



1st August 2025

NEWSLETTER: TERM 3 WEEK 2

Hi families,

As we commence Term 3, it's great to see our mid-year receptions settling in with enthusiasm and resilience. Their adaptability is a testament to the supportive environment fostered by our dedicated staff and the warm welcome of our school community.

Today is **Australian Primary Principals Day**, a moment to acknowledge the pivotal role principals play in leading our schools to success. It's also an opportunity to celebrate the collective efforts of our exceptional staff. Their commitment and passion for public education are the foundation of our students' achievements, and I feel incredibly lucky to work alongside such a dynamic and capable team. The effectiveness of Principals is intrinsically linked to the strength and support of their team.

Please note that I will be on leave for the next two weeks. During this period, Ann Cracknell will be stepping in to ensure continuity in leadership and support. I have full confidence in her capabilities and appreciate your support of her during my absence.

In keeping with learner agency I came across this quote by Charles Leadbetter that perfectly sums up the direction we are heading in at Jervois Primary 'It is not what you know that counts, but what you can do with that knowledge, with others, to tackle complex challenges and to step into unforeseen possibilities'.

Take Care,
Elissa



Book Week is coming.....we have our annual Book Week parade on Friday 22nd August.

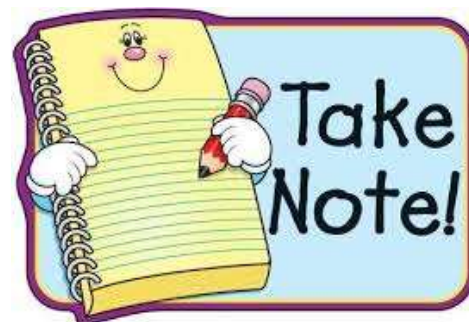
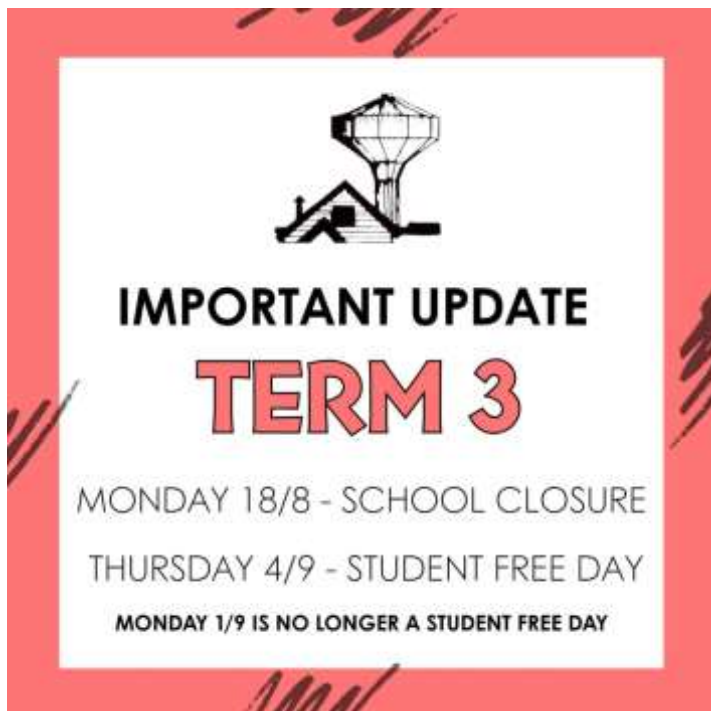
This year's theme leaves the imagination wide open with 'Book an Adventure'. Our kids (& staff) love the challenge of coming dressed up for Book Week. We encourage 'home made' costumes – finding stuff you have at home to dress up in. Boxes are great to use! The object is not to cause families to go to expense to dress your child! It's a fun day and a time for creativity!

During the holidays we were saddened to hear of the passing of our much loved Lyn 'Mrs West'. Lyn was our Admin/Finance Officer at JPS for many years, retiring in 2012 after notching up 27 years of office and financial wisdom, and caring support for our staff and students. Lyn also worked at Mypolonga Primary School during this time and her presence and input at both schools was highly valued. Once retired, Lyn continued to support our JPS students in a volunteer role, with reading in classrooms and always a wealth of knowledge & support for our office staff. Lyn's grandkids all attended JPS, another reason to continue her connection with our school! Her kindness and thoughtful caring nature, sense of humour and fastidious attention to detail with her work made Lyn a highly respected and much loved member of staff and our school community.



