27 November 2013

Principal’s Report

Deputy Principal Appointed

Our current acting Deputy Principal Louise Whittering has been appointed permanently to the position of Deputy Principal from the beginning of the 2014 school year. The Director General of Education announced the appointment following a merit selection process to fill the vacancy created by the retirement of Matthew Heard.

Louise has been at Jindalee since April and had been the acting Deputy Principal at Springfield Lakes State School prior to coming to Jindalee. While at Jindalee Louise has led the school’s behaviour policy review and the Travel Safe committee as well as a substantial curriculum and teaching and learning role. She has accreditation as an instructor in the Department of Education ‘School Wide Positive Behaviour Support’ framework and is trained in teacher coaching and development. She is also a very successful classroom teacher. This year she has taken responsibility for the year 4-6 area of the school and the analysis of student and school data to support student learning. On Wednesday she represented Jindalee State School at a local schools’ forum with the Education Minister, Mr Langbroek.

Congratulations to Mrs Whittering on her success and we look forward to the leadership, knowledge and skills she will continue to develop and provide for our school in the future. She will join with the other members of our strong leadership team in 2014 to implement our school improvement agenda based on our vision of creating a clever future today.

End of year arrangements

With just over two weeks of the school year remaining our focus is on a successful conclusion to the year and the planning for a successful beginning of the 2014 school year. There are a number of school and individual class events over the coming weeks and these are listed on our school calendar.

We are currently preparing student report cards that will be issued in the last week of school, along with information about teacher and class allocation for next year.

The last school disco for the year will be held this Friday 29 November and the annual Chaplain’s Carols Night will be hosted by Joshua Green on Saturday 7 December at 5.00pm.

During the last week of school, the Year Seven’s Farewell Assembly will be held on Wednesday 11 December and the Year Seven students will hold their party day off campus on Thursday 12 December.

The party day for all classes will be on Thursday 12 December and class Wrap teachers will provide information for parents about what students should bring. This day will be a non-uniform day.

The final day of school for the year will be Friday 13 December. Students attending school on this day will be engaged in supervised activities. They are required to wear their school uniform including hat and bring their own lunch, as the tuckshop will not be open. School will conclude at 3.00pm for the summer vacation.

Staff will return to school on Tuesday 21 January for the first of four staff professional development days before students return on Tuesday 28th January 2014. (Monday 27 January is a public holiday because Australia Day falls on a Sunday).

Flashing lights now active at Jindalee State School

On the week beginning 18 November flashing light school zone signs were installed on Burrendah Rd at Jindalee.

Jindalee State School was nominated to receive these new signs as part of a $10 million Queensland Government commitment to improve school road safety.

You will notice that the new signs look similar to standard school zone signs with the important addition of a red flashing ring around the speed limit as well as two flashing yellow lights at the top of the sign. The installation of flashing light school zone signs is proven to improve visibility of school zones, serving as an active reminder for motorists to slow down.

So next time you’re dropping off or picking up your child keep an eye out for the new signs and make sure you stick to the signed speed limit.
Year 7 Graduation

Parents are invited to Year 7 End of Year Presentation on Wednesday 11th December from 9:15 -11:00a.m. At this event, the school captains will be announced for 2014. The ceremony will conclude with a morning tea.

Year 7 parents are requested to bring a plate of food.

Any Year 6 parent who can kindly assist with the morning tea or clean up, please contact Mrs Karen Huntly (Year 7 teacher) via email at khunt34@eq.edu.au.

From the School Office...

Alert! Candy-canies and other sweets

To avoid the risk of allergic reactions, would parents please refrain from sending candy-canies and other sweets to school. Some of our students may have adverse reactions to these products.

Book lists for 2014

The Booklists for 2014 are now available and copies were handed out to classes last week. If you did not receive a copy, they can be downloaded from the side panel of this newsletter, or from the school website.

Not attending Jindalee State School next year?

If your child will not be attending Jindalee State School in 2014, please advise the school office as soon as possible. Thank you.

Year 7 Multicultural Stall Presentations

This Friday 29 November is the Year 7 Multi-cultural Stall Presentations. It will be held in the school hall from 9:15 – 11am.

BYOD (Bring Your Own Device)

The school website (https://jindaleess.eq.edu.au/Pages/default.aspx) now has a quick-link on the Home Page to access information about our BYOD program.

