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Newsletter



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2016 Term 1 Weeks 7 and 8

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Calendar

Term 1, Week 9

Wed 23 Mar	Parent Teacher Interviews 4:30pm – 6:30pm MPC Easter Raffle Year 12
Fri 25 Mar	Good Friday Public Holiday

Term 1, Week 10

Mon 28 Mar	Easter Monday Public Holiday
Tues 29 Mar	Year 12 Midcourse Exams commence
Fri 1 April	Art Excursion Canberra

Term 1, Week 11

Mon 4 April	History Excursion
Tues 5 April	History Excursion
Wed 6 April	JHS Athletics Carnival Secondary Rugby League Trials
Fri 8 April	Final Day Term One

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Principal's Message.....

Fraze's Phrase: *The most exciting phrase to hear in science, the one that heralds new discoveries is not "Eureka!", but "That's funny..."*.

Isaac Asimov

Professor of biochemistry and Science Fiction author

Welcome to the Week 8 edition with lots of important information for you.

Celebrating Attendance

We are congratulating students who have an attendance rate of 95% or better this term. This percentage rate is for whole days at school. We have over 80 students invited to the morning tea on Thursday. Nearly 50 students have 100% attendance which is excellent. As a school we are aiming for 91% overall attendance. Currently it is at 86%. I encourage students and families to endeavour to attend school every day possible. Missing school for birthdays, shopping or "just a day off" are not legitimate reasons to miss school. If families need support with attendance, please contact me at school.

Celebrating a Champion of the RAS

Sandra Heffernan has been recognised by the Royal Agriculture Society of NSW as a Champion of the RAS for her commitment to agriculture and promotion of agriculture in education. She will be part of the Parade of Champions at the Royal Easter Show on Tuesday 22 March. Many media organisations have interviewed Sandra, who has been humble in her gratitude and glowing about the support she receives from staff, students, families, community organisations and the agricultural industry. Sandra is the relieving Head Teacher of Maths/HSIE and is the driving force behind AgVision. AgVision is a biennial Agricultural careers day, dedicated to inspire and inform students from Years 9 to 11 of the range of careers available in agriculture, science, technology and agribusiness. Sandra coordinates a team of staff to plan, organise and host over 50 workshops presented by 100 industry experts to over 500 students from across NSW. 2016 will see the 3rd instalment of AgVision in Junee, while last year the RAS partnered with Junee HS to deliver AgVision 2015 at the Sydney showground.

Sandra is a dedicated teacher and has been empowering our students with knowledge and skills to achieve their best for many years.

Mobile Phones

Off & Away. This may be the same for you at home, but it is a requirement in classrooms. We are concerned that student mobile phone use is impacting on learning:

For students: less time concentrating and completing work, gaining knowledge and skills

For teachers: less time to teach, provide feedback and help learning

Thank you to the parents who have been supportive of teachers focusing on teaching & learning, and not mobile phone use.

P&C

Thank you to the parents & citizens who have been able to attend these meetings during the term. Thursday 17 March saw the P&C AGM held. Congratulations to the Executive for being voted in and for the parents in support of the Executive:

President: Ken Pickersgill

Secretary: Julie Shepherd

Treasurer: Rachal Willis

Vice-President: Rachel McDermott

Assistant Secretary: Belinda Vine

Assistant Treasurer: Teri Edson

Uniform Coordinator: Maree Wright

Nominations for Life membership: Ken Pickersgill and Liz Cowled

P&C spoke about uniform, with Maree unable to purchase suitable female blue pants. These pants will be able to be purchased at other stores to best suit the female's needs.

Parent-Teacher Meetings

I look forward to meeting a lot of parents as you come in to discuss your child's progress with our teaching staff. Teachers have important information about your child's learning that can be discussed on this night. Following the meetings, students will be able to stay at school for EMPOWER PM, in the Learning Centre from 7:00pm to 9:30pm.

Tell Them From Me

In this newsletter you will find an information sheet about a school survey that gives us very valuable information about our school. Students will complete this survey sometime in the next three weeks. We look forward to sharing the results when we have the data returned in Term 2.

Be your best. Be respectful. Be responsible

Mr Scott Frazier
Principal

National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy 2016

On Tuesday 10, Wednesday 11 and Thursday 12 May 2016 the National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) will be completed by all students in Years 7 and 9. NAPLAN will assess the literacy and numeracy learning of students in all Australian schools. The tests will be conducted across Australia on the same days for all students.

The results of the tests will provide important information to schools about what each student can do and will be used to support teaching and learning programs. Parents will receive a report indicating their child's level of achievement and will be able to compare their child's performance against the national minimum standard.

