COMMUNITY NEWS

Mums, dads & carers of girls with Asperger’s / Autism

Meet for lunch & share each other’s knowledge, experience & wisdom

5th Feb, 4th Mar & 1st Apr
St. Ives on Causeway
12 - 2pm
For further information please contact
Kerry on 0412 033 051

Week 6, Term 1 3rd March, 2016

COMMUNITY NEWS

Learn first aid and become a St John volunteer

Adults & Cadets

Become a St John volunteer, a very rewarding experience, lots of new skills and attend community events for free.

You have the opportunity to advance your first aid skills, eg. Youth development, Bicycle emergency response and many more.

Volunteers usually meet once a fortnight for training, share experiences and learn new skills.


St. John Juniors and Cadets develop extensive first aid and communication skills. Applying their skills at community events and making new friends.

St. John Juniors and Cadets have the opportunity to earn proficiency badges throughout the year and provide them with lifetime skills.

We would love you to join our great team of volunteer.

Cost, you may ask—absolutely nothing, free, which includes a very smart uniform. There may be a cost if we venture outside the training centre to further our skills.

St. John Juniors and Cadets meet once a fortnight.

If you are not sure and would just like to come and check us out, please give Helen a call on 0426363235 or 0427433330 anytime.

Our next meeting is Thursday 7th March at 18:30.

Training rooms: 330 Kirwa St. Albury

Looking forward to meeting a few new volunteers.

Dear School Principal

World Education Program Australia, a registered not-for-profit student exchange organisation, is seeking for volunteer host families to welcome overseas students arriving in Australia in July 2016.

We would greatly appreciate if you could share this opportunity with your school community.

Please find attached Word and PDF documents detailing the hosting experience. Included also are the profiles of some of the students seeking their new family placement.

The attached forms are suitable for printed newsletters and may also be used for display on your school notice boards.

Electronic version is also available here: https://www.facebook.com/wwpau/photos/a.316580960645475/10151623429158973/

Please also share our news on your school’s Facebook page using this link: https://www.facebook.com/worldeducationprogramau/photos/a.316580960645475/10151623429158973/

along with the following text:

Become a WEP host family in 2016

Do you want to experience new cultures? Are you curious, welcoming people to share your hospitality? Have you thought about hosting an overseas exchange student? WEP Australia is looking for volunteer host families now, so if you think you match the above criteria, expect an invitation pack on our website today: https://wwpau.com/

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Jindera Public Newsletter

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Term 1 Week 6

3rd March 2016

Principal’s Report

Last week we officially welcomed our 2016 school leaders and SRC at the SRC induction assembly held on Thursday afternoon. Our 2016 SRC is:

Student Leaders: Monique Pecenicic, Cameron Howard, Corey Groch and Tiahna Delaney.

Emus: Samantha Kelly and Colten Atkins

Kangas: Lily Delahunty and Matthew Denton

K/1B: Max Hawkins, Myra Paulson

1/2K: Jye Van Deventer, Charlotte Wright, Zoe Barnes

1–4F: William Hawkins

3/4E: Alannah Barnes, Rori Kohlhagen, Sienna Curphey

4/5K: Chloe Creek, Corey Brown, Tia Callanan

5Z: Luke Martin, Lauren Nixon, Ashton Talbot

6S: Tom Nock, Georgia Freund, Brock Finemore

P & C Pool Party

It was terrific to see so many parents/carers at the P&C pool party last Friday evening. The weather was cooler than the days preceding the pool party, however, the students still enjoyed the water. Thanks to the P&C for the barbeque and drinks. It was a great community event.

Congratulations to our star award winners, Olivia Wiffen (Year 1), Abby Vroomen (Year 1), Bill McMillan (Year 3), Rori Kohlhagen (Year 4), Ayden Shannon (Year 4).

I would like to acknowledge the recent achievements of Jasper Quinn, in Year 4, whose skills and talents will once again be tested at a state level when he competes in Melbourne for Little Athletics. Jasper will compete in the 200m, an event he won recently and his favourite event, the 100m, in which he tripped but still managed to recover and come third, in the regional Little Athletics meet, Well done, Jasper. We wish you well for the next big competition.

Silver and gold award winners

Gold: Georgia Freund, Monique Pecenicic and Cameron Howard

Silver: Corey Groch, Molly Simon, Georgia Freund (3), Monique Pecenicic, Isaac Oehm, Cameron Howard, Kaliee Davenhat, Logan Amnlett, Ella Donoghue, Thomas Delahunty, Lily Doughtrey, Zoe Barnes, Lily Delahunty, Chilli Bergic.