Year 7 Rugby League

Congratulations to our Year 7 Rugby League A Team who were undefeated in the recent West Akuna District Rugby League competition. Some of the boys competed in the Challenge Cup on Sunday 24th November. They played against a West Akuna Team that combined the 2 best representatives from each school. Jindalee put in a huge effort and played hard. With half their team unable to play due to students competing in National Athletics, Swimming Championships and other events, we were grateful that so many of our B team were able to join us so we could field a team. The boys went down 36-10. Thank you to all the parents and family members who came out to support us.

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Flag Tag

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Wendy Foxcroft (Coach)

Swimming

Eight of our wonderful swimmers represented our school in the Queensland Primary School Swimming Relay Championships at Chandler aquatic centre on Friday night 22nd November. Accompanied by teacher Selina Bird were Ashley Barnett, Ryan Dew, Remi Gordon, Ethan Frazer, Libby Elmes, Jade Philp, Chandla Briggs and Gemma Rigby.

This was the first time our school had entered the event against other state and private schools from throughout Queensland. Competing against approximately 40-50 teams, our students did well. The girls tried very hard in their freestyle and medley relays. The boys were 5th overall in the freestyle relay final and had a great swim in the medley.

Well done to everyone involved and a huge thanks to the parents and families for your support during a late Friday night. Thanks to Jodi Dew for the photos and assistance. It was great to accompany the teams and be part of this terrific event.

Tennis

Jindalee State School also fielded a team in this weekend’s Brisbane International School Tennis challenge. Will McCall, Richa Patel, Arthur Shera and Winston Ly will compete against other schools in the Metropolitan West Region. I am sure they will have a smashing time.

Rugby League

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Track and Field

Our congratulations go to Ezraa and Brock for their incredible results at the Australian Track and Field Championships.

Ezraa Coulston
- Long Jump – 1st 5.39m PB
- Member of the 100x4 relay – 1st 47.92
- 200m – 4th 24.83s
- 100m - 2nd - 12.13
- Shot Put – 2nd 13.83m PB

Brock O Brien
- Multi-Event – 2nd
- Multi -Event - 100m 13.43s PB
- Long Jump - 5.00m PB
- Shot Put - 10.5m
- 800m - 2.30
- Medley relay member (200m,200m, 100m, 300m) 3rd

I would like to thank all the wonderful teachers who have put in many hours of extra time training all of our Jindalee teams during 2013. Mr Martin, Mrs Stenlake, Mrs Huntley, Mrs Bird, Mr Dawes, Mr McKinnon, Mrs Gyemore, Mrs Foxcroft, Mrs Knowles; without your help, guidance and dedication, our students would not have been as successful during 2013.

Great job teachers.

Bray Miller

P&C Furniture Replacement Program - Helpers required to remove old furniture!

The first phase of the P&C Furniture Replacement Program is set to kick off next Friday 6 December. The Year 3 and 4 classes are the first year levels scheduled for replacement, with $40,000 of P&C funds dedicated to this stage. New furniture will include storage, shelving, teacher desks and chairs, filing cabinets, student group tables and multipurpose tables. Student desks will remain in the classrooms as they are more recent acquisitions.

Parents and other school community members are being called upon to assist with the removal of the old furniture from the current Year 3 and 4 classrooms on Friday morning 6th December from 7:00am. The new furniture will be delivered to the classrooms and the old furniture needs to be removed prior to that arrival. All old furniture is being donated to Rotary who is providing the furniture to equip underprivileged schools in Papua New Guinea.

Any parents that can assist are asked to contact Georgina Allardice at galla7@eq.edu.au or the school office on 3725 5777.

Pirate Day in 1R

On Pirate Day, the children in 1R wrote a procedure on how to find a pirate’s treasure. They dressed up and presented their work to the class. This occurred on the same day as raising money for children with cancer.

Time Capsule Retrieval

On 22 November, the time capsule that was laid down 25 years ago at the Mt Ommaney Centre, was retrieved by the Jindalee Lions Club. Mrs Caroline Duffus and School Captain, Liam Sands attended the ceremony, where they met the members of the Lions Club and Mrs Tarnya Smith, Member for Mt Ommaney.

P&C news

Jindalee Music Night ‘Thank You’!

Thank you to the wonderful parents and children who ran a great sausage sizzle for guests of the Music Night. Many hands made light work and there were quite a lot of repeat customers which was great to see.