If for any reason you wish to exempt your child from NAPLAN testing, please notify the school office as soon as possible.

Mr Peter Bryan
LAST

The Family Referral Service

The Family Referral Service and Education have partnered to provide greater access to services for local communities.

The Family Referral Service is aimed at assisting families to link into various support services. These may include;

- Housing and accommodation
- Financial assistance
- Parenting
- Drug and alcohol support
- Domestic violence

- Youth support
- Health
- Counselling and mediation
- Mental health
- Cultural support
- Health and wellbeing

Junee High will host Sam the FRS Family Worker on Mondays between 9.00am – 3.30pm. If you would like to get in contact with Sam phone 1300 307 897, visit the school or drop into the FRS office located at 36-40 Gurwood Street Wagga Wagga.

Relationships Australia Canberra and Region Inc acknowledges the Traditional Owners of country throughout Australia and their continuing connection to land sea and community. We pay our respect to them and their cultures and to the Elders both past and present.



Fees reminder

Student invoices are now overdue for payment. Subject contributions and general school fees support our school to purchase essential subject provisions and learning equipment.

School fees can be paid at the school office by cash, EFTPOS or cheque made payable to Junee High School.

Please contact Leonie in the office should you have any enquiries regarding fees or if you require financial assistance to pay the fees.

Sport News

Given the continued hot weather Junee High School students have been enjoying the facilities of the Junee Rec Centre and our own MPC. Each week students are able to participate in the activities held at the pool, Stage 4 can participate in a variety of sports in the school MPC and Stage 5 play either soccer, basketball or cricket at the Rec Centre stadium. Notes have now been distributed covering the student's access to the pool for the remainder of the term. Notes for the pool are still available from the PE staffroom. If your child has already paid for the sport choices which were selected prior to the prolonged hot weather they will be able to either use the money to gain access to the pool, hold it over for their Term 2 choice or secure a refund from the office.



Regional Swimming Carnival

The Riverina Regional Swimming Carnival was held at Leeton on Friday 4 of March. Junee High School was well represented by Andreas Shepherd, Adam Spackman, Oliver Phillips, Zyon Shepherd, Kirra Duck, Bella Passlow, Abby Foley and Jasmine Phillips. Both our male and female relay teams finished third which was a tremendous effort. Jasmine and Oliver qualified through to the NSWCHS State Championships to be held at Sydney Olympic Park Aquatic Centre. With Jasmine qualifying through in nine events and Oliver qualifying though in his 50 metre freestyle. We wish both Jasmine and Oliver good luck with their training and upcoming races at State.





Year 7 – Fitzroy Falls 2016

We are now moving forward with arrangements for the Year 7 Camp which will take place, Week 1, Term 2 from Wednesday 27 April until Friday 29 April 2016, Accommodation will be at Fitzroy Falls Conference and Outdoor Centre.

This is an "Experience Based Program" with the overall aim of enhancing the student's self-reliance, increasing their confidence in their own abilities, and assisting them in learning to cooperate and work with others through controlled experiences. Activities students will participate in include challenge rope courses, giant swing, adventure games, archery, campfire, mountain biking, swimming and twilight cinema.

It is our intention to have all year 7 students participate in this fantastic excursion, if for any reason your child is potentially unable to participate in the excursion please contact Mr Stokes on 69241666 as a range of assistance and support measures are available.

To secure your child's place and enable him or her to participate in this excursion, please complete the permission and information forms which have been distributed and return them to the school office, with a non-refundable deposit of \$100.00 by immediately.

The balance of payment must be received by Monday 4 April 2016.

For further information, please take a look at the Optimum Experiences website:

<http://www.optimumexperiences.com.au/>

If you have any questions regarding this excursion, please phone the school on 69241 666.

Uniform Shop

Open Tuesday mornings

9:00am to 9:30am

P & C News

Due to the lack of sales the uniform shop will no longer be stocking Girls navy trousers. However we do still have some trousers in stock.

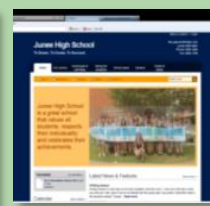
The JHS Winter uniform for girls is still navy trousers or navy skirts – NOT track pants. Navy trousers can be sourced from businesses such as Lowes or other uniform retailers.

Maree Wright
Uniform Coordinator

Looking for school documents?

