Dear Parents and Caregivers,

Many parents will be aware that Australian education is in a time of huge curriculum change. Last year a new English syllabus became mandatory across Australia and this year the new Mathematics and Science syllabi are mandatory. These changes will be reflected in the Semester 1 report. We are also developing a new 3 year school plan, which will drive educational priorities at Jamberoo P S for the next 3 years. This plan, whilst still in draft, will be shown at the next P & C meeting in Week 8, Wednesday 18th March. If you would like to assist your child with Science or Public Speaking, the links and tips below might be useful.

Science starters
Did humans live with dinosaurs? Does the moon disappear in the day? Kids love to know the answers to life's mysteries but there are a few facts they often get wrong in the name of science.

Public speaking
Does your child suffer glossophobia? Fear of public speaking is common. Try creating opportunities for your child to present speeches to the family, without putting pressure on them to perform. Here are some tried and true tips to make your child’s next speech a success.

We have a number of safety issues in our playground at the moment as a result of tree roots, stumps and fruit. Many of these will be costly to fix. Suggestions and solutions to these problems will be discussed at the next P & C meeting and I also welcome suggestions prior to this if you are unable to attend.

Ethics classes started today for Stage 1 students and we thank Tania McInnes for coordinating this and welcome our two teachers, Mrs Shelia McInnes and Mr John Bennett.

Suzanne Hammond-Warne

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**School Calendar**

**Thursday 19th March** - Bike Day
**Friday 20th March** - Grandparents Day
- Harmony Day
- Year 6 Expression of Interest to be returned
**Thursday 19th March** - Paul McGregor & Rod Wishardt Day
**Monday 23rd March** - Young Leaders Day Stage 3 Excursion
**Friday 27th March** - Cross Country Carnival
**Grandparents / Harmony Day**

Harmony Day is a day to celebrate Australia’s cultural diversity. At Jamberoo we will be celebrating Harmony Day on Friday, 20th March, along with Grandparents’ Day which will start with morning tea in the Library at 11.00am followed by assembly, open classrooms and a sausage sizzle. Students are invited to wear either a ‘touch of orange’ (such as an orange hair ribbon or necklace) or to wear orange clothes. Please remember that we will still have school sport on that day, so students need to wear sport-appropriate clothes, including their joggers. Their clothes should also be sun-safe, with no sleeveless shirts.

Please feel free to have some conversations at home about your cultural heritage and where your ancestors came from. While Wyalla will present an assembly item that day in honour of Grandparents’ Day, Drualla students will also present an assembly item in honour of Harmony Day.

Grandparent’s Day 2015 will be held on the Friday of Seniors Week- Friday 20th March commencing at 11.00am. Special activities will include Grandparent’s Morning Tea, Classroom Visits, Assembly and Wyalla Sausage Sizzle. Pop this date on the calendar and inform your family members.

- 11.00 Recess and Grandparent’s Morning Tea in the Library
- 11.30 Assembly with Wyalla item and Harmony Day
- Open Classroom Visits
- Lunch - Sausage Sizzle and Hot Dogs – Wyalla P&C Fundraiser

Time to get baking for Grandparents morning tea! Parents who are able to provide a slice, cake or fruit platter for Grandparents morning tea, please let Maryann Dowling know.

**Debating**

Debating is this Friday at 8.00am and we will meet in the Library.

**AFL – Paul Kelly Cup Report**

On Thursday 5th March, Jamberoo was represented at the AFL Paul Kelly Cup by students in Years 4, 5 and 6. They competed in a round robin style carnival where each team played 3 games of modified AFL.

All students are to be congratulated on the manner in which they represented their school. I was extremely impressed with the determination, sportsmanship and teamwork all players demonstrated.

Also, a big thank you to the many parents who supported the event by providing transport, helping organise players and cheering on the sides.

Below are reports written by representatives of both teams.

Mrs Kunkler

**AFL Report from Imogen & Tilly**

On the 5th of March students from Stage 2 and 3 played in the AFL Paul Kelly Cup. We played on Albion Oval. First, the girls played Flinders Yellow. We won 44-1! Next we played Flinders Orange and had another win. The score was 40-8. In the third game we played Mt Terry. Sadly, we lost 7-0. The boys played the final game for Jamberoo and they were down 2 players. Brielle and Imogen played for them. They were playing Mt Terry.

**AFL Report from Mitch & AJ**

On the 5th of March one boys’ and one girls’ team went to Albion Oval to play AFL for the Paul Kelly Cup. The boys’ team lost all of their games but we had a lot of fun! Our first game was against St. Peter and Paul and the score was 42-2. In our second game we lost 81-7 against Flinders A. In our third and final game it was close but again we lost. The score was 26-7. In a nutshell, although we weren’t successful, it was a very fun day.