Southern Riverina swimming carnival – 19 February 2016

A huge thank you to Mr Hill and Mrs Klironomakis who accompanied the team of JPS students to the Southern Riverina carnival last week. We had approximately 40 competitors with many outstanding performances in the pool again.

Swim champions Alister Broocksby, Thomas Broocksby, Ace Kohlhagen, Roni Kohlhagen, Jordie Allen, Paige Sookooe and Gianna Twyford will now move to the next level, the Riverina carnival on 7 March, as will our boys relay team of Archie, Thomas B, Brodie L and Jordie.

Friday school sport

For the next two weeks, the students will begin athletics training, in preparation for the mini carnival on Friday 18 March and the school athletics carnival on Friday 8 April (the last day of term). Students will review the techniques for shot put, discus, long jump, high jump and sprints/relays. Due to the very hot weather, sport will be conducted earlier in the school day for the next two Fridays.

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.
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Mrs Simpson's Year 6 class conducted the first assembly for 2016, the SRC assembly on Thursday, 25 February. The leaders were outstanding with their organisation and ability to adjust and adapt the program, on the day, when guests didn't arrive.

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Teachers sent home an invitation and further information this week. Parent/Teacher interviews are a major component of the ongoing assessment and reporting to parents schedule in the school. It is an opportunity to discuss your child’s progress and any needs they may have. Parents/carers are encouraged to meet and speak with the class teachers regularly throughout the year, whenever the need arises, or simply to touch base but these interview days are a formalised opportunity early in the academic year. If you are unable to attend on your classes nominated day, please contact the class teacher to make an alternative time.

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If families would like to assist with the preparation of breakfast for the breakfast club, please contact Ms Berndt at the school.

Parent helpers
Classroom teachers are sending out an SOS for parent helpers who are able assist with covering books, listening to students read and small group intensive learning programs. If you are able to volunteer some time during the week, please contact your class teacher.

Quality of School Life survey
As part of the annual reporting cycle of the school, I have included a parent/carer survey with this newsletter. The survey is seeking feedback on the school’s performance during 2015. Parents/carers are asked to complete the survey and return it to the school for collation. Information from the surveys will be included in the Annual School Report which will be available from the school office or website. If you have any further comments or suggestions, or require further clarification on any matters, please contact the school at any time. Please complete the surveys and return to the school as soon as you can so that results can be included in the 2015 Annual School Report. Thanks in advance for your assistance with this feedback.

P & C News
The P&C AGM will be held in the library on Monday, 7 March from 6:00pm. The meeting will run for approximately an hour and everyone is welcome, especially those who are new to the school.

One agenda item is the fundraising goal, fundraising projects and your thoughts on how we should be allocating funds between yearly and long term projects. Please bring along any ideas you have for fundraising or how the P&C can best support the school.

Nominations for P&C office bearers can be lodged with the office prior to, or at the meeting on Monday night. In particular, we are looking for people who could help with the Assistant Secretary and Assistant Treasurer roles. We would love to have some volunteers from the K – 3 parent/carer cohort.

The Easter raffle is fast approaching and tickets went home this week. Following on from previous years, we are asking for donations of chocolate for the Easter baskets and will ensure that we have some left over as student prizes on the day. The raffle will be drawn at school on 24 March at an Easter raffle assembly from 2:00pm. Everyone is welcome. There is nothing like mixing excited children and chocolate to move the afternoon along!

Thanks in advance for your support and please don’t hesitate to contact either Peter Martin or me if you have any questions about the AGM or the P&C committee roles.

Angus Brooksby, President

Canteen Roster
Friday 4th March
DS—Melinda Delaney
Ass 1—Barb Murray
Ass 2—Learna Abbott

Friday 11th March
DS– Monica Kohlhagen
Ass 1—Tania Miller
Ass 2—Amanda Fenn

Friday 18th March
DS—Melinda Delaney
Ass1—Melinda Annettis
Ass 2—Mel Barnes

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

Notes Sent Home
This Week
ACTIVITY YEAR DUE DATE
Howmans Gap Medical/Info 3 ASAP
Echuca Expression Interest 4 11th Mar
Parent/Teacher Interviews All 11th Mar
Parent Surveys Eldest ASAP
Easter Raffle Tickets All 22nd Mar
Scholastic-Book Club All 9th Mar
Parent Contact/Media/Sporting All ASAP

For your Diary
15th & 16th March
– Parent/teacher interviews

18th March
– Mini Athletics Carnival

30th March—1 Apr
– Howmans Gap Yr 3

7th April
– Assembly 2.45pm—5Z

President:
Angus Brooksby

Treasurer:
Peter Martin

Vice President:
Melinda Delaney

Vice Treasure:
Tania Carabott

Secretary:
Lisa Doughty

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Student Representative Induction Assembly

Congratulations to our SRC students and award winners.

