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Calendar Term 2, Week 3 Tues 10 May NAPLAN tests Language/Writing Wed 11 May NAPLAN tests Reading Thurs 12 May **NAPLAN** tests Numeracy Fri 13 May Zone Athletics NAPLAN catch-up tests Term 2, Week 4 Thurs 19 May JHS Cross Country event Term 2, Week 5 Thurs 26 May` **Future Directions CSU GEO Big Breakfast** Fri 27 May **Zone Cross Country** Term 2, Week 6 Mon 30 May` Year 11 Preliminary Exams commence

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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





Principal's Message.....

Fraze's Phrase: "Your future is created by what you do today, not tomorrow"

Robert Kiyosaki quotes (American motivational Speaker and Author. b.1947)

Welcome to the week 2 edition with lots of important information for you.

Thanks all for the positive start to Term 2. I continue to be impressed with the dedication to the school by so many students, staff and community members. This was especially so with over 50 students attending EMPOWER PM on Wednesday night. These students took advantage of the 6pm to 8pm session in the Learning Centre to receive help from teachers, have a place to access computers and other people, as well as a comfortable space to complete work. Thank you to parents/ carers assisting their children to take part, but especially thanks to the dedicated staff who made this a priority in their busy lives.

EMPOWER PM

EMPOWER PM is held in the Learning Centre (Library) on:

Monday: 3:30pm - 4:30pm

Tuesday: 3:30pm - 4:30pm

Wednesday: 6:00pm - 8:00pm

Thursday: 3:30pm - 4:30pm

ANZAC Day 2016

Thank you to the students who supported Junee HS, marching under our banner at this significant event. It was excellent to see students representing our school and community by marching, playing in the town band, reading citations, assisting in the organisation or being part of the crowd supporting the march. Congratulations also to students who were part of the ceremonies at other locations in the region.

Invoices for Subject Fees

Thank you to parents/carers who have been able to finalise payments for student subject fees. This allows the school to continue running effectively as accounts for materials, equipment and maintenance must be paid.

Unpaid invoices will be posted out this week.

Fees for Elective subjects (Years 9 to 12) <u>ARE compulsory</u>. These fees apply to subjects that students choose. Specific materials are purchased for the student to complete the course.

The General School Fee is not compulsory. However, by paying these fees, you continue to support our school provide outstanding facilities, resources and opportunities for students now and into the future.

Staff changes

Our school continues to have fantastic staff who provide excellent education and service to the Junee and surrounding district.

In Term 1, a number of staff were appointed to permanent positions at Junee HS:

Ms Melinda Hyland – Music and English

Mr Anthony Stokes - PDHPE

Mr Brent Heydon - Technology & Applied Studies

Mr Peter Nicoll - Science

I was also fortunate to be appointed as Principal of Junee High School. I was honoured to be given this responsibility and look forward to working with staff, students, parents and the community in achieving school goals and assisting students achieve their personal goals.

Ms Jacinta Ives will return to Junee HS as School Counsellor in Term 3 after partaking in Long Service Leave. I thank Mr Paul Wetherbee for his work as School Counsellor at Junee HS for the past few years.

Be your best. Be respectful. Be responsible

New warning bells

At the end of recess and lunch time, a warning bell will be rung to alert students to begin moving to class. We are trialling this alert during Term 2 to assist students to arrive to class on time after breaks.

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.

Mrs Rhonda Heffernan LAST

Sport

Junee High School Athletics Carnival

The JHS Athletics Carnival was recently held at Laurie Daley Oval. The day was a huge success and we wish to congratulate the students who finished age champions in their respective age groups.

	Boys	Girls
U/12s	Nick Hogarth	Makeeta Jenkins
U/13s	Sunny Zhao	Grace Fahy
U/14s	Bryton Parkhurst	Bree Scott
U/15s	Charlie O'Regan	Janella Evans
		Jade McCormack
U/16s	Andreas Shepherd	Abby Foley
U/17s	Blake Sutherland	Renee Carr
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Students who finished in the top two places of each individual event (top four places in 100m), will be invited to attend the Southern Slopes Zone Athletics Carnival to be held at Temora on Thursday 12 May 2016. This year we hope to see the enthusiasm continue to Zone. We hope to get enough students to charter a bus for this carnival.

Year 7 Camp report

Year 7's optimum experience to Fitzroy Falls started at 7:00am on Wednesday 27 April. Our adventure began on three mini buses driven by Mr Stokes, Mrs Francis

and Miss Brown. All teachers had able co-pilots who assisted with navigation and communication. During our four hour trip we had loads of fun listening to music, dancing and playing lots of fun games.

