5 February 2014

Principal’s News

The last week has been an exciting one for all of us as we have gradually settled into the routines of school and work again. It has been my pleasure to visit a good number of the classes and speak with students about their learning. At this time it seems that students and staff are settling in well and the routines for the new school year are beginning to become established.

Having visited prep a number of times I can see that the students are really enjoying their new surroundings and interactions with the prep staff. Welcoming our new students, staff and families to a school community is always a highlight. This year I find myself also learning about a new educational setting, receiving a warm welcome from the staff, students and the community. I thank all of those who have assisted me in settling in and getting to know a little more about the Jindalee community.

This year I welcome Gayle Swan to the Administrative team. This year Gayle will be supporting the P-2 Classes, Louise Whittinger will be supporting the years 3 & 4 and I will be working for the years 5-7.

At this time of the year I like to remind families parking around the school of their obligations to read signs and ensure they are parking legally. From time to time I do receive complaints from parents regarding illegal parking and the safety risks this creates. Whilst within the school fence we work to make the environment safe and secure for the students, staff and community members visiting, it is the responsibility of parents and other care providers to ensure that they are parking safely and legally.

Over the coming weeks we will be holding some parent information sessions. Later in this newsletter you will find the details of these. These sessions are a great opportunity for you to meet the class teacher and find out some of the activities your child will be involved in and the expectations associated. There will be a slight change to the format this year. Whilst one of the administrative team will be on the school site during the sessions, we will not be holding an administration introduction. This will allow greater time for you to engage in conversations with your child’s teacher and ask relevant questions of them. If you have specific issues for a member of the administrative team feel free to approach us at any time. Please be aware it is always best to make an appointment if you are requiring a meeting.

I feel honoured to have the opportunity to work with the students, professional staff and community of Jindalee State School over the next six months. My hope is that I am able to continue to move the school improvement agenda forward and support students, staff and the community in achieving their goals for this year.

Our improvement agenda this year has a major focus on the following:

- Implementation of the Australian Curriculum and Geography as a new reportable feature
- Implement targeted teaching and learning initiatives in English, Maths and Science linked to evidenced based decision making
- Implementation of the whole school pedagogical framework with a focus on explicit instruction
- Implement Asian Studies
- Implement the seamless implementation of digital practice and Bring Your Own Device into the learning frame for teachers, students and our school community
- Coaching and mentoring
- Transitioning year 7 to high school

As you can see there is a good deal to work on and a very exciting time ahead as our year 6 & 7 students move from Jindalee at the end of the year in a state first. I look forward to meeting many of you over the coming weeks and months and supporting your child’s learning.

If you have any issues you would like to discuss please direct your enquiry first to the class teacher and then to the administrator responsible for the year level if necessary. If it is not possible to address the issue at this level please direct your concern to the relevant administrator. At the conclusion of your meeting please ensure that there are some actions to be undertaken or you are aware of the resolution. If you find you are unaware of the result of the actions please follow your issue up with the person you spoke with.

Great Results Guarantee

Our school has received additional funding from the Great Results Guarantee and we need to decide how we can use this money to better support our students and improve their outcomes.
We are now working to develop our own Great Results Guarantee with evidence-based strategies and actions to improve literacy and numeracy.

Read more about the guarantee at www.education.qld.gov.au/resultsguarantee.

If you have an idea on a way to support our students to learn more or if you would like to take part in the discussion please get in touch.

**Important messages from the Office**

Parents - please note that it will not be possible for office staff to send messages regarding after school locations and activities to students in class times as we cannot disturb teachers during learning time. Please make arrangements with your child the night before, or in the morning before school. Only urgent messages will be delivered to the classrooms.

It would be appreciated if parents and children arriving at school after 9 am, come to the Office to sign in and not go straight to the classrooms.

**Parent Information Sessions**

Parent information sessions will be held in week 3 and 4. This is an excellent opportunity for parents to find out more about the classroom and general information about the year level. There will be two year levels most nights and all sessions will begin at 6.00pm and conclude at 7.00pm in your child’s classroom. We are aware that there will be a small number of overlaps. If this should be the case for your family please let your class teacher know and we will work to organise a solution so you can get the information that you need. We are planning to offer some child minding as has occurred in previous years (gold coin donation). There have been enquiries from parents about students needing to attend this evening and so we would like to let you know that it is not necessary for students to attend as the evening is aimed to provide information to you as parents. We look forward to seeing you there.

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Year 4 (including 4/5A) parents please note that your night is on Tuesday night in week 4.

