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Calendar 2018

Term 3, Week 4

Thurs 16 Aug Industrial Timber Major projects due 3:00pm

Fri 17 August Subject selections due

Term 3, Week 5

Mon 20 Aug HSC Trials begin – All week

Tues 21 Aug NAPLAN online readiness testing

Fri 24 Aug Daffodil Day

Term 3, Week 6

Wed 29 Aug Yr 12 Captain nominations to Miss Biggar

**Empower Parent Info session
6:00pm – 7:00pm**

Thurs 30 Aug Take Charge Workshop

Fri 31 Aug GEO Big Breakfast

Feature Photo



Year 11 Biology & Investigating Science Trip to the Zoo

JUNEE HIGH SCHOOL PLAYGROUP

Year 9 and 10 students studying Child Studies will soon be operating a free playgroup for preschool aged children.

The playgroup will be held every Thursday in the MPC, from 9-10.30am. The program will run for four weeks, beginning on Thursday 30th August.

If you are interested in booking your child into our playgroup or if you require any further information, please contact Olivia Hounsell, during school hours – 6924 1666.



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School Ball 2018



Principals Report

Education Week

2018 theme is "Today's schools – creating tomorrow's future".

We started Education Week with an assembly in the MPC, watching the NSW Department of Education launch video, showcasing great schools across the state and what they are doing to create tomorrow's future. I congratulate our Stage 5 Empower class who were selected to feature on the video.

Thanks to all parents and students that were able to attend our events last week, especially the subject selection evening. It was great to have the opportunity to speak about student's learning and their futures.

The next steps in the subject selection process are:

- reviewing student choices;
- analysing our staffing entitlement to reveal how many classes across the whole school we can offer;
- evaluating which classes have enough students to form a viable class;
- discussing with students their options for classes
- forming classes

Empower

2019 will see our EMPOWER Self-Select class continue in Stage 5 only. Students wishing to be considered for this class can submit their application form to the office by September 14. The application forms have been offered to students in Year 8 & 9 for next year's Stage 5 class. Application forms are available from the front counter of the office.

Parents wishing to know more about Empower can make an appointment to see me to discuss Empower 5.

School Elective Fees

Thank you to the many parents who have been able to pay their child's elective subject fees. This funding goes directly to materials used in the elective classes such as food, timber materials, sporting equipment, garden products and consumables. Unfortunately there is approximately \$4500 still not paid for subject elective fees. A reminder that these fees are compulsory. Non-payment of these fees can impact a student attending

an extra-curricular excursion or taking on elective subjects in 2019 that have fees attached. If you need support with paying fees, please make an appointment to see me, as parents can apply for financial assistance.

Thank you again for your support.

Tell Them From Me Student and Parents Surveys

This Term, our school will be participating in the *Tell Them From Me* student feedback survey and the *Partners in Learning* parent survey.

The student survey is a great opportunity for our students to provide us with valuable and quick feedback on what they 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 improve how they do things at school.

I want to assure you that the survey is confidential. The survey is conducted online and will typically take less than 30 minutes to complete. It will be administered during school hours between 20 August and 12 October. Participating in the survey is entirely voluntary.

A consent form and FAQs for parents/carers about the survey is being sent home with students. If you **do not** want your child or children to participate, please return the form to school by **24 August 2018**. Copies of the form and FAQs are available from: <http://surveys.cese.nsw.gov.au/information-for-parents>

The parent survey asks parents and carers questions about different factors that are known to impact on student wellbeing and engagement.

Running this survey will help our school understand parents' and carers' perspectives on their child's experience at school. These include: communication between parents/carers and staff, activities and practices at home and parent/carer views on the school's support of learning and behaviour. This valuable feedback will help our school make practical improvements.

The survey is conducted entirely online on smartphones, iPad, tablets, laptops or computers. The survey will typically take 15 minutes or less to complete and is completely confidential. The parent survey will be conducted between 20 August and 12 October.

Although participating in the survey is entirely voluntary, your responses are very much appreciated.

Our school will provide further information about how to access the survey. In the meantime, more information about the survey is available at: <http://surveys.cese.nsw.gov.au/>

School Ball

I understand the School Ball is a major event in the Junee calendar, with many students already picking out their outfits and practicing their dances. Decorations have been planned and the P&C have agreed to again manage supper.

Just a reminder that entry to the School Ball is still conditional upon student's behaviour, completion of learning activities, assessments, attendance and uniform. While no student is excluded yet, there is still the risk that a student may not be allowed to attend the School Ball. If you are concerned that your child may be excluded or have questions about the School Ball, please make an appointment to speak to me. Students who are currently at-risk of not being allowed to attend have received a letter from me.

