

14th March 2025

SPORTS DAY IS ALMOST HERE!!!

Hi families,

I hope you've managed to stay cool in the recent warm weather. Our site learning plan is in the process of being developed, and I wanted to share with you some of the updates. At Jervois Primary School, we believe in empowering our students by giving them a voice in their educational journey. Learner agency is about enabling students to take ownership of their learning, make informed choices, and develop a sense of responsibility. During our recent student free day, our staff engage in professional development focused on strategies to increase and embed learner agency in the classroom. This included discussion with the end result being a whole school agreement that essentially supports students in not just taking ownership, but also taking risks, persevering, and giving and receiving targeted feedback.

Families can support learner agency by:

- * **Encouraging decision making** – Allow your child to make choices about their learning activities, such as selecting books to read or topics to explore.
- * **Foster independence** – Provide opportunities for your child to complete tasks on their own; building confidence and problem-solving skills.
- * **Engage in conversations** – Talk about their school interests, supporting them in expressing their thoughts and ideas

Thanks to families for your continued support and partnership in your child's education. Together we can create a school culture where every student has agency in their learning.

Take care,
Elissa

COMING EVENTS...

If you haven't already, please pop these dates in your calendar...

19/3	Governing Council	Our GC Rep meeting for Finance and Council @ 6.30pm
21/3	Harmony Day	Keep an eye out for more details on Seesaw
24/3		Monday to Wednesday is your chance to grab an interview
25/3	Parent Interviews	time with your child's teacher to discuss their learning. Booking
26/3		link has been sent via EdSmart
28/3	Sports Day	Whole school Sports Day – info inside
11/4	Wheelathon & early dismissal	A super fun day where we sponsor our kids to ride or walk to raise funds for our sponsored World Vision Community

MEET OUR SPORTS DAY CAPTAINS:



Saxon & Rivah



Elise & Richard



Macy & Elijah

SPORTS DAY

Friday 28/3

It's everyone's favourite day of the year

Sports Day is just around the corner; we have been practicing our events and team games, supporting our youngest students to learn all the different sports we will be attempting!

Did you know???

- **TOLMER** is named after Alexander Tolmer, a Police Officer involved in the first Gold Escort to cross the River Murray at Wellington
- **MURRAY** – that one's obvious; to recognise the River Murray which flows right past us at Jerois
- **STURT** is named after Captain Charles Sturt, the first explorer to navigate the length of the River Murray

Originally, our Sports Teams were named Tiranna (green), Allinga (red) & Talagandra (yellow) - we don't remember the significance of the team names, but it's nice they have changed to something more meaningful!

If you're not sure which team your child is in, please ask!

A program of events will be sent home to all families next week. We encourage lots of family to come along, but preferably not older non-JPS students, as it is a normal school day for everyone!

We hope you are able to join us as we run, jump, toss, leap, have fun, give our best effort, encourage each other and have a super awesome Sports Day!



Parents & Friends – Sports Day Fundraiser

Jerois PnF Group are seeking delicious food items to provide for adults attending sports day! Hot and Cold/sweet and savoury goodies will be available in the canteen, along with tea and coffee.

If you can contribute, bring your goodies to school on the morning of Sports Day (or the day before if you can't come); we ask that you jot down ingredients on a piece of paper for everyone to see (and we may save the recipes)!

As a fundraiser, we ask for a Gold coin donation for all items consumed on the day, thank you!

See you on the 28th ♥♥♥

REPEATED IMPORTANT REMINDERS.....

EdSmart is the portal we use to connect with families for important communication (excursions etc) and completion of forms, using an **online platform**. Please 'allow' emails from forms@edsmart.com which should show the sender as JPS Edsmart. Let us know if you need any further assistance or information about this.

Student **ABSENCES** are to be notified to the Front Office prior to or on the day of absence:

** phone call to 85723279 or call or text 0419 618 309

** email 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).

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. Contact Jo or Michelle if you need a new pricelist, and look out for those Friday Fresh forms coming home!

2025 STUDENT FREE & SCHOOL CLOSURE DAYS:

Term 1: Tuesday 11th March ✓

Term 3: Monday 18th August & Monday 1st September

Term 2: Friday 6th June

Term 4: Monday 13th October

SCHOOL FEES REMINDER

Thank you to those who have paid their school fees or applied for school card.

We encourage **everyone** to check if you are eligible for **school card**; it covers all your school fees (nothing to pay) and the process is easy.