NEW! Download the Junee High School Skoolbag App

Please note that most of our school documents such as newsletters, excursion notes, information booklets etc can be found on our school website:



You can find us at: www.junee-h.schools.nsw.edu.au

Year 7 Clean Up Australia

On Friday 4 March our enthusiastic Year 7 students participated in a valuable community effort to clean up the Junee Wetlands as part of Clean Up Australia. The students were accompanied by Mr Bryan, Miss Biggar and Miss Meale. Our students did a great job collecting a number of bags of rubbish and found some odd items including a microwave. It was a great bonding experience although a little muddy and all students are to be congratulated on their effort.



International Women's Day



Female students and staff marked International Women's Day on Tuesday 8 March 2016 with a lunchtime celebration in the Learning Centre. Pink and purple foods and drinks were shared and the girls contributed positive affirmations to some group posters. They were also inspired by a range of famous quotes, stories and music from influential women.

This event will be followed up by a Welfare Day later in the year where the girls will be encouraged to do



something to support other less fortunate women in Australia and around the world.

Miss Hyland
Coordinator

Stage 6 Biology Assessment Tasks

We are now well into the first semester reporting period and many classes are completing relevant tasks as part of their assessment schedule. In Stage 6 Biology the students first task is to calculate cell sizes and compare them with other cells.

While using the monocular microscope, Ray Hocking took this photograph of a leaf epidermis showing stomata.

Mrs R Patterson
Science Faculty

General Equipment Reminder

A reminder that all students are required to have the correct materials for learning ie books, calculator, pens and pencils. Upcoming assessment tasks require all students to have their own calculator, which can be purchased from the office. Junee High School is unable to provide calculators for assessment tasks.

Junee High School Uniform policy on footwear is that all students must wear fully enclosed, black leather shoes at all times, except at PE and Sport.

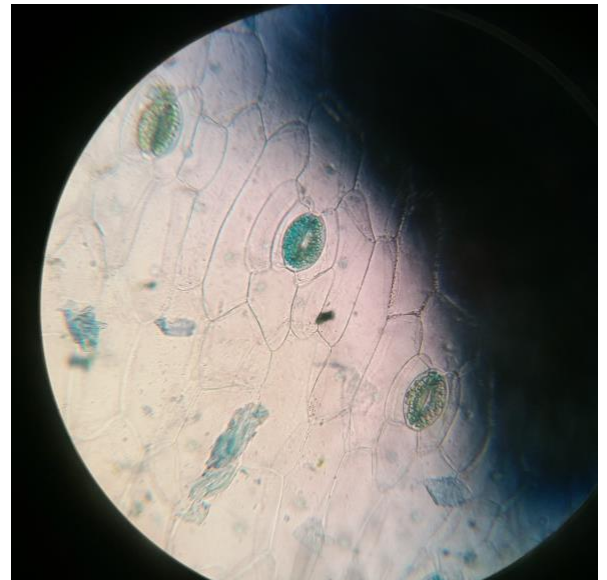
The wearing of correct shoes for practical subjects is for the safety of students. This means that whenever your child enters a practical classroom they must wear **fully enclosed, firm leather shoes**.

Mr P Bryan
LAST

Wanted

Jars with lids; colourful magazines with good quality images ie House and Garden – glossy high quality magazines and ice cream containers.

Ms M Glasgow
Visual Arts



Pink Stumps Success

Thanks to all staff and students who donated to our recent Pink Stumps fundraiser. Although the wet weather caused concern early in the day, with a quick change of pitch and a few rolls of the turf, it turned into a great afternoon for cricket. The teachers were sent in first to bat and set a respectable score for the seniors to chase. The teachers were lucky with some competitive bowling by Mr Frazier and committed fielding by all team members, to maintain the lead for the challenge this year, winning 96-53.

Most importantly, we raised close to **\$400** for the McGrath Foundation.

For any community members who would like to contribute to this donation, our website will remain live for another week. It is not too late to still donate, by following the link below:

<http://pinkstumpsday2016.gofundraise.com.au/page/juneehighpinkstumps2016>

Thanks for helping our school to make a difference!



Child Studies – Guest Speaker and Visitor



Students in Years 9/10 were privileged to have a guest speaker and visitor to their class recently. Miss Hyland, along with her son Teddy, visited the class to share stories of her journey through pregnancy, and what life has been like since Teddy's arrival. It was a great, interactive session where students were able to ask a range of questions related to our current topic, 'Conception to Birth'. Students were shown how to bathe and clothe an infant. The highlight for most

students was the chance to have a nurse of Teddy.

Big thanks go to Miss Hyland for bringing Teddy along and sharing her story with our class.



Upcoming Sport Dates

We are starting to get very busy with sport teams participating in Riverina knockouts for a range of sports. It is important that students pay attention to morning notices, to ensure they are aware when JHS teams are taking nominations.

