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Herald Newsletter

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Important Dates

Term 3	
Term 3	20th August - NAPLAN online week
24th July– First day back for students	27th August - Education Week
25th July– Milo Cricket Stage 2 & 3	28th August - K-2 Author visit
26th July– Athletics Carnival	29th August - Stage 3 Author visit
30th July– Year 6 Camp first day	- Arts in the park
- Year 5 Environmental Program	30th August - OPEN DAY - Pirate STEM
31st July– Year 6 camp second day	31st August - Stage 2 Author visit
1st August– Year 6 camp final day	5th September - District Athletics carnival
- T20 blast Cricket Gala Day Stage 2	6th September - Year 3 Excursion - Symbio
2nd August- - Steps Music Festival Dress Rehearsal (9am -1pm)	7th September - Coin Race
-Steps Music Festival Performance (630-845pm)	11th September - Steps Debating at JEPS
7th August - T20 blast Cricket Gala Day Stage 3	12th September - Year 6/7 BYOD Meeting at EPHS 7pm
- Senior Dance Group Westfield Performance	14th September - Assembly of Excellence
9th August - Year 1 Fairfield City Museum	15th September - P&C Movie night
14th August - Netball NSW Cup	19th September - Year 4 Zoo Snooz departing at 4pm
- Steps Debating at Banks	- Sydney West Athletics
	20th September - K-2 Athletics - TBC

Assemblies

K-2 Assemblies– Term 3		
When @ 11:20	Run By	Item Class
Friday 3rd August - Week 2	KO	1B
Friday 17th August - Week 4	2B	2R
Friday 7th September	1P	KR
3-6 Assemblies– Term 3		
When @12:00 - 1:00	Run By and Item By	
Thursday 2nd August - Week 2	4S	
Thursday 16th August - Week 4	4W	
Thursday 6th September- Week 7	6L	

News from the Principal

We endeavour on a daily basis to do the best we can for students at our school. Sometimes we do not get it right however. I would like to thank the parents and wider community who supporting us in an ongoing way in our education of your children, providing us with feedback in a respectful way when we get it wrong and praise when we get it right.

On the whole, I am fairly confident that we do a good job in providing opportunities and a high quality education for all. In saying that, I applaud our teachers and students for a great term and would like to say on the whole, after sharing the reading all student reports with Ms Dunscombe, that the majority of our students are achieving well academically and displaying positive behaviour and aptitude across all key learning areas.



A huge thank you to the overwhelming number of Stage 1 parents who attended the launch of Jep the Owl this week. Mrs Cattermole and Mrs Grono have worked extremely hard to set up a 'read to me' initiative for children in Years 1 and 2. All students were given a reading bag and are encouraged to borrow books from the library that they can share. We have included information, in this newsletter, for all parents on the importance of reading to your children.

It was also wonderful to see so many parents attending Parent/Teacher meetings last week. Remember that if you were unable to make one of the allocated sessions offered, you are more than welcome to request a phone or face to face interview with your child's teacher at a mutually convenient time.

Farewell Mrs Herring

I would like to take this opportunity to wish Mrs Herring every happiness in her 'formal retirement'. Although Mrs Herring has been practicing for a few terms now, working in a casual capacity....today is her final day of teaching with the Department of Education. We thank Mrs Herring for her years and years of service to students, for her commitment to public education and friendship. You will most certainly be missed here at JEPS.

I hope you enjoy this collection of stories and pictures that captured life here at JEPS since our last newsletter.

Kind regards

Corinna Robertson

News from the Deputy

Assembly of Excellence

Our Assembly of Excellence for term 3 was held in week 8. Two students from each class received a Principal's award for Excellence in English and two for Excellent Application and Attitude in English. The recipients from each class are recorded in our newsletter and they will attend our rewards session with our bronze and silver recipients for the term. Congratulations to these hard working students.

PBL

Over the last week grades have held their rewards session for students who have received either their bronze or silver award this term and for students who received a Principal's award at our Assembly of Excellence. The rewards session for this term was time playing indoor games and puzzles along with outside games. I hope that all students enjoyed their reward and encourage those students who missed out this term to keep trying.