**School Uniforms**

As you will be aware, Jindalee School community has adopted a school dress code which requires all students to wear the school uniform. This assists students to build pride in themselves and their school and ensures that we are following ‘The Jindalee Way’, wearing our uniforms proudly and appropriately. Many thanks to families for supporting the school so strongly by ensuring your children arrive at school each day wearing their school uniform. I believe that we have probably 99% of children in full uniform. They look fantastic.

I wish to draw your attention to one aspect of our school uniform and that is the wearing of black or white shoes. Below is a reminder of the Uniform Dress Code for both boys and girls in regards to this:

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We ask that if your child does not yet have full correct uniform, particularly in regards to shoes and socks, that this is arranged as soon as possible. If for any reason you are unable to meet this requirement, please contact the office.

Thank you for your cooperation in regards to this matter.

‘At Jindalee State School we wear our uniforms proudly and appropriately!’

**Library News**

Welcome back to a new year!

Our school library adopts a ‘Detective Theme’ to enhance learning and make it fun. To start things rolling in 2014, here is the first challenge:

From the picture provided, collaborate with family and friends and work out the book titles. You can also do this in the library.

Enter your written solutions with your name and class and place it into the competition box in the library.

Good Luck! You may be the prize winner for our first challenge.
Jindalee State School’s inaugural BYOD Program has had a wonderful start with many students in years 2, 4 and 5 bringing iPads or Windows 8 devices to complement their learning. In most classes more than 85% of students are utilising a BYOD for learning, with other students able to have some access to school owned devices. Students in have begun navigating their way around various apps and programs and activities have included the recording and narrating of books, creating presentations, practicing spelling and accessing learning through online programs such as Mathletics.

All BYOD information can be found on the school website at https://jindaleess.eq.edu.au/Pages/default.aspx

A BYOD Parent Apps Help Night is being held tonight, 5 February at 7pm in Kirinari. Any parents requiring assistance with loading apps, settings, restrictions etc. are welcome to come and find out more information.

**BYOD Beginnings**

**Safer Internet Day**

Safer Internet Day 2014 will be celebrated on 11 February 2014. The strapline for the campaign is “Let’s create a better internet together”. Safer Internet Day (SID) is organised by

In Safe in February of each year to promote safer and more responsible use of online technology and mobile phones, especially amongst children and young people across the world.

**Banking**

School Banking will commence on Thursday 6 February. All bank books should be handed in to the Office before 9am.

**Year 5 Band**

The recruitment process for year 5 instrumental music band students will be taking place during February. Expression of interest forms were distributed in term 4 last year. Additional copies are available in the school office. The recruitment process will continue with generalised aptitude testing during the next two weeks. Offers to join the instrumental music program will be made once all results are in. The year 5 band program is expected to begin at the end of February. Contact Mr Kukulies via the school office if you require any further Information.

**James Kukulies**

**Instrumental Music Teacher**

**Australia Day at Jindalee**

On Australia Day, a small choir made up of students from Year 4, 5, and 6 performed at the citizenship ceremony held in the Jindalee State School Hall. The event was organised by the local Rotary club and having a small choir perform, added a special touch to a wonderful ceremony.

Many thanks go to the children who sang, as they not only rehearsed in the last week of term in 2013 with Mrs Duffus, they gave up their time on Australia Day to perform. The children were wonderful ambassadors for Jindalee State School at the ceremony.

**Student Support Spotlight**

I would like to welcome all our parents and students for the 2014 year and provide you with some information around the support services offered at Jindalee State School. This year we are introducing a more integrated approach to student support by using a collaborative model between the various support services in the school, i.e. learning support, gifted and talented, special education, English as an additional language.

A whole-school approach to supporting student learning means that the responsibility for every student’s achievement is shared by the school community. A whole-school approach to support student learning, directs support to different levels of need in response to student achievement data. Students may receive
support in various ways, through differentiation of the curriculum to suit their individual learning needs, focused teaching and intensive teaching. We are looking forward to a productive year of learning for all students at Jindalee State School.

**Alice Armstrong –
Assistant Principal Student Support**

**Cross Country Training**

Training for the Jindalee State School Cross Country will begin on Monday 10 February (week 3).

All children in years 4,5,6,7 are invited to attend.

Training will at start 7.45am to 8.20am on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays.

Children are asked to wear different clothes to train in as they will get hot and sweaty.

They can change into their school uniforms after training.

Jindalee SS will provide breakfast (cereal, juice) after the training session for participants.

If you would like your child to participate in the training please download the form ‘Jindalee State School Cross Country Training 2014’ from the Forms and Documents section on the left hand side of this newsletter. When you have completed the form, please return it to Mr Miller.

