Welcome back to Term 2 2014. Even though Term 1 was an 11 week term it is almost a distant memory, especially for those who had such a wonderful, relaxing break. I hope that everyone enjoyed the superb weather during the break. It was reported as experiencing over the two week break. Welcome to the new families that have started at Jindera PS.

It is great to welcome the students back, most are very excited about returning. They look lovely in their winter uniforms, with bright, smiling faces. It is such a joy to work with the students at Jindera PS. As the weather starts to cool down, please ensure that school jumpers are clearly labeled as they are often down and left lying around the playground. Please also check the lost property cupboard regularly as the amount of lost property regularly piles up.

Teachers and Learning Support Officers were involved in professional learning and compliance training, including CPR / Emergency Care on the staff development day, Monday 28 April. Teaching staff prepared for implementation of the new Math syllabus that incorporates the Australian Curriculum and discussed progress of classroom practice and units of learning. The School Learning Support Officers completed training in sensory awareness. A huge thanks to Mrs Helen Bernt for leading this very informative and practical training. This training will enhance the work of the SLSOs.

Congratulations to the following students who won in the star award draw during the last two weeks: Ben Reid (KE), Jed Callanan (KE), Alex Christensen (Year 2), Emma Reid (Year 3), Daniel Carabott (Year 3). Well done.

Cross country carnival – Friday, 9 May
The school cross country carnival will be held at school. tomorrow, Friday 9 May. All students will be involved during sport time, following lunch, at 2:05pm. All parents/careers are invited to attend and assist with the carnival.

NAPLAN – 13, 14 and 15 May
Next week, the National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) will be completed by students in Years 5, 6 and 9. NAPLAN will assess the literacy and numeracy skills of students across Australian schools. The tests are as follows: Tuesday 13 May, Language Conventions (Spelling, Punctuation and Grammar) Wednesday 14 May, Reading Thursday 15 May, Numeracy (Number, Algebra, Measurement and Space).

Parents will receive a report indicating their child’s level of achievement. Every student’s level of achievement will be reported against the national minimum standard. If you would like to discuss any aspects of NAPLAN, please contact the class teacher.
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P&C news
Thank you to the P&C for organising the Mothers’ Day stall and another Nibusters this week. Students were able to shop for their mums prior to Mothers’ Day. Thank you Mrs Oehm and Mrs Hayden.

Nibusters is a very successful strategy for controlling the spread of head lice or nits (the larvae) and reports to parents/carers who can then effectively manage the outbreak and limit/eradicate the spread. For Nibusters to be really effective, everyone has to play their part, lice and nits are very sociable critters.

Lianne Singleton
Principal
8 May 2014

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

KE - Mattea Delaney, Patrick Holding, Tallisa Maw, Ben Reid, Riley Travers
K/1C - William Knight, William Walch, Ella Donoghue, Marley Cheetham, Sienna Oehm
1/2R - Wendy Howard, Brock Powell, Zander Vandersluis-Quayle, Tahlia Steinke
2K - Sienna Curphey, Jasper Quinn, Rhianna Stanning, Isaac Oehm, Chloe Koch, Brodie Lloyd
5/6B - Mykayla Fenn, Chloe Hounsell, Amy Kelly, Tiara Willis, Tara Cropper
5/6H - Braiden Reeves, Harry Stewart, Jaya Cheetham, Kealy Steeper, Annika Curphey

SpICE questionnaire *(see information in Principal’s report)*

- Are you interested in attending a playgroup? Yes / No
- How many children do you have that would attend? ……………
- Ages of children who would attend……………………………..
- Please circle your preference from these suggested days:
  Monday Tuesday Wednesday Thursday Friday

  9.30 - 11.30am 10.00 - 12 noon 1.00 - 3.00pm

Your name:________________________________________________________
email:___________________________________________________________
Contact phone number:___________________________________________

At Jindera Public School, we traditionally hold a morning tea event to support Cancer research. This year we are working with the whole school theme of community to run a market stall type of event on Thursday 29 May.

Each class will run a stall of baked goods to sell for 50 cents each. Each class will provide the food, decorate the stall and sell the goods at their own market stall.

