Principal’s Report

Students and staff have settled well into the new school year. Our Kindergarten students have made a seamless start thanks to the extended Transition Program. They are now part of our wonderful learning community and are happily engaged in daily school life.

In Term 4 last year, JPS applied to participate in the National School Chaplaincy Programme for 2016 – 2018. I am delighted to report that our application has been successful and we will have a Chaplain working in the school for 10 hours per week for the next three years. Generate Ministries has been engaged as our chaplaincy provider. The position is currently being advertised and applications close this Thursday 11 February 2016. We are seeking a parent with an interest in School Chaplaincy to sit on the interview panel with myself and Janice Mitchell, the Regional Chaplaincy Manager. Please phone the office to register your interest. Further information about the School Chaplaincy program can be found on page 4 of the newsletter.

Last week we welcomed two new students to JPS – Amber Selwood and Sourajit Roy Shudhho. Amber is in Year 1 and Shudhho is in Year 5. We look forward to getting to know our new enrolments and their families.

Our friends from the Uniting Church, Mrs Lorraine Comber, Mrs Lesley Earsman, Mrs Hazel Stonnill and Miss Mavis Dye visited JPS today to make pancakes for the students as part of Shrove Tuesday celebrations. We thank them for providing this delicious treat!

Have a great week! Nyree Taylor Principal
This Week’s Events (Week 3)

Intensive Swimming Program

The annual 10 Day Intensive Swimming Program is going well. All beginners are making pleasing progress with their water confidence and pre-swimming skills. Our intermediate groups are learning correct breathing and stroke techniques and the more advanced swimmers are refining their strokes and improving their fitness in preparation for the 2016 swimming carnivals.

Cricket Knock Out Training

Congratulations to Lucy Simpson, Travis Lawton, Cruz Nash and Jason Ray who have been selected in the JeriBerriO Cricket Knock Out Team. Congratulations also to Kyle Wilkinson who is one of two reserves who will support the team. Training is 4pm this Thursday 11 February at Monash Park. Details regarding the first match are still to be finalised. Information will be published in next week’s newsletter.

Fete Meeting

In Term 1 each year JPS and St Joseph’s Primary School Jerilderie hold a combined schools fete to raise funds for our schools. The fete is set for Sunday 20 March 2016. The first Fete Committee Meeting will be held at JPS Library this Thursday 11 February commencing at 5:30pm. Please come along and show your support for this annual fundraiser.

Tennis Pre-selection Trials

Lucy Simpson and Travis Lawton are off to Deniliquin this Friday, 12 February to attend the Tennis Pre-selection Trials. We wish them well!
Next Week’s Events (Week 4)

Parent-Teacher Meetings

Teachers will be conducting introductory parent-teacher meetings next week. All parents are encouraged to phone the office to make an appointment with your child’s teacher. This is an opportunity to learn about class focuses for the term, daily routines and expectations regarding home reading and homework.

Cattle Success Abroad!

Thomas Holt returned to school this week following his participation in a cattle competition in Fort Worth. Thomas was presented with his award for Gold Medal Miss Asia/Africa and a Silver Medal for the Miss World Final. The USA was presented Gold and Thomas, as the Australian representative Silver, Argentina were Bronze.

Below is a photo of Thomas and Jordan being presented with the Miss Asia/Africa Award by the Major of Dallas/Fort Worth, Betsy Price. Thomas also represented Australia in several judging competitions and did media interviews.

This is a wonderful achievement and we congratulate Thomas on these accolades.

Captain’s Report

It’s Week 3 already WOW!

I would like to welcome Amber to Year 1 and Shudhho who joins Year 5. I hope you and your families enjoy your time in our school community.

I would like to congratulate everyone on their efforts in the Intensive Swimming Program. There are some impressive swimmers in our school!

Just a reminder to everyone to remember to bring your hats each day. It’s very sunny and hot and we don’t want anyone to get sunburnt.

A very special mention to Thomas Holt who came second in the Miss World Cattle Competition in America. Great job Thomas!

Well done to Lucy, Cruz, Travis, Jason and Kyle for making the Cricket Knock Out team!

Lana Martin
School Chaplain
Jerilderie Public School was successful in their application for a Federal Government funded chaplain to be in the school for 10 hours a week for the next three years.

