Twilight Swimming Carnival!

Principal’s Report

Our school swimming carnival will be held tomorrow, Thursday 18 February 2016 from 4:00pm. This is always a great night for everyone to get together and support the students. K-6 students are involved in the carnival, with younger students cheering on their House groups and having some novelty races in the middle sized pool.

Mrs Browning will be coordinating the carnival this year and she will need timekeepers, a place judge, starter and marshal. Please see Mrs Browning on the evening if you are willing to take on a role on the night.

Students will leave school at 3:30pm and walk to the pool under the supervision of Mrs Rhonda Bryce and Mr Gavin Knight. They will be offered some fruit when they arrive. A BBQ will be available later in the evening for a small price.

In my efforts to ensure our carnival did not clash with Finley High School’s swimming carnival, the event has clashed with the PPA Conference and Best Start training. Mrs Rhonda Bryce will be filling in for Ms Taylor and Mr Gavin Knight filling in for Miss Barlow on the evening.

I wish all students well and look forward to learning the carnival results.

Have a great week!  

Nyree Taylor  Principal
**This Week’s Events (Week 4)**

**Parent-Teacher Interviews**

Thank you to all the parents who have attended introductory parent-teacher interviews with their child’s teacher. They have proved a valuable means of sharing information. Staff are available next week if you are still wanting an appointment.

**2016 PPA Conference**

Ms Taylor will be attending the 2016 Primary Principals’ Association Conference in Wagga this Thursday 18 and Friday 19 February. Mrs Rhonda Bryce will be Relieving Principal in her absence.

**Best Start Training**

Miss Barlow is also in Wagga tomorrow, Thursday 18 February attending professional learning on the Best Start Kindergarten Assessment. Mrs Gemma Brockie will be teaching K/1/2 in Miss Barlow’s absence.

The Best Start Kindergarten Assessment is designed to identify each student’s literacy and numeracy skills at the beginning of Kindergarten. It is not a test. It’s purpose is to help the teacher gather information to guide the teaching of your child. The teacher will look at your child’s early reading and writing, their ability to communicate with others, and how they recognise and work with numbers, groups and patterns. Parents will receive feedback about what your child’s teacher has learned about your child.

**Pupil Free Day**

A reminder, this Friday 19 February is a Pupil Free Day in lieu of the Twilight Swimming Carnival.

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Next Week’s Events (Week 5)

Life Education Van Visiting
The Life Education Van will be visiting JPS next Wednesday 24 February. Life Education Australia provides this mobile service with qualified deliverers teaching a positive and preventative drug and health education program that supplements our PDHPE programs. Students receive a work booklet to continue learning in class after their visit.

Sessions topics and a brief outline are as follows:

**K/1/2 – Harold’s Mystery Tour**
Body workings, safe use and storage of medicines, peer pressure and coping strategies, safety and decision making.

**3/4 – Mind Your Medicine**
Safe and unsafe situations, medicines and consequence of misuse, peer influence and friendship, positive communication.

**5/6 – Think Twice**
Consequences of alcohol use and misuse, stay safe situations and refusal skills, laws controlling purchase and use.

The cost of the visit is $10 per child. A permission note is attached to the newsletter. Please complete the note and return with payment before the day.

Cricket Knock Out
Training for the JeriBerriO Cricket Knock Out team will be held at Monash Park, Jerilderie next Monday 22 February at 4:00pm. We thank Ben Nash for taking on the coaching role for this combined schools sports team. The team will play Tocumwal at Monash Park next Wednesday 24 February. The game will commence at 10:30am.

Network Meeting
Principals from across the Deniliquin Network will be attending a Network Meeting with our Director, Mr Troy Mott in Deniliquin next Friday 26 February 2016. Agenda items include an update on State priorities and implementation of the Performance Development Framework. Mrs Rhonda Bryce will be Relieving Principal in Ms Taylor’s absence.

Captain’s Report
Thank you to Mrs Cameron for helping the JPS students for the past two weeks in various activities in the classroom and at Intensive Swimming. We hope you will remember us on your return to Berrigan Public School and we wish you well for the rest of Term 1.

Our Twilight Swimming Carnival will be held this Thursday 18th February. Good luck to all participants. Which house is going to win? Algudgerie or Colombo? We look forward seeing all students and parents in attendance. There will be fruit available for afternoon tea when we get to the pool after school. Don’t forget there will be a BBQ dinner for a small price. Thank you Mrs Simpson for organising this.

We are all looking forward to the Twilight Combined Schools Fete which will be held on Friday 8 March from 4:30pm and concluding at 7:30pm. All students need to start thinking about ideas for stalls, think about what you are going to put in the mystery containers and perhaps clean out your cupboards for treasures for the Trash ‘n Treasure Stall.

Have a great week everyone!

Alex Pata
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 Reminder
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 2016. Please return your note to the school office ASAP.

Classifieds

Social Tennis to Recommence
Friday night tennis will recommence this Friday 19th February at 6:30pm. Any adult or competent child willing to play please contact Sally Simpson 0414 312388 or Rozie Kennett 0427 861772 by Wednesday, so as teams can be finalised. It will run until Easter. If you would like to be an emergency please let us know also.