 1 for 2025: a printed copy is sent home to all families. Future editions will be emailed, unless you have let us know you prefer a printed copy ☺

Hi families,

Welcome back and we hope you've all had a well-earned break. It's been buzzing the first week with stories about holidays and free time adventures (from students and staff!). Some families were lucky enough to spend some time away, while others chilled out at home or visited relatives or friends. We would like to extend a warm welcome to our new and returning staff: Kiarra Stoeckel joins us as our Yr 5/6 class teacher; and Patriz Kerkenaar, who has been a regular TRT over the past couple of years, joins us as a regular Thursday teacher in the Yr 1/2 class. This gives Ann Cracknell time out of the classroom for a day each week to take on the Well-Being leader; while Tam McGavin moves out of a regular classroom role to teach Science and HaSS in all classes across the whole school.

It's a busy term ahead, with lots of dates to put in your calendar. We encourage all families to attend Community Night next week (Wednesday 5/2), as it is a great opportunity to meet and welcome our new staff and families; and to see your child's classroom.....then please stay for the Governing Council AGM: an opportunity to hear more background information and have some input and discussion about our school.

As always, our school calendar will fill up quickly with lots of events and happenings. Make sure you keep a regular check on your child's Seesaw page to see the learning in classes, connect with your child's teacher and stay in the know with all the news!

Hopefully we will see most of you at Community Night next Wednesday!

Elissa & staff ☺



## Important bits & pieces you (& we) need to know.....

- **EdSmart** is the portal we use to connect with families for important communication (excursions etc) and completion of forms, using an **online platform**. Your first EdSmart communication was sent out TODAY to all families with student in Reception to Year 5. Please check your email to ensure it has been received – it may go to your junk: please 'allow' emails from [forms@edsmart.com](mailto:forms@edsmart.com) which should show the sender as JPS Edsmart. Let us know if you need any further assistance or information about this.
- Reception to Year 5 students will participate in **SWIMMING LESSONS** at the Murray Bridge Swimming Centre in Week 3: Mon Feb 10<sup>th</sup> to Fri Feb 14<sup>th</sup>. Everyone will travel from school by bus to the pool each day, after a normal morning block of lessons. Swimming costs are heavily subsidised by the school, covering swimming pool, instructor and bus fees. The bus will operate as normal for swimming week before and after school; there will also be an option to collect your child/ren directly from the pool if preferred. Year 6 students will have normal lessons at school all week: they will enjoy a full day of AQUATICS later in the year, something special for their final year of Primary School! **All information & permission forms for swimming has been sent to all families via EDSMART today.**
- Student **ABSENCES** are to be notified to the Front Office prior to or on the day of absence:
  - \*\* phone call to 85723279 or 0419 618309
  - \*\* text message to school mobile 0419 618309
  - \*\* email [dl.0194.info@schools.sa.edu.au](mailto:dl.0194.info@schools.sa.edu.au)

- If your child has any **HEALTH CONDITION** which we will need to monitor or assist with (e.g. asthma) we need to know immediately. A health plan must be in place and instructions for any medication required. Please pop in and speak with Michelle or Jo to ensure correct processes are in place.
- If your **CONTACT DETAILS** change, please let us know (including mobile, email, address and emergency contact people). It's vital our records are up to date in case of an emergency, so we are able to contact you.
- **HATS ON** – for Term 1, 3 & 4 it is compulsory for all students to wear hats while outside during play time and for physical activity. Hats can be purchased from the Front Office: Legionnaire & Bucket Hats are available for \$9 (gst inc). We have plenty in stock; please make sure your child has one for school! If they do not have a hat, they must play in a designated shaded area.
- All families will be invoiced for their **2025 MATERIALS & SERVICES FEES** (School Fees) this week. Jo will be sending out invoices to families shortly. School fees for 2025 are **\$300** per student. The government rebate has increased to \$200 per student for M&S fees for 2025. If you are paying your school fees by cash or EFT, you pay only \$100 per student. Please check out if you are eligible for school card and apply with this link. <https://www.sa.gov.au/topics/education-and-learning/financial-help-scholarships-and-grants/school-card-scheme>  
If you are eligible, your school fees are covered in full.  
Payment can be made via cash or EFT (BSB 105-060 ACCT 248037140). Contact Jo at school for a payment plan should you need, we are happy to work with you!
- **BELL TIMES** – Our regular school days look like this:
  - **8:50am** start of the school day
  - **11:05am** Recess play time (canteen open on Tuesday & Friday)
  - **11:25am** end of recess
  - **12:55pm** Lunch play time
  - **1:25pm** end of lunch
  - **3:05pm** end of the school day

Please do not bring/drop your child to school in the morning BEFORE 8:30am – there is no teacher supervision in the yard prior to 8:30am.

