Student performances have received more than the usual focus at Jindalee over the past few weeks. The analysis of our 2012 national testing results in literacy and numeracy has been guiding teacher planning for next year and supporting the final assessments for students in 2012. Year seven teachers are also considering student performance across the year as they prepare for the year seven farewell presentations in December.

In addition to the academic performance, the senior and junior bands have been focusing on their performances. The senior band set up an impressive program of varied and challenging material to present to Major Geoff Grey CMS and a very welcoming audience to win a GOLD award. Senior Instrumental Music Teacher, James Kukulies, was extremely pleased with their efforts; the musical leaders stayed focused, the younger musicians pushed through the challenges and everyone took responsibility for their own parts.

The Junior Band also put in a very good performance to achieve a SILVER award. They played securely and confidently. The good news is that we can add these juniors to the gold team for next year’s senior band and do it all again. Mr. Kukulies received a special mention from Major Grey during the awards presentation for his work with the junior bands of Jindalee and Jamboree Heights. The next day he was even more elated when gold performances were delivered from different bands from the same two schools.

Rumours of Mr Kukulies doing a Gangnam Style celebration dance can be neither confirmed nor denied, but reliable sources say there was certainly plenty of excitement when the results were announced!

**Enrolments 2013**

Jindalee State School is expecting an enrolment of 920 students in 2013. Our enrolment numbers will determine the staffing and resourcing level for our school. At this stage indications are that we will have thirty-six classes across the school. Although we will have increased enrolments, a change by the government to the staffing model means that the previous practice of rounding up staffing levels will no longer occur.

To assist the school in obtaining a fair allocation of staff and resources, we need families to advise as soon as possible of any changes to enrolments. If your child is currently enrolled and will not be returning to Jindalee in 2013, please let us know. If there are children who intend to enrol at Jindalee, this should be done as soon as possible.

We currently have a waiting list for enrolments in prep and year one as we have reached our capacity for 2013. Enrolments are being accepted only from students who live within the school catchment area in these two year levels. There are some vacancies in years two to seven and these are filling fast. Our school has a maximum capacity of 936 students. If you require further information about enrolments, please contact the school office.

**P&C Projects Survey**

The Jindalee State School P&C association is considering major project initiatives that they could support during the next three to five years. A number of suggestions have been put forward, including extending the hall, lining the hall and ceiling, school oval redevelopment, including grandstand seating, wireless connectivity across the whole school campus and a new tuckshop.

If you have an idea for a major P&C project, please let us know so that it may be considered and included in a school wide survey.
Centenary State High School

Awards Night

I was privileged to attend the Centenary State High School awards night last Thursday and to present the year eight academic awards to students. I was proud to see many former Jindalee State School students among the award recipients and in particular to see two former students Rhiannon Matheson-Peut (a former school captain) and Alex Greaves chosen as school vice-captains for next year.

We have a close partnership with Centenary State High School and principal John Brew outlined the school’s very impressive achievements during his awards night address.

Jindalee State School students going onto Centenary can be confident they will have outstanding opportunities for learning supported by a great school and staff.

End of Year

Jindalee State School will close for the Christmas vacation on Friday, 14 December in five weeks’ time. There are a number of important events that will occur during that time and many tasks to be undertaken.

Booklists and classes for next year will be advised during this time. Parents have been invited to provide information to assist teachers in matching children to classes for next year. This information should provide educational and developmental information that will ensure best placement. Requests for specific teachers cannot be considered. Once class lists are published requests for placement changes cannot generally be accommodated.

Please check our school website to see the coming events and speak with your child’s teacher about any class specific arrangements. As usual, our class party day will be on Thursday, 13 December

Class Placement 2013

The final day for submission of class placement form is this Friday, 9 November. Any information submitted after Friday will not be considered. The form is available on the school website.

Leaving?

It is essential for the school to be notified by parents, as soon as possible, if your children aren’t returning to Jindalee State School in 2013. Staff allocations and school funding is determined by student enrolments on day eight of the new school year. Predicted student numbers for 2013 have to be submitted to regional office before the end of this year. One student can be the difference between gaining a teacher and losing a teacher. Your assistance in this matter will be greatly appreciated for the good management of our school.

Sports Results

Basketball
Boys Jags defeated Middle Park 23-16
JSS lost to OLR 12-15
Yr 7 Girls JSS defeated OLR Blue 22-4
Yr 6 Girls JSS defeated OLR 14-12

Readers of the week:
Alice Strowski-Wood 6K
Cody Meier 3R

Lucky book "More Aboriginal Stories of Australia"
borrowed by Lachan McInnes 5M

Guess the book competition "Insects 595.7"
won by Sian Farrell 2W

All Group Musical Evening
Thursday, 22 November
7pm - 9pm Jindalee Hall
Six volunteers are required to help out for one hour.
2 people to cook sausage sizzle
2 people to serve
2 people to sell raffle tickets at the door

The sausage sizzle is to feed the people who are setting up the event from approximately 5:45pm to 6:45pm. For further information, please contact P&C President, Stuart French on 0414 873 515. Your assistance would be greatly appreciated.

School Banking

Thanks to the response from some willing parents, the School Banking program looks set to continue into 2013. A big thank you must go to Karen Muir, Kaylene Ewer and Nicole Bates for answering the call and putting up their hand to take on the joint co-ordinator role.

Until advised, the school banking day will continue to be on a Monday. Over the next 2-3 weeks, these ladies will undergo some training and a hand-over process, so please, if there are any discrepancies with your child’s banking or if you have any queries, please continue to leave a message at the front office or in your child’s deposit book, and one of the current or incoming coordinators will get in touch with you promptly.

As a reminder, only the following rewards are currently available for redemptions: Cred/Pat/Addy and Pru moneyboxes, book lights, pen pods and USB sticks.
Uniform Shop
To ensure that your child/children’s uniform sizes are available for the new school year orders MUST be received no later than 14 November. After this date, I cannot guarantee that all sizes will be available in January.

Please place your orders at the Uniform Shop during opening hours or leave them at the office with appropriate credit card details, cheque or cash.

Opening Hours    Shop Phone: 3725 5715
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FIRST Wednesday of each month 4.30 to 5.30pm
all other Wednesdays 2.30 to 3.30pm.

Attention to all Year 6 Students
2013 YEAR 7 SHIRTS – ORDER NOW!!!
It is tradition for Jindalee SS Year 7 students to wear a distinctive polo shirt during their senior year. These shirts must be pre-ordered through the Uniform Shop. Polo shirts are $42 each. Order forms were delivered to each Year 6 Classroom on Friday 2 November. Spare order forms are available from the Uniform Shop and Office. When ordering, it is recommended you order one to two sizes larger than your child’s yellow sports polo, as the Yr 7 shirts are a different fabric. Sample shirts are available for sizing at Mr McKinnon’s Year 6 classroom (Kirinari Block). Orders must be received no later than 21 November. Please deliver completed order form with payment (cash, cheque or credit card details) to the Uniform Shop or Office. NOTE: Payment via credit card attracts 2% surcharge.

2013 Uniform Orders
Just a reminder that the closing date for Uniform Orders is Wednesday 14 November. By placing an order you not only ensure that sizes required will be available but you will avoid the waiting time as orders will be processed and available for collection Saturday 19 January 2013 between 9am and 12 noon and Wednesday 23 January 2013 between 3pm and 6pm.

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