# Junee High School Newsletter



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2019 Term 2 Weeks 1 and

Newsletter

# Calendar

Term 2, Week 2

Thursday 9 May Cross Country

Term 2, Week 3

Wednesday 15 May Year 12 Parent Information

Evening

Friday 17 May Zone Cross Country

#### **Feature Photo**



Junee High School proudly participating in the Anzac Day March in Junee

# **JHS Cross Country**

DON'T FORGET YOUR RUNNING SHOES

Junee High Schools Cross Country is next week, Thursday 9 May

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## Principals Report

Thanks to all parents and students for working with us throughout Term 1 and I hope everyone enjoyed the holidays. This term will again be enormously busy and productive with events such as:

- VET Metals work placement
- Zone and Riverina Athletics
- School and Zone Cross-Country
- Riverina and CHS events and carnivals
- NAPLAN online for the first time for all year 7 and 9
- HSC Minimum standard tests for Year 11
- Year 12 information evening for students and parents with reports distributed
- Careers talks with universities and Wagga Wagga Careers expo
- School Captains visit to NSW Parliament House
- Visit by Macquarie Fields HS staff and students as part of their "Teachers-in-Training" program for students, exploring country life and working in a rural setting
- GEO Big Brekky
- Youth mental health forum
- School Annual Production with nearly half of the student population involved in the organisation, back-stage or performance of the event.

The school as a community venue also has arrangements with community organisations to hire facilities during the week, creating more revenue for the school to assist with student learning.

- Monday evening: South East Australia Taekwondo and Little Ninjas
- Tuesday and Thursday evenings: Shimjang Taekwondo
- Tuesday morning: Good Start Early Learning Playgroup

Thanks again for working with us!

#### Attendance SMS each day

After some changes to our systems, we are able to send an SMS to parents each day that their child has not arrived at school. You can just respond to the SMS sent to explain your child's absence.

#### ANZAC Day

Thank you to all in our school community who participated in the ANZAC Day march. We were encouraged by the huge turnout in the community. A special thanks to those that marched with us as a school. Points have been allocated in the Honours System

#### New Staff

We welcome new staff for this term:

Ms Risa Matsui, replacing Ms Jen Hoy. Ms Hoy has been fortunate to take a temporary promotion position within the Department of Education for at least 12 months. Ms Matsui will take on a teaching load in music and geography

Congratulations to Mrs Rhonda Heffernan who has won the temporary Relieving Head Teacher Teaching & Learning position while Ms Hoy is on secondment.

We also welcome new Student Learning Support Officer (SLSO) to assist student's learning in classrooms: Ms Steph Smith.

#### **Excursion Eligibility Procedures**

Students have been reminded of the expectations to be able to represent our school and participate in activities.

This is our eligibility criteria, enabling all students to understand what is expected of them.

A reminder that Year 11 & 12 students who have an N Warning letter need to complete the task and redeem this before they are allowed to have the privilege of late sign in or early leave.

#### Are You?????????



- 1. Attending School regularly?
- 2. Completing all set learning and tasks?
- 3. Up to date with elective fee payments?
- 4. Behaving appropriately?
- 5. Wearing school uniform regularly?

Congratulations!!! You are eligible to represent the school

# **Uniform Shop**

With the cold weather here don't forget the Uniform Shop is open Friday mornings from 8:45-9:15am

#### Honours System

When students are acknowledged for their efforts, we do this in our Online Honours System, tied to our Sentral online management system.

Parents and students can see their points through the Student & Parent portal. Each term the winning house with the most points and be acknowledged with a reward. The Honours Assembly will acknowledge the students at different levels of the Honours System. I thank SRC for their feedback and efforts in speaking to people about the Honours System.

#### Fast & Frequent Tickets

We continue to look out for students doing the right thing, acknowledging these with "Fast & Frequent" tickets. These tickets are worth 1 point in the Honours System and contribute to the student's and their House points.

Each fortnight at the whole school assembly, we draw out a number of tickets for winners. Rewards are distributed, such as movie vouchers, Junee Recreation Centre passes and canteen vouchers. Please check bags and pockets for these tickets that should be placed in the container at the office.



#### P&C

The next P&C Meeting will be held on Wednesday 15 May. I thank everyone who is able to attend to do so in order for the P&C to continue their great support of our school.

#### P&C Executive

- President: Mrs Teri Edson
- Vice President: Mrs Teri Edson
- Secretary: Vacant. We invite interested parents to attend the meeting so we can finalise this position
- Treasurer: Mrs Rachal Willis
- Canteen Treasurers: Mrs Rachal Willis and Mrs Alison Carr
- Uniform Coordinator: Mrs Jodi Crowder

A number of issues are normally discussed at meetings and I encourage all that can, to contribute by attending the meetings. Agenda items often include:

- Uniform
- Canteen and Uniform shop
- Fundraisers
- Gonski funding
- Grant funding for our school

The Uniform shop is open on Friday mornings from 8:40 to 9:15, but Mr Turner or I are available at other times to assist with uniform.

#### Subject Elective Fees

Payment of subject elective fees are now overdue. These are the compulsory fees for elective subjects that students in Year 9, 10, 11 & 12 undertake, using materials and resources. Currently there is over \$10000 in elective fees owed to the school due to elective fee payments. I ask that families please pay the compulsory elective fees for subjects.

Unfortunately when elective fees are not paid, I may have to restrict students from choosing electives in the following year, from taking their projects or food home or from participating in practical subjects. *This is not ideal and not what I want to do!* Please speak to me if you need assistance with the payment of these compulsory fees.

Excursion fees are also due to be paid. I ask families that have been on payment plans or needed extra time to

pay off excursions to please continue making payments to finalise the amount.

