

16th May 2025

NEWSLETTER: TERM 2 WEEK 3

Hi families,

As we move into the cooler months a reminder that our hat policy relaxes during this time. Ensure that your child is dressed appropriately for the cooler temperatures, allowing them to enjoy their play time comfortably.

Fundraising Success

We are thrilled to share the success of our recent fundraising events. The Wheelathon raised an impressive \$2,138, thanks to the enthusiastic participation of our students and the generous support of our community. Additionally, our "Do It for Dolly Day" bake sale contributed \$312. These funds will greatly assist in supporting our school programs and resources.

Volunteers

A heartfelt thank you to all the volunteers who helped make our school a loved part of this community. Your involvement enriches our students and contributes to the educational experiences that we can provide. So a thank you in advance to those families who are supporting us on our adventure to Monarto, we couldn't do it without you.

As we settle back into our routines, we look forward to a productive and engaging term. Thank you for your continued support and involvement in our school community.

Take care,

Elissa

COMING EVENTS...

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

23/5	Monarto Zoo Excursion	A whole school experience for everyone! Make sure your permission form & \$\$ payment has been finalised please.
29/5	Bus run change (afternoon only)	Families using the near-winery stop need to collect their kids FROM SCHOOL. Bus run for families living from Wellington to the Marina IS STILL AVAILABLE as normal. Morning run not affected for anyone.
6/6	Student Free Day	No school for students 😊 Staff training & development day



MONARTO ZOO EXCURSION:

It's our whole school trip and it's coming up NEXT WEEK! Make sure you have completed the EdSmart permission form and paid \$10 per student (gst exc), then we won't need to chase you up or risk your child missing out on this amazing experience! Everyone is super excited.....we can't wait!



High School Registration

Reminder to please complete your child's registration for High School in 2026 by next Friday: 23rd May. (whether attending the local High School, or a private school)

ADMIN NEWS & REMINDERS (from Michelle & Jo).....

PERMISSION FORMS: We use **EdSmart** 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.

STUDENT ABSENCES: are to be notified to the Front Office prior to or on the day of absence, by either

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

** email dl.0194.info@schools.sa.edu.au

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 (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)

**** 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.**

2025 STUDENT FREE & SCHOOL CLOSURE DAYS:

- ★ Term 2: Friday 6th June
- ★ Term 3: Monday 18th August & Monday 1st September
- ★ Term 4: Monday 13th October

SCHOOL FEES REMINDER

School Fees were due for payment at the end of Term 1: if you have an outstanding account, please contact Jo to finalise your payment or organise a payment plan as soon as possible.

It's still not too late to consider applying for SCHOOL CARD. Check if you are eligible; as this will fully cover your child's 2025 School Fees amount. 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. Thanks, Jo

RECEPTION STARTERS – Term 3 2025 or Term 1 2026

If you know someone with a little person who is almost ready for school and they are thinking about JPS; please let us know.....or send them the link to our registration of interest form:

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



WHEELATHON



Thanks to our staff & volunteers for all of your support to make this event happen – we can't do it without you. THANK YOU!!!

Buddy Class

Take a photo



Take a photo



Take a photo



Take a photo



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Take a photo



Take a photo of you and your buddy



Take a photo of you and your buddy



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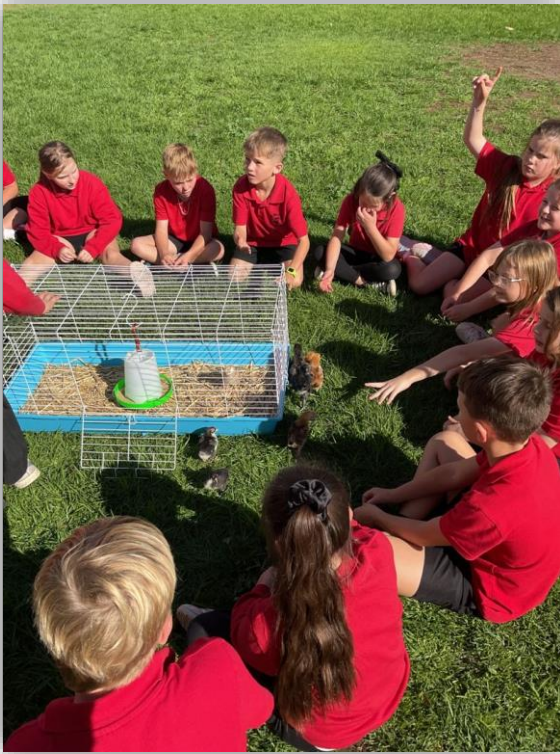


