Dear Parent and Caregivers

The staff enjoyed a fabulous day of professional development on Inquiry Learning last Friday. This innovative approach, which focuses on consciously planning for rich and divergent thinking and involving students in playing an active role in directing their learning, has already begun benefiting the students of Jamberoo. We look forward to showing you the results of this during our end of semester parent/teacher/student conferences. We appreciate the efforts Jamberoo parents went to in finding alternative supervision for your children on this staff development day.

Congratulations to our responsible Year 3 and Year 5 students that have so sensibly tackled the NAPLAN tests this week. The remainder of the school also deserves praise for the way they managed to relocate and keep their more robust activities in check during the test period.

It looks like the wind has worked its magic and the long-awaited District Cross Country carnival will be going ahead in Gerringong on Monday. We wish the thirty one students attending the carnival all of the speed and endurance that will have come with the many weeks of extra training that they have had in light of our postponed carnivals. Go team Jamberoo.

You may have noticed an addition to our student’s leisure activities over recent weeks. Basketball, soccer and handball are making way for the new craze to hit our playground – skipping. The Jamberoo students are keenly taking up this cardiovascular and coordination challenge to participate in group and individual skipping activities before school and in their lunch and recess breaks. This is ensuring that the Jamberoo students will be looking slick and be ‘jump fit’ by the time Jump Rope For Heart day arrives in Week 5.
Next Friday 22nd May is Walk To School Safely day. We encourage all Jamberoo students to walk and commute safely to school on this day. This day of action is an easy way to reinforce safe pedestrian behaviour, develop vital road-crossing skills as well as promote the health benefits of walking, reduce car dependency habits and help create regular walking habits at an early age. We will even turn a blind eye if some of our students from further afield choose to drive, park and walk from Kevin Walsh oval, to keep in the spirit of the day.

Finally, I would like to thank Mrs Carol Xuereb for the seamless way in which she stepped into the role of Relieving Principal for the first three weeks of term. Having been in the job for a total of four days, I can truly appreciate her professionalism and the tireless effort she put in to making this challenging job look easy.

Regards,
Sharon Behl-Shanks
(Relieving Principal)

MULTICULTURAL PERSPECTIVES PUBLIC SPEAKING COMPETITION

As many of you would be aware each year we send contestants to the Multicultural Perspectives Public Speaking Competition. The time has come for those students interested in being a part of this to write and begin to practice their speeches. The competition is open to all Stage 2 (Year 3-4) and Stage 3 (Year 5-6) students. The Stage 2 speeches are to be at least 3 minutes (maximum of 4 minutes) and the Stage 3 speeches are to be at least 4 minutes (maximum of 5 minutes). The final 3 or 4 speakers from each stage will also present a 1 minute (Stage 2) or 2 minute (Stage 3) impromptu speech to select our school representatives. We have the opportunity to send two students from Stage 2 and two students from Stage 3 to the Department of Education’s Multicultural Perspectives Public Speaking Competition.

If your child is interested in trialling to represent our school at the District final of this competition, we will be holding our in-school competition in Week 6 of this term (Tuesday 26th May, Wednesday 27th May and Thursday 28th May). It is open to all students in Year 3 - 6, and we would encourage everybody to have a go at honing their speech-writing and public speaking skills. Our topics for 2015 have been allocated. Please make sure your speech has multicultural content.

2015 Years 3 & 4 Topics. Choose from one of the following:

What is an Australian?
The same but different
Multiculturalism at school
Bullying and racism
Kids can make a difference
Harmony Day
Understanding Others
When does a migrant become an Australian?
Sport breaks down the barriers.
Every family has a story

2015 Year 5 & 6 topics. Choose from one of the following:

Respect
Team Australia
Growing up together
Words can hurt
My identity
The meaning of Australia Day
Refugees
Learning languages
Multiculturalism online
Living between cultures.

I hope that many of you will take up the challenge, following in the Jamberoo spirit of giving things a go. Good luck in selecting, planning and practicing your speech. If there are any questions please don’t hesitate to ask Mrs Behl-Shanks
GARDENING CLUB WORKING BEE - mark your calendar

Just a reminder that we will have our Gardening Club working bee on Thursday of Week 6 – 28th May from 3:00 to 4:00 pm. Our primary aim will be to work on our compost area but there will be lots of other jobs to do as well. Bring your enthusiasm and a hat and come and dig in.

Hope to see you there!
Mrs McCormack

MUSIC NIGHT

Students who will be presenting an item for Music Night were required to meet with me at lunch for a closed rehearsal today. They were also asked to hand in a copy of their lyrics for approval by today.