30 Year Anniversary

This year we will mark our 30th birthday. To celebrate this event we are asking our families and students to come up with some ideas. We are hoping to celebrate by adding something meaningful to the school to mark this event. Current ideas include planting 30 trees or 30 pieces of equipment which would form an obstacle course. We look forward to hearing/ reading your ideas.

Stepping Up Together Day

On Tuesday 3rd July the STEPS schools held our Stepping Up Together Day which is a day in which Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students and a peer participate in Aboriginal based activities for the day across the one of the seven STEPS schools. Students participated in activities such as learning about Aboriginal culture, weaving, traditional Aboriginal games, cooking with traditional ingredients and Aboriginal art. At JEPS, Miss Valentine Miss Couper, Mrs Spratt and Mrs Quinn ran groups catering for students from Years 1 to Years 6. The students at each school had a great day. I would like to take this opportunity to thank the teachers for their work preparing for the day and on the day.

Assemblies

It has been great this term to see lots of our parents and families visiting school for our assemblies. It has been particularly good to see more visitors at our 3-6 assemblies. We hope that you may be able to join us at one or more of our assemblies over the second half of the year.

I would like to take this opportunity to wish Mrs Sue Herring all the best on her retirement and to thank her for all of her work, effort and passion to teaching both here at JEPS over the last 19 years and at her previous schools. Not only will her expertise be missed at school by the students but also by the staff, both groups I am sure she has had a huge influence on. On a personal note Mrs Herring was one of my teachers that I was fortunate enough to work with as a prac teacher. I will always be indebted to her for her guidance.

Wishing all our families a safe and relaxing break.

Kim Dunscombe

Assembly of Excellence

Our term 2 Assembly of Excellence was held in week 8. At this assembly two students from each class received a Principal's award for Excellence in English and two students received awards for Excellent Attitude and Application.

The following students received their award for Excellence in English:

K Deers– Aisha and Mason	1B– Youssef and Emma	2B –Monique and James
K Foxes– Dylan and Elvin	1C– Akain & Emily	2J Savannah and Riley
K Owls– Manolya and Aqeel	1P– Melissa and Zoe	2R– Ayla and Lily
K Racoons– Caden and Hunter	1V– Charlotte and Chloe	
3B– Tyson and Ritzia	4C-Lilith and Ava	5F- Nekea and Adriana
3C– Jordin and Alexis	4S Gavin and Alissa	5M– Nadia and Mikale
3/4D– Isaac and Jaeahna	4W– Tylor and Mackenzie	5R– Rachel and Ashton
6H– Jayden and Shari	6L– Mason and Abbi	6P– Kayla and Roya

The following students received their award for Excellent Attitude and Application in English:

K Deers– Kaya and Sanvi	1B– Riley and Natalia	2B –Katie and Alex
K Foxes– Anthony and Mila	1C– Angelina and Beau	2J—Emily and Mia
K Owls– Thomas and Brooke	1P– Anna and Aaron	2R– Amelia and Dakota
K Racoons– Matilda and Sienna	1V– Taylor and Jan	
3B– Braidyn and Kayley	4C-Vibuti and Harrison	5F– Christian and Jordyn
3C– Jayden and Miranda	4S—Eshal and Aymen	5M– Hamilton and Divyanka
3/4D– Allira and Rana	4W– Melissa and Faizaan	5R– Hannah and Ethan
6H– Xsara and Callum	6L– Adriana and Jaiden	6P– Stella and Mustafa

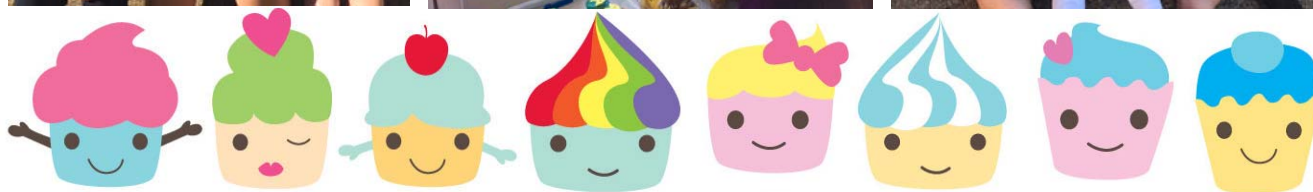




We hope that you enjoyed the day as much as we did!

