Dear Parents,

Welcome to the 2013 school year! As the relieving principal of Jerrys Plains Public School, I am very excited and am looking forward to a learning partnership with our students. Jerrys’ dedicated staff, educational programs, parent volunteers and partnerships between the school and wider community have all contributed to creating a wonderful school environment. I was struck by the school’s welcoming feel as I first drove up to it.

I am a firm believer in a strong home/school connection to enhance our educational programs. We all have a very important role to encourage our students to reach their highest potential in school.

I have taught in many schools across my teaching career both in QLD and NSW, both small and large schools. My most recent position was at Rutherford Public School, where I taught across most grade levels and had many roles. The most recent role, being the teacher of the specialist technology class, kept me very busy. This is a multi-age class of 32, across three grade levels, where technology is used to extend and enhance all areas of the curriculum. This encouraged learning by tapping into student’s interests and preparing them for the technological world in which we live.

I’ve worked towards returning to a small school setting for some time now, I enjoy seeing the benefits that students get from small schools,

low student teacher ratios, added teacher time, teachers who really know their children, children knowing all their teachers. Small schools can offer so much more than big schools, students are much more confident, independent and well rounded, both socially and academically.

Jerrys Plains is very lucky to have a well resourced school which is of high standing in the community. Mrs Deb Healey worked very hard for your school and your children in her time here and it must have been a very hard decision to leave it. I’m sure you join me in wishing her all the best in her new role at her new school.

I look forward to working with everyone in our school community and taking on any new challenges to help our students. I feel very fortunate to have this opportunity and look forward to a productive time with the children.

If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to see me, I operate an open door policy, as much as I can around teaching time, and I welcome the input of parents, you’re an important part of our student’s learning community.

Donna Stackman
AFTERNOON TEA - Come and meet the new boss!

Next Wednesday 6th February 2013 at 3.10pm

I would like to extend an invitation to parents/carers/grandparents etc. and to anyone in the community in general who would like to come and meet myself and my wonderful staff at Jerrys Plains PS. If each family could bring a plate to this informal get-together, we will supply liquid refreshments (as it will be on school premises, there will be no alcohol).

This will be a great opportunity for our new parents to meet our old parents and their children, as well as for community members to get to know the teaching staff and experience what our small school has to offer.

BOOK CLUB

Each term Scholastic Book Club brochures are usually sent home twice. This is an opportunity for you to purchase reasonably priced books to share and encourage a love of reading with your child. Brochures have been sent home today and all orders and money need to be returned in an envelope to the office by Wednesday 13th February. I will then be able to place our whole school order and books usually take around a week to arrive.

Ms Carmody

WHAT’S COMING UP

Thursday, 31st January - New Kindergartens start
Tuesday, 5th February - Student Banking
Wednesday, 6th February - Afternoon Tea starting at 3.10pm at school
Friday, 15th February - Swimming Carnival (Yrs 1-6)

There will be no Canteen or Cake Raffle as yet (you will be notified if/when resumed)

LIBRARY NEWS

Library days for this year will be Wednesdays for the Primary class and Thursdays for the Infants class. All students require a library bag to safely transport their library books to and from school and just a reminder that all students have a limit of 3 books at home at any one time. Happy borrowing.

Ms Carmody

FOR SALE

Large Dining Table, oval & in good condition. $100 o.n.o.
Gym Set - $200 o.n.o. Ring 0413247108

Facts about the Dairy Industry

Throughout life, bones are constantly changing in both size and shape.
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- Respect, Organisation, Commitment, Kindness, Safety -

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