11 December 2013

A Very Good Year

As we approach the final day of the 2013 school year we can reflect on a very successful year for our students, staff and community. Our significant targets in student learning have been achieved with almost fifty percent of our students achieving results in the upper two bands of NAPLAN and ninety-eight percent plus of students achieving at or above the national minimum standards. In addition we have recorded high levels of customer satisfaction from parents and students with the majority of responses about learning above 95%. Teachers too have recorded 98% or more for their satisfaction levels with their teaching assignments. Jindalee has also recorded satisfaction in the high nineties for using information and communications technologies in learning.

In other areas across the school we have also achieved the goals we set or we are well on the way with some innovative and exciting plans to move learning forward. In the areas of support for student learning we are embarking on a plan that will bring a consistent, collaborative and communicative approach to supporting teaching and learning. More support will be delivered to classroom teachers to allow them to make the difference that the data proves that only they can make. Through this exciting model we will see greater levels of partnership between staff, parents and students that will result in our students going further than we believed possible.

This year has been a year of change in education and we will continue to build on these innovations to ensure 2014 is an even more successful year for teaching and learning at Jindalee.

Leadership Team

The Jindalee State School leadership team will have a few new faces along with the continuing ones next year. Louise Whittington will continue as Deputy Principal, Leisa Cave will also continue as Head of Curriculum, Georgina Allardice will be leading the implementation of our ICT’s in learning program as Head of eLearning and we are planning for Alice Armstrong to continue as Assistant Principal Student Support.

Joining the team from the beginning of the school year will be Bill Carey as Acting Principal. Mr Carey was at Jindalee earlier this year for four weeks. He will be replacing Principal Michael Polities who will be taking leave during semester one. Mr Polities is having medical treatment during the vacation and will take some extra time to recuperate during the first half of next year. In addition Deputy Principal Kim Tvede will continue as Acting Principal at Serviceton South State School into next year and an Acting Deputy Principal for 2014 will be appointed later this week.

The leadership team is certainly well positioned to lead the learning journey at our school and boast a wealth of skills and expert knowledge as well as a mixture of training and experience. The high level achievements of 2013 are testament to the clear direction and outstanding achievements recorded at our school this year.

Principal’s Message

As previously mentioned in this newsletter, I will be taking leave for the first half of 2014. Whilst I had considered this option earlier in the year, it became more urgent due to the diagnosis of a heart condition this year and the requirement for corrective surgery. This is my tenth year as principal of Jindalee State School and I have had the pleasure to meet and work with some wonderful children and their families during that time. Jindalee too is a wonderful school and there exists a genuine spirit of kindness in our community. This is no more evident than during times of difficulty and challenge as we have encountered at times like the floods.

I am very grateful for the friendship and support I have received and the abundant satisfaction I have enjoyed from being able to be with you on an amazing journey for the past ten years. There exists in our community, a ‘selflessness’. There is a realisation that our school is not about what we have done for others, and a bitterness borne of ingratitude, but rather it acknowledges what others have done for us and fills us with happiness and gratitude for the opportunities we have received.

As the season of peace and goodwill unfolds, I wish you all a joyous holiday and a celebration with family and loved ones. I trust that it will be a time of hope and renewal and caring, and for everything that you would wish for each other. I also wish you a wonderful 2014 and look forward to an amazing year for Jindalee in 2014.

Warm regards,
Michael Polities
Principal
School Watch
Please keep a watch on our school these holidays.

With the holidays fast approaching, we need you to look out for after-hours crime in our school. If you see anything suspicious, please remember to call the School Watch number – 13 17 88.

The School Watch Program is a partnership between Education Queensland, the Queensland Police Service and the State Government Protective Security Service. It aims to reduce vandalism, theft and arson in Queensland schools.

If you do see something suspicious, please don’t attempt to intervene. Call the School Watch number and let the local police or State Government Protective Security Service deal with the matter.

Keep the number handy – 13 17 88
Let’s work together to help create a safer school community.

Student Awards

Overall Academic Achievement
Annika McMillan
Richa Patel
Khush Shelat
Alyssa Kearney

Sports Achiever of the Year
Ezra Coulston

Overall Cultural Achievement
Liam Sands

Jindalee Way Award
Joshua Hansberry
Will McCall
Nathan Bailey
Anna Woolston
Highly Commended
Zoe Dyson
Kael Wetherall
Tahlia Calderon
Natalie Phanouvoong
Lucy McKellar
Maja Popovic
Jasmine Bishop-White
Hanna Matheson-Peut

Achievement
Winston Ly
Arthur Shera
Emma Hosgood
Anna Ghiculescu
Paris Jacobs
Khalea Romano
Rosie McKenzie
Thomas Mooney
Olivia Noller
Mitchel Davie
Hannah Schluter
Kaitlyn Reid
Julia Skorina
Andrew Tran
Hani Vu
Lorin Mitchell

Physical Education
Anna Ghiculescu
Harrison Green

Music
Annika McMillan
Jenna White

Congratulations to you all.

