Dear Parent and Caregivers

We are all looking forward to the many exciting activities occurring next week as we celebrate Education Week. Good luck to our District Sports Team as they compete at the District Carnival on Tuesday and Wednesday. We are confident your good sportsmanship and cooperation during the day will be outstanding as you proudly represent Jamberoo Public School. Mrs Kunkler will be attending both days, performing official duties. Mrs Dowling will be assisting for part of the day on Wednesday. Thursday is Open day at Jamberoo Public School and will commence with a sausage sizzle for parents and students at 11am, followed by School Assembly at 11.55am and then open classroom visits. Our Education Week Assembly will feature the grade Public Speaking finalists. This is always an enjoyable aspect of Open Day, as the quality of speeches across the school were outstanding and I believe the final placements were very close in a number of grades. Friday is our combined day in Kiama Park with our community of schools. Activities will commence at 10.30am and conclude at 1pm. Jamberoo Stage 2 choir and Stage 1 Dance group will be performing and there may also be another surprise!

Last term the Jamberoo Bowling Club held a Trivia Night and donated $304.20 from the profits of this night to Jamberoo Public School. We wish to acknowledge the club for their generosity and thank them for supporting the education of students at Jamberoo.

Next Wednesday the P & C will meet at 7.00pm in the school Administration Building. At this meeting various aspects of school funding and classification for 2016 will be discussed. We hope many parents and community members will be able to join us to discuss this issue and others that affect the school.

This Saturday you may see authorised visitors in the school as Jamberoo PS is being used as the location for a commercial for Dairy Farmers. Please do not enter the school grounds unless you have authorisation.

We welcome Mrs Bernadette Black to our staff as Librarian temporarily replacing myself for the first half of this term.
Kindergarten Enrolments for 2016 are now being sought. Flyers went out to the preschools last week and I need to enter our student numbers for 2016 very soon so please give us a call or see the front office staff to ensure you are registered for orientation.

This week during staff professional development we looked at educational mindsets. Teachers who are leading the way in the 21st century are not experts in everything but are experts in learning. They are teachers who stretch themselves to expand their own abilities and seek to understand what can work for their students. They:
- embrace change, acknowledge areas for growth, invite mistakes into their life, want to seek feedback and advice, step outside their comfort zone and dream big and ask ‘why not?’

There are changes to what it means to be intelligent. New research has shown brains can be strengthened and weakened in more ways than we ever thought. **YOU CAN GROW YOUR INTELLIGENCE! –IT IS NOT FIXED.** Please take time to read the article on ‘How You Can Grow Your Intelligence’. You may also be interested in a video clip by Eduardo Brickeno entitled ‘The Power of Belief-mindset and success.

Hope to see you all next week!
Ms Hammond-Warne

**Debating students:**
Debating will be held in Mrs McCormack’s classroom on Friday at 8.00am.

**SIMF performance at the Kiama Festival of Choirs!**
Choir families, we have one final weekend choir invitation for you to mark on your calendars: Sunday 25th October. (Term 4, at the end of Week 3) Our school is honoured to have been asked to participate in Kiama’s annual Festival of Choirs. Our choir will be performing during the first half of the show and students will be able to watch the show after our performance until intermission. Drop off will be at 1:30pm and the show starts at 2:00pm. I will bring students back outside for pick up during the intermission at 3:30 pm. Parents need to purchase a ticket if they want to watch the show.

Many thanks,
Mrs McCormack

**Southern Illawarra Music Festival (SIMF) – Stage 2 students**
**Save the Date**
Please ensure that you have Thursday 10th September on your calendar at home for SIMF – the daytime rehearsal and the evening performance, which commences at 7 pm. We will hire a bus to take us to the daytime rehearsal (I will send the note home as soon as I have been given the exact times for our arrival and departure) at the University of Wollongong’s Grand Hall. Families are responsible for transporting their children to and from the evening performance. Students do not need to purchase a ticket.

**Tickets are Now on Sale in the School Office for this Event – two per student.**

Please either pop in to the office and see Mrs De Las Heras to purchase tickets or send in the form below in an envelope with your

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**SIMF 2015 Ticket Orders**

($20 per ticket)

I require __________ (1 or 2) tickets at $20 each. Please find enclosed $ __________

to cover ticket costs.

Signature of Parent/Carer ____________________________________________

Student Name _____________________________________________________
School Production News
Thank you to all our committed actors who are continuing to learn their lines. Last week we have sent home notes to all actors and their families regarding their costumes. As has been the tradition in past years of our school productions, we are asking each child’s family to purchase and/or create their costume. The letter we have sent home details what we envision for your costume and we ask that you try to have your costume prepared and ready by Week 9 of this term so that we can take promotional photographs for the production with students in costume. Please let us know if you don’t have a copy of the description of your costume so we can get you another copy.
Many thanks,
Mrs Behl-Shanks
Director
Mrs McCormack
Props

Parking in the Church
Due to the recent rain the car park in the church has become very boggy and the church has had to close it to parents of the school. So if you see the garbage bin in the drive way please find somewhere else to park.

