

Newsletter

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Term 1, Week 9

Principal's Report

Welcome to Week 9! Last week JPS celebrated Harmony Week with a multicultural food day on Thursday. Students and staff came dressed in orange clothing which according to colour psychology, orange encourages both self-respect and respect for others. Throughout the day they sampled a variety of foods including the traditional Aussie Anzac biscuit, damper and lamingtons to Jewish bread and Dutch syrup waffles and pancakes. We were treated to a cooking class from one of our parents, Marwa, while sharing aspects of her culture including some Arabic language. Thank you to all the families who provided food for this occasion. It certainly raised students' awareness and appreciation of the diverse cultures of our school community.

Students also joined in the Big Veggie Crunch on this day. Sincere thanks to Vicki for providing an assortment of fresh vegetables for this event which is designed to ignite curiosity and make vegetables fun. It was great to see students sampling vegetables they have not tasted before.

Students in Years 5 & 6 are invited to write an essay for the annual Anzac Day competition. This year's topic is 'Gallipoli'. We will be dedicating time in class over the next week to complete entries.

Thank you to everyone who supported the P&C Easter hamper raffle by donating items. The ongoing generosity of families and staff provided three amazing prizes for this fundraiser. Congratulations to the following winners: 1st – James Winn; 2nd – Isabella Westwood; and 3rd – Gary Baffsky!

Wishing everyone a happy and safe Easter break!

Have a wonderful week! *Nyree Taylor* Principal

Celebrating our cultural diversity!



Upcoming Events

Term 1

Week 9 – March

- Wed 27 FHS Forensics Day – Yr 6 students
Breakfast program 8:40am
Assembly – Easter raffle drawn
- Thu 28 Easter activities
- Fri 29 Good Friday – **Public Holiday**

Week 10 – April

- Mon 1 Easter Monday – **Public Holiday**
- Wed 3 Breakfast program 8:40am
3-6 Music
Assembly
Yr 5 & 6 JeriBerriO Netball Trials
(Berrigan PS) 3:45pm
- Fri 5 Sport (Skillzone)
Library
Special Religious Education

Week 11 – April

- Mon 8 Breakfast program 8:40am
- Wed 10 Breakfast program 8:40am
3-6 Music
Assembly
JeriBerriO Netball training
(Berrigan PS) 3:45pm
- Thu 11 Yr 5 & 6 Anzac Day essays due
State Swimming Carnival (Sydney)
- Fri 12 State Swimming Carnival (Sydney)
End of term day trip
Last day of Term 1

This week's events (Week 9)

FHS forensics day

Year 6 students from Jerilderie, Barooga, Berrigan, Blighty and Finley travelled to our feeder secondary school, Finley High School (FHS), today for the annual Forensics Day. It was a great opportunity to meet some of their 2025 Year 7 peers while conducting a variety of hands-on experiments with Year 9 leaders. We thank Mr Michael O'Leary for organising the day and Dysons for assisting with transport to Finley.



Easter activities

We have some fun Easter themed activities planned for tomorrow including craft, a robotics challenge and a traditional Easter egg hunt ahead of the Easter Long Weekend.



Student Profile

Name: Lincoln

Age: 9

Favourite food: Chocolate cake

Favourite drink: Solo

Favourite Colour: Red and blue

Favourite animal: Sausage dog

Favourite Movie: Kung Fu Panda

Favourite Holiday Destination: The beach

Favourite thing to do: Play with my dogs.

Favourite Subject: PE and art

When I finish school I would like to be: A farmer



Next week's events (Week 10)

JeriBerriO netball trials

It's that time of year again when Years 5 & 6 girls are invited to try out for the NSWPSA Riverina Netball Knockout – JeriBerriO team. Elizabeth Mehmet from Berrigan Public School (BPS) is conducting the trials next Wednesday 3 April from 3:45pm at BPS. It is important that any girls wishing to try out have a strong understanding of the rules of netball and a strong level of ability. Ms Mehmet has requested that girls that play Saturday competition netball attend the trials. Return transport to BPS is the responsibility of parents. Go JeriBerriOs!



