**COMMUNITY NEWS**

**Dental treatment for children under 18 years of age is free at NSW Public Dental Health Clinics.**

**Week 6, Term 4 12th November, 2015**

**Principal's Report**

With such a busy term already, it is hard to believe that we are half way through, with more to come. The movie premiere was last Friday with record crowds and a huge response to our first all-student production. Well done to everyone and a huge thank you to Miss Blair for all the hard work and long hours bringing it all together. Copies are still available for order for $5.00 if you would like to secure a treasured memory.

Our next major school event will be Presentation Day on Wednesday 9 December. Presentation Day will start at 10:30am but we ask all visitors to be seated by 10:20am. A whole school lunch will be held from 12:30, at the conclusion of the awards. We hope that you will be able to join us.

With the good news about the establishment of our Multicategorical class I will be recruiting a specialist Teacher and Learning Support Officer in the next 3 weeks. With Mrs Turnbull’s full time retirement from the end of this term, I will also be recruiting a specialist Teacher Librarian before the end of the school term. We will have a few new faces in the school next year.

**Congratulations to our star award winners:**

Max Hawkins (K); Bonnie McMillan, James Brooksby (Year 1); Jasper Quinn (Year 3) and Olivia Hounsell, Hannah Curphey (Year 4).

**Full school assembly – Thursday 26 November**

Our next and final full school assembly for 2015 is on Thursday 26 November from 2:45pm. Mr Clayton’s KC class will lead the assembly.

**Parent/Carer consultation meeting regarding the revision of the Curriculum, Assessment and Reporting Policy – 26 November 2015**

The NSW Department of Education is revising the Curriculum, Assessment and Reporting policy to update it in line with the new syllabuses containing the Australian Curriculum and to reflect current best practice from across the world. Jindera PS is hosting a parent/carer meeting to provide input and feedback into the policy. A small number of these focus groups are being held around NSW but we will be the only focus group in the Riverina. Approximately 20 parents/carers are required for the meeting and I strongly encourage any interested parents/carers to come along. This document will guide further school decisions regarding curriculum, assessment and reporting to parents for the next 10 – 15 years, across the whole state so parental feedback and input are essential.

If you are interested in attending this meeting from 2:00 – 3:00pm on Thursday 26 November at the school, please complete the expression of interest note that went home last week and return it to Ms Singleton. Light refreshments will be served.

If you have any further questions about the parent/carer consultation meeting, please call the school.

**Kindergarten 2016 transition**

Our Kindergarten transition has now finished with 30 children ready for big school next year. Kindergarten students will begin next year on Monday 1 February with Best Start testing happening at scheduled times the week before. Letters will be sent to all parents/carers of enrolling Kindergarten students with further details.

**Durakar public speaking workshop – Thursday 29 October**

Seven students from Year 5 participated in the annual Durakar public speaking workshop at Murray High School last Thursday. The students played games and participated in activities to teach public speaking skills and confidence. They also competed in a condensed public speaking competition with their peers from other Durakar schools.

**Celebrating local artists who are blind or have low vision.**

Vision Australia welcomes you to a local art exhibition featuring the works of artists who are blind or have low vision.

**When:**
Friday 27 November 2015 from 6pm
Saturday 28 November 2015
10am – 2pm

**Where:**
Mirambeena Community Centre
19 Martha Mews, Lavington

**Cost:**
Gold coin donation
Week 6, Term 4

Durakar Leadership day – Wednesday 4 November
Last week, 16 of our potential Year 5 student leaders attended a fantastic leadership opportunity provided by Bluearth. The students all met at Springdale Heights PS, along with students from Lavington PS, Lavington East PS and Springdale Heights PS. Many of the students reported that they had learnt some valuable lessons and messages about leadership and had made new friends from other schools.

Multicultural Perspectives Public Speaking school competition – Thursday 5 November
Mr Charlie and Mrs Jan Leaney of the Lavington Lions Club were our guest judges at the MPPS school competition last Thursday. Congratulations to our winning students who prepared and presented a speech on a set multicultural perspectives topic. Amy Jones was the winner in Years 5&6 and Jessica Holmes won the Years 3&4 section. Thanks to Mrs Simpson for your organisation of the event and to all the students who competed.

Application for Year 7 selective high school placement in 2017
Selective high schools cater for highly achieving academically gifted and talented students, teaching them in specialised ways and providing educational materials at the appropriate level. Interested parents/carers should apply online at www.schools.nsw.edu.au/shsplacement and should read the instructions carefully. Applications can be made online until 16 November 2015. All applicants will be required to sit the selective high school placement test to be held on Thursday 10 March 2016. If you have any further questions, or to register your interest with Jindera PS, please contact the school.

Keeping children safe in the online world
A number of parents/carers have reported various incidents of inappropriate use by children and regularly discussing online safety and appropriate use with your children. Help us to keep all of our students safe by supervising all online use by children and regularly discussing online safety and appropriate use with your children.

Farewell Mr Hill
Mr Hill has completed his service at Jindera PS. He has been an integral part of our school community and has made a significant contribution to the education of our students. His hard work and dedication have been greatly appreciated by staff, students and parents/carers. Mr Hill has made a positive impact on the lives of countless students, leaving a lasting legacy of good work. He will be deeply missed by everyone at Jindera PS.

Friday Swimming sport
Swimming sport commences this Friday, 13 November. Notes should be returned to school by Friday 13th so that all students can attend their choice of swimming activity. Please remember to pack swimming costumes, a towel, sunscreen, hat and a drink bottle with water. Pool entry is $1.50 per week unless a season ticket holder. A separate note will go home next week for an additional swimming sport on 10 December and the pool party.

Intensive swimming
Notes were sent home this week for intensive swimming. Unfortunately, this year, we are really struggling to find an AusSwim accredited teacher to take the sessions. This, along with the very small number of returned notes may result in a postponement of intensive swimming until Term 1 next year. A decision will be made early next week and all parents/carers/students will be informed.

Lianne Singleton

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CANTEEN NEWS

Friday 20th November
Ass 2 - Mon
Ass 1 - Ros
Ass 2 - Marita

Friday 27th November
DS—Chris
Ass 1—Jody
Ass 2—Angus

Friday 4th December
DS—Kylie
Ass 1—Ros
Ass 2—Jenn

K-2 camp this evening
Emergency Contacts
Bek Twyford and Barbara Murray

13th November
Swimming Sport

26th November
Full School Assembly 2.45pm

9th December
Presentation Day
Mr Hill’s farewell

Note Sent Home This Week

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Congratulations to Archie McDonald for winning 1st Prize at the Riverina Interclub Championships

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Special Lunch deals....
All volunteers will receive a free $5 lunch and so will each of their children on the days you work to thank you for your valuable time.

As the canteen plays a valuable role in fundraising, on the weeks where the canteen is unable to be opened due to re-stocking, carnivals etc., we will try to recoup loss of funds on those days by holding other special canteen events on the other days that week.

BAKERY ORDERS AVAILABLE MONDAYS

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Jindera Public School P & C Executive 2015
President: Angus Brooksby
Vice President: Kirrilee Twyford
Treasurer: Tania Carabott
Secretary: Peter Martin
Vice Secretary: Lisa Doughty
Durakar Maths Challenge


We did a range of work sheets and challenges such as constructing a chair so it could hold a teddy bear without it’s feet touching the ground. Another challenge was that we had to find seven tags that said DMC, Durakar Maths Challenge, using a map to find our way around the school. It was quiet challenging but we got there in the end. We came a tied 4th with Lavington Public at 49 points.

By Maddie Doughty

Alex’s Adventures in Jinderland

Thankyou to everyone who came to support the Jindera Public School movie, Alex’s Adventures in Jinderland! The students worked hard to learn their lines and get their costumes ready for the film. You are able to order the movie from the front office for $5.00.

