10 December 2014

Principal’s News

As we come to the end of another school year, on behalf of the Jindalee school community, I would like to acknowledge a number of staff that we will say farewell to at the end of this year. Linda Matthews - Year 6, Angela Waugh - Year 2, Rachel Beitzel - Year 7, Belinda Bradfield - Year 5 and Robyn Nicholls - Year 1, have all contributed strongly to the learning results of the children in their care this year. Whilst these contract teachers are aware that at the end of each contract period, it is time to say farewell to staff and students, it is always sad to see these folk move on. From our perspective, we certainly benefit from the experience these talented teachers bring to our school. I wish all of them well with achieving their career aspirations and hope that they have found their time at Jindalee State School memorable and professionally rewarding.

I also acknowledge Billie McGee for the wonderful work that she done with many of our students in the SEP. Billie came to Jindalee from her base school to replace Caroline Dufus, who has been working in the Great Results program this year. Her contribution to the students, parents and staff has been appreciated throughout this year and we thank her for the work she has done.

In addition, Jill Gardiner - Year 6 (transferred to Zillmere) and Tiffany Caple - Year 3 (transferred to Rainworth) and Susan Miller – Year 3 (transferred to Graceville) will be leaving the Jindalee community. I thank these teachers for their contributions to the education of students in our school. I am sure that the students they have worked with will miss the continued interactions and relationships they have established over time.

It is also time to say farewell to Mrs Swan, who has certainly left her impression on the school and the Early Year’s team. I thank Gayle for the work she has done as part of the administrative team and for her commitment to the students, staff and community. Gayle has gone above and beyond the call of duty, attending many evening, weekend and night events and meetings. She has continued to work fiercely and advocate strongly for the work being conducted in the Early Years and has worked tirelessly to provide professional development and support for the staff associated with the Great Results program.

It is also time for me to say farewell to the Jindalee community. I have certainly enjoyed the challenges and excitement associated with this unique school. I have had the privilege of spending time with the students in classrooms, on the sporting field, at camps and many of the cultural and performance events they have been involved in. I have had the marvellous opportunity to see the differences digital devices can have in a classroom, when integrated in a seamless and balanced manner, with the more traditional tools of teaching.

This certainly is a unique school with a great deal to offer students and families. I thank all of the staff for being part my adventure this year as we have examined our practice, undertaken and recorded standardised assessments, developed and implemented programs, invested time in new initiatives and developed programs to gradually develop greater consistency.

The results achieved and recorded on assessments are certainly evidence of the hard work and dedication shown by all staff, including the office and administrative staff, who keep things humming along.

I also acknowledge Ben Harm, our Adopt-A-Cop, and the many parents and community volunteers who support children’s learning at school, through their involvement in committees and at home. A special mention is given to the P&C, Steff Bowker and Kara-Leigh James, for their leadership of the P&C committee. It has certainly been a pleasure working with such a committed group of parents.

Finally, I thank the students. I see the work I do as an investment in our future and the commitment shown by many of our students certainly is quite inspirational. I make particular mention of our Year 6 and 7 Leaders who have led the way.
this year, as they prepare, with their respective cohorts, to leave their primary years behind them.

I have found this year professionally challenging and rewarding and I will certainly be taking a piece of this school with me, as I return to Graceville for the commencement of the 2015 school year.

Whilst in the last newsletter I congratulated the relay swimmers and Year 7 boy’s rugby league team who played a few weekends ago, there were also some Year 6 and 7 girls who played their hearts out in their combined District Flag Tag that I omitted.

The Year 6 girls played a great game, but Brookfield took out the match on the day. The Year 7 girls won their game against Pullenvale 6-2. I apologise to the girls for this omission but am pleased to have this last opportunity to recognise their contributions and achievements on the sporting field prior to their graduation.

As I close this school year, I reflect on all of the achievements for the year. These include the successful implementation of Bring Your Own Device into classrooms, some great results achieved in music, sport and academically thanks to the commitment of our wonderful teachers and staff and some excellent community events supported by our P&C. One of the highlights for me was the successful application of the school becoming an Independent Public School for 2015. This is a wonderful opportunity for the school to continue to build on some already innovative practices to achieve some truly great results. I look forward to hearing of your achievements in the future and am sure that the school will go from strength to strength under the leadership of Meghan Rodgers.