We extend our sympathy and love to Lyn's family: Tom, Russell, Jo & Victor, Nikkita Georgie & Dylan.

Special love & thoughts to our Jo: 'there's no-one quite like your mum!' ♥



STUDENT FREE DAYS

Term 3: Week 5 Monday 18th August
 Week 7 Thursday 4th September
 ***NOTE **CHANGED DATE**

Term 4: Week 1 Monday 13th October

NEW RECEPTION STUDENTS

Tyrell, Harvey and Isaac have joined us as new Reception students this term. It's been a busy couple of weeks for them already and they are settling into school life! Make sure you say 'Hi' when you see them in the yard and always show great JPS kindness, friendliness and positive play so they learn this from us! 😊



SAPSASA SPORT

Next week on Tuesday 5th August is the District Athletics Day where 17 of our students will compete in numerous events to represent our school and compete for spots on the Murraylands team for the State Athletics Carnival in Adelaide. Good luck everyone; do your best but most of all, have fun!

Hoping for a calm, dry day to ensure the best conditions for athletics!

Thanks to parent support to transport students on the day and for helping out with event marshalling. 😊

YEAR 6 HIGH SCHOOL TRANSITION (for 2026 at Murray Bridge High School)

Key Dates coming up for Murray Bridge High School information sessions etc:

- ★ Term 3 Week 9 (Tues 16/9 & Thurs 18/9) Parent Conferences at MBHS
- ★ Term 3 Week 10 (Mon 22/9) Parent Conferences at MBHS
- ★ Term 4 Week 5 (Tues 11/11) 'Getting Ready for 2026' Information Night & Uniform Fit night
- ★ Term 4 Week 8 (Tues 2/12) Transition Day at MBHS – whole day!

We will make sure reminders are given prior to each of these events; via seesaw and some communication may come direct to you from the High School.

As always, if you have any questions, please ask us!

ANN's WELL BEING NEWS

Welcome to Term 3 at Jervois Primary!

As we step into Term 3 at Jervois Primary School, there's a sense of fresh energy and enthusiasm through our classrooms and playgrounds. With the winter bugs of Term 2 behind us, it's been heartwarming to see everyone bouncing back with smiles, laughter, and a readiness to learn and grow.

A special welcome goes out to our three brand new Receptions who have joined the Jervois family this term! It's been wonderful to see how warmly they've been received—not only by their classmates but by students across all year levels. There's a real sense of community here, and it's beautiful to watch both our younger and older students step up to help our newest members settle in with kindness and care.

The creative spirit of the school continues to shine thanks to the ever-inspiring work of Dave, whose artwork is now weaving its way through the school grounds. Starting with the vibrant chalkboard outside Room 1, students are now discovering a trail of colour and creativity inviting them to explore, interact, and be active at play time. It's been a joy watching the children engage with the artwork—following it, talking about it, and even being inspired to create their own.

Our Brekky Club is now running **two mornings a week: Thursday and Friday!** It continues to be a much-loved part of our week, offering a warm and nourishing start to the day for many of our students. Likewise, our **Lunch Club**, lovingly prepared each week by three children from the nominated class, remains a highlight and a great opportunity for students to practice teamwork, generosity, and practical life skills.

There's a lot to look forward to this term, and I'm excited for the positive energy and sense of togetherness that's already so evident. Whether it's through shared meals, collaborative art, or simply looking out for one another, our school community continues to show what it means to be kind, creative, and connected.

Here's to a vibrant, productive, and joyful Term 3!

Ann Cracknell-Wellbeing Leader 🌻



We have been keen to develop our skipping skills and loved sharing the task with our buddy class from Room 5 today. 💖

WELLBEING: Breakfast & Lunch Club



Thank you Haylee, Miyah & Cooper for offering to do Lunch Club for Room 3 today. Miyah did a great job taking orders and delivering toasties with Cooper & Haylee preparing the toasties and finishing with deliveries, Great team effort today. 🌟🌟

Brekky club and lunch club are a super popular addition to our regular Thursday now, with Brekky club expanded to Fridays as well. Sylvia and Ann band together, with the help of a variety of students each week to provide tasty toast before school and delicious toasted sandwiches for Thursday lunch for selected classes – this is rotated each week so we can all enjoy this treat! Depending on what's available, there's also snack bars and fruit too! Thanks to everyone who helps deliver this for our kids! Huge thanks to FOODBANK for supporting our school!

