Welcome to Term 4. This term promises to be both busy and productive with many children involved in exciting activities here at school and in the broader community.

**Sport and Recreation’s Swim and Survive starting soon**

Available Saturdays only. All entry is on a first-come, first-served basis. Entry is free and you must register in advance.

**Animals of Oz display including a salt water crocodile.**

Close and personal to animals, birds and reptiles with the Iron Man and Woman contests. Children can get up better than ever before! There will be stallholders, beverages provided. To book or make an enquiry and bookings are essential. Light finger food and under Tara’s instruction “Gardens” who will be showcasing some much more! Our celebrity guest for the night will be the Burrumbuttock Festival on the 24th October from 6pm to 8pm. The night will involve a lot of hands on workshops from places are limited for this evening. This is a huge day, but I know that the children, parents and teachers are very excited about the trip.

**Student Leadership Day**

Earlier this week a note was sent to children in Year 5 asking them to nominate themselves to be involved in a student leadership day which is being organised for Thursday, 24 October. This day is a DURAKAR schools initiative and we will be joined by children from Lavington, Springdale Heights, Burrumbuttock and Murray schools. The aim of the day is to provide children in Year 5 with experiences that will enhance and promote leadership qualities and prospectively help equip them with some valuable skills should they wish to be considered for a Captain’s position in 2014.

**Culcairn Cricket**

Last Friday, 48 children attended a gala cricket day. Students from Years 3 to 6 travelled to Culcairn Cricket Club to compete in a round robin event where each team played 3 games. I would like to commend the children on their excellent participation and sportsmanship. One of our senior teams played well enough to make it through to the final where they were narrowly beaten by Culcairn. I would like to thank Ms McLachlan, Mr Lukins, Mr VanDeventer and Mrs Kane who helped throughout the day organising and managing the teams.

**Kinder Orientation**

During Term 4 we will conduct our Kinder orientation program. This involves children who are enrolled at Jindera Public School to commence school in 2014. The aim of this program is to provide the children with a glimpse of life as a primary school student and to allow them to experience the classroom and playground environments. The program runs over four weeks and commences on Friday, 1 November.

**RELAY FOR LIFE**

As noted in the last newsletter Term 3, some of the JPS staff members are forming a team to enter into this year’s Relay for Life event at Bunton Park, North Albury on the 26 and 27 October. A small fundraising event has been planned for each week leading up to the walk. Last week, the children participated in an out of uniform day and their donations raised $239 for cancer research. Today we held a cupcake stall and all proceeds from this will be added to the Jindera Public School team’s total as well. We are all very appreciative of the tremendous support we receive from students and parents when we are involved with wider community events. Please see elsewhere in this Newsletter for other Relay For Life fundraising happenings.

**Murray Conservatorium visit:**

On the first day back this term, our students were treated to a free concert by a Jazz Trio from the Murray Conservatorium. The students were able to try playing some instruments and they all thoroughly enjoyed this performance. We thank the Murray Conservatorium for their continued support of our school.

**Parent Information Session for Kindergarten 2014:**

In addition to our Kinder orientation program, we will also be offering an information session to parents of children enrolled to begin school next year. This session will be conducted in the school library on Wednesday, 30 October. The session will commence at 3.30pm. This session provides an opportunity for parents to meet the teachers and have any questions answered.

**Zoo excursion set for Friday, 25 October:**

We are in full swing preparing for the Melbourne Zoo excursion set for Friday, 25 October. We will have 120 children attending with 20 parent supervisors and 11 staff. All permission and medical notes have now been sent home and we require these to be returned by tomorrow, Friday 18 October, so that final cheques can be organised and food ordered. The excursion group will depart Jindera at 6.15am and it is anticipated that we will return by 8.00pm that evening. This is a huge day, but I know that the children, parents and teachers are very excited about the trip.