Generate are pleased to be engaged by the school as the chaplaincy provider. Generate Ministries is a Christian organisation employing approximately 150 School Chaplains in NSW state schools. School Chaplains work in partnership with schools, local Chaplaincy Support Teams, and Generate Ministries, to provide pastoral care to students and staff.

What is a Chaplain?
A Chaplain is an additional support for school communities to assist with the social, emotional and spiritual wellbeing of members of school communities.

Chaplains are able to run specific programs tailored to the needs of the school such as grief and loss, resilience building and anti-bullying. Chaplains also provide one-on-one care, mentoring and support for students, parents and staff. Chaplains network with the local community to provide a broad range of support services to the school.

What kind of activities can a Chaplain do?
- Work with Learning Support or Welfare Team to facilitate student wellbeing
- Provide pastoral care for students, staff and the wider school community
- Facilitate small group programs and one-on-one meetings with students
- Facilitate lunch time activities to assist students in building healthy relationships
- Network with welfare services, local churches and other agencies in the local community to provide a broad range of support services to the school
- Facilitate groups, events and activities to support spiritual wellbeing with voluntary student participation
- Build mentoring relationships and assist students with goal setting
- Support staff at school camps, excursions and other activities as required

Generate Ministries invites applications for the position of School Chaplain for 10 hours per week at Jerilderie Public School. More details and application process can be found at [www.mychaplain.org.au](http://www.mychaplain.org.au)

Applications close 11th February, 2016. For further information contact Janice Mitchell, Regional Chaplaincy Manager on 0408686165.
P&C News

Bog Run
JPS P&C Association will be holding the Billabong Bog Run on Sunday 6 March 2016. This event has been well supported to date with many local businesses pledging sponsorship.

The Committee needs the backing of all JPS families for this fundraiser to be a success so please mark the date on your calendar. Helpers will be required to set up and man obstacles along the course. For further information please contact: Tiffany Sutton (0423 075 060) or Kevin A’Vard (0428 998 801).

General Consent Note
There are still some outstanding General Consent notes. This note gives permission for your child to participate in excursions to venues within the Jerilderie township for the remainder of 2016. Please return your note to the school office ASAP.

School Uniforms
Uniforms will be available for purchase from the school canteen on Mondays. If you are unable to come in personally, please write your name and order on an envelope with correct money or cheque made out to Jerilderie Public School P&C with your child to present at canteen.

Uniform stock will be checked at the beginning of each month and an order placed accordingly.

IGA Shopping Dockets
Please ensure that all Jerilderie IGA Shopping Dockets for January are handed in to the school office by this Friday, 12 February. Thank you for collecting for this very worthwhile and easy fundraiser for our school.

Classifieds

Intereach
Ability Links

Do you have a barrier or disability?
Do you care for someone with a disability?

Ability Links is a new approach to supporting people with a barrier or disability aged 9 to 84 years, and also provides support for families and carers.

Ability Links helps people to understand how every person has a valued role in their community and has the capacity to enjoy a connected life that is meaningful and fulfilling for them.

Our local linkers Wendy and Jenny are based at the Intereach office in Jerilderie, but regularly out and about in the community, and are available to meet at a place of your choice. They assist people to connect to their community by addressing their barriers, discovering their individual passions and planning towards living the life they want to live.

If you or someone you care for lives with a barrier or disability, phone us for a chat. We will support you to explore possibilities, initiate connections and access resources in your community.

Contact your local linker
Wendy Johnston or Jenny Bright
Phone: 03 5890 5200
www.intereach.com.au

Housekeeping

Tissues
Our tissue supplies are low. It is asked that each family please send in a box of tissues for use in the classroom. Thank you for your donation!!
Starting School: The first few weeks

As your child settles in to school:

- they may be tired at the end of the day. Don't plan too many after-school activities; make sure they have time to rest and for free play.
- they may be 'starving' after school. Take a healthy snack when you pick them up. Try giving them an early dinner as they may be too tired to eat later.
- they may want to tell you all about their day as soon as they see you. Be available to listen. Some children may want to relax first.
- encourage them to talk about good things that happen at school.
- make reading with them part of your daily routine. Bedtime stories are a great way to end the day.
- Some children may wet their pants at school, which can embarrass them. Reassure them that it often happens and is nothing to worry about. Encourage them to tell the teacher. Pack spare clothing in the bottom of their bag.
- Ensure they go to bed at an appropriate time; try to stick to a bed time routine. This will make mornings easier if they are getting adequate sleep.