Please check out the link <https://www.sa.gov.au/topics/education-and-learning/financial-help-scholarships-and-grants/school-card-scheme#title2> for eligibility and how to apply. It's definitely worth looking into! There is a simple online process, or if you prefer to complete a paper copy of the application just let me know and I will send one home. And if you need any help with it, just pop in or give us a call.

If you need to create a **payment plan**, please contact me and we will create one that works for your circumstance.

Statements will be sent out within the next 2 weeks; fees are payable in full by the end of this term (unless a payment plan is in place).

Thanks, Jo

VOLUNTEERING REMINDER

We LOVE having parents/carers at school to support us; if you're keen then follow these steps to jump on board!

- 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

See Michelle or Jo if you have any questions, and let us know if you have a particular skill you're happy to share to help out our school!

YR 6 to HIGH SCHOOL IN 2026

The process begins.....

Information for Year 6 students and families will now start to be shared. The first informative introduction to High School evening is advertised here →

It's a great opportunity to visit and tour Murray Bridge High School, speak to staff and take first steps to investigate options for next year.

The enrolment process is all automated, with an online link emailed to families toward the end of this term.

Whether you choose to enrol at a government or private high school, this online process

is the first step to be completed to start your child's High School registration. As always, if you have any questions, please contact JPS Office Staff or contact the High School for a chat.



MBHS invites year 6 students and families to our

2026 Introduction to High School & Tour Evening

Wednesday 26th March 5:30pm
Monday 31st March 5:30pm

Meet in Sturt Building to begin the evening

08 8531 9500
dl.0785.info@schools.sa.edu.au
5 Lohmann Street, Murray Bridge

MURRAY BRIDGE HIGH SCHOOL

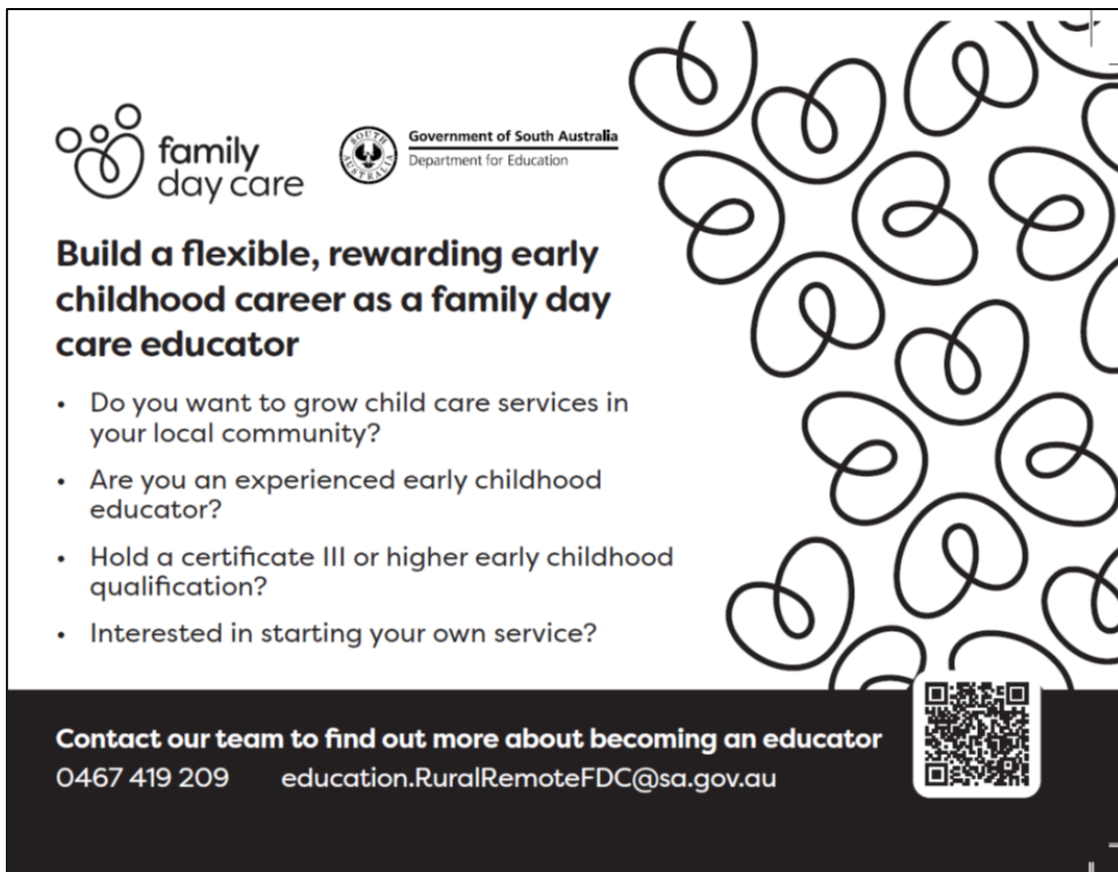
Important Note:

- Sessions run for 90 mins and are repeated
- No booking required

FAMILY DAY CARE OPPORTUNITY

The Department for Education are encouraging schools to promote Family Day Care as an opportunity for locals to consider taking up as an option to offer families in this area. There is plenty of support available through the Department to set up a Family Day Care service, so if this interests you, please contact the Rural Remote FDC team to discuss this further.

