



13th February 2026

Welcome to 2026!

A word from the Principal.....

Hi Families,

We are back, and busy as ever taking advantage of the beautiful weather. Next week our students will be heading off for swimming lessons. This is always a valuable experience, building confidence, resilience and important life skills. Thank you to families for your support with organisation and encouragement—it really does make a difference.

Our Upper Primary students recently visited Taillem Bend Kindergarten to run a LEGO Club, and it was a huge success. The students showed leadership, creativity and kindness, and it was wonderful to see them working with younger children so confidently. Experiences like this help build strong links across our local community and give our students authentic opportunities to lead and contribute.

Last week we enjoyed a wonderful Community Night, which was a great opportunity to come together, connect and strengthen the sense of belonging that is so important in our school community. Thank you to everyone who attended and helped make the evening such a positive and welcoming event.

Our Governing Council AGM was held after Community Night, and we are very pleased to welcome some new members joining the council, Hannah Kluske and Jess Langcake. Governing Council plays an important role in supporting the school and shaping its direction, and we are grateful to everyone who volunteers their time and expertise. We look forward to working together over the coming year to improve outcomes for our children.

Looking ahead, one of our major focuses this year will be our work with education consultant James Anderson, supporting our ongoing commitment to helping children become effective learners. This work is about giving students the skills, language and confidence to understand how they learn, to persevere when learning feels challenging, and to take greater ownership of their learning.

Families play a vital role in this journey. You can support this work at home by encouraging your child to talk about *how* they are learning, *praising growth* rather than just outcomes, and helping them *reflect* on challenges as opportunities to grow. Simple conversations like “What strategy did you try?” or “What would you do differently next time?” help reinforce these ideas and build strong learning habits.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support and partnership. Together, we are helping our children develop not just academic skills, but the confidence and mindset they need for lifelong learning.

Take care,

Elissa Hunter - Principal

How we Communicate with you

This newsletter will be sent 3-weekly (or at other important times). We will share events happening at school, important information for families, reminders, community events & news, and lots of photos of all things JPS.....showcasing our kids building connections through their learning experiences.

We also use regular communication through:

- ★ Seesaw – a communication tool between teachers and parents showcasing classroom learning & messages
- ★ EdSmart – how we seek your permission for school things (excursions etc)
- ★ Email – general school communication
- ★ Text messages – from the school mobile 0419 618 309

If you do not yet have access to any of these communication tools, chat with our Office staff.



Community Night what a great night supported by our staff & families: making connections & learning together!



New Students

We welcome our 5 new Reception students: Dottie, Junie, Ella, Jude and Zander. We also have 3 other new students join us at JPS: Jordan, Nate & Stefan. Welcome to our new students and their families: we hope your time with us at JPS supports you to build community connections, a love of learning, and new friendships.

A note from our Well-Being Leader: Ann (Mrs Cracknell)

Welcome to Term 1 at Jervois Primary School

Hello to all our families, and a very warm welcome to our new JPS members!

My name is Ann Cracknell, and I am a Year 1/2 teacher in Room 2. I also have the privilege of being the Wellbeing Leader at Jervois Primary School two days a week (Thursday and Friday). In this role, I am here to support the wellbeing of our students, staff, and families within our school community.

Please feel free to contact me if you feel I can support you or your child at school. Sending a message via Seesaw is often the most effective way to reach me, or you can contact the front office if you have any difficulties getting in touch. I hope you all enjoyed a restful and fun holiday break and are feeling ready to take on the new school year at JPS. It has been so lovely to see both new faces and familiar ones—especially noticing how much our students have grown over the break!

One of our key focuses this year is supporting students to take ownership of their own learning. An important part of this is helping children understand how valuable and important their contributions are to our school community. We encourage all students to be involved in student action group tasks, which may include helping to organise or present at school events. This could be through daily or weekly opportunities such as lunch clubs, assemblies, Book Week activities, welcoming visitors, or supporting family events at school.

These experiences help to build self-confidence and leadership skills while creating a strong sense of belonging, care, and value within our school.

Our first school event for the year, Community Night in Week 2, was a wonderful success. It was lovely to see families spending time together, children proudly showing off their classrooms, and our school buzzing with connection and warmth. Well done to our older students who were interviewed by Skylah on the microphone, confidently sharing their thoughts on Community Night and what it has to offer. Events like these truly reflect the strong sense of community we value at JPS.

I am really looking forward to working alongside our students and families throughout the year and supporting the wellbeing of our wonderful school community.

Warm regards,

Ann Cracknell

Wellbeing Leader & Year 1/2 Teacher 🌱 🌻



Remember: it's SWIMMING next week for all Reception to Yr 5 students!