The Jindera Public School Art Show was conducted last Friday 30th October. This was a hugely successful event with a large crowd in attendance. People mingled, viewed quality artwork, feasted on an array of delicious treats from Jindera Bakery and were entertained by a folk group assembled by the Albury Music Conservatorium. The evening culminated with a lively and well contested auction of class art works. Our auctioneer John Phegan managed to stir the crowd into a small but enthusiastic bidding frenzy and all art works were sold on the night.

All feed back from those who attended was positive and highlighted the strong support we continue to enjoy at Jindera Public School.
KIDS ON KEYBOARDS ENROLMENTS 2016
Tired of running your children to activities and paying excessive fees? Why not consider learning piano/keyboard at school. Fees are low ($120.00 a term) and there are no hidden costs (Book and CD included). Students in Grade 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 1:20pm (at school). Call Jacqui Dainer on (02) 6025 8273 for details and bookings.

LEADERSHIP SHIP
On Wednesday the 4th November, 16 students from JPS, went to Springdale Heights Public School to participate in the Durakar leadership day, run by Blu-earth. We played a lot of activities. One of my favourites was when we needed to pick a partner from another school and had to complete five small challenges together and the first to complete all 5 were the winners. Our teacher for the day was Matt. He was very encouraging in everything we did. The day was about teaching us some of the good qualities of being a strong leader, and to always be honest with yourself and others. Every time we did an activity everyone looked like they were having fun, thankyou to Mrs Simpson and Mrs Singleton for taking us. It was a great day. By Georgia Freund

A Quick Bite ...

Buying Fruit and Vegetables In Season—Early Summer

Using seasonal produce is a great way to reduce your food bill with ‘in season’ foods often being the cheapest. They also taste better. Try adding some of these to your trolley this month to save a few dollars.

- Cauliflower
- Strawberries
- Peas
- Cherries
- Spring Onions
- Lemons
- Zucchini
- Mandarins
- Snow Peas
- Oranges
- Garlic
- Spinach
- Beetroot

For more information visit
nsw.health.nsw.gov.au/beatinghealthy

A Quick Bite ...

Make your food budget stretch further

Try these top tips:
- Write a list. You’ll be more likely to only buy essentials this way.
- Limit ‘extra’ foods like chips, chocolates, lollies and soft drinks. These foods are poor value for money.
- Try to stick to unpackaged foods – packaged foods are much more expensive.
- Buy fruit and vegetables in season; they are cheaper and fresher.
- Consider buying a whole box or bag of fruit or vegetables and split between 2-3 households.
- Buy staples like bread and meat in bulk. They’re cheaper and can be frozen.
- Shop at night. Supermarkets tend to reduce the prices of many perishable foods at this time. If you are not sure what time they reduce their prices, ask.

For more information visit
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Big Bang Science Day

On the 2nd November 2015, 3–6 had a Science Day. We moved around into different class and did different experiments there. Some were on PH levels in milk, water, juice and soft drinks. In Mrs Simpson’s class we made pillars of coloured sugar water. In Mr Hill’s class we created circuits to light up a light bulb. We think that Science Day was the best day ever!!!!!

By Zak D and Isaac A

Kindergarten Orientation

We have reached the end of the Kindergarten Orientation Program for 2015. All children were able to become familiar with our school procedures and environments, make new friends and participate in typical Kindergarten learning experiences. Our Orientation Program provided opportunities for children to participate in pre writing, numeracy and structured play activities. It was great opportunity for children to familiarise themselves with children who they may be starting school with next year.

Throughout the weeks the children were involved in numerous literacy activities as well as some singing and dancing. The children were able to get a feel of a real school day by spending their morning participating in writing activities and reading activities.

If there is any aspect of the orientation process, or your child’s upcoming enrolment at Jindera Public School, that you would like to discuss please do not hesitate, to come and talk to Adena (Classroom Teacher), Liam (Classroom Teacher) or Lianne (Ms Singleton – Principal)

On the 2nd November, 2015