We have families who have indicated they would be interested to seek a local Family Day Care service if it was available here.....so if you have ever thought about it – it's worth looking into!



The advertisement features the 'family day care' logo on the left, which includes a stylized figure of a person. To its right is the Government of South Australia Department for Education logo. The main text reads: 'Build a flexible, rewarding early childhood career as a family day care educator'. Below this is a bulleted list of requirements: 'Do you want to grow child care services in your local community?', 'Are you an experienced early childhood educator?', 'Hold a certificate III or higher early childhood qualification?', and 'Interested in starting your own service?'. The background of the ad is decorated with a pattern of black and white swirls. At the bottom, there is a black bar containing contact information: 'Contact our team to find out more about becoming an educator', the phone number '0467 419 209', the email 'education.RuralRemoteFDC@sa.gov.au', and a QR code.

RECEPTION STARTERS – Term 3 2025 or Term 1 2026

Please let us know if you have a child ready for school, to start Reception in Term 3 this year, or Term 1 2026.

Not sure of the age cut off? If your child turns 5 before November 1st 2025, they may start Reception in Term 3 this year.

If your child fits within this age bracket, please complete a registration of interest form to attend Jervois Primary School **before Friday April 4th**. Forms are available from the office or via this link:

<https://www.education.sa.gov.au/docs/psp/reception-registration-of-interest-form.pdf>

Return the form to us by email: dl.0194.info@schools.sa.edu.au or drop it in to us at JPS.

Children who turn 5 before May 1st 2026, are eligible to start Reception in Term 1 2026.



A Positive Vibe at Jervois Primary School.

As we have settled into our new school year at Jervois Primary School, it's heartening to see the vibrant and positive atmosphere that has taken root in our community. The dedication and enthusiasm of our teachers have played a pivotal role in ensuring a smooth transition for students into their new classes. This positive input has not only fostered a healthy learning environment but has also helped students settle in well with their new teachers and classmates.

Walking through the school yard and visiting classrooms, it's rewarding to witness the joy and engagement of our students. Their eagerness to learn and participate is a testament to the supportive and nurturing environment we strive to create.

This year, we are excited to introduce a new initiative, the "Student Action Group," where every student will have the opportunity to contribute to our school community. This approach ensures that everyone is involved, fostering a sense of belonging and responsibility. Some activities we have already witnessed are "Lunch Club," where students prepare toasted sandwiches for nominated classes. We had students volunteer for preparing, cooking & serving our BBQ food for Community Night, and with others also speaking on the night to our parents and families. This not only teaches valuable life skills but also encourages teamwork and collaboration and demonstrates a sense of pride in our school.

We look forward to seeing the positive impact of the Student Action Group and are confident that it will further enhance the sense of community and involvement at Jervois Primary School.

Here's to a fantastic year!
Ann Cracknell-Wellbeing Leader 🌻



Wellbeing support with some 5-6 and 1-2 students helping prepare lunches for classes recently. Support included preparation, putting together, cooking, and serving.....and most importantly; EATING!

Thanks to Mrs Cracknell & Sylvia for organising supplies from FOODBANK and all of their organisation so we can have yummy toasted sandwiches for lunch on Thursday and enjoy toast for breakfast on Friday mornings!

A great way to ensure full tummies for concentration, learning, happy kids & teaching life skills: teamwork, following instructions and cleaning up afterwards!!!

ROOM 3 NEWS

(the 3/4 class)

What a fantastic and busy start to the year we've had in Room 3! While we've been enjoying learning across a range of subjects, we are especially excited to share our very own maths games that we created - and we're so proud of how they turned out!

Earlier this term, we learned a fun game to help us build our place value knowledge. As we became more confident and skilled at the game, we wanted to push ourselves further. So, we thought - why not create our own versions of the game?

The process involved lots of planning and creativity, from jotting down ideas in our books (and on scrap paper) to practising, refining, and finally creating our polished versions. One of the most exciting parts was designing spinners online using our favourite colours - everyone loved that!

