18 February 2015

Principal’s News

After a few weeks of settling in, students are well and truly engaging in the many learning opportunities teachers are providing in the classrooms. Excursions and incursions for a number of grades have been arranged and the children are excited about the covert curriculum-related activities they’re unaware they’re about to undertake! Please read the important information below to ensure you’re fully informed of upcoming events and general information about our school.

BYOD Parent Information Night

We are looking forward to another great year of utilising Bring Your Own Device (BYOD) for learning.

We would like to invite you to attend a BYOD Parent Information Session on: Wednesday 18 February at 7:00pm in Kirinari

The following topics will be covered during the session:

- BYOD Program overview
- Suggested settings and restrictions for devices
- Examples for how devices are used for learning
- iPad navigation and tips
- Cyberbullying and cybersafety

The BYOD Handbook, policies and other information is available on the school website at http://www.jindaleess.eq.edu.au/. Parents that have not yet returned the BYOD Acceptable Use Policy and the Student Agreement forms are asked to do so as soon as possible.

Additionally could parents ensure all apps are loaded onto iPads, two forms of protection for all devices is provided and devices are labelled clearly, as these requirements are mandatory to participation in the program.

Please contact Georgina Allardice at gala7@eq.edu.au or 3725 5777, or your class teacher, if you have any questions.

Dogs on School Grounds

Many of us have dogs and we like to think our dogs are safe around children. Unfortunately, schools are not places where we should allow dogs to demonstrate/test such qualities. Even if we believe our dogs are placid, we cannot afford the risk of agitation by a child or vice versa. For this reason and the general safety of all our students, dogs are not permitted on our school grounds, including drop-off and pick-up times. Regardless of size or temperament, and whether a dog is on or off a leash or carried, no dogs are permitted on the grounds of Jindalee State School. The only exception to this rule is for Assistance Dogs. Owners of such dogs are asked to bring their paperwork to the office in the first instance before entering further into the grounds.

Car Parking

Parents are reminded that, if driving their children to and from school, they should either park their car in a carpark outside the school fence or drop off in the Green Zone or new Stop, Drop and Go area. Please do not drive into the school grounds to drop your children off. Not only are you limiting the access for staff wanting to enter those areas, but you risk the lives of children by backing out either side of the school crossing on Wongaburra St.
Stop, Drop and Go!

The new passenger pickup and drop off facility on Wongaburra Street is open and ready for use along with our current Green Zone on Burrendah Road. This zone is a ‘stop drop and go’ zone – this means NO PARKING between the hours of 7am and 9am in the morning and 2:00pm and 4:00pm in the afternoon. Please note that there are some 15 minute designated parking bays parallel to the Stop, Drop and Go zone.

How does the Stop, Drop and Go Zone operate?

Using the Stop, Drop and Go Zone on the way to school:

• students are to get ready to exit the vehicle as the car comes close to the zone
• students are to unbuckle their seat belt and collect their bag when the car stops at the head of the queue in the zone
• student should say goodbye, get out of the car at the kerbside and head to the undercover area

Using the Stop, Drop and Go Zone after school:

• Students are to wait in the pick-up area for their parents to arrive at the Stop, Drop and Go Zone.
• Students should be looking for when their parent arrives at the Stop, Drop and Go Zone.
• students are to have their belongings ready to put into the car
• students are to get in to the car via the safety door near the kerb and put on their seatbelt.

Helpful tips for drivers in the Stop, Drop and Go Zone

The Stop, Drop and Go Zone is like a quick-moving taxi rank. Only let someone out when you have stopped in the drop off/pick up zone. Stay in the car unless you need to help with bags or seatbelts. If your passenger is not ready, drive around the block to re-join the queue or find a legal place to park.

Active School Travel Program

Jindalee State School is part of the Brisbane City Council Active School Travel program. This program is designed to educate and motivate students, parents and teachers to reduce car use and actively travel to and from school. During the year we will be promoting several events to encourage our school community to travel actively as often as possible.

Thursdays at Jindalee State School will never be the same. From Thursday, 5 March we will be asking everyone to really think about how they travel to and from school, as we launch Active Travel Thursdays as part of our Active School Travel program. We will be launching Active Travel Thursday on Thursday 5 March with students who have actively travelled to school, enjoying a sausage sizzle breakfast.