When we arrived and got off the buses we were allocated into our two tribes. We then met our leaders, Joe and Anthony and went for a relaxing walk to stretch our legs and look at the amazing Fitzroy Falls. Our accommodation was a short drive from the Falls and here we settled into our rooms and enjoyed a filling lunch. Our first activity was the 'Waiter' game and was heaps of fun, developing listening skills and was a great introduction to camp.

In the afternoon we went on the giant swing which was super fun and it was great to see so many people facing their fears so early in the camp. Our next activity was archery with George and Caleb showing great improvement throughout the session. After some pool, air hockey, put-put golf and table tennis we headed for the recreation hall for a movie and an early night.

The following morning the girls were woken early however, the boys were up well before sunrise ready and excited for new adventures! Breakfast was at 7:45am and once everybody had finished and helped clean up we split into our two tribes. The yellow tribe went kayaking and the blue tribe were off mountain biking. At this hour of the morning the river was freezing cold adding more incentive to stay in the kayak. However given the challenge the instructors set us, this proved almost impossible with most people falling out of the kayaks and getting a very cold shock. Nick won the award for most time spent out of his boat and in the river. Our fisherman Campbell and Jonty, were unlucky not to get a bite. By the time we had finished our morning tea on the water, a spin down the rapids and had a few kayak races, the sun was shining and we were headed back to camp.

Our mountain biking session involved learning bike safety, how to use and change gears and the correct downhill positions. The trails were winding and steep in some parts providing an exciting challenge for all students. The tracks we rode were certainly different to the ones we would experience in Junee.

After more pool, air hockey, put-put golf and table tennis, dinner was served and we were off on a night walk to try to see some wildlife. Against all odds we were lucky enough to see some possums and giving how much fun we were having and noise we were making, they must have been deaf to still be there. Our night walk also involved us stopping, being perfectly

quiet and using our senses to pick up sounds and the direction of the wind.

After our night walk everybody sat around the marshmallows campfire, roasting and telling interesting but random stories.

On the last day we challenged ourselves with the high ropes course, flying fox and the high tree climb with Alistair and Crackers. These activities involved teamwork, communication, self-belief and were fantastic fun.

Overall we had an amazing time and would like to give a big thanks to Mr Stokes, Mrs Francis and Miss Brown for helping make this excursion come to life.



"YOU MIGHT NOT ALWAYS REMEMBER THE OPTIMUM BUT YOU WILL ALWAYS REMEMBER THE EXPERIENCE."

Lexie Pickles and Bella Willis

Mr Stokes response

Thanks to all students who made the camp a wonderful success and to all parents and caregivers who supported the excursion.

> Mr Stokes Year 7 Camp Coordinator

Community News

P&C Newsflash

The next Junee High School P&C Meeting will be held on Thursday 12 May 2016 at 7:00pm.

All welcome to attend. Please come and meet our new parents and learn more about your school.

Items to be discussed:

General business:

- Uniforms
- Fundraising Herbs and Seeds
- P&C Cook Book
- Volunteer Grant
- Working Bee
- Metal Auction
- Junee Show Produce Section
- Mother's Day Raffle

Julie Shepherd P & C Secretary

Interschool Equestrian Event

Trinity Catholic School in Harden is holding an Interschool Equestrian Event on Saturday 21 and Sunday 22 May at the Harden Showgrounds. The competition is open to all children from Kindergarten to Year 12. All entries and details can be found on the Facebook page Trinity Catholic School Interschool's Equestrian Event.





APPLICATIONS OPEN FOR THE UNIVERSITY OF NEWCASTLE SUMMER SCHOOLS!

The University of Newcastle's Girls Choices Summer School and LIVE IT! (for boys) programs, are five-day residential experiences for Year 9 students across NSW.

The programs aim to:

- expose students to the range of study and career options that exist for HSC graduates with Maths and Science subjects.
- inspire students to build upon their potential to succeed in years 10, 11 and 12.

Participants will experience life on campus - just like a real uni student. This involves staying on campus, following a timetable and completing activities inside real university lecture theatres, laboratories and classrooms. Participants will also undertake field trips to local organisations to see their possible future careers in action.

Dates:

4 - 8 December 2016 - Girls' Choices Summer School

11 -15 December 2016 - LIVE IT! (for boys)

Location:

Callaghan Campus, The University of Newcastle

Applications close on FRIDAY 1 JULY 2016

Along with meeting the equity criteria, students should be willing to be challenged by new experiences and have the potential (this may be unrealised) to succeed in their senior years.

All applications require Teacher and Principal support.

Please find enclosed a copy of the information and application forms for both programs.

For more information or to download additional application forms:

Visit: www.newcastle.edu.au/aimhigh

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Regards

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