Virtue - Perseverance
Why Practise It?
Without perseverance, people give up on things easily. They don’t keep promises. When we persevere, people can depend on us to

GOING BEYOND THE FRAME FOR SOUTHERN STARS 2015
Last Thursday saw the official launch of Southern Stars 2015 where details about the theme for this year’s show were announced.

This year Southern Stars is going Beyond The Frame and pushing the boundaries and taking risks with music, theatre, song, dance, staging, lighting and costuming in new and exciting ways.

The show will look beyond what you first see, leading to some amazing numbers including hundreds of students making their bodies a part of an original Aboriginal dot painting, a theatre segment on the ANZACS focusing on those left at home facing their own battles, and a cast of thousands performing the National Anthem.

Approximately 3,000 public school students from around Southern NSW will take part in the two hour show which will be full of music, dancing, colour and emotion.

As in past years, community support of Southern Stars is vital to ensure its success, and the easiest way of showing your support is by attending one of the four blockbuster shows.

It doesn’t matter if you know anyone performing in the show or not – Southern Stars is a high energy arena style show which provides great entertainment for people of all ages. The talent, energy and enthusiasm of our students is something not to be missed!

Over 12,000 people are expected to attend the four performances at the WIN Entertainment Centre in Wollongong on Friday August 28 (10am and 7pm) and Saturday August 29 (2pm and 7pm) - make sure you are one of them.

Tickets are on sale through Ticketmaster priced as follows: Adult $48, Pensioner and student over 12 $38, Student/Child under 12 $27 and Family pass $140.

You can keep informed about what’s coming up in the show, by visiting the Southern Stars – The Arena Spectacular Facebook site or by visiting www.southernarts.det.nsw.edu.au
Library News
Congratulations to these students who have completed the Premier’s Reading Challenge.
The challenge finishes August 14, so be sure to keep reading! Enter your books online, it’s fun to reach completion! See me in the Library on Wed if you need help.
A Book Fair Parade will be held on August 26. This year the theme for Book Week is ‘Books Light up Our World.’ Time to get creative with those dress ups!
Mrs Black

P&C News
1. We are looking for helpers to assist the P&C in running a sausage sizzle for the school Open day on Thursday 30th July. If you can spare a few hours between 10am and 1pm, please contact me on 0412 970035.

2. We would like to encourage everyone to pay the annual P&C Contribution Fee per family of $15. This is made up of two parts. The first being $1 voting right which enables you to become a financial member of the P&C and vote on decisions made at meetings. The $14 is to help cover the annual P&C Federation membership insurance which we are required to pay.

All parents are welcome at our P&C meetings regardless of whether this fee is paid as it is voluntary. However unless you are a financial member you cannot vote at meetings. We encourage all families to contribute so their voice may be heard.

3. Agenda for our next P&C meeting at the end of this newsletter.

4. Federation of Parents and Citizens Associations of NSW Media release at the end of this newsletter
   a. Inquiry into the Closure of Public Schools in NSW
   i. New Classification structure for Schools and Principals from Term 1, 2016

Come along to the P&C meeting to hear from our Principal.
Our next meeting is on Wednesday 29th July at 7.00 pm in the school staff room. Please email agenda items to Naomi Poole at jamberoosecretary@gmail.com. Bring your ideas and enthusiasm and help support our wonderful school.

 Regards
Susan Mills
P&C President

P & C Meeting Wednesday 29 July 2015 – 7pm Agenda
• Opening
• Minutes – Read & Confirm previous minutes
• Business arising from previous minutes
  o Inquiry into closure of Public Schools Media Release – Susan Mills & Suzanne Hammond-Warne
  o Website – Megan Collins & Emma Brennan
  o Quotes for School Hall Stage Curtains – Megan Collins & Jackie Hall
  o Quote for gazebo covers – Natalie Behl
  o Year six farewell dinner – Jacqui Mcgee
  o Wish List from School – Carol Xuereb & Suzanne Hammond-Warne
  o Date for Trivia Night
  o Assistants for year 5 & 6 from University Students – Carol Xuereb
• Correspondence
• Reports
  o Treasurers Report
  o Uniform Shop Report
  o Principals Report
• General Business
• Closing
Calling all spermologists!

Last year’s trivia night was a well attended and highly successful event with over $1500.00 raised for the school.

This year's will feature all new questions, novel games, old favourites and you can eat whatever you bring.

Organise a table (8-10 works best) and pit wits against the rest for glory.

If you are planning on enjoying this super fun night make sure you book now at the office to avoid disappointment.

FRIDAY 4th September 7.00pm in the school hall.

COME ON ...." LOCK IT IN EDDY!"

Cost is only $15.00 per person plus a few gold coins!

Pre pay at the school office to book your table.

The success of this night is dependent on prizes. All donations are gratefully received.

