The nice thing about small schools is that they give so much back to the community... Our Years 2-6 students are pictured holding the drums they use when Issabella Berrigan comes to deliver her exciting lessons on African drumming. This experience could be the basis of a successful musical career. Ready4School has been hugely successful in preparing children for Kindergarten, and they enter their formal schooling confident and eager to learn. In 2016 the innovative transition-to-school program will be offered for 4 terms, beginning on February 10th. As we, as a school, seek direction for our curriculum, it’s right that we consider the community in which the students will make their way. Please share your ideas and thoughts with us...

Regina

Presentation Night 2015
Tuesday, December 8th 6.30pm
Jerrys Plains School of Arts Community Hall

- Respect - Organisation - Commitment - Kindness - Safety -
It was a long trip well-rewarded when our Kindergarten-Year 2 students were able to experience some of what the Australian Air Force has on display for the public. After playing pretend in an F-111 the students were thrilled when some Hornets came into land. They were also able to watch training jets assemble and take off. The excursion was the culmination of the unit “Transport” that Miss Ross has been teaching K/1.
**Years 2–6**

*Making Connections*

We love to have visitors in our classroom, to share our space and our learning. Today Mrs Gray, Mr Gray and Mr Edwards came from Singleton High School to meet with our students and we were very happy to exchange information. We performed one of the musical pieces we are practising for our Presentation Night and asked lots of questions about High School. We were all a bit overwhelmed by the student population—1200! - but will look forward to having an excursion to the High School next year. Thank you for your friendly visit!

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**K/1 Corner**

*Little kids big on learning!*

After an exhausting week last week that threw us all off our routine, we are back on track this week! We have been very busy in the classroom finalising all of the important sections of our program ready to begin our Christmas activities next week. This week we have been lucky enough to have Miss Baillache teaching us our daily spelling and Maths which has been a wonderful experience for all of us. We have also been working with Miss Baillache on writing letters to Santa Claus to be posted this week. Some of these were VERY interesting to read and I look forward to hearing the replies we get back from Santa!

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**Friday, November 27th**

*JUMBLE SALE*

**Great pre-Christmas shopping!**

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**St Philip's St James' Jerry's Plains**

**Carol Service**

7.30pm
Friday 4th December
Warkworth Hall
Community Centre

Come and enjoy: Warm fellowship
Christmas Carols & Children’s participation
BRING & SHARE SUPPER
Tea, coffee and soft drinks provided.
If transport required phone –
Bruce 6572 2047 or Pauline 6572 1933

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**Friday Cake Raffle...**

50 cents a ticket to support our Leadership Team.

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**Canteen!!**

Please have orders and payment at School by Wednesday each week.

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The weekly Cake Raffle is run by the Leadership Team every Friday morning, with cakes, cupcakes, slices etc. supplied by school families.

The Cake Raffle has been an institution at Jerrys Plains PS for many years and is a very successful fundraiser for our Leadership Team, who organise the selling of tickets each Friday.

If you would like your name placed on the Cake Raffle roster for 2016, please contact the school.
You are invited

We would like to invite you and your family to a community BBQ for Coal & Allied’s Hunter Valley Operations (HVO). The event will be held at the Jerrys Plains Community Hall from 4:30pm with a BBQ as well as an activity for the kids. The BBQ will provide an opportunity to meet with members of the HVO team for a chat about our operations.

Date: Monday 14 December 2015
Time: Anytime from 4:30pm - 6:30pm
Where: Jerrys Plains Community Hall, Wambo St Jerrys Plains
RSVP: Wednesday 9 December 2015
Phone: 02 6542 7103
Email: nicola.proctor@riotinto.com

Prinicpal Contact:
Phone: 6576 4018 Mobile: 0488106697
regina.stoltenberg@det.nsw.edu.au

Facts about the Dairy Industry
Did you know;
No two cows have exactly the same pattern of black and white spots.
They are all different.

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WATER SAFETY
With the hot weather and school holidays approaching we would like to remind you of WATER SAFETY.

Important rules to follow in water:
- Swim together - Always make sure someone is with you.
- Float and Wave - If you are in trouble in the water, relax, roll on your back and raise one arm.
- Reach to rescue - If someone needs help in the water, stay dry.
ENJOY your swimming and ......
Remember to BE CAREFUL

Summer fun in nature around Port Stephens
Join our Discovery Rangers to experience a different side to Port Stephens and Tomaree National Park this summer holiday. There’s something for everyone.

Bookings and information
Bookings for all NPWS Discovery Tours are essential.
Book online following the links above, or phone 13000 PARKS (13000 72757).
All tours between $12 and $15 per person and families between $36 and $45.
For more information on tours, such as meeting points, please follow the web links or ask on booking. For general enquiries, phone Sue Olsson on (02) 4984 8210 (after 7 December 2015), or email suzanne.olsson@environment.nsw.gov.au

School hats can be purchased at the front office on any day for $12. We also enforce the rule 'No hat- No play!' which means that children without school hats must play in the shade.

The simplest way
...to be SunSmart!

Unlike sunscreen, clothing can't be wiped or washed off, making it one of the best ways to protect your skin from damaging UV radiation.

For best protection choose:
- shirts with collars or high necks, and sleeves
- trousers or longer shorts and skirts that come to below the knees
- loose clothes, rather than fabric that is stretched across the skin
- fabric that has a close, dense weave
- dark colours (navy, black, dark red) absorb UV rays and prevent them reaching the skin better than white and light colours

Don't forget!
To ensure the best UV protection from April – September all sun protection measures are needed between 10.00am – 2.00pm

For information about SunSmart visit: sunsmartnsw.com.au

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