Years 3 and 4 camp – 3, 4 and 5 April 2013

Thank you to all of the parents/carers who have paid a deposit for the Years 3 and 4 camp. Final last week and really need to be returned by 8 March so that meals, medical information and activities can be finalised. A ... take will be sent home next week. Parents/carers are reminded to continue to make payments towards the total cost of the excursion. Please contact the school if you would like assistance in meeting the costs.

Jindera Public School is committed to effectively communicating student progress to parents/carers. To facilitate this, reporting to parents will take the following format this year:

Term 1: parent teacher interviews
Term 2: written report and interview by request (from either parent or teacher)
Term 3: interview by request from parent or teacher
Term 4: written report (and interview if required)

All parents/carers are strongly encouraged to attend

LIBRARY NEWS

The children in Years 3 to 6 have been encouraged to participate in the NSW Premier’s Reading Challenge for 2013. Those children who successfully complete the challenge will receive a certificate from our Premier which will be presented to them at our annual presentation night.

The challenge is to read or participate in a shared reading of twenty books by 1st September. We have many of the prescribed books in our school library which have been colour coded to assist the children when borrowing in their weekly library lesson. Five of the twenty books can be personal choice books, however they are to be at their reading level and given an OK by the child’s teacher or myself.

The challenge will not only help students discover a love of reading as a leisure time activity, but will also help to develop learning habits of being organised, being accountable, taking responsibility for their reading and meeting a deadline. It would be great if you could encourage your child throughout the next six months to continue with the challenge we have presented to them by showing an interest in what they are reading and assisting with finding the appropriate books at either our school library or the city library. The booklists can be accessed on the internet.

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It was great to see so many families enjoying the P&C pool party on Friday 22 February. We certainly had a lovely evening for it. The markets are 3 weeks away and we have some new and different stalls for the markets on 23 March. I hope to see everyone there, supporting the school and the P&C.

Welcome to our new families who started in the last week. We know that you will enjoy your time here at Jindera PS.

Congratulations to our star award winners from the last fortnight: Thomas Delahunty (K), Rylan Doughty (Year 1), Daniel Carabott (Year 2), Lily Delahunty, Caleb Jones and Logan Manwaring (Year 3), Tanika Brown, Bridget Mills and Josie Atkins (Year 5). Sophie O’Connor and Tiara Willis were presented with silver awards at this week’s assembly. Well done.

JPS EASTER RAFFLE

Dear families.

Raffle ticket books will be sent home next week for our annual Easter Raffle which will be drawn on Grandparents’ Day, Thursday 28 March, 2013.

The P & C would like families to please donate an Easter egg, Easter gift bag or any other Easter item that we can add to our fabulous Easter baskets.

The donations can be brought in to the school from now and left in the office. All donations should be brought in by Wednesday, March 27th.

Thank you in advance for once again supporting our Easter raffle.

JPS P&C
Over the past few years I have tried to limit the number of unfunded visiting performances to the school to reduce costs to parents/carers. To celebrate our focus on literacy, a new show has been booked. *From Halfway Around The World* is based on storytelling from around the world, focussing on cultural diversity and cultural identity. It is a collection of eight stories, told vividly and creatively, using a variety of media and characters. The cost to students will be $5.00 and a note will be sent home next week.

SRE
Special Religious Education (SRE), better known as Scripture, began this week from K to Year 6. SRE time is (and always has been) additional to the curriculum and is taught by volunteers who give their time to offering Catholic or non-denominational Christian teachings to our students. All students attend SRE from 12:10pm on Wednesdays for ½ hour unless parents/carers have indicated non-scripture on the blue forms (or enrolment form as default). These arrangements can change at any time by sending a note to the principal. For more information about SRE arrangements at Jindera PS please contact the school.

Harmony Day – Thursday 21 March
The school will, once again, be involved with Harmony Day activities to promote inclusivity, understanding and a sense of community. The students will participate in tree planting in the community and friendship activities.

Grandparents’ Day - Thursday 28th March
Grandparents’ day will be held on Thursday 28th March. Parents/grandparents are invited to join us and share your favourite book with a group of students, help us make our craft and enjoy a barbeque lunch before the parade and Easter raffle. The day starts at 10.50am. A note and pre-order lunch form will be sent home early next week. Lianne Singleton, School Principal

Easter raffle
The P&C is coordinating the Easter raffle again this year. This has always proven to be a very popular raffle with almost 50 prizes being awarded in previous years. The P&C is asking for donations of Easter eggs, baskets or smaller Easter bags. These can be brought into the front office. All students who make a donation will be given star awards. Ticket books will be sent home and additional books can be collected from the office at any time.

SRC induction assembly
This Thursday, 7 March, we inducted our 2013 school leaders at a special assembly. Our 2013 school leadership team is:

**校级领导者**

**KE** Claudia Nixon - for providing an excellent role model for her peers.

**K/1C** Cody Jennings - for having a positive attitude towards his learning and helping his peers focus on their learning.

**1/2K** Akeira Delaney - quiet, consideration for her classmates.

**2/3S** Karsha Butler - for her quiet classroom manner.

**3T** Georgia Freund - for her willingness to assist others.

**4H** Tara Cropper - for always being caring and helpful.

**5/6B** Thorne Maw - for always volunteering to assist teachers and students.

**5/6K** Josie Atkins - for her commitment to class work and her inclusive and friendly manner towards everyone.

**Merit Awards**

**KE** Bonnie Holmes, Domynic Wayenberg, Bill McMillan and Claudia Nixon

**K/1C** Cody Jennings, Ryan Northeay and Keiran Easley

**1/2K** Sam Cerminara, Isaac Oehm, Gemma Keating and Tarnee Wilson

**2/3S** Emma Reid, Lauren Nixon, Zak Donoghue and Ben Christensen

**3T** Tyler Brackley, Lily Delahunty, Monique Pecenicic, Kallee Dubenko, Lachlan Oakman, Jedd Levy and Brock Finemore

**4H** Angus Onley, Skye Lezvis, Matthew Keating, Braiden Reeves, Jake Fitzpatrick and Lachlan Stanning

**5/6B** Alex Knight, Sarah Donney, Job Harding and Ben Nock

**5/6K** Olivia Onley, Edward Roe and Sharni Howlett

**Greater Hume Shire**

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Morgan County Car Club Swap Meet
Where: Jindera Recreation Reserve
When: Sunday 24th March

Commander Holbrook Cup
Where: Holbrook Racecourse
When: 13th April

Jindera Town Garage Sale
Where: Jindera
When: 14th April

Jindera Public School School Council will meet for the Term 1 meeting on Monday 11 March from 6:30pm in the staff room.

From *Halfway Around The World* – Tuesday 26 March

**School Captains:** Alex Knight, Caitlyn Zugajev

**Emus Captains:** Thorne Maw and Marieke Hoelscher

**Kangs Captains:** Ben Nock and Georgia Lukins

**K/1C:** Ethan Manwaring and Rori Kohlhagen

**1/2K:** Sienna Murray-Curphey, Sam Cerminara and Levi Clark

**2/3S:** Hannah Murray-Curphey, Jessica Freund and Zak Donoghue

**3T:** Colten Atkins, Logan Manwaring and Lily Delahunty

**4H:** Amy Jones, Katie McMillan and Jake Fitzpatrick

**5/6B:** Lachlan Walch, Connor Piper and Blair Heath

**5/6K:** Jeremy Denton, Sharni Howlett and Olivia Onley

Kindergarten leaders will be inducted later in the school year.

**School Council**
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