All students will receive an Active School Travel passport. Students who actively travel to school on Thursdays will collect stamps and earn lots of great rewards this year.

We know that everyone is different, so there are lots of ways you can actively travel to school. How will you actively travel to school?

Walk?

Leave the car at home and walk your kids to school. If you live too far away, drive part of the way and walk the rest. We call that “Park and Stride”.

Cycle or Scooter?

Ride with your children to school. It’s legal to ride on the footpath and remember to always have your helmet secured.

Public Transport?

Public transport is easy once you know how. For bus, train and ferry timetables, visit www.translink.com.au or phone 13 12 30.

Carpool?

Find a friend and carpool to school. It’s an easy way to save money and time. Talk to other parents in your child’s class, or at music and sport, to see who is going your way.

So join us on 4 March and remember that EVERY Thursday is now Active Travel Thursday.

Special Education Program (SEP) Parent Information Night

SEP Parent Information Night

The Special Education Program (SEP) is holding a Parent Information Night on Monday 23 February at 6pm. Parents of students with a disability are invited to attend to meet some of the support staff and the HOSES, as we share information on some of the services that the SEP provides. We look forward to seeing you at the SEP!
Autism Awareness Day

We will be celebrating on Thursday 2nd April 2015 by “going blue for Autism!!”
So show your support and wear your best blue to school!

When someone has Autism Spectrum (ASD), it means that their brains are wired differently to other people. However, the symptoms of ASB vary enormously from person to person.

People with ASD can find it difficult to interact socially and communicate with others. As they often have difficulty understanding what other people are feeling and what interests others, they might say the wrong thing.

They might talk for a long time about a topic they really like, as they are unaware that the topic is of no interest to others. They may not use gestures and body language in the way that other people do, for example, they may not use eye contact and may not smile. However, their ability to communicate can vary tremendously, with some people with Autism having no or limited speech, and others having extensive vocabularies.

Although people with ASD can find it difficult to talk to people and make friends, they still have the same emotions as anybody else and love to have friends, even if it’s hard.

People with ASD also like things to happen the same way. They might take the same route to school or the shops, or line up their toys in a particular order. If something is out of place or if routines change without warning, they can get upset or worried. They may also be bothered by sudden loud sounds, bright lights or unexpected touch that do not bother others. They may become upset if someone hugs them or talks too quickly or loudly.

They often have intense interests in particular topics and may be extremely knowledgeable about their special interest areas. They can also have an amazing memory for detail.

Every person with Autism is different and has their own way of seeing the world, which makes them interesting and unique.

Awesome ANZAC opportunity for Aspiring Artists.

Last year a submission was presented to the Federal Government (Department of Foreign Affairs) for a CLASS ANZAC Day commemoration project. The submission was successful and, along with other schools in the area, Jindalee will be involved in a series of projects involving Art, Writing, Theatre/Choral and Media. A group of Year 5 and 6 art enthusiasts were chosen for the art component.

After a session of research and building field knowledge about WWI and ANZAC Day, Friday 13 Feb saw our first half day workshop with Artist in Residence, Lee Fullarton. Under her guidance, the students engaged in sketching ideas to create a group design to be mosaiced onto an ANZAC Honour plinth which will become a permanent feature of our school. A combination of designs from local participating schools will become the mosaic for a plinth to be installed in a community space.

We also had the opportunity to work with Denise Chard, a well-known Mosaic Artist who will run the next workshop. Our enthusiastic little group of artists will spend Friday afternoons exploring the techniques and skills necessary to mosaic the plinth, during a full day workshop on Friday 13 March.

It was a wonderful experience to work with real artists and to gain insight into how they think and the processes they follow, but the best is yet to come. There was a genuine buzz of excitement when the children were introduced to glass tile cutting tools and the prospect of wearing protective glasses. (I can assure you it’s safe!) Keep your eye on future newsletters for the next stage of the process.

Judith Hillman
Teacher 5HF

Australia Day photo gallery

On Australia Day, eighteen of our students, under the direction of Mrs Caroline Duffus, performed at the Rotary Club Citizenship ceremony held in our school hall. The choir performed some favourite Australian songs – I am Australian and Waltzing Matilda – adding a special touch to the citizenship ceremony.