Swim times:	Rec – Yr 2	Lesson 1 9:30 -10am	Lesson 2 10:45 -11:15	(2 lessons each day!)
	Yr 3-5	Lesson 1 10am - 10:45	Lesson 2 11:15 – 12:00	

Premier's Challenges

We encourage our students to complete both the Premier's Reading Challenge and Premier's Be Active Challenge each year. There's a simple recording process involved; results are recorded and students receive either a certificate or medal for their efforts toward the end of the year.

- ★ Premier's Reading Challenge involves reading a minimum of 12 books throughout the year (from now until early September - Term 3). Books are written on the recording sheet which will be sent home with students soon. Students will have regular readers which can be included as books read for the challenge; or any books they may be reading at home. There's plenty of time between now and the closing date for the challenge to easily be completed; we're hoping for 100% of JPS students to earn their PRC award!
- ★ Premier's Be Active Challenge is measured with participation in school Physical Activity sessions – recorded over a 4 week period between now and the end of Term 3. Last year we submitted results on behalf of all students as they complete the challenge with scheduled fitness lessons. We will continue to do this for 2026!

Governing Council

Thank you to parents who supported our Governing Council AGM last Wednesday. Our GC for 2026 are:

- ★ Catherine Rogers (Chair)
- ★ Ashlea Flavel (Vice and P&F Rep)
- ★ Zoe Cazzolato (Secretary)
- ★ Jess Langcake (Treasurer)
- ★ Craig Clark
- ★ Ashleigh Murphy
- ★ Maria Crook
- ★ Hannah Kluske
- ★ Elissa Hunter (Principal)
- ★ Jayde Kennedy (staff rep)



Thank you for your time and commitment to support Governing Council for the coming year 😊

Contact Details

 Have your contact details changed?

If so, we need to ensure we have updated contact information at school.

If you have recently changed your: mobile number, email address or residential/mailling address PLEASE LET US KNOW!

If there is any change to your EMERGENCY CONTACT people, we also need to know this too!

If you would like to check what details we currently have; please ask Michelle or Jo in the Office.

Student Medical Conditions

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.

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).

CANTEEN will be open on TUESDAY and FRIDAY for ice blocks and snacks only. Contact Jo or Michelle if you need a pricelist, and look out for those Friday Fresh forms coming home starting from Week 5 (after swimming week)!

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 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.

2026 STUDENT FREE & SCHOOL CLOSURE DAYS

Term 1: Tuesday 10th March

Term 2: Friday 5th June

Term 3: Thursday 10th September & Friday 11th September

Term 4: Friday 13th November

Important Calendar dates

Friday 1st May: **SCHOOL PHOTOS**
(Week 1 Term 2)

Friday 3rd July: **SCHOOL CONCERT**
(last day of Term 2)

APPLYING FOR A SCHOOL CARD



All types of School Card applications are now online.



You can access the online forms from any device that gets internet, including mobile devices, such as tablets and smart phones, as well as laptops and computers.

Applying online is easy! Simply follow the steps below.

STEP 1

Visit sa.gov.au/education/schoolcard

STEP 2

Select the type of School Card you would like to apply for (for example 'Type A') and follow the prompts.

STEP 3

Complete all mandatory fields.

Please note: you cannot submit your application unless all mandatory fields are complete.

STEP 4

Once you have completed a page click on the 'NEXT' button.

STEP 5

Once you have filled out all pages click the 'SUBMIT' button.

Please note: if you exit the form without clicking 'SUBMIT' your details will be lost.

You can save the form, and return to complete it at another time, by clicking on the 'SAVE' button.

SCHOOL FEES

Thank you to those of you who have already paid your School fees for 2026.

A reminder to those who haven't yet, this year they are set at **\$306** per student. The government rebate has continued of \$200 per student for M&S fees for 2026.

If you are paying your school fees by cash or EFT, you pay only \$106 per student.

Please check out if you are eligible for school card. If you are, your school fees are covered in full, it's all taken care of!

This flyer outlines to easy steps to apply!



Payment can be made via cash or EFT (BSB 105-060 ACCT 248037140) & include your reference details please.

Contact Jo at school for a payment plan should you need, we are happy to work with you!



sa.gov.au/education/schoolcard

VOLUNTEERING at School

We LOVE having parents/carers at school to support us, if you're keen 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!

New Staff Member

Ella Scott has joined us, co-teaching with Ann in the 1/2 class. Here's a little snapshot of 'Miss Ella' (shared on Seesaw with the class).

We know you will enjoy getting to know our students and we will love having you here regularly with us at JPS Ella!

Parent/Teacher Interviews

Scheduled for Week 9 (23, 24, 25th March). Information will come out after swimming week with how you can book a time with your child's teacher for this important catch up!

