Community Notices

PLAYGROUP @
JIMBOUR STATE SCHOOL
Every Monday morning 9-11 am
ALL children under 5 welcome
Only $3 per session

Trash & Treasure Market &
Sausage Sizzle
Bell RSL Hall
Ensor Street, Bell
Sunday, 4th December, 2016
8:00am – 12noon
Market Stalls available for $10.00
There will be stalls selling garden tools, skincare products, jewellery, plants, Christmas gifts plus much, much more
Intending stall holders please contact Edna McLean, mobile 0429 631 240

Week 8 Term 4 2016
Principal’s Pen

Dear Parents, Caregivers and Community members,

Firstly this week I’d like to welcome Courtney Sinclair and Tyler Weymouth from QUT Caboolture who are joining us this week. It is a great experience to come to in a small rural school and we hope you take away a lot of great information and ideas from your time with us and come back west when you complete your studies. Also a big Thank-you to the Hansen family for helping with accommodation while Courtney and Tyler are here. It is greatly appreciated.

This Friday is White Ribbon Day and it is being strongly promoted and supported by Education Queensland. This day provides an important opportunity for all of us — and for men in particular — to stand up, speak out and act to prevent violence against women. Violence against women is never acceptable and needs to be eliminated. We all have a responsibility to speak out against it. Schools, workplaces and individuals can help reduce violence against women by demonstrating respect for women and girls and by modelling and valuing healthy, respectful relationships. As a number of you would be aware this is an issue that I am passionate about supporting. During this week I will speak to the students about this topic and the importance of accepting and respecting everyone. This information will be from Education Queensland’s Respectful Relationships education units.

Our Year 6’s are currently organising their end of year presentation for awards night. Just a quick note to parents of these students that if you have some old photos from previous schools that you would like to send in for their presentations it would be greatly appreciated. Of our 4 students we only have 1 who has completed all their schooling at Jimbour!

Please keep an eye on the calendar for upcoming events including awards night. We are fast approaching the end of the year with lots of things happening. Also next Tuesday is the full day visit for our Year 6’s to Dalby State High School. Students will make their own way to the high school for a 9am start and make their own way home at 3pm. One option for this will be the bus.

We have our second Prep Open day this Thursday. If you know of any other people looking for options for 2017 please ask them to contact us and to come along on Thursday to see how things work at Jimbour. Last week was a very good morning for these students. Also this week we have visitors from Bush Kids coming to speak to the parents while the children are in the classroom. This will be some great information for parents of children starting school.

Congratulations to our P&C, and in particular to Loren Baron for successfully receiving a $5000 grant from Cotton Australia. This money will go towards getting an irrigation system set up to our gardens. This will make it so much easier for us to use them and will be a great asset to the school. Well done.

Have a great fortnight and only 2 ½ weeks to go.

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Wow what a busy Term it has been so far. The P-2 classroom is still working very hard in all areas of learning. We have been consolidating lots of Maths concepts and will continue to do so throughout the last few weeks of this term and review our literacy task of information reports as well. I feel the children have had a superb year of learning and developing and I commend them for their constant willingness to be ready and give things a go. All assessment items have been completed and the final reports are in construction. I will miss seeing the Grade 2’s next year but I feel they are ready to tackle the challenges ahead in Grade 3 in the upper classroom. Best of Luck boys!

I was lucky enough to work with our 2 new Prep children for 2017 last Thursday morning and had such a fantastic time. We still have another 2 prep transition mornings which will be super fun and I hope Kade and Beau come back this Thursday ready for some more ‘BIG SCHOOL’ activities.

We have mostly completed our units in the following key learning areas of Science, Health, and Media Arts. We are still observing our garden and the plants we have planted. As a part of our Science unit we were to observe how plants grow in different soil types. We have some cotton plants and mung beans as our two main plants that we are observing. Together we set up a water roster which also includes weeding the area. The children love seeing the plants develop from the seed they planted to now quite large seedlings.

Thank you to Loren Barron who helped in the classroom with the children working on their PowerPoint media art presentation on a chosen family event. It was great to have an extra set of hands to help guide the children with technology. Over the next few weeks the children will also get another chance to do a Christmas Powerpoint that they will firstly design then construct.

Our health unit has been on Manners and Emotions and Ways to keep ourselves clean and safe. This information is very real to the children and they all have a very good understanding of it. I am proud that they are remembering to use their manners at school and very rarely need to be reminded. Well Done P-2!

PE is going great with our time being used at the Dalby pool to develop our swimming skills. The older group have been doing some lifesaving skills in the 50m pool which they have enjoyed. It is such a fabulous chance to give the children exposure to the water and necessary skills to be water confident. The Dalby swimming pool, Bell State School Pool and Jandowae swimming pool all offer lessons. If you are interested in any of these venues please come and see me for further information regarding outside of school learn to swim lessons.

The last few weeks we will be getting into some Christmas craft activities. They have been asking already to start some. I love this time of year with the students. They have all improved so much and its fabulous to see the results. We have been starting to get into our end of year class Dance to ‘Schools out for Summer’ by Alice Cooper. Its a bit of a rock song and for the Christmas Tree evening they will have to wear some black clothes for that item.

A note will go out about this closer to the date.

Also I would like to offer some parent teacher interviews on the afternoon of the 29th of November from 3:00 - 4:00 pm. It will be a brief chat to show you some work samples and have a catch up with those mums/dads who would like to. Please return letters if you would like an interview. These will take place in my classroom.

I’d like to take this chance to say Thank You for your continual support in 2016. I love working at Jimbour State School.

**Curriculum by Angela Reed**

*Week 8: Mrs Hansen*

Bacon & Potato Salad $3.00

*Week 9: Mr Nugent*

Sausage Combo (seconds available) - with drink, ice block & home bake $6.00

**Pre Prep Transition Days**

If your child is attending or you are considering them attending Jimbour State School in 2017, we are holding 3 Pre Prep Days on Thursday 24th November & Friday 02nd December (date change due to clash of school excursion) 2016 from 9am - 11am and lunch from 11am - 11:40am.

This is a wonderful opportunity for you and your child to visit and experience the classroom and school setting.

Please register your interest for our Pre Prep Days by emailing Kylie at admin@jimbours.eq.edu.au

For more information please contact our school office on 46 636 120.

**End of Year Concert**

Jimbour State School would like to invite Families and the Community to this year’s concert which will be on Thursday 08th December from 6:00pm. The concert will be a celebration of learning throughout the year. Students will be performing a number of songs, plays and dance and the following awards will be presented:

**Rodney Ferguson Perpetual Trophy**

Criteria – Displayed outstanding academic achievement in Mathematics.

**Harold Doherty Perpetual Trophy**

Criteria - Overcoming a barrier to learning and improving school performance over time.

**Deidre Graham Memorial Shield**

Criteria – Displayed sportsmanship to fellow competitors, participated in a range of sports with a never give up attitude.

**Marion Alexander Encouragement Award**

Criteria - Overcome personal challenges, demonstrated resilience, never give up attitude, achieved their very best.

**The Frances Harman School Pride Award**

Criteria - A positive outlook on all aspects of school life, good interpersonal and communication skills, excellent behaviour, co-operative, giving to others.

**Principal’s Award**

Criteria - Interest in and enthusiasm for learning, excellent participation in and contribution to both classroom and wider school community activities, sharing of their love of learning with others, curiosity to learn more, striving to do their best, intrinsically motivated.

Supper will conclude the evening and families are asked to bring a plate to share. Families are also invited to bring any portable fans that they may have to assist in cooling the hall on the night.

**Student of the Week Awards**

**Jondaryan Cricket Carnival**