This year’s Biggest Morning Tea will be held in conjunction with Grandparents’ Day. Parents, grandparents and special friends are invited to visit the school for an open classroom session in the morning, then join us for the Biggest Morning Tea market stalls. We will have a coffee van to buy Cappuccino from and the canteen will also be setting cups of tea and coffee.

We would be very grateful for any assistance you could provide with produce for the stalls run by your children. At the end of recess the remaining goods will be available for purchase to take home.

Thank you in advance for your kind donations.

P&C Association

Jindera P&C Association  PANCAKE DAY
The P&C is holding a Pancake Day on Wednesday, 14 May and would be very grateful for donations of ingredients. All contributions are most welcome.

As a guide, the donations we are looking for are as follows:

- K, Years 1 and 2 - flour and butter
- Years 3 and 4 - eggs and sugar
- Years 5 and 6 - toppings e.g. Maple Syrup, strawberry or raspberry jam, honey, cream in a can, ice cream, sprinkles

Pancakes will be sold at lunch time only for $1 each (not at recess).

All funds raised go towards improving opportunities and resources for students of Jindera PS.

We thank you in advance for your kind donations.

P&C Association

ATTENTION!
Parents of newborns, infants and toddlers

SpICE questionnaire

Please complete and return to P&C office by Wednesday, 14 May

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ANZAC Day – 25 April
Thank you to all of the parents and students who attended the ANZAC service at Jindera on Thursday 25 April. It was a fantastic turn out with many students representing the school. All students who attended in school uniform will receive a school merit award.

Broken Bay / Sydney CBD for Years 5 and 6
Initial notes and an expression of interest were sent home in Week 9 of last term regarding the Years 5 and 6 major excursion to Broken Bay and Sydney in Week 9 of Term 3 this year.

The students will depart Albany railway station on the XPT, Sunday night, 7 September, and will return to Albany on the XPT, Saturday morning, 13 September. (Week 8 of Term 3 2014). The cost of the major excursion is $390.00 per student and includes most meals, accommodation, travel, activities and supervision.

At Broken Bay the students will be involved in activities such as high ropes, water sports, archery, rock climbing and bush cookout, all set against the picturesque backdrop of the Hawksbury River and Kuring-gai National Park. In Sydney, the students will spend one night in The Rocks and participate in activities centred around Sydney’s CBD, including a visit to State Parliament House, China Town and the Art Gallery of NSW.

To assist with the cost of this excursion many students have opted to sell fundraising chocolates. Please remember to return the money to the front office as soon as you have sold a complete box of chocolates. This money will be deducted from your excursion costs, minus the costs to the chocolate company.

Peer Support for Term 2
Peer Support will continue in Term 2 with the focus moving to peer based fitness and gross motor/skill development. These sessions will be conducted every two weeks, prior to assembly and practised in daily fitness.

SpICE - Specialist Integrated Community Engagement
We are very fortunate to have the SpICE program operating in Jindera this term. Mrs Bemoll is the DEC’s driving force behind SpICE, which hopes to establish a playgroup at Jindera PS for parents and children from Jindera and surrounds.

What is SpICE?
SpICE is a partnership between Charles Sturt University (CSU) and four associations, the Indigenous Coordination Centre (ICC), NSW Department of Education and Communities and Community Health. The aim of the project is to work together with rural and remote communities to build specialist service capacities.

What are we doing in Jindera?
This term there are three CSU students (two Speech Pathology, one Education) who aim to start a playgroup for the Jindera community. This playgroup will be based in the Jindera Public School hall and is open to all families from Jindera and surrounding towns. The aim of the group is to encourage a positive social setting for children and parents in a fun and safe environment.

There will be a morning tea for parents who are interested in attending this Playgroup at 10.30am on Wednesday, 28 May in the School Hall. All are welcome, we hope to see you there. For more information about the playgroup, please contact the school.

To assist with the establishment of the Playgroup, a short questionnaire has been included with this newsletter. We would appreciate any interested parents/carers completing the questionnaire and returning it to the front office by 20 May, 2014.

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