The impact of Privacy law on the information parents can be provided about other parents children

Our school holds information about our students. Some of this information is highly sensitive.

The way this information is collected, used, disclosed and secured by our school is subject to NSW legislation including the [Privacy and Personal Information Protection Act 1998](#), [Health Records and Information Protection Act 2002](#) and the [Children and Young Persons \(Care and Protection\) Act 1998](#).

These laws limit the circumstances in which your child's information can be disclosed to other parents. They also limit the circumstances in which you can be provided with information about action the school has taken in relation to other people's children.

This means, for example, you may not be provided with complete details of the action the school has taken in relation to a student who has engaged in unacceptable behaviour that has impacted on your child.

You should not assume that no action has been taken because you cannot be provided with information about what the school has done to deal with an issue

relating to your child's interaction with another student.

Our school takes inappropriate behaviour from students very seriously and responds to that behaviour consistent with the school's student discipline and welfare procedures.

If you would like further information about the school's general approach to inappropriate behaviour from students, or how student information is utilised please contact the school to organise an appointment with me.

Be your best. Be respectful. Be responsible

Mr Scott Frazier
Principal

Ski Trip

Junee High students hit the slopes of Mt Selwyn last Monday amid a flurry of snowflakes. It was a very early start as the bus left school at 4.30am! However, we were soon on our way and most of us slept for the journey. Then it was off to get fitted for skis and boards before our first lesson of the day.



By the end of the lesson everyone could at least stay upright and we had a great time finding the jumps and powder stashes in the trees. After lunch some of us had another lesson whilst the remainder honed their skills on Township or, for the brave at heart, Racecourse.

Towards the afternoon the storm clouds rolled over and we were treated to falling snow as we returned our skis and boarded the bus. After the requisite stop off at McDonalds on the way home we arrived at JHS safe and sound and, thankfully, injury free!

Miss Prue Asmus
Ski Trip Organiser

NAPLAN Online School Readiness Test

The NAPLAN Online School Readiness Test is a practice before NSW starts moving from pen and paper tests to online tests. It is an opportunity for schools to become familiar with the NAPLAN Online test platform and to identify any technical or administrative issues. The School Readiness Test period for Junee High School is occurring on **Tuesday 21 August**. Students in **Years 7 and 9** will complete the practice online tests for writing and a combined literacy /numeracy test on the day. Students are required to bring in a set of volume adjustable headphones.

Junee High School will move to NAPLAN online tests in 2019. For more information please contact Mrs Rhonda Heffernan.

P&C Report

I would like to start by thanking our P&C President who has had to step down from the position for personal circumstances. Thank you David for your support and effort during this year, you will be missed.

The P&C will be catering for the school ball again and are looking forward to this event. The P&C will be running their last fundraiser for the year on November 2 with a cake stall outside the chemist. For those who would like to donate some baked goods please contact Julie on 0400559402.

The next P&C meeting will be held on Wednesday September 12 at 7:00pm.

Julie Shepherd



AgVision 2018 is an Agri-Careers Expo which supports and informs Years 9 -12 students about the broad range of careers available in agriculture and agri-business. The Expo consists of a comprehensive range of hands-on activities and demonstrations presented by an array of industry experts.

Hiedi Gooden who is Delta Ag's Agronomist Consultant and a Junee AgVision presenter proudly states that "AgVision is a wonderful opportunity for students to experience a wide range of agricultural based careers all in one location. This unique innovation will be the first steps a student can take to open up a whole new world of possibilities. I know this Expo has inspired many students in the past and has been the catalyst to kick starting their careers after meeting so many like minded professionals in the rural industry".

The fourth AgVision Careers Expo will come alive at Junee High School on Friday 7 September 2018. This biennial event will attract over 800 students from more than 40 rural, regional and metropolitan schools from across NSW who will participate with over 110 industry experts in 60 elective workshops.

Workshops include animal and veterinary sciences, agricultural science and engineering, forestry, robotic technologies and agribusiness including finance, marketing, management and communication. Students participate in 6 timetable workshops each lasting 40 minutes.

The following YouTube links will take you to promotional videos for AgVision. The first link was created by the Junee Shire Council after AgVision 2014 <http://youtu.be/GgmZBLHMaJA> The second link is promoting AgVision 2018 <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1mvPsVEun3s>

For further AgVision event enquiries email... sandra.heffernan@det.nsw.edu.au, paul.anderson47@det.nsw.edu.au, elaine.burman@det.nsw.edu.au or phone Junee High School on (02) 6924 1666



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