Dear Parents and Caregivers,

It was wonderful seeing so many parents and grandparents at last week’s combined Grandparents Day and Harmony Day celebrations. Thank you to Wyalla and Drualla for entertaining us all with their delightful items and to Mrs Xuereb and Mrs McCormack for organising it. Thank you also to Mrs Dowling for organising a scrumptious morning tea, to the Wyalla parents for lunch and to the families who contributed to the morning tea.

Congratulations to our Stage 3 students for their behaviour and cooperation at the Young Leaders Conference on Monday. The speakers were inspirational and Madison and Luke had an opportunity to thank Mike Baird on stage for his presentation. A big thank you to Mrs Kunkler for organising the day and to Leanne Adams and Lucy Janssens for assisting.

The Year 1-6 students were fortunate to be entertained by Bell Shakespeare yesterday. They are an amazing group of talented performers. Thank you Mrs Behl-Shanks for continuing this passion at Jamberoo.

We welcome to Jamberoo this term, four university pre-practice students, Emma Micallef, Isabel Herbert, Josh Keatley and Ainslie Wearne. They are with us every Thursday for this term and return in Term 2 for a block of teaching experience.

Family Leave

Reports in the media regarding principals denying families’ holidays are overstated. The new regulations say we have to approve leave before it is taken and there are forms to be filled in – holidays cannot be blocked or banned. Principals do urge families to consider when they take holidays. The biggest difference is if you take the holiday without using the forms and having the principal sign off it will be recorded as an “unexplained absence”. If the leave is approved it will still appear on the student’s records as an absence (leave). In the past leave such as this could be exempt from report cards and school attendance figures. Students reports will now have to show all days and partial days’ students were absent. Schools are measured on their attendance rate.

Staff Development Day

A reminder that our Term 2 Staff Development Day will be in Week 3, Friday, 8th May. Jamberoo Public School will not be open for students on that day so alternative arrangements for child care may be needed by some families. School will commence on Monday, 20th April for all our students.

Suzanne Hammond-Warne
Rugby League Report

Both the senior and junior Rugby League teams from Jamberoo Public School competed in the gala day at Coombe Oval on Thursday 19 March 2015.

The junior team played five games, winning three. For the majority of these young players it was their first experience at playing full-contact football and they did not disappoint. They played all games with an excellent team-spirit and displayed good sportsmanship at all times, even on the unfortunate occasion when such attributes when not evident in their opponents.

The senior boys played three games, winning all of them. It was a marvelous display for a team playing without any reserves and having had only minimal training. There were some standout individual displays during the day, but generally it was case of a “champion team” rather than a “team of champions”.

The performance and conduct of all boys for the whole day, both on and off the field, was exemplary in very hot conditions. They were a credit to their school and parents.

Ploppy

Rod Wishart Shield and Paul McGregor Cup

Last week, Jamberoo P.S. was represented by four teams at the Tongarra Legends Rugby League/ League Tag Gala Day held at Croome Road Sporting Complex. Following is an account of the day from each of the teams:

Some boys from Stage 2 competed in the NRL Tongarra Legends on Thursday 19th March. Our first opponents were the Shellharbour Bulls and we won that game. Next we played the Kiama Stingrays and we also won that game. Our third game was against the Minnamurra Mullets and we unfortunately lost. After lunch we played the Tullimbar Tornadoes and despite our best efforts we went down. Our final game was against the Shellharbour Stars and we won that game. The boys in our team were Jacob Roulstone, Lachlan Poole, Eric Saunders, Harley Allen, Isaac Contarin, Ethan McGee, Alex Mawbey, Ollie Harris and Jeremy Stiner.

We had a great day!

Jacob Roulstone and Lachlan Poole

Last Thursday, Jamberoo Public School sent four teams to Croome Road for the Rod Wishart League Gala Day. The senior boys team was called the Jamberoo Kingfish. Our first game was Jamberoo Kingfish vs Shellharbour Steelers and we won that game. Our second game was Jamberoo Kingfish vs Kiama Killer Whales and we won but unfortunately we didn’t get to finish that game due to an accident before the game. Our last game was Jamberoo Kingfish vs Tullimbar Warriors and we also won that game. We all had fun and enjoyed the day.

AJ and Dylan

Last Thursday, Jamberoo Public School sent four teams to the Rod Wishart League gala day at Croome Road Sporting Complex in Albion Park. The boys played rugby league and the girls played league tag. We had two girls’ teams, the Jamberoo Jets and the Jamberoo Jazz. We were meant to play 8 games but because it was such a hot day we only ended up playing 6. Our first game was the Jamberoo Jets vs the Gerringong Giants. The next the game played was the Jamberoo Jazz vs the Shellharbour Seagulls. Then it was the Jamberoo Jets vs the Mt Terry Texans. The next game that we played was the Jamberoo Jazz vs the Gerringong Grizzlies. The next game was Jamberoo Jets vs the Kiama Crusaders. The final game was the Jamberoo Jazz vs Shellharbour Spur. All the girls won four games and lost two games. We had a great day!