Best wishes for a happy and enjoyable holiday season.

Bill Carey

Student advantage - free Microsoft Office software for students' personal computers

All Queensland state school students are now able to download multiple copies of the Microsoft Office 2013 Suite onto their personal devices. This suite provides students with the latest full versions of Word, Excel, PowerPoint, OneNote and more.

https://mishelp.eq.edu.au/studentadvantage/Pages/default.aspx

Christmas singing on Thursday

Everyone seems quite disappointed that we needed to cancel the Christmas Carols. The children have worked hard on the songs that were to be presented last Saturday evening.

To create an opportunity for the children to perform their songs, we will hold a very informal Christmas Carols morning on Thursday at 9.00am. Parents are invited to attend.

If you DO NOT wish your child to participate on Thursday morning, please let your teacher know.

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 call School Watch on 13 17 88.

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

Should you 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—and let’s work together to help create a safer school community.

Disability Celebration – We are different but the same

This power-point presentation was shown at assembly on Wednesday 3 December, to celebrate International Day of People with Disability (IDPwD). Our students are learning to be sensitive and respectful towards those who are different. By considering the 6 C’s of the Jindalee Way, students understand that although we are all different, everyone is valued and has an important role to play within the school community.

School Captains and Leaders for 2015

Mr Carey wishes to announce the two school captains for 2015. Congratulations to Sebastian N and Holly V.

Congratulations also, to the students who have been selected to be school leaders in 2015.

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Don’t forget to pick-up your lost property

Please arrange for any lost belongings to be collected from the lost property area as soon as possible. Anything not collected by Friday 1.45pm will be donated to charity.

Construction of Passenger Loading Facility Use – Wongaburra Street

Design for the new passenger loading facility on Wongaburra Street is progressing this term in preparation for a proposed Christmas school holiday construction.

Construction for the passenger loading facility is estimated to take up to five weeks (weather permitting). Therefore construction on the Passenger Loading Facility will commence from Sunday 7 December 2014 to give the construction crew every chance to complete the project prior to school resuming on Tuesday 27 January 2015.

This site will become a construction zone (defined by barrier mesh) for the final week of school (8 – 12 December 2014) and access will be restricted to construction crews only to ensure safety.

Medal winners for ICAS Competitions

Kinjal and William were awarded medals for the ICAS Competitions. A wonderful achievement for both students!

2014 Creative Futures Recognition Awards

Jindalee State School was nominated for the 2014 Creative Futures Recognition Awards at Government House. We made the finals in the School Community Award for excellence in service to children with ASD.

Mrs Elaine Beioley and Mrs Jane Hollins represented Jindalee State School along with Karen Bennett, the parent who nominate our school.

Although we did not win, we did get Special Commendation.

NRL CHALLENGE CUP – JINDALEE BOYS WIN THE TROPHY

As premiers of the interschool rugby league competition, the Year 7 team of Jindalee State School boys were invited to play in the NRL Challenge Cup on Sunday 23 November at Akuna Oval, Kenmore. They had to play against the West Akuna All-stars, a team made up of the best rugby league players from primary schools in our district.

In very hot conditions the boys demonstrated true grit. They played brilliantly and showed terrific sportsmanship. They won the trophy 2 tries to 1. Tries were made by Bank (Thuwanon C) who ran the entire length of the field with players trying to grab at him and Brock O who scored an awesome try then easily converted it. Patrick P converted a try with a beautiful kick. Every player gave their all for the full game. They worked together every minute as a team.

Despite Brock O having a knee injury, he came to the game with his Mum to support his team. With all the build-up and excitement prior to the game, he decided to put his body on the line and take the field to play the entire game with his team-mates. Thanks so much Brock. We owe you!

Patrick P and Sam T did an awesome job this season and particularly on the day as team captains. Their leadership skills and tenacity were outstanding.