Special thanks to Lisa Pritchard, Andrea Rogers, Glenn Minnett, David Hannis, Maddy Rogers (year 6), Jamie Rogers (Year 5), Harry Rogers (Year 2), Corbus Loveday (year 8 CSHS), and Reuben Loveday (year 3).
**Amenities Update**

Sports shed completed — Yahoo!! Bray Millar (JSS sports teacher) will be very excited I am sure to see the completion of the new sports shed on the oval. This will be a big improvement to his sports program having the equipment in a much more WH&S friendly location and free up much needed storage space for the P&C in the shed he is vacating. This was fully funded by the P&C at a cost of $15,000.

At Monday night’s P&C meeting approval was also given to fund the refurbishment of the area under Kirinari (library). This area will be resurfaced and a retaining wall built to maximise the use of the space for students hopefully from Term 1 2014. This project is estimated to cost $35,000 which will also be fully funded by your P&C.

The tuckshop is also investigating getting a cold room installed over the Christmas Holidays. If you have any contacts in this field please contact me and I will pass your details on to them.

Investigations are also underway to improve the hall, including lining the walls and ceiling and building a stage. Watch this space. These are just a few of the projects your hard earned fund raised money goes towards.

*Thank you
Louise Johnston
Phone: 0421160075*

**Uniform Shop**

**Uniforms for 2014**

Orders for uniforms can be left at the Office or the Uniform Shop with payment, either cash, cheque or credit card details, and then collected on any of the days when the shop is open in January before school resumes. Orders can also be delivered this term to your child’s classroom if this is appropriate.

**Volunteers for 2014**

My two wonderful Tuesday ladies, Kaye Jacobs and Carol Nolan are moving on to High School, leaving a huge gap. If you have an hour to spare on a Tuesday morning, from 8.30 to 9.30 your assistance would be greatly appreciated. Perhaps you are a Grandparent and would like to help, come and join the happy team. Please phone me at the shop on 37255715 or 0431882068. Many thanks,

*Helen*

**Opening hours in January**

Saturday 18 January 9am to 12noon
Wednesday 22 January 3pm to 6pm

**Uniform Shop normal opening hour are...**

Tuesday 8.30 to 9.30am,
**FIRST** Wednesday of each month 4.30 to 5.30pm, all other Wednesdays 2.30 to 3.30pm.
Shop Phone 3725571

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**Tuckshop**

**Tuckshop Roster**
Tuckshop Direct: 3725 5719 Katie Shaw
Office: 3725 5777 E: KP.Shaw@bigpond.com

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Please note that we are closed the last week of term for cleaning.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all our lovely volunteers for all their hard work this year. I hope you all have a very merry Christmas and a happy New Year.

To any of the volunteers I haven’t seen; you are invited to lunch at the Centenary Tavern on Saturday 7 December at 12pm. Please let me know if you are coming by Thursday 5 December.

*Thank you for all your support,
Katie*

**Chaplain’s news**

SU QLD is again being forced to attend the High Court of Australia to defend the vital program of school chaplaincy. This second challenge has the potential to impact the funding of thousands of chaplains across the nation who support and encourage our students every day.

Will you to stand with us once more to ensure our kids continue to have the vital support and encouragement of a school chaplain? Please visit http://backourchappies.com.au/ and sign the Statement of Support. I have also been given a backpack (pictured) which I can get signatures on as another sign of support for Chaplaincy here at Jindalee State School. The support has been amazing so far. Thank you to all who have signed the bag in support; I can’t express how thankful I am to have so much support from the school and community. If you would like to sign the
backpack, I will have it with me at the school, and out in the community until December 1st.

There are only 28 days until Christmas (but who’s counting?) but only 10 more days until the annual Jindalee Christmas Carols! We’ve been busy looking at everyone’s list and checking it twice to make sure that this year’s carols are enjoyable for everyone! There are still some things we need help with though.

If you can support or help with any of the following things, please contact me on 0421 663 775 or jgree605@eq.edu.au

Prizes for the raffle, Christmas decorations (Christmas tree, tinsel, balls, lights etc.), help with setting up and packing up on the night, Sponsors for the event (the Christmas Carols at Peter-Lightfoot are on the Sunday night, a lot of our sponsors from past years are already sponsoring that event and can’t sponsor us as well.)

