Over recent months, Jindalee State School has become involved in a research activity that involved Bringing Your Own Device to school. Essentially, this is a project that examines the opportunities and possibilities that are created for student learning using student-owned digital devices. At this time, there is a small team of parents and staff who are considering various issues that will be further examined over time. Please note that, at this time, there have been no final decisions made in relation to students bringing their own devices to school to support learning. Whilst this issue is considered, the normal school programs and policies remain in place. At this time of the year, expressions of interest relating to entry for the year 4 laptop program are generally called for. However, given these considerations, this process may be delayed slightly allowing time to examine possible impacts the Bring Your Own Device discussions may have on future laptop roll outs.

As indicated above, at this time, there have been no decisions made in relation to a Bring Your Own Device for Jindalee State School. When a clear direction is established, parents will be advised and expressions of interest relating to entry for the year 4 laptop program are generally called for. Until this is achieved, teachers and students will continue to focus on their learning programs to achieve the best learning outcomes possible.

Over recent weeks there has been a good number of children being collected early. Please be advised that every hour a student spends at school is important. Whilst we understand that for various reasons children will need to depart early for appointments, please be aware that collecting children 10-15 minutes prior to the end of the school day can create challenges for the teacher and student. Often this is a time when students are finalising activities, preparing for work to be undertaken the following day, tidying up and organising themselves, reviewing homework, or engaging in short focus activities with the teacher. Early collections at this time of the day should only be done under very special or emergent circumstances. In all cases of early collection, parents are to report to the office in the first instance to organise the early departure. This limits the disruption to class teachers who are still engaging with their students. In the case of late arrivals after 9:10am, children need to come to the office to collect a late slip. The bell rings at 8:50am for children to move to the classroom and children are expected to be present for the beginning of the school day. If the child arrives after 9:30am, they have a half-day absence noted against their records.

As advertised, NAPLAN tests will take place over the week the tests will be conducted in all state and non-state schools across the country from 14 - 16 May.

School Discipline

Over the weekend, the Queensland Government has announced a plan to strengthen school discipline in state schools. The plan is the first of 15 strategies to be developed from the recently released Great teachers = Great results direct action plan. It will reduce red tape and provide principals with the flexibility to work with the school community to implement a range of new and strengthened disciplinary approaches. For more information on Great teachers = Great results visit the DETE website.

Farewell

This is the last newsletter that I anticipate writing for the Jindalee Community. I would like to thank all of those students, staff and community members I have had the opportunity to meet, work with and discuss various educational issues. This school has certainly left a lasting impression on me and I will happily take some new learnings back to Graceville to support the work we are presently undertaking. I wish all families, staff and students a successful and productive end to 2013.
Sporting Achievements

Congratulations to the following students on their sporting success:

Tom Simpson in 7H has been selected in the West Akuna Football (Soccer) Team.

Ezraa Coulston in 7H has been selected in the Met West Rugby League Team.

Byron Yule in 6M attended the Met West AFL trials and was selected in the President’s side.

Jake Tierney in 6M participated in the Regional Futsal Championship for the West Brisbane Venom over the Easter holiday break. Jake has now been selected in the Queensland under 11 team to compete in the National Futsal Championships in Sydney next January.

Ashley Barnett in 6M has been selected for QLD school swimming team to compete in the school national swimming championships. It is the most honourable and rewarding for his hard work in his sport. This year, the championships will be held in Adelaide from 8-14 September.

Date Claimers

Purple Day for Epilepsy
Thursday, 2 May - Wear purple for Epilepsy Day. This is a Student Council Fundraiser. Please give a gold coin donation.

P&C Free Dress Days for Fete
Thursday, 23 May - Crazy Hair & Party Theme
Thursday, 20 June - Winter Wonderland Theme
Thursday, 11 July - Sport Theme
Please give a gold coin donation on each day.

P&C School Disco
Friday, 14 June - Pyjama Theme

Mothers’ Day Stall
Please note your calendar for the Mothers’ Day stall which will be in the school hall on Friday, 10 May.