WE RAISED
\$1322.60
for the
CANCER COUNCIL!

Thanks again to the parents of Kinder, Year 2 and Year 6 students that donated cakes to support our fundraising event. We would also like to thank the EPHS students for their contributions and assistance on the day and Ashcroft's IGA for collecting donations in store on our behalf.



When kids ask "the" questions... Interrelate has the answers!

Interrelate is a specialist organisation with over 90 years' experience teaching sexuality and relationship education in NSW schools. Interrelate educators are highly trained and skillful presenters.

The topic of sexuality is handled with sensitivity, openness and humour. The program offers an interactive approach to learning, with a variety of audio-visual materials, discussions and games.

Session 1: Where did I come from?

1-hour session: Years 3-6

Session 2: Preparing for puberty

1-hour session: Years 5-6

Years 3-4 can attend at parent's discretion

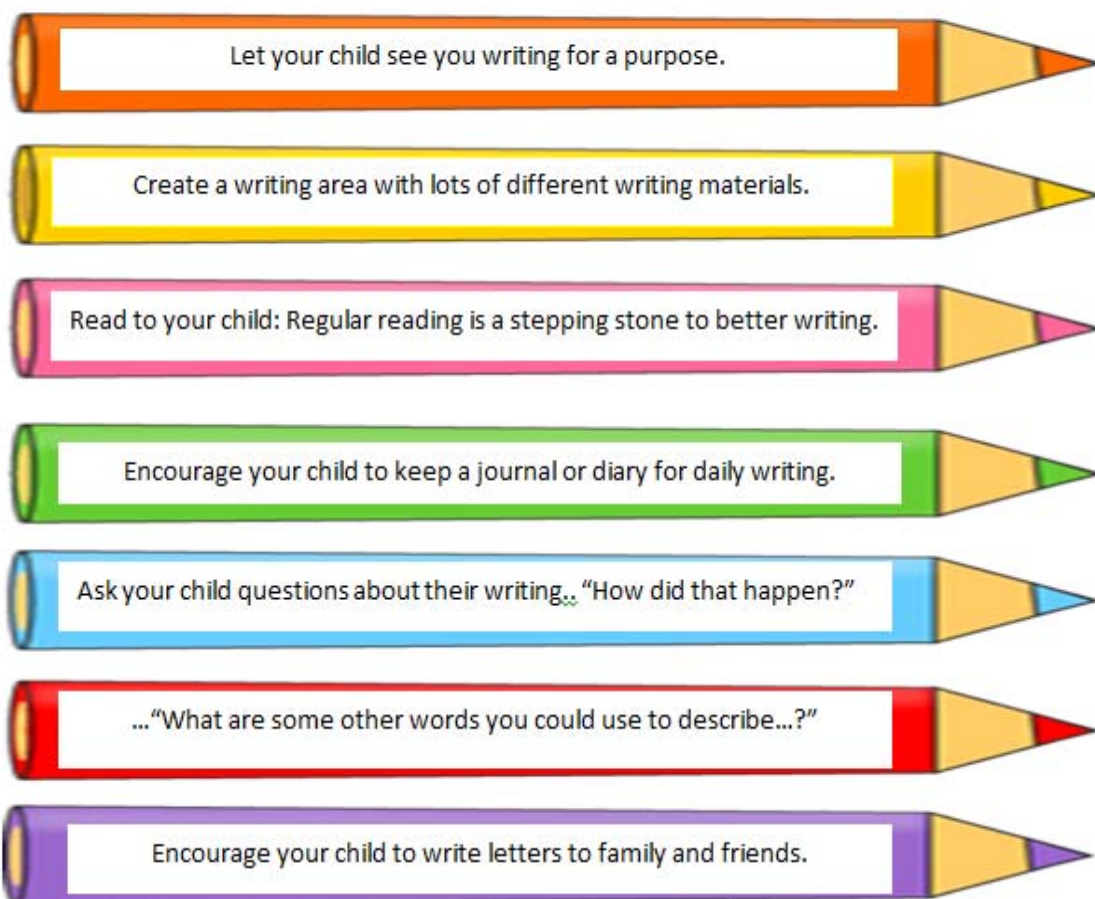
Specialty books are available for purchase on the night.