Note: for the last day of each term, we finish school an hour earlier (at 2:05pm), with the bus also leaving an hour earlier than normal.
- **BUS FAMILIES** – remember to please let us know if you are collecting your child/ren from school instead of taking the bus home, so we can make sure our bus list is up to date for the day. If you text us with any daily bus transport changes, please make sure we respond; don't presume we have seen your message!
- **END OF DAY SCHOOL PICK-UPS:** if someone other than your normal pick-up person is collecting your child/ren from school, **please let us know**.
- **CANTEEN** will be open on TUESDAY and FRIDAY for ice blocks and snacks only. A canteen menu is included on the back of this newsletter with all information including what is available and the current pricelist. Lunch orders for Friday Fresh will start in Week 4 (after swimming week).

- **COMMUNITY NIGHT** is next Wednesday (Feb 5<sup>th</sup>) from 5pm – it's a lovely social evening at school for families & staff to get together. See the info on page 1 – we hope you can join us! **Pop the date into your diary.**
- **GOVERNING COUNCIL** is a format for interested parents to join to be involved with decisions about our school. We are seeking interest for members for our 2025 Council – if this is something you might be keen to know more about, please speak with Elissa. Our AGM will follow Community Night, at 6:30pm on Wed 5<sup>th</sup> Feb, in the Library.
- **2025 STUDENT FREE & SCHOOL CLOSURE DAYS:**  
Term 1: Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> March                      Term 3: Monday 18<sup>th</sup> August & Monday 1<sup>st</sup> September  
Term 2: Friday 6<sup>th</sup> June                              Term 4: Monday 13<sup>th</sup> October
- **Year 6 UNIFORM** information will be sent home to families shortly. There will be only one opportunity to purchase items for the year, with both polo shirt and hoodie available as exclusive Yr 6 uniform options. The design and style has been chosen by students with Ms Kennedy last year – they will look great! We are finalising ordering options with a price competitive supplier, to give families a most cost effective option. There will be a time payment option offered to help with budgeting, if required.

If you have anything you are unsure of and would like to discuss, please speak to your child's teacher or give us a call and chat with Michelle or Jo. It is always tricky keeping up with everything at the start of a new school year, so bear with us while we get all of the compulsory information we need! We are here to support you, so if there is ever anything you are unsure of – please ask!

### **New students and families:**

We welcome our 8 new Reception students: Ella, Lilly, Audrey, April, Ava K, Halle V, Norina & Riley as they join Miss Kennedy's R/1 class. We also welcome Herbie and Ava H to JPS; along with all our new families. We know you will enjoy your time with us at Jervois Primary and hope you have the time to engage with us at school when and where possible: at Community Night, Sports Day, Wheelathon and any other events.

### **Volunteering at Jervois Primary School:**

We LOVE having parents/carers at school to support some areas of classroom learning: such as reading, craft, excursion/transport support, activities, garden, canteen and Governing Council. We have a volunteer application process and clearance requirements which are essential to have in place BEFORE we can utilise your support:

- volunteer application form
- Working with Children Check (WWCC) clearance
- Responding to Harm, Abuse and Neglect Education & Care (RHAN-EC) certificate of currency – this is an online certified course, which can be done at home
- Principal endorsement

Although this all sounds daunting, the process is quite simple. If you need any of the above to be initiated, please contact Michelle at school and she will email you the relevant information and links to get the volunteer process underway.

### **Do you have a particular 'skill' you could share?**

There's always things which pop up during the school year, where we can benefit from using someone in our school community with a particular skill-set we could utilise: e.g. sport technique/coaching qualification or experience (athletics events), cooking, art/craft, trades, music, dance.....the list is endless. If you have something you would be willing to share with us, please contact Office Staff and we can add you to our list of 'amazing skilled people to tap into'! Thanks 😊

## YOUR JERVOIS PRIMARY SCHOOL TEAM



### SAMANTHA WARNER

Hey hey everyone! Most of you know me, but for those that I haven't met yet, I'm Samantha, an SSO at JPS. You'll see me all around the place: garden, library, canteen & in the classroom. I do love holidays and wow they were busy! I got to catch up with many of my friends and family, played games and enjoyed the simple things in life. But I also do love my job, and can't wait to see what this year will bring. 😊

### TAM Mc GAVIN

It's great to be back for another year of teaching and learning at JPS. I am looking forward to stepping in to my new role as the Science and HaSS teacher as I am SO excited about working and learning with every student across the school. My plan this year is to hitch on the caravan and explore this beautiful country as often as possible (when not at school!). Was lovely to see all the smiley faces on Day 1 😊



### ELYSE FAEHRMANN

Hello all, I am Elyse, for those who don't know me I am an SSO here at Jervois Primary School. I am looking forward to another awesome year full of fun, laughter and good times. What better way to kick start the school year than with a joke.....