LOTE AWARDS
At assembly on Wednesday, Lily Randerson (grade 5), Kyu-Yeon Son (grade 6) and Maja Popovic (grade 7) were awarded with a special achievement certificate in recognition of their outstanding performance in LOTE for 2013.

We would like to congratulate these students on their achievement, and express our appreciation to all the students who put in a great effort this year and helped make LOTE learning a fun and rewarding experience.

Mrs J Taylor and Mrs B Dunn
LOTE Teachers

Outstanding Achievement
Congratulations to Kinjal Dani who received a University of New South Wales (UNSW) Medal for the Computer Skills test. Students with the top score in each subject in each year level are awarded a medal and a medal winner’s certificate. Well done Kinjal on this outstanding achievement.

Chaplain’s Christmas Carols

Saturday night saw the school community come together to celebrate the annual Chaplain’s Christmas Carols. The evening featured performances by students from across the school and concluded with a spectacular fireworks display. The highlight for many was a visit from Santa Claus, who swept across the school oval in a car-drawn sleigh. A huge thank you to all of those involved in making the evening possible, including the large number of staff and parents who turned up to support our students. A special thank you to our school chaplain Joshua Green and to our choir masters Caroline Duffus and Nicky Cox for their efforts in coordinating the evening, the P and C for running the BBQ and related stalls, Ken Hacker and the parent volunteers who spent many hours setting up and Ian Evens from The Best Music Shop for coordinating the sound for the evening.
Swimming Carnival

Thursday and Friday saw Jindalee conduct the annual Swimming Carnival. Here are the Year Level Champion results.

Year 7 Boys  Ryan Dew
Year 7 Girls  Jade Philp
Year 6 Boys  Ashley Barnett
Year 6 Girls  Libby Elmes
Year 5 Boys  Ethan Frazer
Year 5 Girls  Jasmine Fleming
Year 4 Boys  Nathaniel Lyons
Year 4 Girls  Holly Frizzell

House Points - overall score
Cuthbert 216
Elliott 199
Gould 168
Hogan 153

Thank you to all teachers and parent helpers who made the two days such a success.

Bray Miller
Physical Education Teacher

Year 7 Multicultural Day

On Friday 29th November our Year 7 students transformed the school hall into a multicultural fair. As part of their studies they were required to research a chosen country and create an informative, interactive and interesting stall. The whole school was invited to visit their stalls and experience a variety of games, activities and food from countries all over the world. The Year 7s prepared for several weeks and had a lot of fun with this hands-on learning experience. Well done students.

Donations to the Philippines

Thank you, Jindalee State School for your kind donations. All donated items are delivered to the warehouse and storage place ready for the shipping container to be filled this week. Some goods are being sent by DHL express through air freight.

A big thank you to all of you!

Sharon Kippen

Christmas craft in 1R

Ho! Ho! Ho! Merry Christmas. 1R is in the Christmas spirit with their Christmas trees.

First, we painted the base. Mr Hacker carefully drilled a hole and glued in the tree. Finally, we had the best time decorating our trees.

Dress like an Animal Day

More photos of our Dress like an Animal Day, one of the successful fund-raising events held in 2013. The Jindalee community again showed their tremendous support for a good cause.

School Banking Token Swap

Students are asked to please bring in their school banking tokens on Thursday 12 December for the School Banking Token Swap. The banking coordinator will be outside the school office on Thursday from 8.30am to 9.30am and again in the afternoon from 2.30pm to 3.30pm.

Getting to know … Keith Dawes
Teacher 7DB

I grew up in Rainworth, a western suburb of Brisbane.

My first and last job has been teaching.

I have been teaching at JSS since 1977.

A favourite memory is all of the children I have taught in 40 years of teaching.
The strangest thing I have done is at the tip of Cape York hunted for crayfish in crocodile infested water.

My family and friends would describe me as a person with a bit of a twisted sense of humour who loves his sport.

My greatest achievement is my 3 wonderful children who have grown into beautiful adults.

The book I have enjoyed the most is The Poet by Michael Connelly

My favourite movie is Raiders of the Lost Ark….Indiana Jones of course.

My secret skill is being a bit of a carpenter building pergolas, playgrounds, cubbyhouses, pool shade house at our homes.

In the future I would like to be a volunteer fire fighter with the Brookfield Rural Fire service.

Item for sale

Violin ¾ size
Excellent condition
Shoulder rest and rosin included
$200

Mrs Foster (Class Teacher 3F)
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Assembly Dates

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