Rachel Beitzel and I have been so proud of this truly incredible team that showed why they’ve been the best for the entire season. We will remember them forever.

Also, a big thank you to Zeke F, Fletcher M, Josh M, Toben M and Austin P who were represented our school in the Year 6 West Akuna All-stars team on the same day against Middle Park SS. The Allstars won their game convincingly.

Selina Bird
Year 7 Teacher & Rugby League Coach

Swimming Carnival Results

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Overall House Points
Cuthbert 231 Gould 207 Elliot 215 Hogan 173

Library News

I would like to acknowledge and thank these children with a Certificate of Appreciation and a gift which has already been presented to them.

To Bronte Stuart and Charlotte Casey for their wonderful help and the professional way they attended to their duties as library monitors.

Ashley Barnett and Blair Goatham, these two boys attended to their recycling duties in such a professional and courteous way, especially in the library.

Bryce Lyons, who always found time to willingly solve any computer problems in the library.

Best Borrowing class for the Term 4 is 2H.

Best Class for Term 4 is 1T for following library procedures at all times. Thank you children, you will make great, future citizens for our community!

(Parents, we still have around one hundred children's books that still need to be returned.)

To our families, have a wonderful and safe Christmas and New Year!

Now, enjoy some of our lovely moments captured in our Library in 2014.

LOTE (Languages Other Than English) Awards

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Fire Poster

Congratulations to the following students who received prizes in the 2014 Fire Poster Competition. The competition was sponsored by the Jindalee Lions Club and supported by the local fire services. The winning posters clearly reflected the theme 'Fire Safety in the Home'.

First prize- Samantha L (4S)
Second prize - Amy J (4S)
Third prize - Annelise C (4S)
Fourth prize- Emily A (4S)

Mrs Glendale Haig, Mrs Irene Dunning and Mr Jack Dunning, representatives from Jindalee Lions Club, visited the 4S classroom to present trophies to the winners and to celebrate the occasion with a cake.

Sue Allmond
Year 4 Teacher

Active School Travel

Next year, Jindalee State School has been selected as one of 16 new schools joining Brisbane City Council’s Active School Travel program.
Active School Travel promotes clean and green, active and healthy school travel modes such as walking, cycling, scootering, carpooling and public transport.

By leaving your car at home, at least one day a week on our active travel day, we can work towards reducing traffic congestion at the school gate, improving road safety, creating a cleaner environment and improving our health and fitness.

So look out for Active School Travel and start thinking how you and your family can use your car less and be active on the way to and from school next year.

If you would like more information on the program we encourage you to visit Council’s website at http://www.brisbane.qld.gov.au/traffic-transport/public-transport/school-transport/active-school-travel-program.

感谢 you to Katie and Helen, who both do a fabulous job organising the Tuckshop and Uniform Shop and running them to perfection. We would be lost without them.

Thank you to everyone who volunteered this year, whether it was helping in your child’s class, as a class rep, in the tuckshop or uniform shop, at the movie night, on the Mother’s or Father’s Day stall, at the fete or at the music night.

Every little contribution means so much to the P&C and the school. If we didn’t have wonderful parents volunteering then we wouldn’t have successful events. Please remember that when you are called upon to help next year that we need you to let us know, sooner rather than later, what time you are able to help out.

Hopefully you have all seen the save the date notices for the following events early next year:

* Movie night on Saturday 7 February

The P&C have made this a free event for the last two years and next year is no exception. You are able to bring a picnic or we will have a BBQ, drinks, ice cream, fairy floss and popcorn for sale. It is a wonderful night to get to know other members of the local community and to relax under the stars.

If you are able to help out with any of the food stalls please let me know.

* Annual Games Night on Saturday 28 March - our games nights are not to be missed! They are full of fun, laughter, and crazy antics! Next year’s theme is *As Seen on TV* and hopefully you will all dress up for the occasion.

Further details and a registration form will be provided in the first couple of weeks of first term. It is never too early to start getting your tables of 8-10 people together.

Goodbye to those families who will this week, end their ties with Jindalee State School. Thank you for everything that you have done over the years to help make this a better school for the kids.

