Great School ≈ Great Opportunities

Wednesday, February 10th

Calendar

Term 1

SWIMMING FOR SPORT:
Thursday, February 11th.

SMALL SCHOOLS
SWIMMING CARNIVAL:
Friday, February 12th.

STEPHANIE ALEXANDER
KITCHEN GARDEN
PROGRAM: Monday, February 15th.

Ready4School
Wednesday, February 17th.

SWIMMING FOR SPORT:
Thursday, February 18th.

P&C CANTEEN: Friday, February 19th.

STEPHANIE ALEXANDER
KITCHEN GARDEN
PROGRAM: Monday, February 22nd.

Ready4School
Wednesday, February 24th.

SWIMMING FOR SPORT:
Thursday, February 25th.

Ready4School ... this morning we were happy to welcome into our school community eight new little ones, setting out on their preparation for formal schooling next year. Through the generosity of Coal & Allied Community Development Program, this innovative program addresses the before-school aspects of early childhood education. Every Wednesday the students will come together as a social group, playing and working together, establishing relationships that will support quality learning.

What a wonderful roll-up to P&C on Friday afternoon! Thanks to all the families who care about the teaching and learning of our children and are happy to join the conversations. Our new executive team is keen and look forward to a full year of fundraising and supporting students. I would like to express my gratitude to the retiring president, Robyn Cramp. She enacts a single-minded commitment to what’s best for our students and constantly insists that “Jerrys rocks!”. And our students know her well for the many muffins she has brought along for morning tea! Thanks, Robyn; I look forward to your continuing connection with our school.

Last week Judy Hadley decided to call it a day after serving the P&C Association since 1977. Well done, Judy, and many thanks for your ongoing hard work. I wish you well,

Regina
K/2 Corner

This week is the beginning of our Swimming for Sport program on Thursday at Denman pool. Each student will be individually assessed on their swimming ability and placed into a small group accordingly so please make sure that students pack their swimmers and sunblock on the day. Friday is also our Small Schools Swimming Carnival and I look forward to cheering on all of our students who have worked hard on their swimming skills throughout the last year. The Best Start assessments for our new Kindergarten children have been completed and results will be finalised and sent home to parents in the next few weeks. If you have any questions about this feel free to contact me at the school!

Making Connections

We live in such a stimulating environment, with sights, sounds and sensations all around us. And everything is moving at such a fast pace it’s hard to keep up... In our room we are trying to capture the essence of being in the moment, being totally aware of what is happening now. We start our sessions by being quiet and settled, sometimes with the help of music and sometimes I read a poem—anything that is rhythmical. It’s proving to be difficult just keeping our bodies still... but we’ll persevere because we want to be truly focussed on our learning. Again, our Maths Textbooks are popular—ask how your child feels about them.

Years 3—6

Spotlight on P&C

P&C Executive

President: Jeni Bos
Vice-President: Robyn Cramp
Secretary: Sarah Williams
Treasurer: Renee Turner
Canteen Coordinator: Annie Marr
Uniform Coordinator: Kirri-Ann Lewins

Friday Cake Raffle...

50 cents a ticket to support our Leadership Team.

Friday, February 5th

Congratulations, Lilly-Jane!

Friday, February 12th

NO CAKE RAFFLE
Small Schools Swimming Carnival

Friday, February 19th

Jeni Bos

Friday, February 26th

P.B.L.

FOCUS

LISTEN TO THE TEACHER

• Bodies still
• Look at the person speaking
• Wait for your turn to speak

Canteen!!

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

Friday, February 12th

NO CAKE

Friday, February 19th

Tori and Nat

Friday, February 26th

Friday, March 4th
CLOTHING POOL

Kids grow so quickly! If you are needing extra uniform pieces—shirts, shorts, trousers, jackets—please call by the office and look into our Clothing Pool. You may find just what you need at only $2.00 a piece.

Happy Birthday!

Aylah and Jesse celebrated their birthdays in the past week: Jesse turned 7 and Aylah is now 9. Congratulations!

P.B.L. Focus

The P.B.L. Focus for Weeks 2 and 3 has been “Listen to the teacher”. William has shown that he has good listening skills!

SMALL SCHOOLS SWIMMING CARNIVAL

This event will be held on Friday, February 12th, at Singleton Swim and Gym. Proceedings will commence at 9.30am sharp. Due to the restricted service of the canteen, the P&C Association is planning a pizza lunch, the cost of this will be $5 per Student. If you would like your child to have pizza and a popper for lunch please bring along $5 to the swimming carnival and one of the P&C members will collect it from them. It’s important that you return your Swimming Carnival note so that the P&C is able to order sufficient pizzas.

Please remember that Friday will be a regular school day—all students are expected to attend the event. There will be no staff at school on this day. Students who do not attend will be deemed absent.