Nutrition Snippet

HEALTHY SWAPS

Swap out processed cheese spread and crackers

Pack sliced cheese and wholegrain crackers



For more ideas see our [interactive healthy swaps page](#).

For this recipe and more visit: healthylunchbox.com.au

 **Cancer Council**
Healthy Lunch Box



School Hours

8:40 - 9:10am Playground supervision starts

9:10 - 11:10am Morning session

11:10 - 11:40am Recess (30 mins)

11:40 - 1:10pm Middle session

1:10 - 1:50pm Lunch (40 mins)

1:50 - 3:10pm Afternoon session

Celebrate Attendance

Hints and Tips No. 8: Tips for Parents



There are some simple yet effective tips that parents can follow to ensure their child has a happy day at school.

Make sure your child has a good nights sleep.

Make sure you and your child get up early enough to

- have breakfast
- get lunch ready
- pack a school bag
- get dressed

Be organised – help your child pack bags and have homework and sports gear ready for the next day.

Be involved with your school – meet with your child's teacher and talk regularly.

- Offer your support and help.
- Read notes from school and reply on time.
- Phone the school if you want information.
- Listen to your child read.
- Show an interest in homework



Missing school leaves gaps in your education

JPS award system

1 Principal's award = 2 Merit cards

2 Principal's awards = 1 Student of the Week ribbon

4 Merit cards = 1 Student of the Week ribbon

4 Student of the Week ribbons = 1 Medallion

Students are encouraged to drop their awards into the box on the office counter once they qualify for the next award category. We will only be accepting awards from the current year, so please regularly submit these to ensure you don't miss out.

Week 9

Assembly awards

Medallion

Congratulations to Lincoln who received a medallion at our Week 9 assembly!

Principal's Awards

Week 8

- ❖ Sahara – Picking and following the tempo in music.
- ❖ Hamza – Consistent application & terrific progress in music.

Week 9

- ❖ Lincoln – Commitment to home learning. Well done Lincoln!
- ❖ Zephyr – Settling in well to the 3-6 class routines and daily school routines.

Merit Awards

Week 8

- ❖ Leah – For assisting new students in our classroom.

Week 9

- ❖ Hamza, Lincoln & Charlie – 100% in weekly spelling tests.
- ❖ Ali – For persevering with challenging tasks.



Opportunity class (OC) applications opening

OC Year 5 entry in 2025: Applications are open 4 April-20 May 2024

What are opportunity classes?

Opportunity classes are one of the ways the NSW Department of Education supports high potential and gifted students. The classes help students learn by:

- grouping them with other gifted students
- using specialised teaching methods so students can learn concepts in more detail and more quickly
- supporting their wellbeing needs.

Most students in opportunity classes enjoy learning with peers who have similar abilities and interests. Opportunity classes are **not** zoned.

Where are they located?

There are 86 primary schools with opportunity classes in NSW each year.

- 54 schools are located in metropolitan Sydney
- 31 schools are located in rural or regional centres
- a virtual class, Aurora College, for rural and remote students is available in over 600 authorised host schools.

Students successfully placed attend the opportunity class full time in Years 5 and 6 at the relevant public school.

In most cases, students who have accepted a place in an opportunity class will leave their current school to attend the school with the opportunity class.

Housekeeping

Should you apply?

If your child learns with greater ease and speed than their classmates, they may benefit from placement in an opportunity class. High potential and gifted children need to be challenged so they remain engaged with their education. Discuss the opportunity with your child and look through the information together on Opportunity classes – Year 5.

If you would like to discuss whether you think you should apply, please contact your child's teacher.

Equity provisions

The [Equity Placement Model](#) helps to make access to opportunity classes fairer for the following under-represented groups:

- students from low socio-educational advantage backgrounds
- Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander students
- students from rural and remote locations
- students with disability.

