I started the last newsletter by promising that this would be a busy term and thus it certainly living up to all expectations. Since our last newsletter, the staff and children have been involved in a diverse and rich range of experiences.

**Student Leadership Day**
Last Thursday the school hosted the annual DURAKAR Leadership Day. Many of our Year 5 students, together with other children from Murray HS, Springdale Heights PS, Burnumbuttock PS, Lavington PS and Lavington East PS were really lucky to experience an energetic and inspirational presentation by Katie Pilau. Katie has developed a series of youth workshops aimed at developing leadership, self-motivation and self-confidence and she delivered an energy packed 3 hour session which left many of us exhausted from just watching. The children participated in many activities that challenged them to step outside their comfort zone and consider their own potential to be future leaders.

**Kinder Orientation**
This Friday, we begin the first of four transition days for our 2014 kindergarten enrolments. Mr Clayton and Mrs East have been busy planning a range of activities designed to help these young scholars begin their life at primary school. Our 2014 kinder parent meeting which was held yesterday afternoon in the school library was a great success. We had a mix of familiar and new faces in the group and I am sure that the children are looking forward to the excitement of beginning school next year.

**Pre Service Teachers**
Over the past four weeks, we have been very fortunate to have had three pre-service teachers working within the school. Mr John Schmidt, Miss Paige Quinell and Mr Paul McCaull have worked alongside Mr Clayton, Mrs Kironomakis and Mr Hill and have assumed a great deal of responsibility for planning and delivering lessons to the students. All three have contributed enormously to the school and I would like to take this opportunity to thank them for their efforts (which included accompanying us on the zoo excursion and Mr McCaull offering to shave his head). The future of public education rests in very good hands. We also have Miss Emily Sullivan, a third year pre-service teacher for CSU who has, this week, commenced working with Mrs Tutt. I am sure that she too will enjoy her experience at Jindera Public School.

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**Little bit of Shhh FOR KIDS**

“Grow Up Smiling” (GUS) will commence on 1 January 2014 and will provide benefits for basic dental service for children aged between 2-17 years. This allows families that qualify in Family Tax Benefit Part A or that currently receive government payments to receive dental care for their child up to a maximum of $1000 over a 2 year calendar period. You will receive notification from Medicare Australia if your family qualifies.

**Wirriminna Environmental Education Centre**

Wirriminna Environmental Education Centre occupies four hectares of formerly unused ground around the old government dam, between the school and the recreation ground in Burnumbuttock, 30 kilometres north of Albany, in southern NSW. From its beginning in 1995, it has developed into an environmental education centre that provides opportunities for discovery and learning about the natural environment, the ecology of the local woodlands and the beauty of native plants.

**KIDS ON KEYBOARDS ENROLMENTS 2014**

Tired of running your children to activities and paying excessive fees? Why not consider learning piano/keyboard at school. Fees are low ($120 a term) and there are no hidden costs (book and CD included). Students in Years 2 to 6 are invited to come along, learn to read and play music, and have fun in a familiar environment. Numbers are limited to one class, which is on Wednesday at 1.15pm (at school). Call Jacqui Dainer on (02) 6025 8273 for details and bookings.

**SUCCESSFUL PARENTING PROGRAM**

Centrelink is again presenting its Successful Parenting Program on 3 consecutive Wednesdays: 13, 20 and 27 November from 7.30–9.30pm. $60 per couple / $35 single. Slattery Catholic Centre (in grounds of St Pats Church) 465 Olive Street, Albury.

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**Kinder National Big Brother or Big Sister Scheme**

The School’s Kinder National Big Brother or Big Sister Scheme has commenced. The Scheme is designed to introduce pre-service teachers to the teaching profession and also to provide a support system and friendship for the children who participate in the Scheme.

