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# Newsletter



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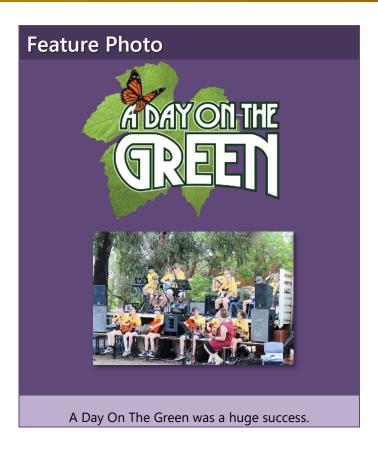
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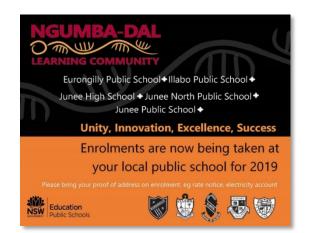
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#### Calendar Term 4, Week 10 Wed 19 Dec **Last Day for Students for 2018** Thurs 20 Dec Staff Development Day Fri 21 Dec Staff Development Day Term 1, Week 1 2019 Mon 28 Jan PUBLIC HOLIDAY - Australia Day Holiday Tues 29 Jan Staff Development Day - NO **STUDENTS** Wed 30 Jan Years 7, 11 & 12 First Day **Thurs 31 Jan** Years 8, 9 & 10 First Day Back

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## Principals Report

Best wishes to all for a wonderful festive season. Thank you to everyone who has supported Junee HS in 2018 to provide excellent teaching and learning opportunities in a supportive environment.

I appreciate all the positive support we have been given

It has been great to represent Junee HS at a number of the Ngumba-Dal Learning Community school's presentation evenings and seeing so many students supported and recognised.

#### 2019 School returns:

**Tuesday 29 January** – All staff, completing training in anaphylaxis and CPR, Code of Conduct, Child protection, Curriculum delivery and school procedures.

**Wednesday 30 January –** Year 7 and Years 11 & 12 meet in the quadrangle.

**Thursday 31 January** – All students return and meet in the MPC. A school assembly will be held, followed by the distribution of timetables for Years 8, and 10 students. Years 7 to 10 students will then attend sport. Year 11 and 12 students can have late sign in at recess, ready to begin their period 3 time.

Students can check their timetables on the Student & Parent Portal in January.

#### Curriculum and Staff

We continue to refine our curriculum and staffing for 2019, aiming to provide excellent learning opportunities for students to build their knowledge and skills.

We thank Mitchell Purton for his energy, time and commitment as he has worked professionally,

diligently and expertly in TAS. Thanks also for his fantastic efforts in the Metal Art Auction.

We thank Billy Lea for his role in Mathematics, where he has worked collaboratively with staff to provide teaching for a range of classes and has been involved in a number of sporting activities.

We thank Jake Raves for filling in while Mrs Francis has been on maternity leave. Jake has taught capably in PE and astounded all with his DJ and drumming skills.

We welcome a number of staff for next year, with a full list being provided on our school website.

#### Class Names

Year 7: Plants: Acacia and Boronia

Year 8: Dindima (Wiradjuri word, pronounced Din-dima, meaning stars) and Gibirggan (Wiradjuri word, pronounced Gibirr-gan, meaning Southern Cross)

Stage 5: Famous scientists: Einstein (Empower class), Curie and Newton

#### Attendance

Thank you to students and parents/ carers who continued to make school attendance a priority. Our school sends text messages each morning at approximately 10:00am to notify parents if a child is marked absent from roll call.

A reminder to please let the office know of absent notes/calls within three days of the absence. We continue to strive to be effective and efficient in our roll marking and recording of students on excursions and other school business. Thank you for working with us on this!

#### School Fees

Thank you to parents who have been able to finalise school fees for 2018. A reminder that school fees are not compulsory, but do contribute to the resources and opportunities for students. Subject Fees in Stage 5 and 6 for electives are however, compulsory. Reminders have been posted out previously. 2019 subject elective placements may be in jeopardy in 2018 school fees in subjects as compulsory elective fees have not been paid. Excursions and extra-curricular activities can be accessed after compulsory subject elective fees are paid.

#### **End of Year Procedures**

We welcomed parents and community members of JHS students to our annual presentation evening last night. School reports were also distributed then. Reports not picked up by Wednesday will be posted out. In the report folder will also be a reflection sheet. If the reflection sheet is completed, your child filled this on Monday. If it is blank, we ask your child to complete this, then return it when they arrive back at school in 2019. Year Advisors use these reflection sheets to talk with your child about their learning and working out best ways to support them

On the Wednesday classes will combine as student numbers decline leading into the end of the school year. School learning activities will still occur, with staff planning specific learning activities. School staff will be at school on Thursday and Friday if you need to contact someone or to collect something. School will reopen on Tuesday 29 January 2019 for School Development Day with all staff in attendance.

Once again, thank you for your support and work with us in the valuable efforts of education of your children and the betterment of our community.

#### 2018 Presentation Night

Our 4 school leaders did a great job hosting the event, especially as they all collected a number of awards and did a few steps getting up and down!



Our guest speaker Murray Norman was fantastic, reflecting on the lessons he learnt at JHS, the wider world and riding a bike.