Readers of the week:
Elenna Baquiran 3R
Rhys Hayman 6K

Lucky book “Bilby Moon” was
Borrowed by Amber Reynolds 1R

Guess the book title competition was won by James Evans 6K.
The book was "The Lorax”.

Message From The Chaplain

Last Wednesday, Jindalee held their annual ANZAC Day Service in the school hall. I was proud to be a part of the service, delivering the opening prayer. It was encouraging to see so many students involved in what was a wonderful service.

On another note, don’t forget that this Thursday is Epilepsy Day! Slip on your brightest purple shirt or throw on your coolest purple pants and bring a gold coin to help raise funds for Epilepsy Queensland!

Also, P1 this week is going to be ‘All Together Games!’ Remember to bring your friends and get ready to team up for a fun afternoon of P1, $3 (which includes supper), 5.30-7.00pm at Centenary Uniting Church. If you want to find out more about P1, just see me. Have a great week and remember to stay safe!  Joshua Green

Sports Results

Touch
Girls 1 lost to Pullenvale 1-3
Girls 2 defeated Middle Park 4-0
Boys 1 lost to Chapel Hill 7-2
Boys 2 defeated Jambooree Heights 12-2

Soccer
JSS 7A defeated Moggill 4-1

Netball
Senior A defeated OLR 28-5
Senior B lost to OLR 4-18

AFL
Jindalee lost to Chapel Hill 16-42

CLASS Newsletter - Advertising

Some advertisement space is still available in the CLASS Newsletter. If you would like to advertise in this issue, please contact Kim Green (CLASS Business Manager) on 0423 437 443 or kgr00100@bigpond.net.au to reserve a spot.
P&C News

Over the holidays the P&C arranged and paid for a contractor to come in and clean and reseal the flooring in the student toilet areas around the school. This is another example of how the money we fundraise goes directly back to better facilities for the students.

If you have any ideas for further projects, we'd love to hear them, so please come to the next meeting and let your voice be heard.

The P&C is still in urgent need of a Secretary for this year. This vital role takes only a few hours per month but is essential to the smooth running of the group. This is a small, yet very important role within the P&C. If you would like the opportunity to join a great team and have a say in what improvements need to be made in the school, then this job is for you. Support will be available via previous committee members. Please email pandc@jindaleess.eq.edu.au

FETE 2013

Our Fete theme this year is ‘Under the Sea’ and will be on 31 August. The first general fete meeting will be held next Tuesday, 7 May at 6:45pm in the staffroom.

Anyone and everyone is welcome to attend. Many of the convenors from last year have put their hand up again to convene a stall which is awesome and the P&C is very appreciative of their enthusiasm.

Please come along and offer input as to new stalls that you think would be a great addition to the day, decorations that we could make and anything else that you can think of to enhance the experience of people attending the Jindalee State School Fete. For those of you who are new to the school, last year’s fete profit was $56,000 – our biggest one ever!

Some new convenors will also be needed to organise stalls. It is a lot of fun and a very rewarding exercise. If you would like more information, please email: kjames@fresheyesqld.com. We are extremely fortunate to have already received our first donation as Chrisco has pledged 1 pallet load full of goods. Keep your eye out in the newsletter and on our Jindalee State School Fete Facebook page to see what kind of goodies are included in this! I look forward to catching up with you at the meeting next Tuesday night.

Kara James, 2013 Fete Convenor

Entertainment Books 2013-14

The P&C has the latest Entertainment Book for sale at the school office. Cost is $65.00 (cash or cheque payable to JSS P&C Association). Any queries, please email Kara James - kjames@fresheyesqld.com

Calendar of Events

Term 2: 15 April to 21 June (10 weeks)

May
2 Epilepsy Day - wear purple - gold coin donation
6 Ancient World (Hall) - Yr 7
7 St. Helena Island - Yr 4
7 Fete Meeting 6:45pm Staffroom
9 Science Centre - Yr 1
10 Mothers’ Day Stall - Hall
14-16 Naplan Testing
14 Wander the Way Water - Yr 6
15 Wander the Way Water - Yr 6
16 Wander the Way Water---Yr 6
21 Computer Skills Competition
23 Fete Free Dress Day - Crazy Hair & Party Theme

