Week 4, Term 1
18th February, 2016

COMMUNITY NEWS

This award is presented to Jindera Public School
For participating in the 2015 Woolworths Earn & Learn Program

1st January 2016

Principal's Report

It was great to catch up with so many parent/carers on Tuesday this week at the parent information session. Senior Constable Tanya Thompson from Albury police conducted a session on cybersafety and keeping children safe. This very valuable session was well received and the school will organise a follow up later in the year.

Teachers repeated their parent information session on Tuesday but if you were unable to attend, please visit the website for your class information sheet or see the class teacher. As always, feedback and suggestions about how we can further improve what we do is encouraged and welcomed. If you are unable to attend the P&C meetings, please drop in to see me or the class teacher.

Congratulations to our star award winners, Asha Byers (K/1B), Michael Wilkinson (3/4E), Tony Iaria (1/2K) and Jade Campbell-Smith (3/4E).

Swimming carnival

Last Friday we held our 2016 swimming carnival. We had a very successful day with a lot of student participation. It is always great to see the camaraderie and support the students give to each other, urging each other on to win or finish the race. Congratulations to all of our swimmers and a huge thank you to all of the parent helpers who assisted with the various activities. A huge thank you to Mrs Klironomakis for organising the terrific carnival.

Our swimming age champions are:

Junior boy: Thomas Brooksby
Junior girl: Rori Kolhagen
11 Years boy: Zak Donoghue
11 Years girl: Cienna Twyford and Hannah Curphey
Senior boy: Alistair Brooksby
Senior girl: Paige Stockee

“Have a go” award: Tiahna Delaney

Students who will compete at the Southern Riverina carnival on Friday, 19 February, have received a permission note which must be returned by Friday 19 February so that all students can attend. All students are to travel in by bus, which will leave from the front of the school at 9:25am. Students may not leave the carnival with anyone other than their parent/carer unless all appropriate documentation has been completed with the front office.

Good luck to all of our swimmers.

Swimming sport for students in Years 2 - 6

Swimming sport will continue this week, 19 February and conclude next week, 26 February, until Term 4 swimming sport recommences.

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/carer in writing. Please ensure that an absence note is completed within 3 days of the student returning to school following an absence and given to the class teacher. If your child will be away for more than 3 days, please let the school know. A note explaining the absence is still required when the student returns. If you require any further absence note booklets, please collect one from the front office.

Updating information – Use of sporting facilities and media consent

In the coming weeks the children will receive blue notes regarding use of sporting facilities, media consent and parent information updates. Please return these to the school as soon as possible so that the school will have current information.

Parent information update

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 needs to be accurate and current.
Please assist us to care for your children by ensuring that your contact and family details are current on the forms provided. 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.

**Year 3 camp – 30, 31 March and 1 April 2016**
A two night, three day excursion has been organised for students in Year 3 to Howman’s Gap Alpine Centre on 30, 31 March and 1 April 2016, where the students will be involved in activities such as low ropes, bushwalking and other adventure – based learning and team building activities.

The cost of the excursion will be approximately $220.00 per student and will include all travel, meals, accommodation and activities in the program.

An expression of interest form was sent home this week for students in Year 3 to indicate their interest to attend. This should be returned by Friday 26 February with a $55.00 to secure a place. All parents will be issued with a payment plan that may assist with organising and completing payments for the excursion. A new excursion to Echuca is currently being organised for Year 4 students, during Term 2 and the major excursion for Years 5 and 6 will be Broken Bay/Sydney during Term 3.

**Assemblies for 2016**
There will be two full school assemblies per term again this year. They will be led, in turn, by a different class. Assemblies will begin at 2.45pm and conclude at 3.25pm.

The first assembly will be held on Thursday, 25 February and will be the SRC induction assembly. Mrs Simpson’s class will conduct the assembly. All parents/carers are welcome to attend.

Please see your class teacher for further details about assemblies, Mrs Zemalis class, 5Z, will conduct the second Term 1 assembly on Thursday 7 April from 2.45pm.

**Merit awards**
Our student award and recognition system of merit, silver, gold and diamond awards will continue this year with a few changes. Sport ribbons will no longer contribute to a silver award but age champions will receive a merit award for their achievement. Age champions will be extended to all age groups.

Any student who achieves a silver or gold award in a term will be rewarded with a barbecue lunch at the end of the term. Students who achieve a gold or diamond award throughout the year will be rewarded with a major canteen event at the end of the year. This may include a movie/lunch outing or a trip to Melbourne. All students who receive a silver, gold or diamond award will be displayed in the office area for the term. If you would like any further information about the merit award system, please contact the school.

**Kids on Keyboards**
Mrs Jacquie Dainer will be conducting Kids on Keyboards again this year. Sessions will be for 30 minutes on a Wednesday. If your child is interested in attending this popular introduction to keyboards, please see the office for an information brochure.

**For your Diary**
**Friday 19th Feb**
- 5th Riverina Swimming carnival
- Swimming sport

**Thursday 25th Feb**
- Full Assembly SRC induction

**Friday 26th Feb**
- P & C Pool Party
  - 30th March—1 Apr
- Howman’s Gap Yr 3

**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**
**MERIT AWARDS**

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**Hockey Clinic**

This week 2 players from Albury–Wodonga Wombats came to teach all our students some hockey skills. We did many things such as hitting the ball from left to right, trying some cool tricks and some different activities. We had lots of fun and we hope to see them again. By Logan and Brock.

**GROUP MUSIC LESSONS— SAXAPHONE, CLARINET AND FLUTE**

Enrol today in fun music lessons with experienced music specialists. Group music lessons will be available at Jindera Public School at 8.50—9.20am on Mondays mornings. Saxophone, clarinet and flute will be offered in a sociable and supportive group class for just $20 per lesson. Instruments are also available for hire on request. To book your child in please contact the Murray Conservatorium on 0260 411 249

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**Notes Sent This Home Week**

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School Banking is available at the office for any students who wish to join.
Congratulations to all our Champions. We had a great day and thank you to all of our parent helpers, the day would not be as successful without your help.

We introduced dress ups last year. It is an activity that is held on Thursdays at lunch time. It is for K-6 to come and dress up, get involved and have a good time.

Chat Smart: Kids: These tips are for you!

Be careful!
Meeting people online might be fun, but remember that the people you meet online may not be who they say they are. Someone claiming to be a 12 year old girl could really be a 40 year old man!

Check with your parents/carer first
Ask your Mum or Dad or carer before you give out your name, phone number or address or any other personal details. This includes the name of your school, your photo, and any personal information about your friends and family. Never post such information in a chat room or somewhere lots of other people might see it.

Always keep your password a secret.

Chat safely! Be aware of online 'stranger danger'.

Chatting on the net is very popular among young people, particularly young teenagers. It can be a great way to meet and talk with people across borders, time zones and backgrounds. However, a lot of real world risks also exist online, especially in chat rooms. Most people online are friendly and polite, but some can be unfriendly and rude. A small number are exploitative and predatory, and there have been instances of paedophiles contacting children in chat rooms and by email.