Keep a look out for flyers (coming home with your child before the program) outlining session content.





How to support your K-2 child at home with writing.



Remember in the early years your child is learning the mechanics of writing, the getting down of ideas, so encourage your child to write as much and as often as possible without interrupting their creative flow to point out every spelling mistake. Please don't hesitate in asking your child's teacher for additional tips for supporting your child at home with writing.

Mrs Quinn

Office News

Office Hours – 8.30am – 3pm

CareMonkey



Thank you to all those parents that have logged in and created a profile for their child/ren. We still need a number of student profiles created so ***if you are receiving emails inviting you to create a profile for your child/ren please action this by completing the profile as soon as possible. We need to have all student profiles completed by the end of term 1. This profile enables the school to send correspondence direct to your email and we want all our families to be included in this new, more efficient process.***

For further information visit the CareMonkey website: www.caremonkey.com

Payment Date Reminders

Closing dates:

Yr 1 Backyard Bugs Incursion - \$7 – Wed 30 May

Yr 2 Featherdale Excursion - \$24 – Wed 30 May

PSSA - \$30 – Wed 30 May

Yr 4 Rocks Walking Tour - \$31 – Wed 13 June

Yr 6 Camp Final Payment - \$133 – Tues 19 June

Yr 4 Camp Final Payment - \$60 – Fri 22 June

Yr 5 Camp Deposit - \$150 – Fri 29 June



The permission notes are available on the school website in the ***'Notes' Tab*** and the ***'Online'*** payment option is also available for your convenience.

For cash/cheque payments please ensure all notes & money are placed in one envelope. To assist the office whilst receipting multiple cash/cheque payments for your child or children, it is preferred you place all children's payments in one envelope.

Donations of Spare Clothes

We would be grateful for any donations of winter pants sizes 4 – 8 as we have depleted all of the smaller sizes. Please send them to the school office.

Thank you for your ongoing support.

Mandy Anderson



P&C News



Term 3 is shaping up to be a BIG one!

We have planned the following:

Father's Day Stall

Our Father's Day stall will be held in week 6 of next term on Tuesday 28th August. Information will be sent home next term to remind everyone.

Family Movie Night– 15th September

It will be a fantastic opportunity to roll out your picnic blanket under the stars and watch a family movie on the big screen. Food and drinks will be available for purchase on the night. A note will go home early term 3 for families to secure their tickets. This is one event you don't want to miss!

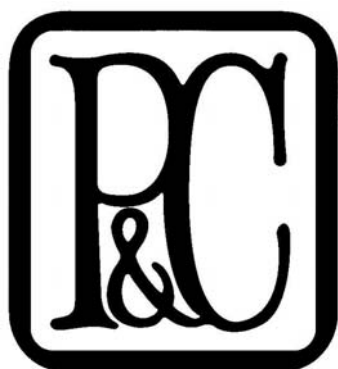
End of term Disco

At the end of the term we will hold our final disco for the year. Costs will remain the same.

P&C Meetings - Term 3

Our next P&C Meeting is planned for the first week back at school on Wednesday 25th July. The meeting will be held in the staffroom and will begin at 7:00pm. We hope to see you there.

Other meetings term 3 are set down for Wednesday 15th August and Wednesday 19th September.



Term 4

Family Photo Day– 28th October

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formation about this event will be sent home closer to the date but put this one in your diary now!

