Dear Parents, Caregivers and Community members,

Holidays - I hope you had an enjoyable break with your families. It was great to see everyone back and ready to work last week.

Anita Archer - I attended the conference with Dr Anita Archer in the holidays and she was very inspiring and extremely knowledgeable. She brought back many teaching strategies that can be used that I have not used in a while. She was very big on how to make students retain the knowledge they are learning and the approaches to doing this. I have already spoken with the students about some of these ideas.

Woolworths Earn and Learn - we had a final count of 77 books! This was an amazing effort for us and we have submitted our information. In a few weeks I should be able to let everyone know what we are able to purchase. Thanks for all your effort.

Book Fair - will be here until Friday. Thanks to all the people who have already purchased books.

Book Fair Dress Up - will be held on Friday. This is to celebrate having book fair. Students can dress up as their favourite book character and can bring a copy of the book. If they don’t have the book please let us know and we can check the library. This is just to enjoy the books and reading so please do not go out and spend money on costumes. It is all about the enjoyment of the day.

Student Free Day - next Monday, 16 October is a Student Free Day. On this day the staff will be at Dalby State High School for Professional Development and the moderation of writing. This entails sitting with teachers of similar year levels and confirming that all children in our area are being judged the same on their writing. This can be a long process when we look at so many pieces of writing. Jimbour State School will be closed for this day.

Upcoming Events - Please keep an eye on the ‘date claimers’ section of the newsletter to know what is coming up. It has reached that time in the term when I have a number of cluster and regional meetings to attend. This is because other staff are not on site as early as I am but we will have someone there for the bus at around 8:15am. The following dates are meetings that I am currently aware of:

- Thursday, 12 October.
- Friday, 20 October.
- Thursday, 26 October.

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Date Claimers

Term 4
- 17, 24, 31 Oct, 7 Nov - School Swimming
- 9-13 October - Book Fair
- 13 October - Book Character Dress up Day
- 16 October - Pupil Free Day - School Closed
- 16 October - No Playgroup
- 2 November - Arts Council
- 3 November - Jondaryan Cricket Carnival
- 7 December - Awards Night
- 8 December - Clean up Day

School Holidays
- 9th Dec to 21st Jan

Term 1
- 22 Jan - Term 1 Begins

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Jimbour State School’s Explicit Improvement Agenda for 2017 is the Teaching of Writing with a sharp focus on sentence structure during term 4.
Principal’s Pen Continued…

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.

Have a great fortnight.

Darin May

Student Awards

Congratulations to the following student’s who received awards this past fortnight:

Week 1 Students of the Week “For showing great work habits to start the term.” Paige & Frank.

Mathletics Awards: Paige, Alex, Ariana, Hamish, Keilan & Tabitha.

Reading Eggs Awards: Chloe, Paige, Alec, Kade & Ariana.

Olympian Visit

Thank you to Australian Olympic & Commonwealth Game Swimmer Keryn McMaster for visiting Jimbour SS last week and discussing with students the importance of healthy eating, being disciplined and chasing goals.

Keryn made her Olympic debut in the 2016 Rio Olympic Games and came 4th in her heat for the 400m Individual Medley placing her 10 out of 33 overall. She also swam at the Glasgow Commonwealth Games in 2014 winning the bronze medal also for the 400m Individual Medley.

2017 Attendance Rate

94.5%

Goal Attendance Rate- 96%

School Swimming

Swimming lessons has commenced for all students in Week 2, Term 4 each Tuesday for 5 consecutive weeks and take place at Dalby Aquatic Centre on the following dates:

Tuesday, 10th, 17th, 24th & 31st October and 07th November

The students will travel by bus to and from the pool. Due to the costs incurred by the school to cover transport, refunds for non-participation will not be given.

Swimming is a vital component of our HPE program and it is expected that all students participate. Our school lessons will be with fully qualified instructors.

If your child is unable to participate in a particular lesson then we will require a written note from the parent/guardian prior to the lesson. Those students not participating will be given alternative school work to complete under supervision.

P-2 Science Experiment on Forced Push & Pull

The P-2 class had a great science lesson last week with parachutes that they made. We trialled them from heights & then took them out on the oval and experimented with how they work if there was no air in the bag at all.

They all tell me they are experts with their knowledge on push and pull forces. This experiment has further expanded the children’s discussions on other experiments that we will conduct over the next few weeks. The children now want to know how to keep their objects safe from harm as it drops onto the ground as well as why some objects hit the ground harder than others from different heights.

Book Fair

Book fair is open until Friday, 13th October with the library open from 8:30am - 9am and 3pm - 3:30pm. Jimbour SS also welcomes the wider community to come and view or purchase from our book fair.

2018 Planning

- If you have or know of a child enrolling for 2018, please let the office know as soon as possible.
- If you know you are NOT RETURNING to Jimbour in 2018 (apart from our current year 6’s), please let the office know as soon as possible.

This will assist the school in forward planning for 2018 classes and staffing as HR have changed the timelines for staffing.

For further information, please contact the school on 46636120 or email the.principal@jimbourss.eq.edu.au

Prep Open Days

Do you have or know of anyone who has a child turning 5 before the 30th June, 2018? All Pre-Prep students interested in attending Jimbour State School are invited to join us for “Get Ready For Prep!”

Pre-Prep Students will join our school for a morning of fun and activities from 8:45am - 11:00am on the following dates:

Thursday, 26th October, 2nd, 9th, 16th & 23rd November.

We look forward to working with any new Prep students and parents in 2018.