Upcoming dates to add to your calendars include:

Knockout Dates:

- Tuesday 22 March – 7/8/9 Girls League Tag Gala Day
- Thursday 31 March – Open Boys and Girls Touch Football knockout
- Tuesday 5 April – Table Tennis knockout

Riverina Trials:

- Tuesday 29 March – Riverina Open Girls Netball Trials
- Thursday 31 March – Riverina Open Hockey Trials
- Friday 1 April – Riverina Open Girls Soccer Trials
- Wednesday 6 April – Riverina Rugby League Trials

Parent Assistance

At times we require parent's assistance to transport students to and from sporting events or small excursions in their private vehicles. Our students and staff really value and appreciate the support of our parents.

It is legal requirement that drivers supply us with a copy of their current Driver's Licence and vehicle registration papers. If you are able to assist our school with transportation, please provide these documents to the school office.

Also required is the completion of a *Working with Children Check – Declaration for Volunteers Appendix 5*. This is a very simple form which will take only a minute to complete. Alternatively a *Working with Children Check Clearance number* may be provided. Please contact the office if you require any further information we will be happy to support you to complete the necessary forms.

Open Boys Basketball

The open boys' basketball team competed hard and ended the CHS Gala day with one win from three games. The boys met a tough opponent in Gundagai High School first up, putting in a gallant effort but unfortunately taking a loss. Next we faced Cootamundra High School, with their big bodies making it hard for our boys to close out the game however only losing this one by 10 points. To finish off the day we faced Temora High School and with the nightmare one point loss in the dying seconds last year the team did not want a repeat of this. It was a back and forward battle right until the end but with Jacky Zhao making a great layup while being fouled we were able to come away victorious. Overall the day was a great success with all students having fun and developing some more basketball fundamentals. Jacky Zhao, Benjamin Cook, Raymond Hocking, Ricky Russell, Callum McCarthy, Zander Harrison, Sebastian McDermott and Sunny Zhao, you did the Junee High School jersey proud boys, well done.

Mr Heydon
Boys Basketball Team



Samantha



FRS in Schools Project

The Riverina Murray Family Referral Service (FRS) is your link to support.

Samantha (FRS Family Worker) is now located at Junee High school every week, to help families link in with services that may be of support to them at various stages of need.

Samantha can provide information and access to a number of support services including:

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| ⇒ Housing and Accommodation | ⇒ Counselling & Mediation |
| ⇒ Financial Assistance | ⇒ Mental Health Support |
| ⇒ Parenting Support | ⇒ Cultural Support |
| ⇒ Drug and Alcohol Support | ⇒ Education |
| ⇒ Health | ⇒ Youth Support |
| ⇒ Domestic violence support and advice | |
| ⇒ And much more..... | |

Samantha is here all day Monday between 9am and 3.30pm every week.

If you would like to chat to Samantha please call in to see her at Junee High School or call the school office on (02) 6924 1666

You can also call 1300 307 897 5 days a week. Or call into The Family Referral Service at 36-40 Gurwood Street Wagga



AUTUMN 2016 find us on  **ParentLine** NSW Newsletter for High School parents

ParentLine is a unique telephone and online counselling and support service for parents and carers. We cover issues with babies, children and young people up to 18 years of age, all over NSW. Our counsellors are professionally trained and specialise in working with families.

5 signs of a healthy family
Whilst every family is unique, researchers find there are common signs of healthy families:

- ★ Members are committed to one another
- ★ Families engage in positive communication
- ★ The family spends significant time together
- ★ Members show affection to one another
- ★ The family actively engages together to resolve issues (Duncan 1998)

Our counsellors can help families develop these ways of being together. Simply call us on 1300 1300 52 or email a parenting question to info@parentline.org.au.

TOP 5 concerns in 2015
Last year we were most often asked about:

- 1 Mental health
- 2 Reducing parent/young person conflict
- 3 Technology
- 4 Peer relationships and bullying
- 5 Impact of parental separation and family violence

What do young people need?
Lots of recent research shows:

- ★ Young people want to talk about tough issues with family
- ★ Young people also need to learn how to stay safe
- ★ Young people respond best to parenting that is not unduly harsh but neither is it unduly lenient
- ★ Young people want parents that are available to them even if they don't talk to parents that much

Not sure how to navigate these needs and wants? Our counsellors can help find strategies that best fit with each family and engage parents and young people more positively.

Only the best will do
Parent Line counsellors use research-based understanding of young people and families together with proven parenting strategies to help parents develop more positive relationships with young people. We support parents to find strategies that best work for their family and we provide thousands of referrals every year to services all over New South Wales.