Sports News

Jindalee SS swimming Squad

Congratulations to the children who competed in the West Akuna District Swimming Carnival. Our team was Ruby, Anika, Mykayla, Zac, Matthew, Christian, Nathaniel, Brady, Orlando, Harpah, Annelise, and Zac.
Unfortunately, none of our team members will be continuing to the regional swimming trials.

Thank you to Ms Bird and all parents who assisted our team last Friday.

**Inter-school Sport Trials**

During the last week, our year 5 and 6 students have been participating in Inter-school Sport selection trials. Sports on offer are Netball, Soccer, AFL and Touch Football.

The Inter-school sport competition dates are:

- February 27
- March 13
- March 27
- April 1
- April 15

Children will participate in 10 games over 5 weeks of competition. Jindalee State School major dates are:

- Cross Country Years 4-6 March 24
- Cross Country Years 1-3 March 27
- Athletics Years 1-3 June 18 - 9.00am-11.00am
- Athletics Years 4-6 June 18 - 11.30am-3.00pm
- Athletics Years 4-6 June 19 - 9.00am-3.00pm

**Cross Country Training**

Cross Country Training will be offered to all children who are turning 9, 10, 11 and 12 years of age this year.

The training days will be Monday’s, Wednesday’s and Fridays.

Training will commence on Monday 23 February and will start at 7.45am and finish at 8.15am.

Children are asked to wear clothing that they can train in, then change into their school uniform.

In previous years, we have supplied breakfast for the children (cornflakes or weet bix and juice)

We will need the help of two parents each day to prepare the breakfasts. If you could assist please indicate on the form below. If we do not have enough parents to help, breakfast will not be supplied.

If you wish your child to participate, please complete the note below and return it to Mr Miller prior to next Monday.

“Insurance cover for students undertaking physical activities:-

Physical activity and physical education, particularly contact sports, carry inherent risks of injury. Parents are advised that the Department of Education and Training does not have Personal Accident Insurance cover for students. Education Queensland has public liability cover for all approved school activities and provides compensation for students injured at school only when the Department is negligent. If this is not the case, then all costs associated with the injury are the responsibility of the parent or caregiver. It is a personal decision for parents as to the type and level of private insurance they arrange to cover students for any accidental injury that may occur.”

2015 Cross Country Training.

**Form to be returned to Mr Miller.**

I give / do not give permission for my child __________________________ of class ______________ to participate in cross country training on Monday, Wednesday and Friday mornings from 7.45am -8.15am.

I can / cannot assist with breakfast.

Please circle the days you can assist

Monday. Wednesday. Friday

Parent/ Caregiver __________________________

Date __________________________

Guinness Book of Records – World Record for Miss Miller!

The Unusual Suspects

There is no end to the talent at this school!

Our very own Miss M (Donna Miller-Music teacher) and her talented son Oscar helped break a Guinness Book of Records, World record on Saturday.
As part of the band, “The Unusual Suspects,” they joined another 300+ buskers playing simultaneously in what was a colourful and very noisy display of musicians, acrobats, statues, dancers and just about anything else people may stop to look at.

Academic Awards

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School Banking needs your help

Jindalee State School needs volunteers for new school banking coordinators.

If we don’t get at least two 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 new School Banking Web Based System makes processing deposits simple and efficient. It can be accessed from any computer with the internet.

We appreciate the focus and energy our Coordinators bring to the program and have 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 2014 alone, participating schools received over $2 million collectively.
Schools receive $5 for every Activated Account via the program.

Please contact – Carlee Baldwick Phone: 0433 154 331

**P&C News**

**Movie Night – 7 February 2015**

I was a little worried on Saturday morning as the light rain fell. Turns out, I didn’t need to be though, as it was a beautiful night! Approximately 400 people attended the showing of ‘How to Train Your Dragon 2’ on the oval. People keep asking me if it was a successful night! It was very successful as people were with their family and friends and had a great time. What many people might not realise is that this is not a fundraiser. It is $3,100 to hire the screen and buy the movie license. We would have to sell a lot of sausages to cover that. This night is to build community relationships and welcoming everyone to the new school year. It is about getting together and having fun in a relaxed, family friendly environment.