Community News

Invitation to the Vietnam Veteran's Day Commemorative Service

Staff, students and parents have been cordially invited to attend St Marys RSL's Annual Vietnam Veterans' Day Commemorative Service to be held on Saturday 18th August, 2018. The service is to be conducted outdoors at their Guns War Memorial in the grounds of the St Marys RSL Club, corner Hall Street and Mamre Road, St Marys. Their wet weather venue will be in the Auditorium of the St Marys RSL Club. The Service will commence at 5.00pm, however, they request that you be seated no later than 4:45pm; at the conclusion of the service an informal buffet function is to be held in the RSL Club's Auditorium.

The band from 1st/15th Royal NSW Lancers will be providing light entertainment prior to this year's service.

If you wish to lay a wreath or tribute, please be advised that, in order to be included on the tribute list and called forward by name, you will need to submit your School's name and (for catering afterwards) the likely number of guests you are bringing, no later than the RSVP date. Please organise your own tributes.

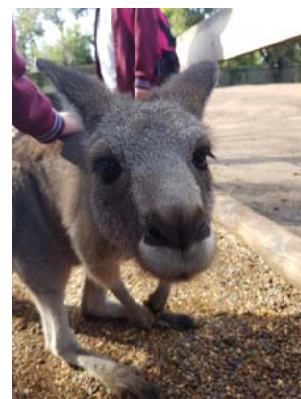
Please note: When laying a Tribute, all groups are requested to approach the cenotaph with a maximum of four representatives.

They look forward to your attendance on the day.

RSVP 27th July 2018 to stmsub@tpg.com.au

Featherdale Wildlife Park Excursion

Year 2 students recently had a fantastic day at Featherdale Wildlife Park. The students have been learning about Australian animals and this excursion was a great opportunity for them to extend their knowledge. The weather held up and the teachers and students had a wonderful day!



Year 4 Excursion Fun

Students in Year 4 took a fun filled bus ride to the city to attend The Rocks Historical Walking Tour in week 8 this term. They were captivated by the stories of the First Fleet and enjoyed the opportunity to step into the lives of captains, convicts, soldiers and free settlers. Students are to be congratulated for their enthusiasm and behaviour.

A great day was had by all!





KINDER DEERS

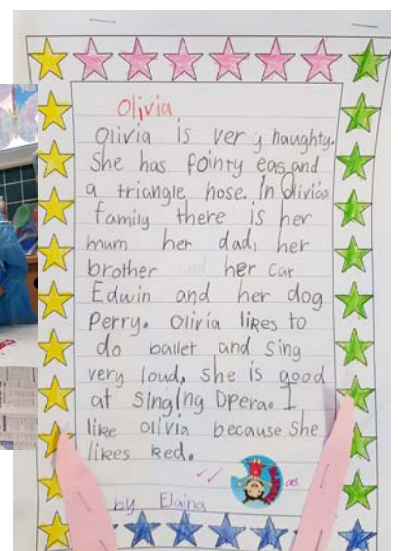
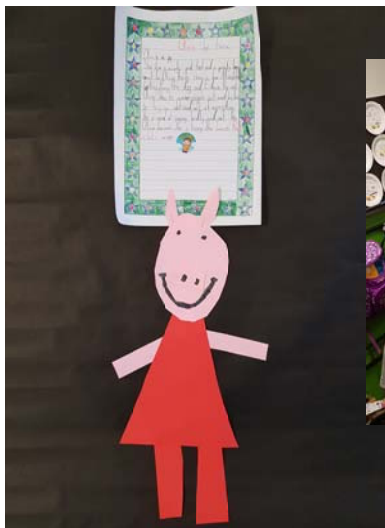
Welcome to Kinder Deers! As you can see we are a happy bunch who love to learn new things and have fun. Learning **is** fun! We love learning how to read and write. We love learning new strategies in mathematics and we really love being





Spotlight on 1B

1B really enjoyed reading about the adventures of a vivacious little pig who loves red in the book Olivia by Ian Falconer. We wrote our own descriptions of Olivia and made a picture of her to go with them. In the book, Olivia creates a version of Jackson Pollock's Autumn Rhythm (Number 30). We couldn't resist the chance to get a little messy