Science Day

On Monday the children from KC, K1B, 1-2K and 2-3B participated in Science Day. To further reinforce our learning about change, the children participated in a series of science based demonstrations and experiments that focused on heating, cooling, combining and dissolving. During the day, the children were encouraged to make predictions about the effect of the four processes on several different materials and many children were extremely surprised by the result. To help reinforce the scientific process of investigation, the children were encouraged to record their predictions and then draw and write about their findings.

Judging by the giggles, gasps and surprised faces, the children not only learnt much about the process of conducting an experiment but had a great deal of fun in the process.

All classes are following up the day with writing and drawing experiences.

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**LIBRARY NEWS**

**Library Class Times**

**TUESDAY:** 6S, 5Z, 4/5K & 3/4E

**WEDNESDAY:** KC, K/1B, 1/2K & 2/3B

Students require a bag to borrow books to take home.
All books are borrowed for a two week period.

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**Scholastic Book Clubs**

Every Child Deserves a Good Book

Welcome to our first issue of Scholastic Book Club.

Scholastic Book Club is a great way to purchase books at a reasonable price to support your child’s reading. Every purchase you make will earn reward points for Jindera Public School. These points will be used to purchase books for the library and resources for the classrooms.

**How to order:**

1. Fill out the order form in the catalogue.
2. Place the money in an envelope with the order form. Make sure your child’s name and class are clearly marked.
3. If you require change that will be returned to your child with the book when it is received at the school.
4. Take your order to the library on library day.

It’s that easy!

If you are purchasing books as a gift, please write that clearly on the envelope and include your phone number for me to ring you when the books arrive at school.

Payment can be cash, cheque and follow the instructions on the order form for credit card payment.

If you want more information, contact the school and leave a message for Mrs. Wishart or Mrs. Turnbull, your Book Club Coordinators.

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**LIBRARY NEWS**

**Aaleyah Dougherty—Writer Extraordinaire!**

Our one and only Aaleyah Dougherty has been published!

Last year Aaleyah took up a challenge and participated in a writing competition held by [www.write4fun.net](http://www.write4fun.net). There are numerous writing competitions on the website that primary and secondary students can enter.

Aaleyah chose to enter the short story competition and through her diligent effort in planning, structuring and formatting her story as well as proof reading and editing, she was selected to have her work published in *Read, Write and Repeat* published by Write4Fun.

Well done Aaleyah. Jindera Public School encourages Aaleyah to take up the pen again this year and hopes that others will be inspired by her fine effort.

Please take the time to read her story below.

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**The Wondrous Day**

Tweet, tweet I heard from my bedroom window. I awake as I hear the wondrous sounds of the birds singing. I race down the stairs feeling the excitement of the adventurous day that awaits me, I hear familiar voices coming from the deck. I think that it is my grandfather’s and my best friend, Tink, but I am not sure so I peep around the corner to get a closer look. It came to my surprise that I could hear voices but could not see people. Then all of a sudden …

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Happy birthday! Everyone was there to greet me a happy birthday. Then, I smelt a peculiar smell. A smell like no other. The smell of lavender that I had planted over a month ago now and after weeks they have finally sprouted and on my birthday. Then there was a knock on the door. It was Isabella my best friend. She walks in sniffing, the air as if she were a dog. I tell her it is my lavender bush. She said that the scent from my lavender bush is the strongest and biggest smelling scent she’s ever smelt before. Mum gets a phone call from my gymnastics teacher. She says that our performance is being held in the big hall instead of being outside. Mum says we need to hurry because I need to go get my leotard picked up from the dance shop.

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"6 minutes until where on" my dance teacher asks me if Tink and I were ready for our performance on the beam. We both answered, "yes". "Ok", our dance teacher said. We both peered through the curtain looking for our parents. They were all there, even my Aunt Polly was there. We both cartwheeled on stage and jumped on the low beam and then on the high beam. Tink was up first to do her back flip off the beam. She just made it with a perfect landing. Now it was my turn. I did my back flip and landed realizing I flipped too close to the beam. "Snap!" I heard as I landed. I had broken my ankle. Mum came rushing onto the stage and she rang the ambulance. They came and lifted me onto the bed. I went home that night on crutches. I would have to be on crutches for six weeks and then move into a moon boot before I could perform again.

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It's been twelve weeks and I can finally dance again. I am ready for another wondrous day.

By Aaleyah Dougherty