Brielle Perry and Renee Weir

All students displayed admirable team spirit and sportsmanship. They should be congratulated on their efforts and the way in which they represented Jamberoo on the day.

Also, a huge thank you to the many parents who helped make the day a success by transporting students to the ground, taking photos and supporting and cheering them on. An extra special thank you to Mr Delamont for organising Jamberoo jerseys for the boys to wear and to Ploppy Behl for giving up his time to coach the boys, both during school lunch times and on the day.

Melinda Kunkler
National Young Leaders Day

On Monday of this week, students from Years Five and Six travelled to Sydney to take part in the National Young Leaders Day. They listened to the inspiring stories of five successful Australian leaders and learnt what they can do to become successful leaders of the future.

On the 23rd of March 2015, Stage 3 travelled by train to Sydney. We participated in the 2015 Halogen National Young Leaders Day held at the Sydney Entertainment Centre. We were 25 of 6000 students at the event! We listened to 5 different and inspiring speakers. The first speaker was Mike Martin. He is in charge of the Halogen Foundation. The second speaker was Mike Baird. He is the premier of NSW. The third was Bindi Irwin. She told use about her life as a wildlife warrior. The fourth was Rachel Leahcar. She is 90% legally blind, was a contestant on the voice and came third. The fifth speakers were Dylan Parker and James Norton they inspired the movie paper planes. It was a very tiring day but we had lots of fun. All of the speakers inspired us to be leaders now and in he future. Their message was - GET STARTED!

Charlotte Poole and Inaia Janssens

P&C News

Our thanks to Jackie Hall and all the parents who ran the Wyalla Sausage sizzle on Grandparents’ Day. The school was full of proud students and family members. Our sausage sizzle raised $530.00! A fabulous result for a small school.

How can you support your P&C? Read on.

Draft minutes are available via email, for parents who attended or put in an apology at our P&C meeting on Wednesday 18th March. Please email jamberoosecretary@gmail.com to request a copy.

Voting at our P&C meetings is important $1.00 voting right and $14.00 for P&C Federation membership and insurance voluntary contribution can be paid at the office. A receipt will be issued. Our treasurer is keeping a register of our financial members. Please make cheques payable to Jamberoo Public School P&C. Everyone is welcome to come along to the meetings and have your say.

Term Two fundraisers:

- Mothers’ Day stall on Thursday ,7th May – Organised by Michelle Heyblok. We are looking for a volunteer to learn to run the stall next year. Please see Michelle if you are interested.
- Nuninooona Monster Guessing Competition – Organised by Naomi Poole. Lots of great prizes to be won. Keep your eyes open for more information and tickets early next term.

Term 2 super busy with SIMf, Anzac Day, winter sport etc.

Regards
Susan Mills
P&C President
Jamberoo public School

Strive and Succeed
Bell Shakespeare

Bell Shakespeare was a funny, disgusting and amusing play. The characters made the storyline clear to understand but also added a twist to the play. The play was about 3 students having to do an assignment of their own version of Bell Shakespeare. There were only 4 actors but they each played the part of several characters. They were very funny, had great accents and were able to jump from character to character so easily.
I loved it so much that I would like to see it again.

Holly McGee - Yr 5

Yesterday Jamberoo Year 1 to 6 had the great pleasure of viewing Bell Shakespeare. It was a play of Andy Griffiths “Just Macbeth”. It was a generally funny play that also taught us about Shakespeares play that shall not be named, as we would prefer it that our school does not have a curse, as that would be very impracticable for a school. The funniest part was when.... actually it’s really hard to pick the funniest part cause all of it had the audience in stitches. I’m disappointed that this is my last year of watching Bell Shakespeare.

Luke Behl-Shanks - Yr 6

Yesterday around 2.00pm Years 1 to 6 went down to the hall to watch Bell Shakespeare perform Just Macbeth written by Andy Griffiths. It was as funny as a tickle. There were four actors Lisa, Andy, Danny and another girl. They made a potion and drank it. It turned them into characters from Macbeth. We liked Andy’s soliloquy which was as silly as a clown. Another hilarious part was the defense of the wet willy. So that’s some of the bits of this revolting, horrible, silly story performed by Bell Shakespeare. We would love to see them again next year. Everyone watched intently and clapped like crazy.