Office Showcase

Each class has an assigned frame in the front office to display special work they have completed during the term. Our first display frame is filled: thanks Chloe & the 3/4 class! Come in and take a look at some classroom learning on display. Hopefully all the frames will be filled soon to create some eye-catching displays when you next visit!



PCW Piece: Kimochis



Meet Huggtopus!

HUGGTOPUS is very affectionate and strong and sometimes gets a little carried away by her big friendly personality. She doesn't know her own strength and can sometimes be a little overbearing! You can always count on her to put a smile on your face if you're feeling down and to give you a great big hug to make you feel better!

Huggtopus is a communication tool for

- ★ setting appropriate boundaries;
- ★ self-regulating internal and external distractions;
- ★ having more patience and tolerance.

Huggtopus' favourite number is **8** and she loves the colour **PINK!**

Which one is your favourite?

The Kimochis:

huggtopus

cloud

bug

cat

LOVEY DOVE

ART EXHIBITION

We have been invited to participate in the local SALA exhibition held at the Jervois Hall on the weekend of August 23/24. Each class has completed artwork, which will be framed and put on display. These works of art will be offered to families FIRST, with the opportunity to purchase prior to the exhibition. The purchased artworks will be marked as SOLD, but still included in the display. Any unsold artworks will be available for public sale over the weekend. Further information will be sent home next week! Don't miss the chance to buy a 'work of art' from school, before they are snapped up at the event ☺

Community Art & Heirlooms

SALA

South Australian Living Artists Festival
August, 2025

The 'Community Art & Heirlooms' exhibition will be an eclectic collection of Art and Heirloom Crafts presented from artisans across four local communities, including the Jervois Primary School students.

there will be items available for purchase as well as display only pieces

Exhibitors

Jervois Primary School - Murray Bridge Hand Spinners & Weavers Guild - Riverbank Basket makers

Tailem Bend Community Centre (art & exquisite quilts) - Wine Barrel Craft - Maureen Gibson Hats

Leanne McCulloch Art

Jervois Town Hall

9 William St Jervois

Sat 23 & Sun 24 August 10am - 3pm

Hot soup or afternoon tea will be available for a small fee, with all proceeds going to the Jervois Hall.

The Community Art & Heirloom exhibitors acknowledge and thank The Rural City of Murray Bridge and The Jervois Town Hall Committee for their generous sponsorship and support of this event.



Term 2 Class Awards

Week 3

R/1: Norina for her amazing reading growth so far!

1/2: Sevren for showing a determined and persistent effort with his reading at home and at school

3/4: Paige for having a go at everything and trying her best!

5/6: Macy for her consistency during spelling and producing quality work each week

Week 5

R/1: George for trying super hard in writing tasks

1/2: Flossie for showing a positive attitude to all areas of learning & embracing the challenges

3/4: Chloe for taking on feedback and showing persistence

5/6: Saxon for his respect & care of others and making our classroom a positive environment

Week 7

R/1: Pheobe for trying super hard to reach her reading goals

1/2: Wyatt for stepping up and giving that extra effort with reading and writing

3/4: Cody for putting in effort with his reading and getting better each day

5/6: Frankie for her efforts during choir and pushing herself out of her comfort zone

Week 10

R/1: Elijah M for trying his best to be a positive role model during mid-year transition

1/2: Jedda for outstanding effort & achievement with regular reading at home and at school

3/4: Arabella for using a growth mindset more consistently and showing reflection in her learning

5/6: Marcus for his consistent displays of encouragement and support for his peers in all areas



Terrrrrific Kids



Our Term 2 Terrific Kids are:

Laura (3/4 class)
Leo (1/2 class)
Ella (R/1 class)
Macy (5/6 class)

Congrats to you all for being recognised as JPS Terrific Kids!