Children will need to meet Mr Miller on the oval at 7.45 on Monday 10 February 2014.

**Gardiner Chess Coaching**

This year we are offering students an opportunity to be coached by a chess coach through Gardiner Chess. The aim of the Gardiner Chess coaching would be mainly for players who are interested in competing in chess competitions and tournaments and in extending and broadening their chess skills.

Chess coaching sessions will be run on Tuesday afternoons from 3.15pm to 4.15pm in the Old Library situated above Administration.

The first coaching session is on Tuesday 4th February. Children can obtain information from the office in regards to how you can enrol your child into this program.

**Lego Club**

Nominations can be made at the office for Lego club. Clipboards will be available in the office from Wednesday 5 February. We hope to get these lunchtime clubs up and running by next week. Numbers are limited and students who miss out can join in in later terms.

- Yrs 1-3 Lego club with Tiffany Caple, Thursday 2nd break in the old library
- Yr 5 robotics with Kym Fry, Tuesday 2nd break in the old library
- Yr 4 lego robotics with Sue Allmond, Wednesday 2nd break in the old library
- Yrs 6&7 mind storm with Michael Allardice, Wednesday 2nd break in the 4/5A classroom

**A Great Start for 2S!**

2S has made a great start to the year! We have been working hard to create a positive classroom environment and thinking about what we want our classroom to look, feel and sound like. Our iPads have been a great tool in understanding and practicing our rules. 2S students have worked in groups and created Keynote presentations around our six rules. These contained pictures, videos, text and best of all animations. We had lots of fun!

**Sarah Smith**

**Photo of class puzzle**

As part of getting to know each other Year 1M made a puzzle. We worked as a team and we all fit together. We care, share, take turns, listen to each other and welcome new people into our team.

Our class motto is ‘If you believe you can, YOU CAN!’

**The Year of the Horse**

January 31st marks the first day of Chinese New Year. Last weekend, Chinese throughout the world celebrated the Year of the Horse. The festivities typically last for 15 days, filled with family gatherings, food and fun. In Chinese classes, students will learn about Chinese New Year traditions and make spring mobiles, origami lanterns and red banners to celebrate.
Uniform Shop

Year 6 and 7 shirts

Final order for Year 6 and Year 7 shirts will be placed with the manufacturer on Friday 7 February.

If you wish to order another, or change the size, please do so at the Uniform Shop during opening hours, or leave cash with your request at the office BEFORE this date.

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Tuckshop

The 2014 Tuckshop Menu is now available to download from the Forms and Documents section on the left hand side of this newsletter. It is also displayed on the Tuckshop page in the Jindalee State School Website https://jindaleess.eq.edu.au/Pages/default.aspx.

Tuckshop Phone number: 3725 5719
Convener: Katie Shaw

Message from the Chaplain

Welcome back to what will be another fantastic year at Jindalee State School. I hope you all had a nice break over the Christmas Holidays, whether you spent time with family, went overseas, watched Australia whitewash England in the Ashes (Cricket), or just relaxed and took some time out.

I am very excited to continue being the Chaplain here at Jindalee in 2014. For those who may not know what I do at Jindalee, as the Chaplain, I have the great privilege of supporting and caring for the students, staff and parents in this community. My role is to build relationships with students, staff and parents; offer support and a listening ear in times of trouble and to be involved in activities within the school community. I am at school Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday, and it is best to contact me via the school office.

P1 starts back this Friday! Kids in year’s 6 & 7 can come and have fun to finish off the school week. There are heaps of activities and games! The cost is $3 (which includes supper), 5.30-7.00pm at Centenary Uniting Church. If you want to find out more about P1, just come and see me.

As always, have a fantastic week and remember to stay safe!

Joshua Green

Getting to Know … William (Bill) Carey Acting Principal

I grew up in Victoria before moving to South Australia then Queensland. Since being in Queensland I have moved around quite a bit spending approximately 14 years living and working in Central Queensland. I have moved to different towns or cities about 11 times in my lifetime.

The school that I first taught at was Maryborough Central Infant School.

My friends and family would describe me as firm but fair, even tempered and a risk taker who likes new challenges.

My greatest achievement is raising two boys, with my wife, who are happy and apparently well-adjusted, with a strong sense of socially just practices that they apply to their daily working lives.

My favourite childhood memory is going to the beach after school on hot summer days.

The books I have enjoyed the most recently have been written by Dan Brown. I am presently reading Inferno.

My favourite movie is Star Wars.

If I could ask any two people (dead or alive) to dinner, they would be Billy Connolly and Nelson Mandela.

My secret skill is being able to bend my fingers at the first knuckle joint keeping the rest of my finger straight.

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