NEW ParentLine ONLINE
We want to make it as easy as possible for busy parents and carers to connect with us and obtain the information they need. We now have Online Counselling via our website at www.parentline.org.au you can email us a question using info@parentline.org.au or find us on Facebook for our latest tips and useful research.

1300 1300 52 7 days a week info@parentline.org.au www.parentline.org.au



Review of the NSW Carers (Recognition) Act 2010

Have your say on carer recognition

The NSW Carers (Recognition) Act 2010 is being reviewed by the Department of Family and Community Services on behalf of the Minister for Disability Services. The review is a requirement of the Act.

Carer forums

We are holding three forums with carers to hear their views on the Act:

Port Macquarie	– Wednesday 13 April 2016, 10.30 am – 1 pm
Wagga Wagga	– Wednesday 27 April 2016, 10.30 am – 1 pm
Sydney CBD	– Friday 29 April 2016, 10.30 am – 1 pm

To register, please email NSWCareersAct@facs.nsw.gov.au or call 8753 9343. Places are limited. More information will be provided on registration.

Other ways to have your say

We have also released a discussion paper and survey. You can have your say by completing the survey or responding to the discussion paper. The survey and discussion paper are open to any interested individuals or organisations.

They are available online at: www.haveyoursay.nsw.gov.au until Friday 15 April 2016.

Contact us

If you want more information or would like copies of the discussion paper or survey, please contact the Carers team on 8753 9343 or email NSWCareersAct@facs.nsw.gov.au.

www.facs.nsw.gov.au

SPORTS GALA DAY & OUTDOOR MOVIE NIGHT
Wednesday 20 April
\$5.00PP (SPORT DAY & MOVIE)
\$2.00PP (MOVIE ONLY)

FUN FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY
SPORTS DAY: 10AM-3PM
MOVIE ONLY: 6:30PM-8:30PM

COME ALONG AND HAVE A TRY @ SOCCER, TOUCH FOOTBALL & BUBBLE SOCCER

FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT NICOLE ON 0422 767 667

JUNEE YOUTH COUNCIL
YOUTH WEEK 2016 8th – 17th April www.youthweek.nsw.gov.au
It starts with us!

APRIL SCHOOL HOLIDAY EVENT
AIRBORNE GYMNASTICS
6-12 YRS

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**Tell Them From Me student survey:
Information and consent form for
parents and carers**



Dear Parents and Carers

In Term 1 2016, your school is taking part in the *Tell Them From Me* student survey. The survey will provide us with valuable feedback on what our students think about school life, how engaged they are with school and the different ways that teachers interact with them. Schools in Australia and around the world have used the *Tell Them From Me* survey to help them improve. The survey is completed on-line and is run by an independent research company, **The Learning Bar**, which specialises in school-based surveys.

Staff in schools will **not** be able to identify individual students from their responses. To ensure confidentiality, participating students will receive a unique username and password. Where fewer than five students respond to a question, the results will be suppressed. The survey typically takes 30 minutes or less to complete and will be administered by the school during normal school hours. Once the surveys are completed by students, reports are prepared and in most cases are available to schools within three business days.

As well as schools getting student feedback, the Department of Education, through the Centre for Education Statistics and Evaluation (CESE), has access to data from across NSW and is running a research project to look at state-wide patterns of student wellbeing, engagement and effective teaching practices. The research is looking at how these things impact on student outcomes, including academic performance. Individual students and schools will **not** be identified in any CESE publications, and all information will be handled in accordance with the relevant privacy legislation. Students' personal information will not be disclosed by the Department to any other person or body other than as required by law.

This research will help schools in New South Wales to better understand how to improve student wellbeing and engagement. It will also help teachers and principals discuss what works to improve student outcomes.

Participating in the survey is entirely voluntary. Your child will not take part if either you or your child do not wish. If, during the survey, your child is uncomfortable answering any question, he/she should leave it blank and move on to the next question. Your child can stop the survey at any time.

If you **do not want** your child to take part in the survey, please complete the attached form and return it to your child's school by Tuesday 29 March 2016.

More information about the survey and the research is available in English on the CESE website: <http://surveys.cese.nsw.gov.au/information-for-parents>

Mr Scott Frazier
Principal
Junee High School

Dr Jenny Donovan
Executive Director
Centre for Education Statistics and Evaluation

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***Tell Them From Me* Student Feedback Survey non-consent form**

If you **do not want** your child to participate in the student feedback survey, please sign this form and return it to your school by Tuesday 29 March 2016.

I DO NOT give consent for my child/children to participate in the *Tell Them From Me* student feedback survey.

Name of student/s:

Roll class/es:

Name of parent/carer:

Signature of parent/carer:

Date: