Jindera Play Group

- Do you have a child under the age of five?
- Are you interested in joining a local play group, or know someone who is?
- This may be the play group for you!

Where: Jindera Public School hall
When: every Wednesday 9.30 to 11.30am

What to bring: a piece of fruit to share for morning tea

For more information: contact Jen Howard 60 26 3778

Jindera Public School Canteen Roster

Friday 6th February 2015
Ds-Kylie Van Deventer
Ass 1-Ros McMillan
Ass 2-Linda Cheetham

Friday 13th February 2015
Ds-Barb Murray
Ass 1-Jen Quayle
Ass 2-Linda Cheetham

Monday each week—Bakery Orders

TENNIS COACHING – JINDERA TENNIS COURTS

Tennis lessons for Term 1 2015 for beginner and intermediate players are happening at the Jindera Courts on Monday and Wednesday nights at 4.30pm and 5.30pm.

Great grassroots coaching at an affordable price – $10 per lesson/second child $5.

Have some fun, learn the basics or improve your current skills.

Lessons commence on Monday 9th February.

Contact Leanne Wheaton 0428263297 lkwheaton@bigpond.com.au to reserve your spot.

Swimming sport continues this Friday for students in Years 2 - 6
Students in Years 3 – 6 (and any Year 2 students who are 8 this year and can competitively swim 50m, unaided and unassisted) began swimming sport last week. This program will run as our summer sport, designed to build endurance and technique in preparation for our swimming carnivals. Please note that, in line with our sun safety policy, rash shirts must be worn for swimming sport to further protect students. These may be removed during swimming races at carnivals and immediately replaced following competition.

Absence notes
All students absent from school are required, by law, to have an appropriate reason for the absence that is confirmed by the parent/caregiver in writing. To follow up all student absences and is regularly audited by the DEC. A home-school liaison officer works with the school and home.

Peer support
The students will participate in a range of peer support activities again this year. The activities are designed to build and support peer relationships across the school and encourage budding amongst the younger and older students. Peer support utilises Year 6 students as leaders and develops their leadership and communication skills as well as building relationships with younger students. During Term 1, the program will focus on personal development and being prepared for learning.
Book packs
Thank you to the parents who have already purchased the book packs. These will provide most of the stationery requirements for the year. Book packs can be purchased from the front office.

Updating information
The school will again be updating all parent information. This is essential in cases of emergency and for ensuring that the school can contact parents/caregivers at any time, for a variety of reasons. Family and parental information, such as employment details, determines the level of school funding and as such, need to be accurate and current. Please assist us to care for your children by ensuring that your contact and family details are current. All information is held in strict confidence and is never made available to anyone without prior permission. Please see me if you have any further questions or concerns about this matter.

Swimming carnival – Friday, 13 February
The school swimming carnival will be held on Friday, 13 February 2015 at Jindera Pool for all students in Years 3 – 6 and any Year 2 students who turn 8 this year and can competently swim 50 metres without an aid or assistance. A permission note was sent home last week. Parents/carers are asked to complete this and return it to the school by Friday. Students will also need to nominate and submit entries for the swimming events they wish to participate in, prior to the carnival. Students will walk to and from Jindera Pool and should bring swimming costumes, towel, hat, sunscreen, water in a water bottle, a rash shirt and $1.50 entry if you are not a season ticket holder. Lunch can be purchased from the Pool canteen on the day and a menu will be sent home prior to the carnival for consideration. Parents and carers are encouraged to attend.

Canteen and Monday bakery orders
The canteen will be available for lunch orders and counter sales from Friday, 6 February. Bakery orders are available on Mondays again. Please ensure that bakery lunch orders are left in the tub outside the office area before school.

Years 3 and 4 camp – 20, 21 and 22 May 2015
A two night, three day excursion has been organised for students in Years 3 and 4 to Howman’s Gap Alpine Centre on 20, 21 and 22 May 2015, where the students will be involved in activities such as low ropes, bushwalking and other adventure – based learning and team building activities.

Assemblies for 2015
Assemblies will take a different, more formal approach this year to encourage class performances and showcasing. There will be two assemblies each term, led, in turn, by a different class. Assemblies will begin at 2:05pm and conclude at 2:45pm, allowing students to participate in peer reading, writing and singing until 3:25pm.
The first assembly will be held on Thursday, 19 February and will be the SRC induction assembly. Mrs Simpson’s class will conduct the assembly. Please see your class teacher for further details about assemblies.

Kids on Keyboard
Kids on Keyboards will be held at lunchtimes on Thursdays each week for Term 1. If you would like your child to participate, please see the office for more details and enrolment.

Scripture (SRE)
SRE will be offered on Thursdays from 12:00pm, beginning Week 3. SRE will be offered in Catholic and non-denominational Christian. Your child will be placed in an SRE class based on the nomination on their enrolment form. If you would like to alter the nominated SRE group, including non-scripture, please send the request in writing to the principal before Week 3 of Term 1. Students who do not participate in an SRE class will be supervised in private study only during SRE time.

Modelling Positive Behaviour
At Jindera PS we regularly remind students about being positive towards others and treating others with respect and kindness, even when they may not agree with the experience with their parents and other significant adults. Unfortunately, when we are stressed or tired, we can forget our own manners and behaviours and treat others poorly. Every member of the school staff at Jindera PS is committed to your child’s education and personal growth. Please remember to treat them with respect and understanding. Parents/carers are also reminded that, under no circumstances, should you ever approach another child on the school grounds and confront them. If an issue arises between your child and another, please contact the school and allow the staff to deal with the matter. I really urge your cooperation in this matter as schools are to remain safe, non-violent places for everyone.

School discipline policy
This is currently being updated as part of the Student Welfare policy. Once finalised, this will be sent home to all families.

During this year Jindera public school will be focusing on creating an encouraging environment in which to promote a healthier and more active approach to life. We continue to involve all students in daily active programs where they are able to build on fundamental skills as well as encouraging all students to bring a piece of fruit.

Our fruit break will be changing its name to Crunch & Sip where we encourage students to, not only bring a piece of fruit, but also to include vegetables. At this break, and throughout each day, students are encouraged to take regular water drink breaks.

What is Crunch & Sip?
Crunch & Sip is a set break during the school day when students can eat fruit (or salad vegetables) and drink water in the classroom.

Whether the break is in the morning or the afternoon, the idea is to help kids re-fuel and boost their physical and mental performance and concentration in the classroom.

Each day, students bring a piece of fruit (or salad vegetables) to school to eat in the classroom, usually at a set time. In addition, each child has a bottle of water to drink throughout the day to prevent dehydration.

Through Crunch & Sip, schools can demonstrate their commitment to nutrition education in the classroom by making links with the curriculum and creating a supportive school environment.

Crunch & Sip schools have a positive impact on students by:
creating an enjoyable daily routine that increases fruit and vegetables intake
promoting a positive attitude towards fruit, vegetables and water
incorporating nutrition education into key learning areas of the curriculum
Ideas for healthier classroom celebrations

Here are some ideas of ways to celebrate birthdays and other events without food:

- Ways to celebrate a birthday and recognise a child on their special day
  - Make a sign, sash, crown, button or badge for the birthday child
  - Let the birthday child be the teachers assistant for the day – they can do special tasks like make deliveries to the office
  - Let the birthday child choose and activity or game
  - Allow the student to pick a book and ask a parent to come in and read it
  - Play and indoor game of the students choice
- Have a scavenger hunt for items or information in the classroom or around the school. Have children search for items related to a party theme
- Provide ‘free choice’ activity time at the end of the day
- Provide extra recess time
- Celebrate creatively by setting up craft stations and playing music in the background. As parents to provide any special supplies
- Plan special party games
- Have a dance party
- Read a children’s book related to a party theme
- Allow children a trip to a treasure box (parents can supply it with books, notepads, coloured pencils etc)
- Allow students to pick a book of their choice and ask a parent to come in and read it

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Parent information sessions

Parent information sessions are an opportunity for parents/careers to meet the class teacher and learn about class and school expectations, routines and learning units for 2015. These will be conducted during Week 4 of this term, from 3:45 in the classrooms.

Tuesday, 17 February: 5/6S and 5/6K; 1/2E and 2K
Wednesday, 18 February: 3/4H and 3/4B; KC and K/1R

Parent teacher interviews will be held later in the term. This will be an opportunity to discuss your child’s progress.

Car park – Your cooperation is vital (a reminder)

On the last day of school 2013 a young school aged child was struck and killed in a tragic traffic accident outside a busy Sydney primary school. These horrible images will remain with the children, parents and school staff who witnessed the accident but unfortunately this was not an isolated incident in our schools.

PLEASE DO NOT DROP OR COLLECT CHILDREN IN THE CARPARK AT ANY TIME. PLEASE DO NOT WALK THROUGH THE CAR PARK AT ANY TIME.

The car park is for teachers and school staff only, parents/carers are asked to use the car park between the school and the football oval. The risk to students (and parents) is great when walking through car parks. Help us to keep all students safe, please DO NOT park, drop or collect students in the staff car park or walk through the car park.

Anaphylaxis and medical forms

Following the death of a 17 year old student in Sydney late last year from anaphylaxis, the DEC has tightened protocols around the requirements and collection of medical information. All students with a diagnosed condition, such as anaphylaxis, asthma, etc must have a completed, current ASCIA action plan that contains information about the condition and a step – by - step management process. The school will continue to collect this information, which will also be the focus of the next audit due this year. Please assist the school to keep your child safe by collecting the required information from the doctor and making it available to school immediately if requested.

School planning 2015 - 2017

School planning and evaluation to inform the new school plan and future directions will continue throughout this term. Further focus groups will meet in the next two weeks.
School swimming carnival 2015

We will be holding our school swimming carnival on Friday 13 February at Jindera pool. This year we would love to see as many people as possible entering lots of events at the swimming carnival. Every event you enter you win a point even if you come last, so go in as many events as you can to win your house some points.

Seth Ross & Katie McMillan

P&C Pool Party

The P&C will again be holding a Free Pool Party for all the parents, teachers and students to give everyone a chance to get together in a relaxed environment and celebrate the start of the new school year.

This will be held at the Jindera Pool on Friday February 6th, 2015 from 5pm-7pm.

Entry to the pool is free and a sausage sizzle and cold drink will be provided.

See You There!

Jindera Public School Facebook Page

Jindera Public School now has a presence on Facebook. The page has been created to convey information to parents and community members and has already proven very popular with many parents. To access the page, search for Jindera Public School in Facebook and look for the school logo. Information such as current events, excursion information and student achievements will be regularly updated. The page will not replace our existing correspondence to parents via notes and newsletters but acts as an additional means for the school to keep parents up to date with happenings whilst tapping into the widely used social media.