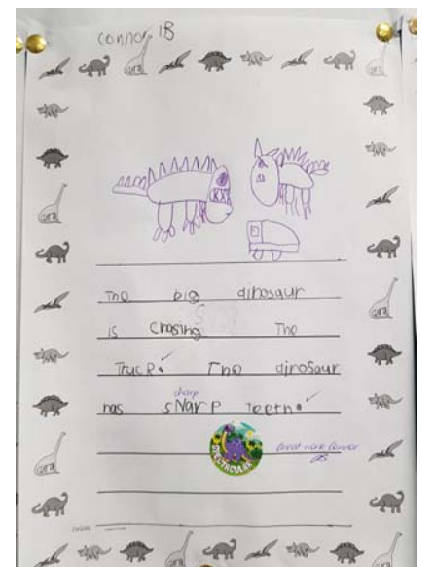




How much do you know about the creatures in your backyard? In Science, 1B have been investigating some of the little helpers and big pests that exist outside our door. We have been so inspired by our learning that we couldn't resist incorporating some of the critters in our artwork.



Did you see that? 1B had great fun describing a rampaging T-Rex in a deserted city using nouns and adjectives.



4S Class Profile

It's been a busy semester in 4S. As the wind starts to roll in and the heaters begin to get a workout, it hasn't slowed down the effort given in this classroom.



We've been doing some peer support with Kinder Owls and teaching them how to make paper planes and pirate hats.

With many NRL fanatics in the room, 4S had a very special afternoon with a couple of artistic Panther's players.



4S have been lucky enough to be situated right next to the Sensory garden and they have made the most of it.

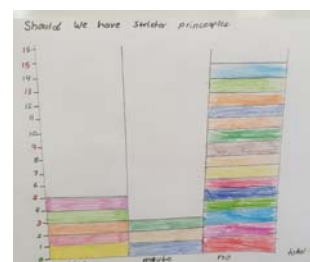


4S Class Profile

We attended The Rocks Walking tour where we gained an insight into the lives of the convicts and some of the hardships they faced. The students thoroughly enjoyed getting into character as they dressed for the occasion to immerse themselves in the experience.



Sport hasn't been the only thing that 4S attempted to blitz, they have been giving it their all in each of their learning experiences including Writing like authors, Spelling like bees, code cracking Mathematicians, Reading like super sleuths and creating artworks that STEM from their innovative individuality.



Writing card: Imaginative
Write a story about having an elephant as a pet
My pet Elephant
If I could have a pet Elephant, I would be so happy because when I was a baby I used to love them. I still have the Elephant toys. ✓
The other day I went to the zoo and I got to see the biggest Elephants stomping their way along.



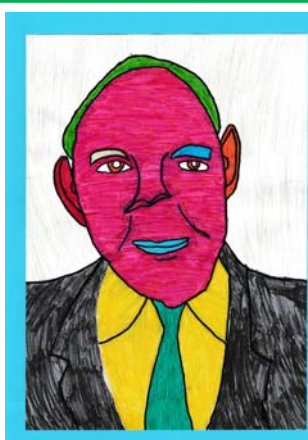
We look forward to seeing you all in Term 3 Week 2 at 12.15 for our item and running of the Assembly.



As year 6 prepares for camp, 6P has been learning about government in many areas. Students have created wonderful artworks of Australian Prime Ministers during art lessons, inspired by Andy Warhol's Pop Art technique. You are welcome to view all of the artworks in 6P's window display. Here is a taste of what you can expect to see.



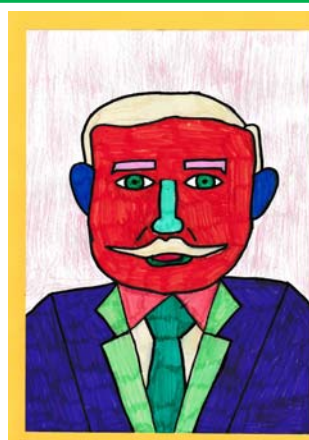
John McEwan by Xenia



Gough Whitlam by Jack



John Howard by Georgia. B



Andrew Fisher by Tamara

In History, 6P have been learning about the roles and responsibilities of local, state and federal governments. We made triaramas to assist us in our learning.

