**Week 10, Term 4**  
10th December, 2015

**COMMUNITY NEWS**

Friday 18th December, 7:30pm
Jindera Village Green
Food available from 6:30pm, Glo candles available
Special Guests and School Performances
Alcohol Free Family Event - All Welcome!

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**JINDERA PUBLIC NEWSLETTER**

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**Principal's Report**
As this is our last newsletter for 2015 I would like to take this opportunity to thank the Jindera PS community for another fabulous year of learning. There have been so many new opportunities we embarked upon this year as well as a continuing focus on the improvement of student learning outcomes. I hope that everyone has a safe and relaxing holiday season, with a focus on friends, family and relaxation.

To report any suspicious behaviour or vandalism in the school during the holidays, please contact School Security on 1300 880 021.

I would also like to wish all of the Year 6 students a safe and happy transition to high school. I know that this can be a time of high anxiety but look at it as the next, exciting phase of your lives. Thanks for the seven years we have spent together and all the best for your futures. Farewell to all the families who are leaving us this year as their youngest starts high school next year.

School concludes for students on Wednesday 16 December. Staff will be involved with planning and mandatory training for 2016, on Thursday 17 December and the school will be closed for the year on Friday 18 December. Students in Years 1-6 return on Thursday 28 January 2016. Kindergarten students will commence school on Monday 1 February 2016. A letter regarding Best Start testing and a starting time was sent home this week.

We warmly welcome our new Assistant Principal, Mrs Cathy Zemaitis, who has been appointed to replace Mr Hill, who retires at the end of the school year. Mrs Zemaitis will take up the position on the first day of next term, moving from her last school at Werrington County in Western Sydney. Mrs Zemaitis is an experienced Assistant Principal and will be a huge asset to our school.

Mrs Misic has retired from the JPS office after 6 ½ years. Staffing is yet to advise about a replacement.

**Presentation day**
We held our inaugural Presentation day yesterday, Wednesday 9 December. We had a huge involvement of parents and students, many of whom joined us for the luncheon following the assembly. Following consultation with the P&C next year, a decision will be made about whether to continue with the new, successful format.

**2016 book packs**
To assist parents with the costs and running around associated with the beginning of the new school year, we are again providing book packs that will include all the stationery needs to get students started off. These will be available for $90.00 per child. Parents/carers may purchase book packs from the front office until the end of the 2015 school year. Cash and cheques are welcome at the front office or through the boomerang blue box. Parents/carers may also use a direct debit option into the school account.

**Book packs may be purchased from the front office between 8:30 and 10:30am only on Wednesday 27 January. Tania Carabott will also be available for the uniform shop purchases during this time as well.**

**Reporting to parents**
Written reports were sent home on Tuesday this week. Parents/carers may request an interview with the class teacher if you require any further clarification or to follow up on any issues. Please call the school.

**MC class**
Recruitment is currently underway for the teacher, Special Education, for the MC class. A permanent SLSO is also being currently recruited. More information about the staffing for both of these positions should be known in the coming weeks.

**Intensive swimming**
Intensive swimming has been postponed this term until Term 1 2016. We only had a small number of students who opted to participate and appropriately approved instructors were unavailable for the Jindera PS allocated times. Students who applied this year will be notified next term when dates and teachers are finalised.
SRC disco – Tuesday 8 December
The SRC coordinated and conducted two discos as an end of year celebration and fundraiser for MND. Students came dressed in the Christmas theme and enjoyed games, dancing and prizes. Thanks to everyone for your support of the SRC charity this year. An especially big thank you to the SRC who organised the fabulously well-coordinated discos, decorated the hall and kept the students entertained.

Last day of term activities – Wednesday 16 December
As a reward for a year of perseverance and learning the following arrangements have been made for the last day of school, Wednesday, 16 December.

Years 3 – 6: Pool party. $1.50, payable on the day to the pool unless a season ticket holder. Any Year 2 students who turn 8 this year can also elect to attend.

A movie is planned for students in K – 2 and any other students who wish to attend. The cost to attend “The Peanuts movie” is $15.00.

School Student Leaders
Congratulations to our 2016 student leaders:

Monique Pecinicic, Cameron Howard, Corey Groch and Tiahna Delaney.

Our 2016 Sport captains are:

Emus: Samantha Kelly and Colten Atkins
Kangas: Lily Delahunty and Matthew Denton

I look forward to working with you in 2016.

K – 2 campout – Friday 4 December
Mr Knight, Mrs Baker and Mr Clayton coordinated and conducted a very successful K – 2 sleepout last Friday. The students had a terrific experience and parents/carers were keen to make the event an annual occurrence.

Year 6 farewell – Tuesday 15 December
The year 6 farewell will be held in the school hall on Tuesday 15 December from 5:00pm. Year 6 students arrive at 5:00pm with dinner being served from 5:30 – 6:30pm. They will be joined by Year 5 students from 6:30 for the dancing. Parents/carers are invited to attend the formal proceedings from 7:30 – 8:00pm.

Important dates for 2016
12 February – swimming carnival
25 February – SRC induction assembly
16 March – Military vehicles visiting
30, 31 March and 1 April – Howman’s Gap (Year 3)
4 April – school photos
8 April – Athletics carnival
10, 11 and 12 May – NAPLAN
Week 4 Term 2 (mid May) – Year 4 excursion to Echuca
Ballarat
29/8 – 29 – Broken Bay/Sydney

Bank Direct Deposit for Bookpacks 2016
From 2 December families wishing to pay for bookpacks for next year will be able to do a direct deposit into the schools Westpac bank account.

Please use students name and ‘books’ as the description/reference.

Account Name: JINDERA PUBLIC SCHOOL
BSB: 032-001 Account number: 142 007
Amount: $60.00 each

Notes Sent Home This Week

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Our first Day time Presentation Day was a great success. There were many performances throughout the day. Our choir sang beautifully and the drumming and dancing were very entertaining. The many hours of skipping practice paid off as they performed well. Many students were acknowledged for their hard work throughout the year and some received awards. Congratulations to our new leaders for 2016.

Many parents and visitors stayed on after presentation day to wish Mr Hill all the very best on his retirement. Parents and children enjoyed a delicious sausage sizzle and lunch. Thankyou to everyone who helped to make this day a great success.

On Sunday the 29th November, Ethan, Ashton and Mikayla Talbot, Jasper Quinn, Jasper Evans and Alex competed in the Albury Athletics Open Day. They competed in a range of events against people from as close as Lavington but as far away as Melbourne and excelled with each participated taking home at least one medal.

Jasper Quinn - 1st 100m and 1st 200m
Jasper Evans - 1st Discus and 2nd Shot Put
Ethan Talbot - 3rd 800m
Ashton Talbot - 2nd 1500m, 2nd Long Jump, 2nd 200m
Alex - 1st Shot Put, 2nd Discus, 2nd Triple Jump and 2nd Long Jump
Mikayla Talbot - 1st 70m, 1st 100m, 1st 200m and 1st Long Jump.

The day was even more special for Mikayla who broke records in the Under 8 Girls 70m, 200m and Long Jump which had stood for over ten years. A great day for our athletes!

All students are invited to join in to sing Silent Night and Away in a manger at the Community Carols at the Jindera Village Green on Friday 18th December at 7.30pm. The students have been practising these carols for the last two weeks. No uniforms needed. Food and Glo candles are available from 6.30pm.

Please come and join in the Christmas spirit and represent the school.
LAST FRIDAY WE CONDUCTED A VERY SUCCESSFUL K-2 SLEEP OUT. A VERY EXCITED GROUP OF APPROX 50 CHILDREN ARRIVED BACK AT SCHOOL AFTER A REFRESHING SWIM AT THE JINBERA POOL. THE CHILDREN REGROUPED BACK AT SCHOOL FOR FUN AND GAMES AND THEN ENJOYED A FABULOUS BBQ TEA. SHORTLY AFTER THAT CHILDREN SETTLED INTO THE SCHOOL HALL WITH DOONAS AND PILLOWS TO WATCH THE MOVIE "INSIDE OUT". WHEN THE MOVIE WAS OVER PARENTS AND CHILDREN MOVED INTO THEIR TENTS THAT HAD BEEN SET UP IN THE PLAYGROUND AND FROM ALL REPORTS, WE HAD A "PEACEFUL NIGHT." SINCERE THANKS MUST GO WENDY, ALEX, TRACEY, MELISSA WIFFEN & LETITIA OEHM FOR MAKING THE COLESLAW. THIS IS AN EVENT THAT PARENTS WOULD LOVE TO HAPPEN AGAIN NEXT YEAR.