**Parent Info Session for Kindergarten 2014:**

Wednesday 23 October
Mini Relay For Life at JPS

Friday 25 October
Melbourne Zoo excursion

Tuesday 29 October
Pot Education visit

Wednesday 30 October
Parent Info Session for Kindergarten 2014

Friday 1 November
Kinder Orientation begins

Monday 4 November
School Council meeting

Thursday 21 November
P&C Minibus Day

Tuesday 26 November
Learn To Swim begins

Tuesday 10 December
Presentation Night

Tuesday 17 November
Year 6 Farewell

Wednesday 18 December
Last day for students

Handy hint: cut this box out and stick it on your fridge so you never forget an important date again.
How to be like Innovatrix uses available resources imaginatively.

In Innovatrix was created to promote:
- students’ ability to ask questions that will help them find out more information;
- imagining the picture inside your mind, rehearsing things in your mind;
- using what you already know to make links to new learning;
- thinking carefully about how you came to your conclusion;
- utilising things around you to help you learn;
- stretching and checking your own understanding.

When learning, Innovatrix will ask the tricky questions about how to get things done. She makes links between what she is learning and the information she already knows. She is able to search for answers utilising any means possible and uses available resources imaginatively. Innovatrix enjoys digging deeper into her learning to gain a greater understanding of the topic.

How to be like Innovatrix:
- ask questions to gain more understanding of your learning;
- ask questions like: why it happened? what could have been thought about deeply;
- use lots of resources to find out information such as: friends, family, internet, books, libraries;
- think about a topic and provide answers that have been thought about deeply;
- make connections between what you already know and what you are learning.

Some of the JPS staff are taking part in this year’s Relay For Life and our fundraising is well underway. With only a little over a week to go, things are hotting up! Mr Hill is getting a little nervous at the thought of having his head shaved, and possibly his eyebrows as well, depending on how the donations to his jar go! See the thermometer in the office window to check out the levels of how far he will go — maybe it will just take you slipping in a gold coin to make it all happen.

Our own mini Relay For Life is on next Wednesday after lunch. Students will take part in a replica Relay For Life on our back oval. They will be provided with cordial and fresh fruit and we would love parents to join us for the afternoon, commencing at 2.05pm. Students should bring their own plastic drink cup for their cordial refreshments.

During the afternoon, we will announce the winner of the “Guess The Lolly” competition, so some lucky student will get the big red lolly dispenser full of yummy treats! MR HILL’S SHAVE will also take place on Wednesday afternoon after the Relay, providing we have reached the required amount of donations on the thermometer!

We also have raffle tickets to sell as a way of raising funds for cancer research. The official RFL raffle tickets are $5 each with fantastic prizes including $5000 travel voucher and lots, lots more! Our own raffle tickets are $2 each or 3 for $5 - prizes include hand sewn patchwork quilt (donated by Mrs East), Jindera Hotel $100 voucher (donated by the Onley family), 2 x $50 Thargoona Country Club vouchers (organised by Ms Ford) and some Arbonne products (donated by Ms Duryea). See the front office to purchase a raffle ticket.

We were overwhelmed by the amazing generosity of our families with their donations to our Cup Cake day today. The sense of community amongst our Jindera PS families is amazing and underlies what Relay For Life is all about. We raised $235 today from the sale of cupcakes and we have some left to sell tomorrow, so thanks again for your support.

Congratulations to the following students who received Merit Awards at our last assembly:

KE - Bonnie Holmes, Bill McMillan, Logan Calvert, Lily Dougherty
K/1C - Noah Walkerden, Bella Lade, Ethan Manwaring, Rory Kohlhagen
1/2K - Rylan Dougherty, Connor Lyons, Tia Callanan, Tulley Middleton
2/3S - Corey Brown, Lauren Nixon, Brett Raymond, Jessica Holmes
3T - Meggan Lade, Colten Atkins, Dustin Middleton, Jayden Dawson
4H - Jake Fitzpatrick, Ethan Davies, Zaliah Lloyd, Clorinda Warren, Annika Curphey, Zarah Maw
5/6B - Jaecob Quinn, Connor Piper, Josh O’Connor, Harley Allen
5/6K - Shae Davies, Darcy Butler, Chloe Hounsell, Nick Groch

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