Take a photo of you and your buddy



The Yr 3/4s & the R/1s get together

The Year 3/4 class have buddied up with the R/1 class to share time together every week; creating new friendships, sharing stories, encouraging learning and development, helping others, and growing confidence particularly for our younger students. Sometimes they share reading time: the 3/4s read to the R/1s and lately the R/1s have read to the 3/4s. They have been playing games together, with the older students supporting and encouraging the younger ones to have a go. Hudson's favourite thing about getting together with their Buddy Class is doing reading! 'Sailer read his reader to me, then we read one of his favourite class books together – it was about the little blue guy and it's called 'Do Not Open This Book' – its kinda funny!'



Samantha brought in some baby chickens and Zoey brought in two ducklings for us to learn about. We loved watching them run around and giving them a pat. We also got to ask some great questions about the life cycle, activity and features of both the chickens & ducklings. Thanks Samantha & Zoey for sharing this with our classes 😊



Chickens, ducks & Do It for Dolly Day

The day is done and we say congrats and thank you to Room 5 on a super effort with organising and raising funds for such an important cause.❤️❤️❤️❤️



WELLBEING: Lunch Club



Rosie and Ava were part of our Student Action Group today. They not only made toasties for Room 1, but also asked Jo and Michelle if they would like one as well. A nice act of kindness from these little ones. 🌞🍌❤️👍



Sun, planets, stars, Milky Way, asteroids, moons.....it's all out there!!



SCIENCE



TERM 1 Class Awards:

WEEK 4

R/1 Darcy for being a kind & inclusive class member

1/2 Scarlett for showing great organisational skills & supporting her new class mates

3/4 Lenny for being helpful & having a positive start to the year

5/6 Declan for showing confidence in his maths & attempting new topics

WEEK 6

R/1 Archer A for having a positive start to Year 1

1/2 Riley M for showing great enthusiasm toward his classmates & discovering new learning

3/4 Archer W for showing great focus & working really hard on new tasks

5/6 Hamish for demonstrating consistent learning efforts & applying feedback

Effort

WEEK 8

R/1 Halle V for trying extra hard in daily Heggarty & sessions

1/2 Corbhan for putting in a great effort in Maths; showing his understanding of numbers

3/4 Haylee for having a great attitude & giving Maths a really good go

5/6 Rivah for applying feedback & showing improvement in his writing

WEEK 10

R/1 Ava K for trying extra hard in all tasks & learning opportunities

1/2 Isabella for her consistent effort across all areas of her learning – what a great role model!

3/4 Skylah for showing great focus on her work in class

5/6 Matilda for showing strong resilience during sports day & challenging herself during the events

TERRIFIC KIDS

Congratulations to our Term 1 Kiwanis Terrific Kids, presented by Helen & Jan from the Murray Bridge Kiwanis group:

R/1 Audrey G

1/2 Scarlett A

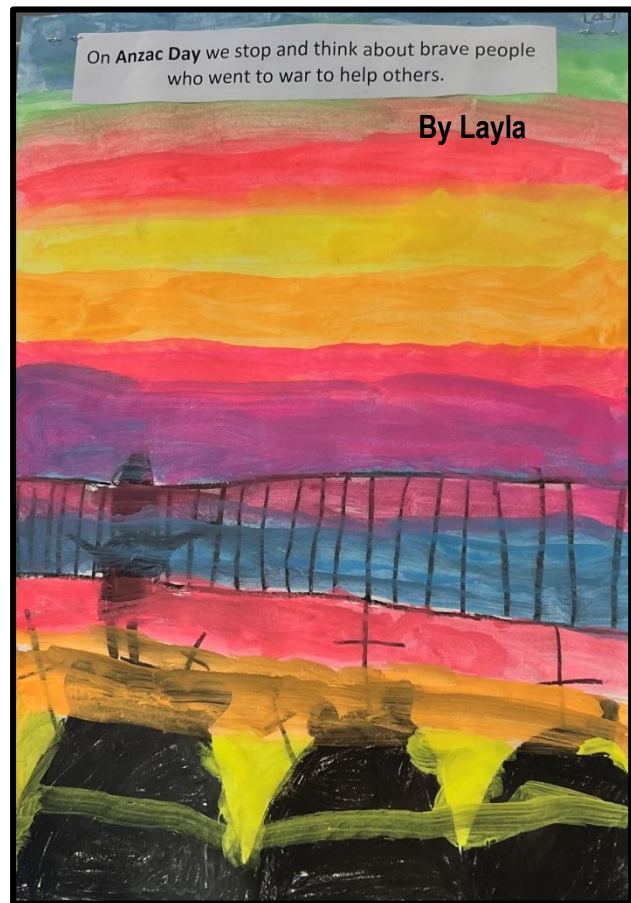
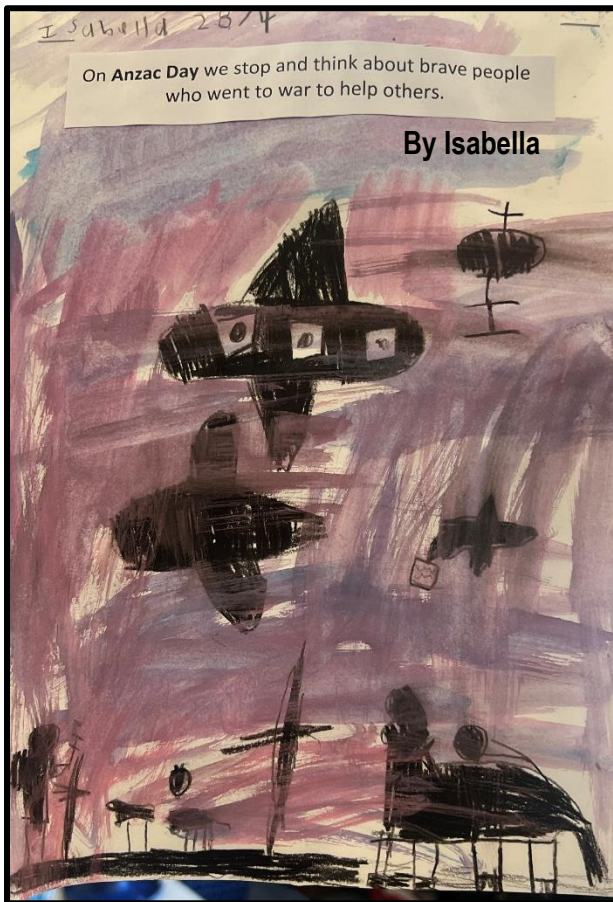
3/4 Miyah S

5/6 Marcus J



ANZAC Day

Mrs Cracknell's Yr 1/2 class learned about ANZAC day: what it means, why we recognise the day, the importance for us as Australians.....and they drew pictures depicting their understanding of Anzac Day;



First Aid



Annie from St John Ambulance visited JPS to share some very important learning with all students. All classes were taught some life saving messages and techniques – we are sure you have heard all about it!

Everyone had hands-on practice with First Aid skills, such as: the recovery position, bandaging and CPR. Everyone was able to take away something valuable from the session.

Here are some take-aways from the 3-4 class:

Koah – *"I learnt the different ways to bandage for snake bites and cuts"*

Cooper – *"I enjoyed when we got to bandage each other and practice"*

Hudson – *"I enjoyed practicing the recovery position, it was important"*

Laura – *"I learnt what to do when you get a snake bite, you are meant to stay VERY still!"*

Haylee – *"Annie (the paramedic) was very helpful and I learnt how to fix big cuts"*

Huge thanks to Annie and St John Ambulance for providing this free valuable information service and practical learning sessions to schools ☺



Emergency? Dial 000



SAPSASA Cross Country

On Tuesday we had four students try out for the Murraylands District Cross Country team. They had to run a course over either 2km or 3km at Unity College; to be considered for selection, they had to finish in the top 6 AND run under the qualifying time. Congratulations to Laura, Hunter and Richard; who have all been invited to compete at the State Cross Country Championships at Oakbank later in the term! Super job. And also well done to Hayden for trying out and doing his best. Our students were super encouraging of all competitors – that's awesome! Great effort everyone - & good luck for your run at Oakbank!!