Thank you to everyone who came and to those who volunteered their time on the night to serve the crowd. The year 6 kids (Bailey, Holly, Josh, Matt and James) really stepped up by helping on the BBQ and selling raffle tickets. They are certainly taking the ‘head of the school’ thing seriously and it was wonderful to see them giving up their time to volunteer. It makes me very excited for the year ahead as they are so enthusiastic! Jacob and Ella McIntosh (Year 3 and Prep) helped their mum Maggie and our Principal Mrs Rodgers, with the drinks and ice creams and did a fantastic job. I must say they were very polite when asking people what they would like. Jess and Ethan are new Prep parents and worked on the BBQ all night with Annette and Cate. We are very grateful for all your help.

Our next event is our ‘As Seen on TV’ Games Night on Saturday 28 March. Make sure you get your friends together and book a table so you don’t miss out on all the fun!

Thanks

*Kara James*

**Class Reps needed!**

We are still seeking Class Reps for 2015 for the following classes:

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Please consider volunteering!

A Class Rep is a parent, or other care-giver, of a child attending a class at Jindalee State School. Class Reps are always volunteers and play a vital role building and maintaining a strong school community. The role should not take more than a few minutes each week. If you would like to become a Class Rep please contact your child’s teacher and the current P&C Class Rep Coordinator (rachel@rachel.ch).

Class Reps are required to:

- Compile a class contact list for their child’s class (templates for this are available from the Class Rep Coordinator).
- Send emails from the P&C to the class/es they represent. These emails will always and only be school related and are meant to foster the communication amongst the school community.
- Class Reps may also like to, but under no circumstance are required to:
  - Relay weekly information from the teacher to the class.
  - Organise social outings such as dinners out, play in the park, mum’s/dad’s get-togethers.
  - Welcome new families to the class.
  - Organise volunteers from their class for the fete.

Each year the aim is to have one or two Class Reps per class so all classes are kept informed and are contactable. This year we are also seeking a Parent Rep for SEP.

This role is coordinated by the P&C and is a P&C initiative. If you have any questions please contact rachel@rachel.ch

I look forward to hearing from many interested parents.

*Rachel Chitoni*

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**Jindalee State School Games Night 2015**

Bring your mates and come along to the Jindalee State School P&C Games Night. This year’s theme is ‘As Seen on TV’.

**When:** Saturday 28 March 2015 – doors open at 6:00pm.

**Where:** Jindalee State School Hall, 114 Burrendah Road, Jindalee.

**Cost:** Early bird tickets @ $20pp until Friday 13 March, $25 thereafter.
What to expect:

- A big night of fun and prizes for grown-ups. All sorts of games will be played including trivia – finally a chance to put all the hours we’ve spent in front of the telly 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, premixes and soft drinks for sale.

What to do:

- Purchase your ticket using the buy ticket button on our website www.jsspandc.com.au or on our Facebook page https://www.facebook.com/pages/Jindalee-State-School-PC-Games-Night/208550622562824
- Whilst purchasing your ticket you will be required to provide your email address so that we can contact you, and your table name so we can place you at your preferred table. Remember there is a strict limit of 10 people per table.
- Any questions please email: gamesnight@jsspandc.com.au
- Come dressed in theme and who knows you might win the best-dressed table competition!
- BYO food, no food provided.
- Consider leaving the car at home….

We look forward to seeing you there!

Games Night Committee

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

Tuckshop

Tuckshop Roster

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

Chaplain’s Newsletter

Hello everyone and welcome back to another year at Jindalee State School!

This week’s newsletter looks at some very special news, The National School Chaplaincy Program, Chaplaincy in 2015, and a visit to Centenary SHS.

Have a fantastic week!

Joshua Green
Chaplain

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?

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
Getting to Know ... Nicky Taylor, Administration Officer

I grew up in Everton Park Queensland. My favourite childhood memory is camping at Cotton Tree.

Before I came to Jindalee State School, I was a veterinary nurse, child care assistant and a legal secretary (not all at once!)

My friends and family would describe me as compassionate.

My favourite movie is ‘Girls just want to have Fun’ - an oldie from the eighties.

I am inspired by my four beautiful children - they are my greatest achievement as well.

On the weekends, I love to go camping with my family in our caravan. Our favourite place to go is Kingscliff by the beach.

My favourite animal is a dog. I have a Cavoodle called Milo.

The thing that makes me laugh is funny jokes.

If I could ask any three people to a dinner party, they would be my mum, my husband and my best friend.

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