Thanks to Jan and Helen from Kiwanis for coming to our assembly to present these awards! ☺



Science FUN



R/1 Science: Today in Science we made some Oobleck! We mixed together corn flour and water to see what happened. It was a gooey, sticky, sloppy mess but also a lot of fun!

UP Class Science: Making a tornado and volcano in a bottle!



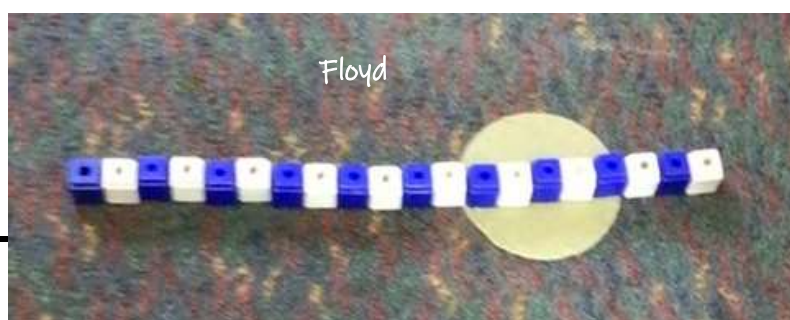
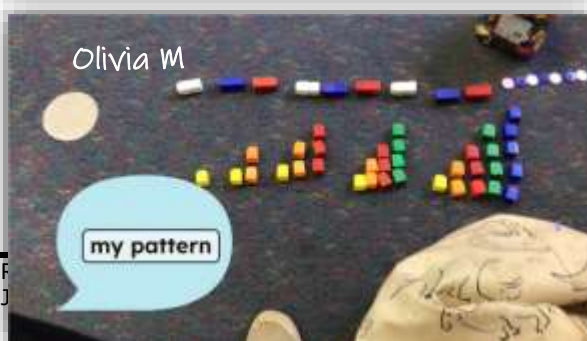
Garden Gurus

3-4 class learning

After getting some much needed rain, we have finally been able to get into the garden to start working on our class garden beds. Yesterday we had a great time, replanting some bunches of spring onion and planting some new carrot and lettuce seeds. We also got our hands dirty doing some weeding, and having a go at pulling some stubborn tree roots out of the beds. Thank you to Samantha for her help too - we are lucky to be able to get outside and do things like this!



Maths Patterns





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NEURO-AFFIRMING PRACTICES

REGIONAL CONNECT INFORMATION SESSION

The Statewide Inclusive Education Services (SIES) is hosting a regional information session.

Join us via Microsoft Teams (scan the link below) to hear Kate Mudge (Occupational Therapist) from our Autism Inclusion Teacher Initiative share her knowledge and expertise of neuro affirming practices and the work she's been involved in creating neuro affirming resources for schools.

If you're a parent or carer of a student with disability or difficulty at a DfE School, you are invited to this session where SIES staff will be available to discuss resources and supports.



THURSDAY 14th August 2025



1pm - 2pm



Register [here](#)



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TERM 3 PLANNER

2	28/7	29/7	30/7	31/7	1/8
3	4/8	5/8 District Athletics @ Unity	6/8 Governing Council	7/8	8/8 3/4 Assembly
4	11/8	12/8	13/8	14/8	15/8
5	18/8 School Closure Day	19/8	20/8	21/8	22/8 1/2 Assembly Book Week Parade
6	25/8	26/8	27/8	28/8	29/8
7	1/9	2/9	3/9	4/9 Student Free Day	5/9 5/6 Assembly
8	8/9	9/9	10/9 Governing Council	11/9	12/9
9	15/9	16/9	17/9	18/9	19/9 R/1 Assembly
10	22/9 Athletics champs in Adelaide	23/9	24/9	25/9	26/9 COLOUR RUN!

Art Exhibition
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What's Dave been up to?? Dave's diversifying his role at JPS: he has been fixing lots of doors, helping all classes to organise ART projects, trying to get the mower going, played 'rabbits, hares & foxes' with the UP class, and has now taken on the task of decorating our newest JPS resident: 'Mootricia' (not her official name). We will update you on her progress as she develops.....



This is 'Mootricia': a friend for Jervalina! She is being 'refurbished' and will be our Centenary monument to celebrate our 100 years of JPS