Any business that would like to sponsor the night will receive the patented powerpoint publicity picture promotion that was a feature last year. Phone David on 0403081189 to discuss terms.
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**Earn & Learn**

Earn & Learn is back! Please ask family and friends to collect the stickers from Woolworths when they do their shopping. The more stickers we can collect the more items we can choose for the classrooms.
You can grow your intelligence

More has been learned about the brain in the last ten years than the last two hundred, which leads us to beg the question, ‘What is worthy of knowing about neuroscience in the field of education?’

The article, ‘You Can Grow Your Intelligence’, explores the concept of brain plasticity and will help you to consider some long-held beliefs about intelligence. At the end of this article, compare your beliefs about learning and intelligence with those presented in their article.

You Can Grow Your Intelligence:
New Research Shows the Brain Can Be Developed Like a Muscle

Many people think of the brain as a mystery. They don’t know much about intelligence and how it works. When they do think about what intelligence is, many people believe that a person is born either smart, average, or dumb - and stays that way for life.

But new research shows that the brain is more like a muscle - it changes and gets stronger when you use it. And scientists have been able to show just how the brain grows and gets stronger when you learn.

Everyone knows that when you lift weights, your muscles get bigger and you get stronger. A person who can’t lift 20 pounds when they start exercising can get strong enough to lift 100 pounds after working out for a long time. That’s because the muscles become larger and stronger with exercise. And when you stop exercising, the muscles shrink and you get weaker. That’s why people say, ‘use it or lose it!’

But most people don’t know that when they practice and learn new things, parts of their brain change and get larger a lot like muscles do when they exercise.

Inside the cortex of the brain are billions of tiny nerve cells, called neurons. The nerve cells have branches connecting them to other cells in a complicated network. Communication between these brain cells is what allows us to think and solve problems.

When you learn new things, these tiny connections in the brain actually multiply and get stronger. The more that you challenge your mind to learn, the more your brain cells grow. Then, things that you once found very hard or even impossible to do - like speaking a foreign language or doing algebra - seem to become easy. The result is a stronger, smarter brain.

How do we know the brain can grow stronger?
Scientists started thinking that the human brain could develop and change when they studied animals’ brains. They found out that animals who lived in a challenging environment, with other animals and toys to play with, were different from animals who lived alone in bare cages.

While the animals who lived alone just ate and slept all the time, the ones who lived with different toys and other animals were always active. They spent a lot of time figuring out how to use the toys and how to get along with the other animals.

These animals had more connections between the nerve cells in their brains. The connections were bigger and stronger, too. In fact, their whole brains were about 10% heavier than the brains of the animals who lived alone without toys.

The animals who were exercising their brains by playing with toys and each other were also ‘smarter’ - they were better at solving problems and learning...
new things.
Even old animals got smarter and developed more connections in their brains when they got the chance to play with new toys and other animals. When scientists put very old animals in the cages with younger animals and new toys to explore, their brains grew by about 10%!

**Children’s brain growth**

Another thing that got scientists thinking about the brain growing and changing was babies. Everyone knows that babies are born without being able to talk or understand language. But somehow, almost all babies learn to speak their parents’ language in the first few years of life. How do they do this?

**The key to growing the brain: practice!**

From the first day they are born, babies are hearing people around them talk - all day, every day, to the baby and to each other. They have to try to make sense of these strange sounds and figure out what they mean. In a way, babies are exercising their brains by listening hard.

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Later, when they need to tell their parents what they want, they start practicing talking themselves. At first, they just make goo-goo sounds. Then, words start coming. By the time they are three years old, most can say whole sentences almost perfectly.

Once children learn a language, they don’t forget it. The child’s brain has changed - it has actually gotten smarter.

This can happen because learning causes permanent changes in the brain. The babies’ brain cells get larger and grow new connections between them. These new, stronger connections make the child’s brain stronger and smarter, just like a weightlifter’s big muscles make them strong.

**The real truth about ‘smart’ and ‘dumb’**

No one thinks babies are stupid because they can’t talk. They just haven’t learned how to yet. But some people will call a person dumb if they can’t solve math problems, or spell a word right, or read fast - even though all these things are learned with practice.

At first, no one can read or solve equations. But with practice, they can learn to do it. And the more a person learns, the easier it gets to learn new things - because their brain ‘muscles’ have gotten stronger!

The students everyone thinks are the ‘smartest’ may not have been born any different from anyone else. But before they started school, they may have started to practice reading. They had already started to build up their ‘reading muscles’. Then, in the classroom, everyone said, ‘That’s the smartest student in the class.’

They don’t realise that any of the other students could learn to do as well if they exercised and practiced reading as much. Remember, all of those other students learned to speak at least one whole language already - something that grownups find very hard to do. They just need to build up their ‘reading muscles’ too.

**What can you do to get smarter?**

Just like a weightlifter or a basketball player, to be a brain athlete you have to exercise and practice. By practicing you make your brain stronger. You also learn skills that let you use your brain in a smarter way - just like a basketball player learns new moves.

But many people miss out on the chance to grow a stronger brain because they think they can’t do it, or that it’s too hard. It does take work, just like becoming stronger physically or becoming a better ball player does. Sometimes it even hurts! But when you feel yourself get better and stronger, all the work is worth it!