SCHOOL BUS TRANSPORT

Some students will be taking home School Bus Transport application forms so that information can be updated. It is important that these forms be completed and returned to the School. If you need assistance completing the form please call into the Office or speak to the bus driver.
This year again we request a $50 per child voluntary contribution to our school. An invoice for this amount is sent home to every family today with the newsletter. This is an important way of funding classroom materials. The money is used to directly benefit your child as it provides specialised art supplies, photocopying, classroom readers and consumables used in the classroom. Without this important contribution we would not be able to provide your child with the extras we have at School. Thank you for forwarding this one amount for the entire year as soon as possible. We are happy to take this payment in instalments if this is easier for your family.
**Get involved in the School Banking program**

Jerrys Plains Public School is excited to offer the Commonwealth Bank School Banking program to all students. The School Banking program provides children with an opportunity to deposit money into their Commonwealth Bank Youthsaver account at school each week. The program is about how often your child makes deposits, not how much they deposit.

To encourage regular savings behaviour the program offers an exciting Rewards Program. Every deposit earns your child a silver Dollarmites token, and once they’ve collected 10 tokens they can redeem them for a reward.

**The rewards available during 2016 are:**
- Flying Snake Tail
- Wildlife Writer Set
- Mud Splat Handball
- Outback Pat Bag Tag
- Backtrack Eraser Pen
- Jump and Skip Rope
- Bush Fly Fan
- Wriggly Glow Worm

**Getting involved in School Banking is easy!**

You can get involved in the School Banking program by opening a Commonwealth Bank Youthsaver account at your local branch. All you need to bring is your current identification as well as your child’s birth certificate. If you are an existing Commonwealth Bank customer and have NetBank, you can open an account online.

If your child has an existing Commonwealth Bank Youthsaver account they can start banking straight away. They just need to bring their deposit in every week on School Banking day using their Dollarmites deposit wallet.

School Banking day is Tuesday. Each week you need to drop your Dollarmites wallet into the office for processing. If you would like to know more about School Banking, please ask for a 2016 School Banking program information pack from the school office.
SKOOLBAG APP

Our School has our own Skoolbag iPhone and Android App to help us communicate more effectively with our Parent/Student community. We ask parents/students to install our Skoolbag School App. To install it, just search for our school name "Jerrys Plain Public School" in either the Apple App Store, or Google Play Store.

How To Install Skoolbag On Your Smartphone

For iPhone and iPad users:
1. Click the "App Store" icon on your Apple device.
2. Type your school name in the search, using suburb name will help.
3. You will see your school appear, click "Get" then "Install".
4. The app is FREE to download.
5. When installed click "Open".
6. Select "OK" to receive push notifications, when asked.
7. Click the "More" button on the bottom right of the App, then "Setup".
8. Toggle on the Push Categories that are applicable for you by tapping the on/off switch.

For Android users:
You must first have signed up with a Google Account before installing the app.
1. Click the "Play Store" button on your Android Device.
2. Click the magnifying glass icon at the top and type in your school name, using suburb name will help.
3. Click the school name when it appears in the search.
4. Click the "Install" button.
5. Click "Accept" for various permissions (please note, we do not modify any of your personal data on your device).
6. Click "Open" when installed.
7. Click the "More" button on the bottom right of the App, then "Setup".
8. Toggle on the Push Categories that are applicable for you by tapping the on/off switch.

Please Note: Some brands of Android phones need the setting in "Notification Manager" changed to "Allow" instead of "Notify" in order for the push notifications to work. The phone must also be running at least version 4 system software to run the app.

Some worthwhile housekeeping...

- Please ensure that every article of clothing or piece of equipment that comes to school bears your child's name.
- It's important (and a legal requirement) that you send a note explaining your child's absence.
- When you change the arrangement for your child at pick-up time, please send a note or, at the very least, phone the school.
- All students are expected to wear school uniform, including hat.

Visiting the School Grounds

All visitors to the school (including parents and carers) must present themselves to the office to sign the visitor's book. When leaving you must also sign out. If the office is closed please present yourself to Mrs Stoltenberg in the classroom.

NEWSLETTER & NOTES:
It is impractical for me to phone every family and advise them of what is happening in the school. Please be sure to read your Newsletter every week and, if your child doesn’t have one, please phone and ask for one to be sent home. Also, please ask your child if there are any notes from school and return them. Students feel embarrassed or left out if they aren’t participating because the information was overlooked at home.

Thank you to those families who have volunteered for the Canteen Roster, as well as the Leadership Team Cake Raffle Roster. We appreciate the extra effort that you put into your child’s school.

Facts about the Dairy Industry

Throughout life, bones are constantly changing in both size and shape.

Sponsored by the Gee Partnership. Local family proudly producing quality milk.