Knock, Knock.  
Who's there?  
A broken pencil.  
A broken pencil who?  
Uh, never mind.....its pointless!



### KIARRA STOECKEL

Happy 2025! I'm Kiarra Stoeckel and I am so excited to be joining Jervois Primary School in my first year of teaching, in the year 5/6 classroom. I am excited to get to know students, staff and families over the course of this year, and excited to create a safe, fun and supportive environment for your child during their learning here.



### CHLOE SCHAEFER



Hey and welcome back to 2025! I am Chloe Schaefer. I am going into my 3<sup>rd</sup> year of teaching the 3/4 class at Jervois! When I'm not at school you will likely catch me playing netball, spending time with my friends or skiing with my family down at Mypolonga! I have really enjoyed getting to know everyone here and look forward to another year of working with a great bunch of students and staff!

### JO FLETT and MICHELLE AFFORD

Jo and Michelle are always there for all your office needs. Michelle is a Jervois Local, and in her spare time works on their dairy farm, but gets away caravanning whenever possible! Both she and her husband AND their kids all went to Jervois Primary School. Jo's Mum worked here for a long time before she did and she's been here a long time after that. Her kids have all completed Primary School here, and her youngest has just started High School! Jo likes to spend time at her family's beach shack!



They are both VERY Jervois-y people!

## YOUR JERVOIS PRIMARY SCHOOL TEAM (cont)

### ELISSA HUNTER



Hello I'm Elissa and I've been at Jervois for three years. I have three girls, and two Border Collies, all of who keep me busy when I'm not at school. I love to travel, and often I'm planning my next adventure. I am very much looking forward to what we can achieve together at Jervois this year.

### PATRIZ KERKENAAR

Hello Parents and Caregivers, My name is Patriz Kerkenaar and I am known as Ms K. I will be teaching the Year 1/2 class every Thursday, collaborating with Ann Cracknell to make routines and expectations fluent for the children in our care. I will support the classroom literacy and numeracy program and be solely responsible for Visual Art which will be integrated with other subject areas where possible. I have been a relief teacher at this school previously and am familiar with many of the students. Please don't hesitate to say hello when you catch me in the school.



Regards, Patriz (Ms K)

### PETA DAVIS



Facts about Peta:

- \*Jervois Local
- \*Excited to continue at JPS with Choir again this year!
- \*Loves donuts and op shops
- \*Loathes coriander & vacuuming

### CARELLE POOLE



You won't see me too much, but I'm on deck at Jervois to continue with IT support every fortnight, and whenever needed. I also work at another school.

### ANN CRACKNELL

Welcome back to another busy, busy year at JPS. This year I have made the 'big shift' to Room 2 with my Yr 1/2 class! I am in the classroom all week except Thursday, which is my Well-Being day to support students in lots of different ways – stay tuned!! (Ms K will be in the Yr 1/2 classroom on Thursdays). Outside of school I love my Pilates, spending time walking at the beach, running around after my grandchildren, and finding all the cool ice cream shops!



### JAYDE KENNEDY



Happy New Year everyone! I hope you all had an amazing break. I am Jayde Kennedy and I am teaching the R/1 class this year. I can't wait to see the enormous growth that our newest students make throughout this year!

### SYLVIA RICCI

I am excited to be back at Jervois again for 2025! This is my 2<sup>nd</sup> year here and I will be continuing in the role as the Pastoral Care Worker. I also work as PCW at another school. I am at JPS two days per week (Thursday & Friday); happy to support students, staff & families. This year we will be rolling out a program called Kimochis: it's a Japanese word for emotions. Your child may come home and mention this.....the program is to help support students understand their



feelings and emotions. 😊

**Please make yourself known to our staff; say 'Hi' when you come to school. If you have any questions or concerns, please touch base with your child's class teacher or speak to Office Staff. We're here to support you to achieve the best outcomes for your child!**



# Jervois Primary School

## 2025 Menu & Canteen Price list

Price list issued Term 1 2025 – prices current as from **February 2025**

### Items available any canteen day (Tues/Fri)

(Available to buy at recess time)

#### Ice Creams

Quelch	\$0-50
Callipo Mini (Rasp.& Pine)	\$1-50
Vanilla Ice-Cream Cups	\$1-30
Strawberry Ice-Cream Cups	\$1-30
Chocolate Ice-Cream Cups	\$1-30
Icy Twist	\$1-70



*Some specials may be offered for a limited time – we will advertise these through the newsletter & at the canteen*

#### Miscellaneous

Mamee Noodles/Sea Salt, S&V, Honey Soy Crisps	\$0-70	All Prices
Grainwaves, Veggie straws	\$1-00	Exclude GST

### Friday Fresh Special Lunch Orders (start Week 4)

info will be sent out on Tuesday of each week - orders to be returned to Front Office on Thursdays

#### LUNCH ORDERING:

**Friday lunches:** complete Friday Fresh order form & return with money (or EFT) to OFFICE RETURN SLOT by Thursday morning.