The Equity Placement Model holds up to 20% of places at each school for students from these groups to support an increase in their participation.

Students from these groups may be considered for equity placement if their test performance is within 10% of general applicants for each school. Learn more about the placement process and the placement test at [Opportunity classes \(Year 5 – 6\)](#).

Ready to apply?

Apply online at: education.nsw.gov.au/oc

Housekeeping cont.



Why Cartridge Recycling Deserves Spotlight in Schools

Recycling programs not only improve your school's environmental footprint but also engage students with the benefits of reuse, recovery, and recycling. This fosters positive behaviours in our students, encouraging them to think about sustainability in their daily lives.

The Current Challenges

While our society becomes more digital-focused, printing remains a vital piece of the education space. From the creation of teaching materials, posters, to various office administration and paperwork. Sadly, many cartridges end up in landfill, contributing to environmental issues. Close the Loop can assist your school in addressing this challenge through our Cartridge Recycling Program.

The Benefits of Cartridge Recycling with Close the Loop



FREE Program:

No cost to your school. Just sign up and start recycling!



Sustainability goals

By keeping materials in use, you actively reduce waste sent to landfill, aligning with your school's sustainability goals



Engage Students



Certificates of Impact

How It Works:

Any of these print cartridge brands can be recycled through the free program, as they fund the recycling process!



Collect Cartridges: Collect used cartridges in your schools, and encourage students and staff to also bring in used cartridges from their homes. After that, when your cartridge recycling box is full, please book a pick up. It's simple and free.

To book a pick up

Regional Schools: Simply drop off your full bag of used cartridges to Aus Post.

Metro Schools: You can book a pick up with several options below:



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Email us at info@closetheloop.com.au and quote your Contact ID



Call our friendly team on 1800 24 24 73 and quote your Contact ID



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NSW Department of Education

2024 NSW Premier's Reading Challenge

Start reading now!

www.premiersreadingchallenge.nsw.edu.au



**Key dates
for students
in K-10:**

Challenge opens
Monday 26 February

Challenge closes
for student entries
Friday 23 August





**SAVE
THE
DATE**



**JERILDERIE PUBLIC
SCHOOL P&C**

**TRIVIA
NIGHT**



**Saturday,
May, 18**

Classifieds cont.

Jerilderie Good Friday Golf & Bowls Day

The 34th Annual Good Friday Appeal is being held at the Jerilderie Sports Club on Friday 29th March.

The committee are looking for some helpers to ensure that the day runs smoothly. We are looking for helpers with the following:

- Tin Rattling around town (meet at Sports Club at 9.30am)
- Selling raffle tickets at the Sports Club during the day
- Helping from 5pm at the Sports Club i.e. spinning wheel, auction, raffles, etc

Please contact Mandy Catena on mobile 0427 078 195 or catena@ww.catholic.edu.au if you are able to help.

All support is very much appreciated with all proceeds going to the Good Friday Appeal.

Thank you.



Murrumbidgee
COUNCIL

Autumn Youth Activities

April 15

**Read the Play
Jerilderie**

April 17

**Youth Week Paintball
Bus trip to Wagga**

April 22

**Read the Play
Coleambally**

April 24

**Youth Roller Disco
Darlington Point**

Youth Week



TRIVIA



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EVERY DAY COUNTS...

A day here or there doesn't seem like much, but...

When your child misses just...	that equals...	which is...	and therefore, from Kindy to Year 12, that is...	This means that the best your child can achieve is...
1 day each fortnight	20 days per year	4 weeks per year	Nearly 1 ½ a years of school	Equal to finishing Year 11
1 day a week	40 days per year	8 weeks per year	Over 2 ½ years of school	Equal to finishing Year 10
2 days a week	80 days per year	16 weeks per year	Over 5 years of learning	Equal to finishing Year 7
3 days a week	120 days per year	24 weeks per year	Nearly 8 years of learning	Equal to finishing Year 4

Give your child every chance to succeed...

Every day counts!