Nuninooona Frogs Group - Yr 4

I loved Shakespeare because it was funny and exciting. The bit I loved the best was when we met the witch. The witch was funny. She did weird things. I loved it.

Laura Hall - Yr 3

Debating

Debating will still be on this Friday at 8.00am, please check on Edmodo that you have completed your homework for Friday.

Cross Country Carnival

Many thanks to those parents who have volunteered, please see Mrs McCormack at the park between 9.00am and 9.30am to find out your role.

Many thanks,
Mrs McCormack
Virtue - Commitment
When we are committed, people can count on us to keep our promises. With commitment we can achieve great things.

Dance2bfit Performances
All of our classes have thoroughly enjoyed participating in Dance2bfit lessons this term. So that the students can share one of the dances they have learnt, we are inviting parents to our last lesson on Thursday 2\textsuperscript{nd} April (Week 10). Students will perform in their regular class times as follows;

9:30 – Drualla
10:15 – Wyalla
12:00 – Nuninoona
12:45 – Birrahlee

We hope to see you there!

School Disco
We are hoping that all students will be joining us next Tuesday night at our SRC fundraising disco. This will be raising funds for Patrick, our Kenyan sponsor child at Aberdare Ranges school. The money raised will help Patrick to attend school, where he is provided with a much valued education, uniform and two hot meals a day. Please complete your disco form and return it with $5 entry fee by Monday.

The details for the disco are:
Theme - Black and White. You may wear any clothes or outfit that match this theme. Please do remember it will get hot dancing and that you must wear enclosed shoes.

Time - 6pm until 8pm Tuesday 31st March.

Venue - Jamberoo School Hall

Supervision - Mrs Behl-Shanks, Mrs Xuereb, Mrs McCormack and Mrs McGee will be attending.

What’s included - fun games, lots of dancing to groovy music, sausage sizzle and an ice block.

PLEASE BRING YOUR OWN LABELLED BOTTLE OF WATER as you are bound to work up a thirst!

ANZAC Services April 2015

\begin{itemize}
\item \textbf{Jamberoo} – Saturday 18th April 2015 @ 1015hrs for a 1030hrs step off. Fall in outside RSL Hall, Allowrie St.
\item \textbf{Kiama Dawn Service} – Friday 25th April 2015, 0500hrs @ Kiama Lighthouse, Blowhole Point.
\item \textbf{Kiama March and Service} – Friday 25 April 2015 @ 1015hrs, for a 1030hrs step off. Fall in outside old council chambers, Manning Street, Kiama.
\end{itemize}

All students, teachers and parents are invited to participate in any, or all, of these services. Children are encouraged to wear relatives’ medals. To be worn on the right hand side.
SRC Fundraising Disco

Please join us for the SRC disco next Tuesday night. This is our annual fundraiser to raise money for Patrick’s sponsorship. Patrick is our Kenyan sponsor child and all money raised goes towards paying for his school fees and enable him to have two hot meals a day.

When: Tuesday 31st March, 2015. The disco will begin at 6pm and finish at 8pm.

Where: Jamberoo School Hall

Cost: $5.00 per child. This covers entry, sausage sizzle and an iceblock.

Dress: Black and White theme. Come dressed in black and white clothes that don’t restrict your moves on the dance floor!

Supervision: Mrs Behl-Shanks will be coordinating the disco with other staff members assisting with supervision.

Please complete and return this note no later than Monday 30th March so we have numbers for catering. We hope your child can join us as the disco is always lots of fun for all involved.

Regards,
Sharon Behl-Shanks

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SRC Fundraising Disco

I give permission for my child/ren ___________________________ of class ___________________________ to attend the SRC Fundraising Disco on Tuesday 24th 2015 at Jamberoo Public School.

Please note any medical conditions that we need to be aware of __________________________________________________________

Please note any dietary requirements that we need to be aware of _________________________________________________________

I have enclosed $5 for the entry.

Parent signature: ___________________________ Date: ____________
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## CLASS AWARDS

### WYALLA
- Ethan Grey
- Amarni-Lee Martin
- Lucas Fagan

### DRUALLA
- Cameron Aubin
- Jack Woolley
- Pippi McInnes

### NUNINOONA
- Jake Hazell
- Amarli Aquilina
- Matthew Maguire

### BIRRAHLEE
- Holly McGee
- Charlotte Poole
- Matilda Smith

## VIRTUE AWARD

- Zachariah Tidswell
- Williams Fagan
- Annique Burnett

## BRONZE AWARD

- Talia McArthur
- Rylan Aquilina
- Miah Buckley

- Laura Hall
- Ella-Mae North
- Hannah Williams

- Alex Mawbey
- Callan Mawbey
- Ethan McGee

- Kiara Foye
- Matthew Maguire
- Ruben Janssens

- Annique Burnett
- Oliver Moore
- Madison Mitrevska

- Sarah Collins
- Renee Weir
- Molly Parrish-Gibbons

- Luke Behl-Shanks

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Compulsory School Attendance
Information for parents

Education for your child is important and regular attendance at school is essential for your child to achieve their educational best and increase their career and life options. NSW public schools work in partnership with parents to encourage and support regular attendance of children and young people. When your child attends school every day, learning becomes easier and your child will build and maintain friendships with other children.