In addition, we have increased our understanding about the House of Representatives and the Senate. Here we are role playing debating a bill in the Senate.



Early Stage 1 News

As another term comes to a close, we look back and see how much our kindergarten students have progressed. Nearly all of our students are reading and writing independently and are displaying pleasing skills in mathematics. They are developing their friendships and trying so hard to be safe and respectful learners.

Congratulations to all our Kindergarten students who received their bronze, silver and Principal's awards for Excellence in English and for Excellent Application and Attitude in English this term. They will be celebrating their achievement with a games session this week in the hall. Well done!

Parent Teacher Interviews Thank you to parents who attended interviews with class teachers last week. Teachers value the opportunity to discuss your child's progress and address any questions you may have about academic progress and school procedures.

Backyard League This week Kindergarten had our last Backyard League session. We would like to thank all of our parents for their support with this program. All of our students had a wonderful time and it was great to see how much their skills improved over the weeks



Kinder Excursion As part of our work in science next semester, we have planned an excursion to Calmsley Hill Farm for Kindergarten students during the first week of Term 4. This is a fantastic excursion with many hands on experiences for the children. More details to follow next term!

Kindergarten Enrolments We are currently taking Kindergarten enrolments for 2019. If you have a child turning 5 before the 31st July 2019 they are eligible to start school next year. Please contact the school office on 9834 3009 or call in to collect the enrolment package. Our Kindergarten Transition Program and Orientation Process will commence in the latter half of Term 3. More information will be provided next term.

Mrs Clark

Kinder Racoons



Mrs King

Kinder Owls



Mrs Davies

Kinder Deers



Miss Filipovic

Kinder Foxes



Stage 3 News

What a busy term Stage 3 have had! They have been busy learning, playing sport, organising fundraisers, dance, debating workshops, leadership, learning music with Mrs Powell, reports, interviews and assemblies. I am sure all students (and teachers) are ready for well-deserved rest.

SPELLING BEE

Congratulations to all students who took part in the class and stage finals of the Spelling Bee. The representatives going to the district finals will be Nekea Talaia. Well done to Miss Bee herself Miss Pearce for a beautiful job as the host! (insert pic)



STEPPING UP DAY

The STEPPING UP DAY will be held on Tuesday for Indigenous students from schools in the local area. It is a similar set up to TOPSTEPS. We hope the students have a wonderful day.

Year 6 Fundraising

Each Year 6 class has had the opportunity to run a raffle with wonderful prizes. Well done to all of the Year 6 students who sold tickets and thank you to our community for purchasing \$ 1. tickets.

Next term we will have the annual 'JEPS' coin race. Each class will line up their coins to see who can make the longest line. The class with the longest line of coins will win a pizza party. (K-2 & 3-6).

Start collecting!

ATHLETICS CARNIVAL

The athletics carnival will be held at Blair Oval on Thursday 26th July (week 1). On this day, students must ensure they bring their hat, recess, lunch, a drink and a jumper. Please ensure that your child's name is clearly labelled on their jumper and hat.

BRONZE/SILVER/ PRINCIPAL AWARDS

Congratulations to the bronze, silver and principal award recipients. Stage 3 rewards will be held next Thursday.

Stage 3 News continued

Links with EPHS

Next term Year 5 students will again be heading to the high school for science lessons. The students are excited to be given this opportunity to engage in practical lessons in the high school science lab.

Year 6 will once again participate in the "Learn to Lead" P.E program with students from Year 7.

Could all Year 6 parents please ensure that the high school enrolment forms are filled out and sent directly to the relevant high school by the due date? If you need any assistance please ask. If high school preferences have changed please inform Mrs Halicek.