June
3-7 WestCent District Music Camp
5 Science Competition

Assembly Dates

Junior 1:50   Senior 2:30

May
1 2M & 2C
8 2B
15 Aussie of Month
16 Aussie of Month
22 National Simultaneous
29 National Simultaneous
Jun
5 3R
5G

Tuckshop News

Tuckshop needs: Jams, Scouring pads
Brown Paper Bags
If you could please help us with these items, we would be very grateful.

Tuckshop Roster

6 - 10 May

Tuesday of Month
First  7  Jo Woolston
Kim McNab
Belinda Beaumont
Second 8  Nicky McCall
Maranela Bojicic
Second 9  Tina Holroyd
Simi Nagra
Help x 1 please
Second 10  Rebecca Tine
Adelene Scremin
Help x 1 please

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FREE - "HOW TO ENCOURAGE YOUR CHILD’S READING" WORKSHOP

Education starts at home and parents and families are their children's first teachers. With this in mind, the free Parent Ready Readers training program provides parents and carers of children in Prep to Year 9 with some key strategies to use at home to support their child's reading and to develop a love of books prior to developing their reading abilities.

The training runs for approximately 90 minutes and consists of four modules:

+ What is literacy?
+ Understanding the reading process
+ Stages of reading
+ Listening to your child read and reading to your child

Participants receive a Parent Ready Readers booklet with training notes, reading activities and additional resources, which will help to build a lifelong love of reading.

Session times for 2013 - you may attend any venue that is convenient to you.

Monday 29 April 2013 9.30 – 11.00am  Albany Creek State School – Albany Creek
Tuesday 18 June 2013 9.30am – 11.00am  Belmont State School - Belmont
Friday 19 July 2013 9.30 – 11.00am West End State School - West End
Thursday 8 August 2013 9.30 – 11.00am Newmarket State School - Newmarket
Wednesday 16 October 2013 9.30 – 11.00am Warragul Road State School – Eight Mile Plains

Come along and find out how you can help your child enjoy reading!

Children are welcome to attend with their Parents/Caregivers

To reserve a place please email sharlene.emmanuel@det.qld.gov.au
Dragons Volleyball Association
Junior Development Program

Looking for somewhere to play volleyball? Then join Dragons’ Junior Development Program! All players of all levels welcome.

Thursday 5:30pm to 7:00pm, starting 25th April
Brisbane Boys College, Kensington Terrace, Toowong
$120 for membership and training for this year
Training will be divided into groups based on age and ability

To register, please contact Michael Lofgren:
E: webmeister@dragons.org.au  P: 0417 005 772

House Cleaner

Would you like a domestic goddess to come and help to keep your home clean?
I can come to you weekly or fortnightly.
$20 an hour.
References available on request.
Contact Anna on 3279 4203 or 0421 423 996.

MOGGILL MARKETS - KIDS DAY
SATURDAY 4TH MAY - 7.30 – 11.00

Moggill Markets are holding a Kids’ Day on 4th May. to cuddle a chook. Parents, bring the children along to the Brookfield Showgrounds on 4th May for a morning which will be informative and fun. It is never too soon for children to learn how important our farmers are to the whole community.

POSITION VACANT Cleaner
(Temporary until 16 Jan. 2014)
Mt. Ommaney Special School
Ph: 3717 6888  Fax: 3717 6800
Hours of Duty: 35.5 per week
Applications to: Jackie Cox, Business Services Manager, Mt. Ommaney Special School, 94 Capitol Drive, Mt. Ommaney 4074
Applications Close: 17 May 2013 at 4pm.
How to Apply: Application must include Responses to Selection Criteria, Details of previous cleaning positions & Contact details for 2 referees. Position Description & Selection criteria available at school office.

The End