From visiting China, and seeing so many people without access to education, Murray emphatically implored the students to take up the opportunities in their great school. He gave insight into the lessons he receives from riding a bike: turn up and be involved, contribute, ask for help, keep going and don't give up.

Congratulations to Emma Turvey, Mel Hyland and Rebecca Blanchard for receiving Director Awards for their contribution to public education.



Congratulations to Gwynne for taking out the winning house through the House Points System.

Thanks again to Elaine Bunyan and Tash Harpley for their excellent organisation. The certificates, trophies and set up was excellent and I also thank everyone who supported them, managed things on the night and contributed to the organisation.

I wish all families the best for a safe and restful holiday break and look forward to a fantastic 2019.

Be your best. Be respectful. Be responsible

Mr Scott Frazier Principal

# Thinking of buying your child a smart phone or something similar this Christmas?

Children and teenagers are going online and using social media with increasing frequency. While many enjoy their online experiences, there are risks involved. Parents, schools and the broader community need to work together to help keep children's online experiences safe.

The Commonwealth Office of the Children's eSafety Commissioner has developed a resource for parents – iPARENT – which helps parents deal with the connected devices in their children's lives.

iPARENT <a href="https://esafety.gov.au/education-resources/iparent">https://esafety.gov.au/education-resources/iparent</a> - provides facts and statistics about Australian children online, managing technology in the home and strategies that can be used by parents to keep children safe online.

A parent's guide to online safety can be downloaded from this site. A range of other useful information is also available from the website. For example parents can access information about cyberbullying including

How to talk to their child about cyberbullying

What to do if their child is being cyber bullied or is engaging in cyberbullying behaviour themselves; and sources of professional support and help.

The website also provides information about how parents and children can report unwanted online contact and/or inappropriate, offensive or illegal content online.

If you are thinking of buying smart toys, smart phones, tablets, drones, e-gift cards or membership in an e-gaming site may like to check out the e-Safety Commissioner's eSafety Christmas Gift Guide at - <a href="https://www.esafety.gov.au/giftguide">https://www.esafety.gov.au/giftguide</a> - so you can be savvy and secure when you pick out tech gifts this Christmas.

Finally, if someone you know is adversely affected by an online experience, free and confidential advice, assistance and support is available from:

Kids Helpline (ages 5 to 25) on 1800 55 1800; and/or

eheadspace (ages 12 to 25) on 1800 650 890; and/or

Lifeline on 13 11 14. Of course if you need urgent assistance ring 000.

## A Day On The Green

On Thursday of week 8, students and staff were treated to an afternoon of music, fun and activities at Junee High School's inaugural Day On The Green. The afternoon saw performances from the Wednesday and Thursday afternoon school bands, Stage 4 music classes and individual performances from Bella, Sam, Lauren, Kitty and Darcy as well as a special performance from the staff band comprised of Mr Turner, Mr Bedford, Mrs Anderson, Ms Hoy, Ms Turvey, Mr Raves and Ms Hyland.

During the lunch break students were able to hone their archery skills in a game of archery tag and there was a huge variety of activities on offer for the students to enjoy while the music was blasting out over the oval including giant jenga, chess, mini tennis cornhole and heaps more. It was great to see such a large number of student performers who displayed a

range of musical talents across a wide range of instruments. Congratulations to all performers involved and a huge thanks to all staff who assisted in the planning and running of this great event!

Mr Andy Bedford Organiser

## Surf Trip

Junee High School's Surf Trip was held in Shellharbour during week 9 and involved 41 students and 4 staff.



Our lessons were conducted by Pines Surfing Academy in ideal conditions. We were lucky enough to be within metres of a pod of dolphins during our first lesson and our surfing ability improved considerably throughout the 3 lessons.



All students experienced success, with many spills and tumbles occurring. Students displaying excellent surfing ability included Grace, Lauren, Abby and Campbell. Students enjoyed shopping trips to Kiama and Dapto Mall, swimming in the freezing ocean and the rides at Jamberoo Action Park.

It was a fantastic trip and thanks to staff, parents and students for their continued support.

## Mr Anthony Stokes PDHPE



The hosts – Lily Passlow, Kate Bradley and Tenaya Gerhard ran a smooth show. The judging panel comprised Mr Frazier, Ms Speer, Ms Asmus and Lucy Clarke from Year 12. All were impressed with the obvious level of practice students had undertaken and the great spirit shown by all.

Ms Jen Hoy HT Teaching & Learning

### Stage 4 Idol

This annual singing and performing event was held on Friday, December 7. All Stage 4 students who studied music in 2018 plus additional students from the Japanese classes sang songs from a range of musical styles.



The jazz rendition of "I Feel Good" performed by Levi Sheather and Russell Hargrave got the event off to a great start, the boys earning themselves Best Male Performer award for their in tune and stylish presentation.

The Best Female Performer Award went to three outstanding vocalists. Claire Foley, Madeleine Cameron and Lily-May Sutherland.

Codan-Wayne Richter and Rohan Hegney brought the house down with their hot version of 'Uptown Funk' earning them the Most Entertaining Act award. Best Act went to Matilda McDevitt, Lily-May Sutherland, Juliette Hart, Tenaya Gerhard and Kate Bradley who sang 'Party in the USA'. Lachlan McNamara picked up a special award recognising his solo performance and Charlie McEwen and Liam Harbrow took out the Best Rockin' Song category with 'Don't Stop Believin'.