Could all Year 5 parents please keep reports and NAPLAN safe as you need them when enrolling your child into an out of area high school and selective schools (creative arts and sport).

UNIFORMS

Please ensure that your child wears full school uniform, including all black shoes each day as this is a part of our school's PBL criteria.

YEAR 6 CAMP

The time for camp is getting closer and lots of students are beginning to get excited. Over the holidays please take the time to have a read through the 'what to bring' list which can be found on the JEPS website. Waterproof gloves and a big, thick, warm jacket are essential.

PREMIERS CHALLENGES

Stage 3 students will be participating in the Premiers Sporting Challenge and the Premiers Reading Challenge. Please encourage your child to read as well as get outdoors and be active.

Equipment

Please take the time to check pencil cases over the holidays and replenish missing equipment such as glue sticks, white board markers, pens and pencils etc

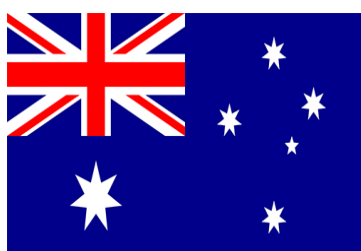
See you all next term.

Leisa Halicek, Meagan Pearce, Kylie Halfpenny, Jen Farrugia, Dave Mercer and Karla Roe

NAIDOC CUP



On Friday the 22nd of June Stage 2 and 3 Aboriginal students and their friends competed at the NAIDOC Cup combined schools sports gala day. Students competed in either Netball or Oz Tag competitions. Our junior netball girls won 1 of their 3 games, our Senior netball girls had one win, one draw and one loss. Our Junior and Senior Oztag boys were both undefeated and continued into the semi finals. Both teams beat Blackwell PS and proceeded into the grand final. Unfortunately both of our boys teams lost in their final game and were runners up for the gala day.



GIRLS SOCCER KNOCKOUT

On Thursday 14th June the seniors girls soccer knockout team competed in their round 2 game against Clairgate PS. The girls won 5-0 and will now move onto the next round of the competition.

Well done girls!



Our next game will be on Monday 2nd July **against** We wish the girls all the best.

NSW Netball Cup

On Wednesday 30th May the four girl's netball teams competed in the Netball Cup at Penrith. All the teams had a great day playing seven games and developing their skills of playing together as teams.

The senior A team came second in their pool, only losing one game by one goal during the day. They will now go on to play in the metropolitan finals day next term at the Genoa Netball Centre at Homebush.

The senior B team also had a successful day only losing one game during the day.

We would like to thank our umpires for the day: Kerry Couper, Brooke and Jess Ryan and Hayley Price.

Also, a great big thank you to our supporters: mums, dads, grandparents, brothers and sisters. Thanks for transporting us and giving up your time so we could enjoy our netball.



J.E.P.S Smarties and Snakes and Miss Pearce



J.E.P.S. Jaffas and Jellybeans and Mrs Williams

NSW Netball Cup continued

Other photos from the day



Boys Soccer Knockout

On Tuesday the 5th of June the boys soccer knockout team competed against Clairgate Public. It was a brisk morning but this didn't deter the boys or dampen their spirits. In the first half we held a strong midfield however Clairgate had two lucky breaks and at halftime the score was 2-0. The JEPS boys went back on in the second half with a determined attitude and a strong teamwork ethic which earned them a goal scored by Callum (6H). This continued to build the JEPS team spirit however Clairgate came back with a stronger attack and this earned them 2 more goals. The end of the match was concluded with a score of 4-1 meaning that JEPS unfortunately won't make it to the next round. Well done boys - there's always next year.



Boys Basketball Knockout

Our State Knockout basketball team played again Kings Langley Public School in the round 4 match. The score was close in the first two quarters then the team managed to pull away. JEPS won the game 44 – 24 with some hard defence. The team has now progressed in the top 4 in our region. The semi-final game will be against the winner out of Regentville Public School or Blaxland East Public School. Well done team!

Some photos of our match are included for your viewing.



Stepping Up Together



Stage 1



Stage 2



Stage 3