**P&C News**

Our term is becoming busy with a Bike day on Thursday the 19th followed by Grandparents day on 20th March. Grandparent’s day is a wonderful occasion to celebrate the wisdom and joy of generations in our school community.

How to support your P&C read on -

- Grandparent’s day BBQ - a Wyalla fundraiser coordinated by Jackie Hall. Wyalla parents please see Mrs Xuereb or Jackie if you can help
- A reminder of school fees and voluntary P&C contributions are due. We would appreciate these fees being paid promptly.
- Current agenda for our next P&C meeting on Wednesday 18th March is at the end of this newsletter. Everyone is welcome.

Please email your agenda items to jamberoosecretary@gmail.com, come and be involved.

Regards Susan Mills P&C President

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**Website:** www.jamberoo-p.school.nsw.edu.au
Red Cross Pillowcase Emergency Preparedness Project – Drualla

Australian Red Cross visited our school this week to deliver the “Pillowcase Project” to Drualla students. The Pillowcase Project is a school-based disaster preparedness education program designed to build children’s knowledge and capacity in disaster preparedness. Sponsored by Disney, the program is part of an international pilot currently taking place in five other countries.

From experience, Australian Red Cross knows that teaching children how to prepare for emergencies can help keep their families and communities safe. This project is part of a broader commitment by Red Cross’ Emergency Services to educate the community on disaster preparedness.

In addition to the 60 minute presentation, students have received the following Red Cross preparedness resources:

- Emergency Card
- Emergency REDiPlan Get ready! Activity book
- Househould REDiPlan for parents/guardians
- A pillowcase to create their own personal emergency kit.

To learn more about disaster preparedness and Red Cross work in Emergency Services, visit http://www.redcross.org.au/emergency-services.aspx.

Mrs McCormack will present a mini-assembly item displaying our decorated pillowcases this Friday at assembly.

Responsible Pet Ownership

All students K-3 participated this week in the “Responsible Pet Ownership” program. A volunteer with this organisation visited the school on Wednesday with her dog to talk with students about recognising dogs who are scared, dogs who are angry and dogs who are happy. Parents, your child should be able to tell you what each of these dogs would look like. Students learnt that it is dangerous to approach a scared dog and try to pat it. They also learnt what to do if they met an angry dog out on the street – look down, hands at your side, back away slowly.

Students learnt how to approach a happy dog who is on a lead with his/her owner. There are three steps to follow.

1. Ask “May I pat your dog?”
2. If the answer is yes, then put your fist in front of the dog to ask the dog if it would like a pat and so it can sniff you.
3. Pat the dog on the back, not the head (most dogs like this better).

Many thanks to the Responsible Pet Ownership organisation and Gai, the volunteer who came to our school!

Mrs McCormack and Mrs Xuereb

Cross Country Carnival

Our Cross Country Carnival is fast approaching – Friday 27th March (Week 9).

The permission note for this carnival has gone home today with the eldest child in the family. Please do not miss the medical form on the back and please return the form promptly to your child’s class teacher.

Parents and caregivers, please consider volunteering on the course, or perhaps organise with a friend to share a position. This way you can be free when your child is racing to cheer him/her on, while your buddy ‘mans’ your position on the course.

Many thanks to those parents who have already seen me to volunteer!!

Many thanks,
Mrs McCormack

Virtue - Commitment

You only make promises you can keep. Being a committed friend is choosing your friends wisely, then sticking together through good times or bad. Commitment makes you trustworthy. It leads you to success.
Dragon Boat Crew

After 8 years of waiting, the weather was finally in the favour of dragon-boaters and their supporters last Saturday. This was the day that 20 intrepid paddlers chose to forgo their sleep-in and make their way to Oak Flats for the Festival of Sport event. It was the mighty crew and their diehard supporters from team Jamberoo PS that had the other boats looking on in amazement as, despite outwards appearances, they placed second in 2 of their three heats and managed a big win in the third. This paddling talent was enough to see the Jamberoo dragon-boaters earn a position in the community minor final!

The tension mounted, the land-drills were revised, the wood-fired pizzas quickly consumed and the video footage closely studied to ensure that Jamberoo PS would give their fellow finalists a run for their money. As the supporters chant of love echoed across Lake Illawarra the Jamberoo squad were pumped. What followed was a truly spectacular final which saw the cow-hat clad crew's coordinated count capture second place, missing out on first by a dragon's nostril (or .08 sec, which is probably less than a dragon's nostril), to rank 6th in a field of 18 (and the general consensus was that 4 gym teams shouldn’t be included in our less cardiac focussed community section). This ensured the Jamberoo paddlers could hold their heads high.

