Holiday School Watch

With school holidays starting next Friday, we need everyone to look out for after-hours crime in our school. If you see anything suspicious, please don't attempt to intervene. Call the School Watch number - 13 17 88. The School Watch Program is a partnership between Education Queensland, the Queensland Police Service and the State Government Protective Security Service. It aims to reduce vandalism, theft and arson in Queensland schools. Let's work together to help create a safer school community.

Community Notices

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Week 10 Term 1 2017

‘Jimbour State School’s Explicit Improvement Agenda for 2017 is the Teaching of Writing with a sharp focus on sentence structure during term 1.’

Principal’s Pen

Dear Parents, Caregivers and Community members,

WEATHER WARNING - There are reports of heavy rainfall beginning tomorrow and into Friday for our area which may cause flooding. Please keep an eye on weather warnings and possible rising creeks and floodway’s during school hours. If flooding looks imminent, students who travel via school bus will be sent home early on the bus and parents will be notified whilst other parents may choose to pick up students early.

End of term assessments - I have been very happy with the progress of our students during term 1. We have seen a good improvement in reading levels, our mathematical knowledge and understanding and our writing skills. As some people have seen, the improvement of many of our students in writing has been great. I firmly believe that the Quick Writes program we have introduced this year has had a positive effect here. Well done to the students for their effort in Term 1.

NAPLAN - is on in week 4 next term from the 9-11 May. As we did last year we will be treating these tests as ‘business as usual’ and part of what we do at school. These tests have become much more relevant for us know that we are getting the data back quickly and can look for areas we need to work on in our students learning. I have previously been asked about having a NAPLAN breakfast for the students. I have always stayed away from this because we are trying not to make our students stress about these tests. As soon as a school has a breakfast for NAPLAN they are saying that this is something different and more important for your learning and children naturally begin to become a little more stressed. I do think it is very important for the students to have a good breakfast on these days but think this is best done in the normal routine of home.

One down - Term 1 is drawing to a close and I would like to thank everybody for your support to help improve the learning outcomes for all our students. The students are all aware that it is a team effort between home and school to improve themselves as young people. When the students are happy and see that they are supported by everyone around them they learn best. Please have a happy and safe school holiday break with your families and I look forward to seeing you back on Tuesday, 18 April.

Coding and robotics - our trip to the Dalby library to look at the coding and robotics a couple of weeks back was a great success. The children got to look at and try some very interesting activities with the items that had been brought in. The only problem was they didn’t get to see all the items in their small groups. It was also great to get a positive response from the volunteer in the art gallery. All of our students moved sensibly around the art gallery looking at some of the wonderful work and they were a credit to our school in the way they behaved. Well done to you all!
**Principal's Pen Cont.**

**Tee ball carnival** - last Friday the senior students went to Bowenville to play softball. I am saying this a lot today but once again our student’s behaviour, sportsmanship and respect shown to everyone was first class. They competed hard in each game and learnt many new skills which is also important. A great day was had by all who attended.

**Cross Country** - at time of writing we had not attended the Bell Cross Country. Good Luck to all our students and I hope to see you put in your best effort on the day.

**Upcoming Events** - Please keep an eye on the ‘date claimers’ section of the newsletter to know what is coming up.

**Same day contact** - if your child or children are going to be away please make contact with us at school by 9:30am. If we have not heard from you one of the staff will ring to check in with you. Please be aware that this is an Education Department policy that we make contact and is about the safety of the students. We just need to be aware that students are where they should be. Thanks in advance for your support on this.

Enjoy your holidays and we look forward to seeing everyone in Term 2.

Darin May

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**Curriculum**

We have had such a fantastic first term in the P-2 class. Lots of great new achievements for all the children. The final week will be used to complete lessons and finish off work in subject areas of Health and Science. We will continue briefly into next term on these same units then change once I feel all content is complete. We will be revising our sentence structure in C2C English and addition using the part whole concept for 1’s and 2’s in Maths and numbers up to 9 for the preppies. The Preppies will continue to do letter and sound work over next term as we still have about 8 consonants left to complete in the alphabet and a few vowels, then we will start working on the vowels again understanding that they have more than one sound. Oh how I love that the boys are knowing their rhymes with the letters. Please feel free to watch this youtube clip for a great alphabet song “Letters that I need to know” (Somebody that I used to know – Gotye Parody).

Homework will continue next term and the prep parents will notice more of a change as their child will be bringing home more magic words and letter sounds that they will have to revise. It was great to have a full planning day on Tuesday with Darin so we are both consistent in our teaching of the curriculum and keeping our timetables similar however allowing me to also put in my own flare into the day. I love art, colour, glitter and dancing and every chance I get to be able to incorporate that into the children’s learning the better. The behaviour in the P-2 room has been splendid and all children are working hard to achieve their Jimbour Jewels. The Easter hunt is a great behaviour reward so I congratulate those children who will attend on their fantastic behaviour all term.

Swimming will finish on Thursday and we will be ready for a new lot of exercise and fun activities in PE next term.

Have a safe and enjoyable Easter with friends and family.

See you all next term

Angela Reed

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**P&C Tuckshop - Each Friday**

**Week 10:**

**Uniforms**

If anyone is interested in ordering a zip up Jimbour State School Jacket, please contact Gemma Campbell on 0488 740 970 by first week of term 2 before orders are placed. Jacqui Newton has 6 x size 12 brand new bottle green jumpers for sale @ $10 each. Please see the school office if you are interested.

**PBL**

**Rewards Day** - Students who have received 30 or more Jimbour Jewels will partake in our end of term rewards day this Friday which will revolve around Easter Activities and an Easter Egg hunt. Congratulations to our students who have shown expectations and positive behaviours through our Positive Behaviour Learning to have received their 30 or more Jimbour Jewels for term 1.

**Cross Country**

Our Jimbour Students participated in the Annual Bell & District Cross Country today and once again, our students did Jimbour proud. Congratulations to the following students who were awarded Age Champions:

Ryan Newton - 12 years Boys
Sarah Hession - 10 years Girls
Isaac Windsor - 8 years Boys
Ariana May - 7 years Girls
Kade Windsor - 5 years Boys

**Student Awards**

**Banking Awards**

**Student of the Week**

**T-Ball Carnival**

Thank you Bowenville SS for hosting another great carnival for our students to attend.

**Coding & Robotics**