Our finished games have now made their way home, and many of us have enjoyed playing them with our families. We are so proud of what we've achieved and can't wait to create even more exciting projects this year!



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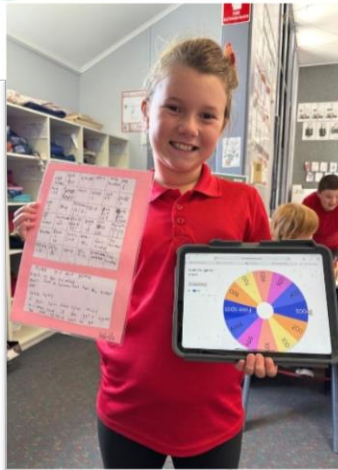
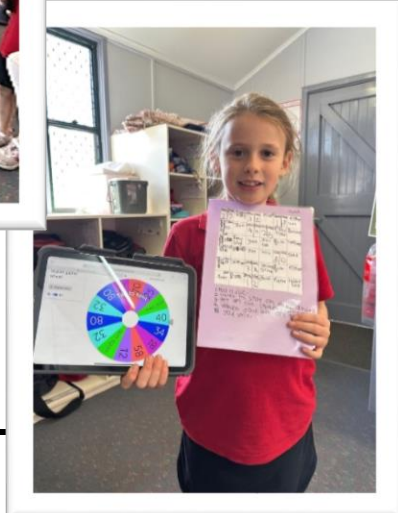
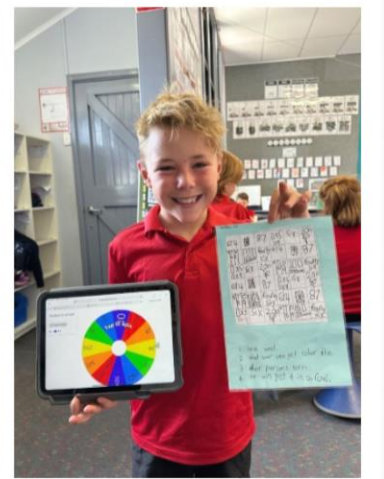
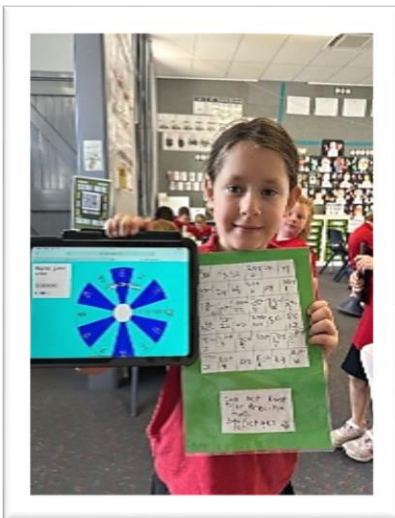


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COMMUNITY NEWS

MID YEAR ENROLMENTS

Does your child turn 4 from the 1st of May to the 31st of October?
If so they can start preschool through the mid-year in take, beginning of term 3 this year.

REGISTER YOUR INTEREST NOW!

Tailem Bend
Kindergarten & Rural Care

Jervois BUDS netball club

Training schedule for the coming weeks:

Wednesday 19th March
All junior teams at 5pm
Seniors at 6:30pm

Christian Reserve courts, Murray Bridge

Then we return to Thursday training at JERVOIS from the following week: **THURS 27th March**
Junior training times to be advised
Seniors at 6:30pm

(teas available on training nights!)

Season starts Sat 5th April

Vinyasa Yoga Days

Thursdays
6th, 20th March
3rd April

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

The **10am class** will consist of a slower pace with deep stretching.
-All bodies welcomed-

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

Classes capped at 10 so make sure to rsvp to claim your place.



Rsvp & more information please contact Madalyn 0421 222 306

Jervois Hall
William St, Jervois

FIRE WOOD FOR SALE



1 X tonne - \$350
2 X tonne - \$300 each
3 X tonne - \$250 each

Ring Dusty on
0458 864 625

2025 TERM 1 PLANNER

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

2025 TERM 2 PLANNER

1	28/4	29/4	30/4	1/5	2/5 School Photos
2	5/5	6/5	7/5	8/5	9/5 Do it for Dolly
3	12/5 Cross Country SAPSASA	13/5	14/5 Gov Council	15/5	16/5 Walk to School Day
4	19/5	20/5	21/5	22/5	23/5
5	26/5	27/5	28/5	29/5	30/5
6	2/6	3/6	4/6	5/6	6/6 Student Free Day

Wheelathon info out next week