Well done to the fabulous ex-students, grandparents, parents, ex-parents and teachers of Jamberoo school for striving and succeeding on the lake. Congratulations team mates 2015 - Jessica Martin, Billy Martin, Colleen Behl, Bob Behl, Kristen Mawbey, Jacqui McGee, Andrew McGee, Lara McGee, Nicholas McGee, Al Swan, Jimmy Swan, Sharyn Farrell, Naomi Poole, Rob Poole, Toby Behl-Shanks, Jade Ryan, Evie Parrish-Gibbons, Kate Harris, Sean Harris, Nat Behl, Sharon Behl-Shanks and our ever-patient reserve Judy Adams. Looking forward to the first Saturday March 2016 already.

Jamberoo Public School P&C Committee Meeting
Wednesday 18 March 2015 7.00pm

- Development of Jamberoo Public School 3 year School Plan.
- A proposal to purchase class set of African Drums.
- A proposal to purchase Choir shirts for SIMF.
- Finalise Nuninoona Monster Raffle.
- Discuss Drualla Fundraiser for Term 4.
- The Entertainment book.
Thursday 5 March 2015

Bell Shakespeare Performance

What do you get when you combine Shakespeare, Andy Griffiths, garden gnomes, Wizz Fizz, girl germs and stinky horrible cauldron concoction? *Just Macbeth! (abridged)* ready to head to classrooms all around Australia. A perfect introduction to Shakespeare for primary students, *Just Macbeth! (abridged)* is a really silly version of Shakespeare's great big gory tragedy starring Andy, Lisa, Danny and Jen from Andy Griffith's Just! series of books, packed into a new pocket-sized play.

**Who:** All Year 1 – 6 students.

**When:** 2pm on Wednesday 25 March 2015.

The performance consists of a 50 minute show with a 10 minute Q & A session at the end.

**Where:** Jamberoo School Hall

**Cost:** $7.00 per student.

Please complete this note and return it to the office with payment no later than Friday 20 March.

Regards,

Sharon Behl-Shanks

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**Bell Shakespeare Performance**

I give permission for my child/ren ___________________________ of class/es ________ to attend the Bell Shakespeare Performance on Wednesday 25 March 2015.

I have enclosed $7 per student to cover the performance cost.

Signed (Parent/Guardian): ___________________________ Date: ____________
CELEBRATE HARMONY DAY IN OUR NEW COMMUNITY GARDEN

Meet the local Afghan and Iranian communities, participate in the celebration by donating a plant and joining us for a BBQ. All Welcome!

When
March 21, 2015
from 11:00 am to 2:00 pm

Where
St. Francis Xavier’s Catholic Cathedral Wollongong (Entry via Market St).

What
Planting, BBQ, meet volunteers.

Wear
Protective clothing, gloves, hat.

Cost
Dependent on plant species chosen at time of registration. Lunch is free.

Registrations Essential
For registrations, plant selection and further information please contact Anthony on 0412 132 183 or anthony@mcci.org.au.
TERM 1 CHOOK ROSTER

| Saturday 14th March - Fagan Family | Sunday 15th March - Fagan Family |
| Saturday 21st March - Nina & Grandma Nell | Sunday 22nd March - Nina & Grandma Nell |
| Saturday 28th March - Collins Family | Sunday 29th March - Collins Family |

SCHOOL HOLIDAYS CHOOK ROSTER

| Friday 3rd April | Sunday 12th April |
| Saturday 4th April | Monday 13th April |
| Sunday 5th April | Tuesday 14th April |
| Monday 6th April | Wednesday 15th April |
| Tuesday 7th April | Thursday 16th April |
| Wednesday 8th April | Friday 17th April |
| Thursday 9th April | Saturday 18th April |
| Friday 10th April | Sunday 19th April |
| Saturday 11th April |

CLASS AWARDS

| WYALLA | DRUALLA | NUNINOONA | BIRRAHLEE |
| Sarah Hall | Callan Mawbey | Eliza Schweitzer | Angus Swan |
| Huon Smith | Max Palk | Lillan Kofod | Madison Mitrevska |
| Lilli Mawbey | Oliver Moore | Ruben Janssens | Ruby Xuereb |
| Jeremy Stiner | Clare Smith | Luke Behl-Shanks |
| Hannah Williams | Miah Buckley | Shaylen Mawbey |
| Ethan McGee |

VIRTUE AWARD

| Lucie McDonnell | Pippi McInnes | Eric Saunders | Kyra Egan |
| Shaylen Mawbey | Joelle Parisotto | Jake Wye |

HOUSE WINNER: HYAMS