**Join our community newsletter mailing list**

If you would like to receive our termly newsletter and access our up-to-date school news please email: schoolnews@jindera.p.schools.nsw.edu.au

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**Protection of Personal Details**

Your personal details are held in accordance with the National Privacy Principles. By providing your child’s name, date of birth and any additional information to us you are agreeing to this and you can obtain a copy of the National Privacy Principles by writing to: Privacy Officer, Jindera Public School, Dight Street, Jindera, NSW, 2642

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**We welcome your comments**

We would like to hear your views as those expressed by Mr Lenaghan. The staff and students take pride in our positive community involvement and our fantastic school.

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**Mini Relay For Life**

We rounded out our Relay for Life fundraising events last Wednesday with our school mini relay, raffle draw, head shave and leg wax. Miss Blair organised a replica event for our students to be involved in and the children participated by walking a mini track while staying together in their peer support groups. Later, in front of a cheering crowd both Mrs Jones and Mr Clayton’s legs before turning the clippers on Mr McCallum, who bravely offered to have his head shaved in the name of charity.

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**METHODS OF PAYMENT**

If you have any queries about payment methods, please contact the school business manager: Ms Leonie Duryea on (02) 6025 8273 or e-mail: leonie.duryea@jindera.p.schools.nsw.edu.au

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**(Date)"**

This newsletter covers the period from Monday 21st October to Sunday 27th October 2013.

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**NOTICE TO PARENTS**

If you did not receive this newsletter, please make sure you keep this newsletter for your records.
We would like to introduce you to the third learning superhero that is being used at Jindera Public School as a part of the How2Learn initiative. His name is Strategex.

Strategex was created to promote:
- students’ self reflection on how they are progressing as a learner;
- planning to avoid wasted time during learning opportunities;
- critically analysing how to become a more successful learner;
- knowing what information to keep and adapt.

When learning, Strategex is highly self-aware and able to reflect on the choices he makes with the information he has. He is able to look at problems from different angles to come up with the best solution. Strategex understands that learning is important and uses clever strategies to remember the essential parts.

**How to be like Strategex:**
- make a plan so you don’t waste time or energy;
- take the time to think about things deeply and concisely;
- think about how you can grow as a learner;
- welcome scrutiny;
- be ready to rethink your position when you know more;
- utilise clever strategies to help remember things you have learned.

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**Relay For Life**

What a tremendous effort! The Jindera Public School team raised $6270.60 for the Border Relay For Life. Staff walked in turn for the full 24 hours and were very proud to represent our community in this great fundraising cause. The students all enjoyed their “mini Relay For Life” last Wednesday and we thank Addi for donation of fruit for this event. Thanks also go to Jindera Hotel for the donation of a voucher for our raffle and supplying water for the relay team, Jindera Butchery and Thurgoona Country Club who also donated vouchers. Mr Clayton and Mr Knight were great sports offering to have their legs waxed for the cause, and Mr McCallum had his head shaved in lieu of Mr Hill who was away. Thanks to Mrs Fiona Jones for giving up her time to do a professional job on our staff.

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**MERIT AWARDS**

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

**KE** - Claudia Nixon, Zander Quayle, Sienna Finemore, Bonnie Holmes

**K/1C** - Rory Baines, Regan Brown, Hayley Gleeson, Ethan Manwaring, Ryan Twyford

**1/2K** - Cameron Walch, Alisha VanDeventer, Tyler Hollis-Taylor, Sienna Curphey

**2/3S** - Corey Groch, Daniel Canbott, Luke Martin, Mitchell VanDeventer

**3T** - Lachlan Oakman, Taylor Treffail, Aleyah Dougherty, Lily Delahunty

**4H** - Ethan Talbot, Jake Twyford, Maddy Doughty, Angus Onley, Mykayla Fenn, Matthew Keating

**5/6B** - Lilli Hamilton-Cronin, Tahlaus Butler, Amy Kelly

**5/6K** - Ben Demeo, Kaitlyn Dawson, Josie Atkins

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**Melbourne Zoo excursion**

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**Thinking of applying for a government selective high school for Year 7 entry in 2015?**

Information packages are available from Mr Knight at JPS, or you can apply online at www.schools.nsw.edu.au/shsplacement