Premier's Reading and Be Active Challenges

Every year, we promote the Premier's challenges to our students to encourage regular participation with READING and PHYSICAL ACTIVITY. All students should already be adding any books they have read to the PRC (Reading Challenge) forms – this is something we actively support students to achieve and have, as a school, participated in for many years. Similarly, the PBA (Be Active) challenge is one which is relatively easy for kids to do: either over a 4 or 10 week period, to actively participate in sport/physical activity for 60 minutes on 5 of the 7 days of each of those weeks. It's a simple tick of sheet to record your child's activity, then once completed, sign off to verify and return it to school. There's plenty of time: both challenges are to be completed by late in Term 3, so that's almost 2 whole terms to get both done!

If you need another challenge form: they can be downloaded here:

[PBAC active challenge form](#)

[PRC reading challenge form link](#)

Or let us know and we will send another one home ☺
Happy reading and being active!!

THE MURRAY BRIDGE PLAYERS & SINGERS YOUTH THEATRE PRESENTS

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THE SPONGEBOB MUSICAL

Based on the series by Stephen Hillenburg
Book by Kyle Jarrold

Original Songs by
Yolanda Adams, Steven Tyler and Joe Perry of Aerosmith, Sara Bareilles, Jonathan Coulton, Alex Ebert of Edward Sharpe & The Magnetic Zeros, The Flaming Lips, Lady A, Cyndi Lauper, John Legend, Panic! At the Disco, Plain White T's, They Might Be Giants, T.I.

And Songs by
David Bowie, Tom Kenny & Andy Paley

Additional Lyrics by
Jonathan Coulton

Additional Music by
Tom Kitt

Musical Production Conceived by
Tina Landau

youth edition

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+ FUNCTION CENTRE**
17 BRIDGE STREET MURRAY BRIDGE SA 5253

Saturday 7th June 2025 2pm and 7pm
Sunday 8th June 2025 2pm
Friday 13th June 2025 7pm
Saturday 14th June 2025 2pm and 7pm


Tickets available from <https://www.mbplayersandsingers.com.au/book-tickets/>
OR Ray White Murray Bridge from Monday 28th April

Ticket Prices \$20 Adult, \$15 Concession/ U18

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USING SONGS, RHYMES AND STORIES TO SUPPORT
CONNECTION BETWEEN CHILD AND PARENT

TERM 2 2025
29TH APRIL - 10TH JULY

Tuesday's
9:30am
MANNUM

Mannum Leisure Centre -
Senior Citizen Room
Intergenerational
Aminya village
10am 13th May

Wednesday's
11am
MENINGIE

Meningie
Kindergarten
Intergenerational
Jallarah Homes
11am 21st May

Thursday's
9.30am
TAILEM BEND

Tailem Bend
Primary School
Intergenerational
Tailem Bend Hospital
9:30am 29th May

Intergenerational sessions ~ Insightful speakers ~ Supportive environment

MIDWIFE VISITS

Include: Weights ~ Measurements ~ Informal discussions ~ Entries into Blue Book
With Registered Midwife Sophie Eldridge

Mannum	Meningie	Tailem Bend
6th May	14th May	22nd May
9:30am	11am	9.30am

For children aged 0-5yrs and their parent/carergiver

Bookings appreciated
Scan QR code or go to:
<https://www.trybooking.com/CYNCM>

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT

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2025 TERM 2 PLANNER

3	12/5 Cross Country SAPSASA	13/5	14/5 Gov Council	15/5	16/5 Assembly 1/2 Walk to School Day
4	19/5	20/5	21/5 Simultaneous Story Time	22/5	23/5 Monarto Zoo Excursion
5	26/5	27/5	28/5	29/5	30/5 Assembly 3/4
6	2/6	3/6	4/6	5/6 State Cross Country - Oakbank	6/6 Student Free Day
7	9/6 Public Holiday	10/6 Kindy transition	11/6 YEL	12/6	13/6 Assembly 5/6
8	16/6	17/6 Kindy transition	18/6 Gov Council	19/6	20/6
9	23/6	24/6 Kindy transition	25/6	26/6	27/6
10	30/6 NAIDOC Week	1/7 Kindy Transition	2/7	3/7	4/7 Assembly R/1 Last Day Term 2 2:05pm dismissal

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

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INFORMATION EVENING

TUESDAY 3rd JUNE 5pm-6pm

Come along for a relaxed evening—
explore our learning space,
meet our educators,
and hear about our learning program

Please let us know you are coming!



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