To the Year 6 and 7 students who are in their final days of primary schooling, thank you for the contributions that you have made to Jindalee State School life. Whether it was sporting, academic, community focused, artistic, technical or musical, you have all made your mark on this school and we hope that you look back on your days at Jindalee State School with fond memories. All the very best for your high school years and we look forward to hearing of the great things that you have achieved.

Merry Christmas and a very happy New Year to everyone. Enjoy the break and travel safely.

Kara James
2014 JSS P&C Acting President

Wow, what a year it has been! It has gone by far too quickly if you ask me!

We say a very sad goodbye to Bill Carey and Gayle Swan. It has been fantastic and very inspirational to have you at Jindalee State School and you will both be missed dearly. You have been wonderful in supporting the teachers, the parents, the P&C and the students. Thank you for being a part of our lives for the last 12 months, we wish you all the very best for the future.

I would also like to take this opportunity to thank the Teachers, Teacher’s Aides, Administration staff and SACP staff for their guidance, direction, commitment and patience with our children. You all do an amazing job looking after our kids and we really appreciate it.

We are so grateful to Ken, Sam, Willie, Esther, Angie and Sarah, thank you for maintaining and cleaning our school and keeping it in an immaculate condition.

I would also like to show our appreciation to the crossing supervisors for keeping our kids and parents safe during the year. You do a fabulous job.

To my fellow P&C members, thank you for coming along on this ride with me, it has been a pleasure working with all of you and I can’t wait to see what 2015 brings.
It’s never too late!
If you haven’t paid the $100 parent contribution for this year it is not too late. It doesn’t have to all be paid in a lump sum, and you might wish to separate the payments out, which is completely fine. If you wish to do it this way please email Cate Hottot, our P&C Treasurer: catetiller@hotmail.com

Save the date!

Family MOVIE NIGHT
P&C Movie Night
Saturday 7 February 2015

Save the date for our fabulous 2015 Games Night!
The Jindalee State School P&C is once again hosting the annual Games Night Event to raise funds for our fabulous school. This year’s theme is ‘As Seen on TV’ and you’re invited to come along!

When: Saturday the 28 March 2015
Where: Jindalee State School Hall

What to expect:
- A big night of fun and prizes. All sorts of games will be played, including trivia – finally a chance to put all the hours we’ve spent in front of the TV to good use.
- Dancing for those who’d like to stay on for a while after the games.
- Drinks to enjoy. We will have beer, wines, cocktails and spirits for sale.

What to do:
- Sign up before 23 March 2015 (a registration form will be published in early 2015). You will be able to book your own table of up to 10 people or just register individually if you like.
- Come dressed in theme and who knows, you might win the best-dressed table competition!
- BYO food.
- Consider leaving the car at home…

Click here to like our Games Night Facebook page so you can be kept up to date!
Now you can start thinking about your costumes! We look forward to seeing you there.

2015 JSS Games Night Committee

Don’t forget to like our Facebook pages to be kept up to date with the latest information:
https://www.facebook.com/JSS.PandC?ref_type=bookmark

The Athlete’s Foot
Cash back for Jindalee State School P&C
Did you know that if you purchase shoes from The Athlete’s Foot Mt Ommaney or Indooroopilly stores and mention Jindalee State School, the P&C receives $5 for every pair of shoes?

Quickbeds Grassroots Fundraising Program
REMEMBER: if you are booking accommodation for an upcoming holiday or trip away, book it through Quickbeds, and you will help raise funds for our P&C.
Click on this link: www.quickbeds.com/?grassrootscode=1202

Chaplain’s News
Hello everyone! We are into the final week of the school year. I can’t believe how fast this term has gone! Find out all the latest events, information, and what’s happening with Chaplaincy at Jindalee by clicking the link below.
This week’s newsletter looks at Annual Jindalee Christmas Carols, The National School Chaplaincy Program and the Chaplaincy Brekkie Program.
I would like to wish you all a very happy and safe Christmas Holidays. I look forward to seeing you all at the start of 2015! Have a fantastic week!

Joshua

Last week of school!
Holidays!!!