School Banking needs your help

Jindalee State School needs volunteers for new school banking coordinators.

If we don’t get at least 2 new coordinators we will have to close down this great asset to the school and your children won’t be able to bank at the school anymore. The school will also miss out on the much needed funds this program generates.

We believe all young Australians should learn about the importance of saving and smart money management.

Our School Banking Program helps kids develop good saving habits and gives them the confidence and independence to make sound financial decisions. With hands-on learning experiences, we can help children grow into financially savvy adults. We passionately believed all young Australians should learn about the importance of saving and smart money management. We think that when it comes to a child’s education, knowing how to manage money is as essential as English, math, science or the arts. School Banking is a fun, engaging way for young Australians to learn lifelong money-management skills.

The School Banking program has been running since 1931, teaching money-management skills to generations of Australians. Children traditionally receive a money box and transaction book on joining the program, but they now also get a range of fun, engaging materials to help them learn – and encourage them to save.

School Banking Coordinators are volunteers who are vital to the success of School Banking. With your help we can create a fun way to give kids a head start in money matters. Many Coordinators tell us how rewarding they find being able to make a positive difference in the lives of many children.

The Coordinators collect process and deposit the money at the nearest CommBank branch or Australia Post and facilitate the Rewards Program. This only takes a small amount of your time one day a week. Your help with the program will greatly benefit students as they develop vital saving skills and also help our school with fundraising.

The School Banking Web Based System, to make processing deposits simple and efficient, can be accessed from any computer with the internet.

We appreciate the focus and energy our Coordinators bring to the program and have the following to help you:

A School Banking Specialist to provide support through regular telephone contact (for schools in country or remote areas) or school visits (for schools in metro locations and major regional centres). We have 45 School Banking Specialists on call to offer advice, share tips and encourage participation.

Each participating school receives a commission on every deposit made at the school. In 2012, participating schools collectively received over $1.5 million in commission.

Schools receive $5 for every Activated Account via the program.

Please contact - Nicole Bates Phone: 0432 281 219

Centenary State High School newsletter

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It was pleasing to meet many of our 2015 Year 7 and 8 parents at the Parent Forum conducted at your school recently. If you were unable to attend on the night, following are some of the key messages that we delivered.

We are sure that all parents of students graduating to high school in 2015 are wondering, “How will you look after my child?“. We know that we have the teacher care and support, and the programs that will make transition a very positive experience.

Student well-being has always been a strong focus at Centenary and we are seeing the move to six years of secondary schooling, as an opportunity to review and refine our pastoral care or House Group programs, building a strong sense of year level identity. For our future year 7s and year 8s, the first year at high school will lay the foundations for their participation in all we have to offer.

We are planning many opportunities for your current Year 5 and Year 6 students to join us at Centenary and to feel part of their future high school. Some may already have attended our Year 8 production of “Matilda” or taken part in our Science Extravaganza events during National Science week. Our own students and student leaders are also playing a part in our decision-making in regard to potential programs and activities over the next two years.

We are one of the high schools which will be provided with a new two –storey building to meet our growing student needs. With a new Junior Secondary building to be constructed next
Getting to know... Louise Whittinger
Deputy Principal

My friends and family would describe me as a caring and passionate person.

My favourite childhood memory is going exploring with my siblings around our local neighbourhood in Ayr.

The first school I taught at was Cloncurry State School.

Something that I am really proud of is my three children.

The style of food I most enjoy is Thai – I enjoy meals were you share it with people you care about.

My all-time favourite movie is Grease.

Someone who inspires me is my mum – I think she has done an amazing job raising 11 children. She showed me the importance of always being determined, persistent and resilient when working towards my goals.

In the weekends, I love to spend time with my husband and three children and if I am lucky, find some alone time to read.

The best holiday I have ever had was going to Finland.

People don’t know it, but I’m good at cross stitching.

Item for sale

½ size cello including bow, case, music stand, 2 cello books
$300.00 – in good condition
Contact 3375 3939 Margaret Danziger

Ash Tennis

Looking to keep the kids occupied over the holidays? We’re running holiday clinics and tournaments over the Xmas holidays at Our Lady of the Rosary in Kenmore! Give us a call on 0413288874 to sign up, or send us an email on info@ashtennis.com. If you would like more information or enrolment forms, please see our website www.ashtennis.com. Look forward to seeing you on the court!

Simon
Ash Tennis

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