Many thanks to the 5/6 students, Elyse, Teachers, SSO and parent helpers, who help with canteen & Friday Fresh, thank you for offering your time to help us all.

We appreciate your support very much!! 😊 😊 😊

The Murray Bridge United Football Club, (Soccer), will be holding their 2025 Player Nomination / Registration Information Night on Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> January, from 4.00pm to 7.00pm, (Week 1), at the Beatty Terrace Clubrooms, Murray Bridge.

**Soccer**

All Enquiries and/or Player Nominations to Kate please;  
[registrar.mbufc@mail.tidyhq.com](mailto:registrar.mbufc@mail.tidyhq.com) or 0422 248 350.

If you require any further details, please don't hesitate to contact us.



COMMUNITY NEWS

# The Jervois Institute Hall Needs Our Help!

Dear Jervois Institute Hall Members, Community and Friends,

The Jervois Institute Hall needs our help. As we approach 100 years since it was established, the Hall really needs the community's help to determine the buildings long term viability, and future use going forward.

We recognise we live in a very busy world, but we invite you, to join the Committee at the Jervois Hall on **Friday 21<sup>st</sup> February 2025 at 6pm**, for just one hour to share with us, your memories of the Hall, and your vision and feedback for its ongoing use for the Jervois and wider communities.

Sausage sizzle and refreshments will be available, **please RSVP to this email address by 7/2/25** or contact Malcolm Clayson on 0401 043 382.

**Vinyasa  
Yoga Days**

Thursdays  
6th, 20th of Feb  
6th, 20th March  
3rd April

The **9am class** will consist of 30mins of fast-paced movements followed by 15mins mediation.  
**-All bodies welcomed-**

The **10am class** will consist of a bit slower paced with deep stretching & 15mins mediation.  
**-All bodies welcomed-**

All participants to bring their own **Yoga mat, towel (to roll up) and drink bottle** recommended.  
**\$15 cash pp**

Rsvp & more information please contact Madalyn 0421 222 306

Jervois Hall  
William St, Jervois

**Jervois Tennis Club  
Presents  
sports themed Bingo...**

Please join us for our annual fundraising event to support our junior players!  
**15th February 2025**  
at  
**Jervois Combined Sporting Club  
Football Club Rooms**

**Come dressed in something sporty!**

Bar facilities available on the night from **5.30pm (STRICTLY NO BYO)**

Food available between 6pm-6.30pm  
**\$5 lamb on the spit rolls**  
**\$7 Lamb on the spit rolls and salads**

Bingo commences @ **7pm**  
Fun throughout the night with prizes  
**\$10 pp (5x rounds of bingo)**  
Bingo marker available **\$2**

Get your friends together and book a table  
Bookings essential by **8th February 2025**  
please contact  
Chantelle: 0438318327

## 2025 TERM 1 PLANNER

1	27/1	28/1	29/1	30/1	31/1
2	3/2	4/2	5/2 Community Night GC AGM	6/2	7/2
3	10/2 R-5 SWIMMING	11/2 R-5 SWIMMING	12/2 R-5 SWIMMING	13/2 R-5 SWIMMING	14/2 R-5 SWIMMING
4	17/2	18/2	19/2	20/2	21/2 Assembly Yr 3/4
5	24/2	25/2	26/2	27/2	28/2
6	3/3	4/3	5/3	6/3	7/3 Assembly Yr 1/2
7	10/3 Public Holiday	11/3 Student Free Day	12/3 NAPLAN window starts	13/3	14/3
8	17/3	18/3	19/3 Gov Council	20/3	21/3 Harmony Day Assembly Yr 5/6
9	24/3 Parent/Teacher Interviews	25/3 Parent/Teacher Interviews	26/3 Parent/Teacher Interviews	27/3 YEL	28/3 Sports Day
10	31/3	1/4	2/4	3/4	4/4 Assembly Yr R/1
11	7/4	8/4	9/4	10/4	11/4 Wheel-a-thon Early Dismissal

Last year the 3/4 class made a Thank You card for the lovely people from Dymocks Children's Charities: we were so lucky to receive a grant for \$7,000 worth of NEW BOOKS for our library! How awesome! So we thought a hand-made card was a small way we could express our gratitude. Dymocks sent us back a lovely message: *"Thank you so much to you and your students for organising such a lovely thank you card to be made and sent to our team! It was a lovely gift to greet us as we all returned from our Christmas break. We are thrilled that the students love the books, and we hope they will continue to be a valuable resource for year groups to come."*