You are invited to come along to Music Night, whether or not you are performing! It is next Wednesday, May 20th at 6:00 pm and it usually goes for one and a half to two hours. It will be in the school hall.

A special thanks to Year 6 students Aaron Egan and Inaia Janssens who have volunteered to run the sound booth for the evening.

Please see me with any questions.
Mrs McCormack

SIMF DATES FOR STAGE 2 (YEARS 3 & 4) PARENTS

I have just been informed of the dates for the rehearsals and performance of the Southern Illawarra Music Festival (SIMF). Parents, please note these dates on your calendar. Permission notes will follow.

1. Our preliminary rehearsal will be on Tuesday 23rd June at Mt Terry Public School, Albion Park. This day will be a parent transport day.
2. Our final rehearsal (day) and performance (evening) will be on Thursday 10th September. This will be at the University of Wollongong. We will be arranging a bus for the day rehearsal and transport to and from the evening performance will be parents’ responsibility.

I hope it is helpful for you to have these dates so you can make any necessary arrangements. We spend a lot of time getting ready for our big night and your child will be very thankful that there are no clashes in your time table.

Please see me with any queries.
Mrs McCormack

PLEASE SAVE YOUR OLD CDs AND DVDs

Jamberoo families, Drualla is going to be working on creating a recycled ‘bird scarecrow’ for the vegetable garden area in Term 3, and we would like your donations of old CDs or DVDs that you no longer use. They can be any colour and can be scratched. Many thanks to Mrs Janelle Newberry who saw this idea in the Blue Mountains and to Mrs Tania McInnes and Mrs Nicole Poole who are offering to help with this.

Mrs McCormack

P&C News

My Children really surprised me this year with their choice of thoughtful gifts from the Mother’s day stall. One child’s comment was “wow you can have your fancy coffee every day”. I am sure we were all spoilt on Sunday. Please read on.

• Thank you Michelle Heyblok, Nicole Poole, Sharon Weir and Terry Kofod for a very successful Mother’s day stall raising $560.60 for our school.
• Looking forward to this week’s assembly for a barometer update on the Nuninoona Monster Raffle. Thank you to everyone that has returned their sold tickets and money already. Don’t forget you can get more tickets to sell from the front office. We have about 100 booklets remaining so grab your next booklet and hit up your friends and family to win great prizes thanks to our sponsors!
• Naomi Poole is working on the draft minutes from our P&C meeting. These minutes will be available shortly by email.

I will be at Crust and Crumb on Friday between 11am and 11.50am. Please come along if you would like to know more about your P&C or wish to discuss P&C related issues.

Regards
Susan Mills
President
Nuninoona Guessing Competition

Fundraiser

Fantastic prizes to be won in the Nuninoona Guessing Competition.

Tickets have now been sent home. Once you have sold a book return the book and money to the office. Collect another book for more opportunities to win.

We have 200 books to sell.

All funds raised will go towards the purchase of a set of African Drums for the school.

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TERM 2 CHOOK ROSTER

| Saturday 9th May - Sophie & Hannah Williams | Sunday 10th May - Sophie & Hannah Williams |
| Saturday 16th May - Sophie & Hannah Williams | Sunday 17th May - Sophie & Hannah Williams |
| Saturday 23rd May - Ella-Mae & Emma | Sunday 24th May - Ella-Mae & Emma |
| Saturday 30th May | Sunday 31st May |
| Saturday 6th June | Sunday 7th June |
| Monday 8th June |  |
| Saturday 13th June | Sunday 14th June |
| Saturday 20th June | Sunday 21st June |

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Dance Festival

Stage 1 will be performing at IPAC a number of times in Dance Festival Week. Their first performance will be at the Schools Matinee on Thursday 11th June 2015 at 12.00.

I am arranging an excursion for Wyalla and Drualla to watch the performance. We will also have some spare tickets for any students from Nuninoona and Birrahlea who would like to join us. Please complete expression of interest if you would like to go. Cost will be approximately $17.00

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Student’s name ____________________________________________ Class ____________________

_____ Will be attending Dance Festival School Matinee

_____ Will not be attending Dance Festival School Matinee

Signed: ___________________________ Date: ___________________________
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VIRTUE - RESPECT

Elders deserve special respect because they have lived longer and learned many of life’s lessons. Self-respect os making sure no one hurts you or abuses you, even an elder. When you respect yourself, others respect you, too.