What are my legal responsibilities?

Education in New South Wales is compulsory for all children between the ages of six years and below the minimum school leaving age. The Education Act 1990 requires that parents ensure their children of compulsory school age are enrolled at, and regularly attend school, or, are registered with the Board of Studies, Teaching and Educational Standards for homeschooling.

Once enrolled, children are required to attend school each day it is open for students.

The importance of arriving on time

Arriving at school and class on time:

- Ensures that students do not miss out on important learning activities scheduled early in the day
- Helps students learn the importance of punctuality and routine
- Give students time to greet their friends before class
- Reduces classroom disruption

Lateness is recorded as a partial absence and must be explained by parents.

What if my child has to be away from school?

On occasion, your child may need to be absent from school. Justified reasons for student absences may include:

- being sick, or having an infectious disease
- having an unavoidable medical appointment
- being required to attend a recognised religious holiday
- exceptional or urgent family circumstance (e.g. attending a funeral)

Following an absence from school you must ensure that within 7 days you provide your child’s school with a verbal or written explanation for the absence. However, if the school has not received an explanation from you within 2 days, the school may contact you to discuss the absence.

Principals may decline to accept an explanation that you have provided if they do not believe the absence is in the best interest of your child. In these circumstances your child’s absence would be recorded as unjustified. When this happens the principal will discuss their decision with you and the reasons why.

Principals may request medical certificates or other documentation when frequent or long term absences are explained as being due to illness. Principals may also seek parental permission to speak with medical specialists to obtain information to collaboratively develop a health care plan to support your child. If the request is denied, the principal can record the absences as unjustified.

Travel

Families are encouraged to travel during school holidays. If travel during school term is necessary, discuss this with your child’s school principal. An Application for Extended Leave may be needed to be completed. Absences relating to travel will be marked as leave on the roll and therefore contribute to your child’s total absences for the year.

In some circumstances students may be eligible to enrol in distance education for travel periods over 50 school days. This should be discussed with your child’s school principal.
My child won’t go to school. What should I do?

You should contact the principal as soon as possible to discuss the issue and ask for help. Strategies to help improve attendance may include a referral to the school’s learning and support team or linking your child with appropriate support networks. The principal may seek further support from the Home School Liaison Program to develop an Attendance Improvement Plan.

What might happen if my child continues to have unacceptable absences?

It is important to understand that the Department of Education and Communities may be required to take further action where children of compulsory school age have recurring numbers of unexplained or unjustified absences from school.

Some of the following actions may be undertaken:

- Compulsory Schooling Conferences

You may be asked, along with your child, to attend a Compulsory Schooling Conference. The conference will help to identify the supports your child may need to have in place so they attend school regularly. The school, parents and agencies will work together to develop an agreed plan (known as Undertakings) to support your child’s attendance at school.

- Application to the Children’s Court – Compulsory Schooling Order

If your child’s attendance at school remains unsatisfactory the Department may apply to the Children’s Court for a Compulsory Schooling Order. The Children’s Court magistrate may order a Compulsory Schooling Conference to be convened.

- Prosecution in the Local Court

School and Department staff remain committed to working in partnership with you to address the issues which are preventing your child’s full participation at school. In circumstances where a breach of compulsory schooling orders occurs further action may be taken against a parent in the Local Court. The result of court action can be the imposition of a community service order or a fine.

What age can my child leave school?

All New South Wales students must complete Year 10 or its equivalent. After Year 10, and up until they reach 17 years of age, there are a range of flexible options for students to complete their schooling.

Working in Partnership

The Department of Education and Communities recognises that working collaboratively with students and their families is the best way to support the regular attendance of students at school.

We look forward to working in partnership with you to support your child to fulfil their life opportunities.

Further information regarding school attendance can be obtained from the following websites:

Policy, Information and brochures:

The school leaving age:

Do you need an interpreter?

Interpreting services are available on request, including for the hearing impaired. The Telephone Interpreter Service is available 24 hours a day, seven days a week on 131 450. You will not be charged for this service.

For further advice and questions contact your educational services team:
T 131 536

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