That's about it – and that's a LOT of information to digest!

Check out the calendar on the back page, it shows all of the important events coming up in Term 1: and there is many of them!

Next issue we will have photos from swimming and include some snippets of student work to share!

Keep smiling, be kind and stay cool!

JPS staff

We had a visit from Minister Boyer (Minister for Education). He participated in class discussion & toured the school. He was impressed with students, staff & our little school!

Meet your TEACHER

ELLA SCOTT



ABOUT ME!

Hello! My name is Miss Ella. Over the last three years, I have been fortunate to work in Year 5/6 classrooms, Reception, and mid-year Reception classes. Last year, I also worked as a relief teacher in classes from Reception to Year 6 between travelling.

I believe that learning is a lifelong journey for everyone, including teachers. We learn so much from our students, colleagues, and everyday experiences. Supporting student wellbeing and helping children develop important skills such as self-regulation and organisation is a key focus of my teaching. I have experience using the Zones of Regulation to support students in these areas.

I am very excited to be teaching in Room 2 on Thursdays and Fridays this year and look forward to getting to know you.

FUN FACTS

- ❑ I am 1 of 4 siblings
- ❑ I am an Aunt of 2 nephews
- ❑ I have a beautiful Border Collie, named Jack
- ❑ In 2025 I visited 11 different countries and swam with amazing animals
- ❑ I love embroidery and reading books

MY FAVOURITES

Hobbies: Traveling and crafts

Movie: Cars

Land Animal: Sloth

Sea Animal: Manta Ray

colour: Green

CONTACT

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or
Message me on Seesaw

Please keep in mind my working days in room 2 are Thursday and Friday.

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Jervois Primary Parents & Friends

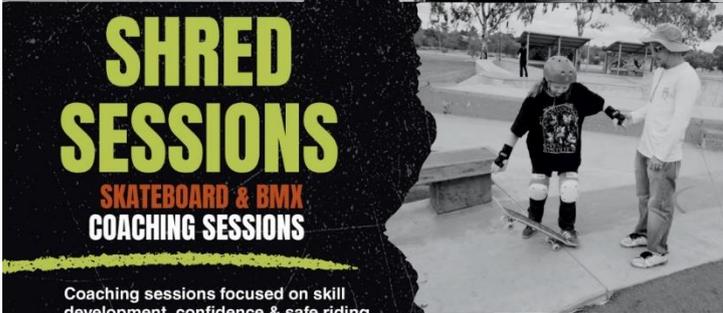
Come join us for our first P&F meet up for the year.

We will be meeting tomorrow Friday the 13th after the Assembly (approx 2:55) at the benches near the courts.

What is P&F?

P&F is a group of Parents and Friends who help out with Fundraising, and organizing Fundraising events during the year, to go towards the school.

It is also a great little catch up with others within our school community.



SHRED SESSIONS

SKATEBOARD & BMX COACHING SESSIONS

Coaching sessions focused on skill development, confidence & safe riding

Open to all ages and experience levels

LAST SUNDAY OF THE MONTH WEATHER PERMITTING

🕒 4PM-6PM

📍 Sturt Reserve Skatepark, Murray Bridge

- Helmets compulsory
- Loan skateboards available during sessions
- Bring your skateboard, BMX & helmet
- Free to attend, no booking required



For more info:
Message Dan ☎ 0439 854 787
or follow The Station socials



JERVOIS TENNIS CLUB

BOGAN BINGO NIGHT

📅 Friday 28th February

📍 Jervois Town Hall

🕒 Starts 4:30pm

FAMILY FUN NIGHT

Bring the kids, bring Nan, bring ya sense of humour!

💰 Bring plenty of \$1 coins & loose change for the kids' games.

🎯 Fun and games for the whole family!

FEED ME

No-one's going home hungry:

🥙 Lamb spit rolls with salad

🌭 Hotdogs

RSVP by 21st Feb: to Erin Scammell

Ford aussie hoops

COME & HAVE SOME FUN SIGN UP FOR TERM 1, 2026

Starting Wednesday, 4th February 4:30 - 5:30pm

Please bring water bottles
See you at the MBBA Stadium

Term 1 Calendar

ASSEMBLY

NO SCHOOL

EVENT

	MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI
1	Public Holiday	First Day of Term 1			
2			Community Night		
3					Assembly
4	Swimming Lessons	Swimming Lessons	Swimming Lessons	Swimming Lessons	Swimming Lessons
5					Assembly
6					
7	Public Holiday	Student Free Day			Assembly
8					
9	Parent Teacher Interviews	Parent Teacher Interviews	Parent Teacher Interviews		Assembly
10				Sports Day	Public Holiday
11	Public Holiday				Wheelathon / Last Day of Term