#### Student Assistance

Each year, the school allocates funds to support student needs. Student assistance can be for: uniforms, excursions, subject fees or resources from school (calculators). To access Student Assistance, I ask that parents/carers make an appointment to see me to discuss their needs and how the school can help. This is important when students would like to attend an activity but finances may be short at that time. Payment plans are also available in addition to Student Assistance.

# 2018-2020 School Plan Strategic Directions

**Learning**: To provide a whole school approach to excellence in curriculum, assessment & wellbeing to support all students to connect, succeed, thrive and learn.

**Teaching**: To further develop the teaching practice of all teachers through involvement in professional learning and collaboration, with a focus on professional growth, effective teaching and literacy & numeracy.

**Community Connections**: To strengthen connections within school, within the Ngumba-Dal Learning Community and with Junee and the wider community, enabling efficiency, connectedness and opportunities for all students and staff to succeed.

Be your best. Be respectful. Be responsible

Mr Scott Frazier
Principal

#### Careers

## What's Happening in Careers?

We have become a member of Study Work Grow

Our school has subscribed to one of Australia's top careers news and information services, and it's easy for you to sign up for free membership as part of our school subscription. You can access career building tools, discover scholarships, and more.

How to sign up:

**Step 1** – go here - <u>studyworkgrow.com.au/become-a-</u> member/

**Step 2** – enter your details – your information is securely stored and only used for this purpose

Step 3 – enter your school code - use code JHS0219

**Step 4** – complete your sign up and start exploring

You can choose what type of information you'd like to see, and your details remain securely protected.

#### Work Experience

If you are in Stage 5 now is a good time to begin organising work experience for this term. Make sure to see Mrs Bunyan before you organise anything.

#### White Card Training

The course is filling fast so notes and money are required ASAP. This course will be held on 28 May and costs \$85.00

#### **ANU School Visit**

On Monday a group of Year 11 & 12 students were lucky enough to participate in a presentation by the ANU recruiting team. The students heard about the new application process for ANU which students will use from this year. This process will also allow students to apply for scholarships and accommodation. Students also heard about the types of degree on offer and all of the wonderful opportunities that studying at ANU has to offer.

#### Eyes Wide Open - Health Careers Night. May 16 5:50pm - 7:30pm.

Held at Wagga Wagga Council Chambers Meeting Room.

Parents and students are invited. Find out about being a doctor; nurse, social worker, occupational therapist, physiotherapist, paramedic and more.

RSVP is essential: <a href="https://tinyurl.com/4b2mzox">https://tinyurl.com/4b2mzox</a>

## UCAT Workshop Saturday 11 May in Wagga . 8:30am – 12pm – cost \$10.00

UCAT is required for entry into medicine and some other health science areas (dentistry, etc).

RSVP https://bit.ly/2UHDQ6F

# UNSW Medicine Information Evening at the Rural Clinical School, Docker Street Wagga.

Wednesday 22 May 5:15pm - 6:45pm

Students in Yr 10 -12 and parents are invited to get an overview of the application process to study medicine at UNSW and ask questions.

RSVP to k.hackett@unsw.edu.au by 17 May.

# Wagga Wagga Careers Expo – 19 June. Save the Date.

Students in Years 11-12 will have the opportunity to attend the massive Wagga Wagga Careers Expo in June. This is the once a year chance for students to speak to people from TAFE, private providers, universities (NSW & Vic), employers, apprenticeship agencies, defence forces, police and more. More information will be available closer to the time. Please 'like' the Wagga Wagga Careers Expo on Facebook to see the regular updates from the list of attending organisations.

#### Aviation Australia - Cabin Crew Career Session

Wednesday 22 May. 6:00pm – 8:00pm. Qantas Centre of Service Excellence, Sydney.

See the flight safety training facilities and learn from industry experts on what options are available for you to start your career as a flight attendant. Meet past students as well as our inspirational instructors who are aviation experts, having led successful careers in the industry themselves. Register:

https://eventbrite.com.au/e/sydney-cabin-crew-career-session-tickets-60384358241

#### Highest Paying Trade Jobs in Australia

Despite what you might think, going to university isn't the only way to get a high paying job.

Learning a trade is a great way to learn skills that can be used across Australia and the world. They can open a wide variety of career opportunities and offer great flexibility. Find out what the 10 highest paying trade jobs are

here: <a href="https://www.heraldsun.com.au/business/work/10">https://www.heraldsun.com.au/business/work/10</a>
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story/4bbeb10a353c3a23098ea597a34949a4

# Wellbeing Day 2019

On the Wednesday 10 April last Term JHS students were involved in a Wellbeing Day which focused on Antibullying and positive mental health. During periods 1 & 2, Brett & Terissa Murray from the Make Bullying History Foundation spoke to students about how every individual deserves to be treated with honour, dignity and respect. That every individual has intrinsic selfworth and has potential, and can be an asset to society, not a liability. They spoke to students about how every individual has the right to a safe existence free from intimidation, manipulation and control. This was a powerful message with practical tools students could use to build themselves up and support one another to be empowered in following their goals and dreams without inhibiting others in theirs.

During Period 5 students heard Police Liaison Officer Troy Fisher speak about the importance of cyber safety and personal safety. The schools psychologist Sarah Zimmerman spoke about what her role is and how she can support students in need, and the Family Referral Services representative Sam George spoke to students about how she can support students and families by connecting them to services they may require.

During Period 6 students made their way out to the oval to participate in a Colour Run which featured an obstacle course and a huge colour throw to raise awareness about supporting one another, looking after your own mental health and engaging in physical activity to support positive mental attitudes. Students did several laps of the oval and enjoyed being covered in colour. It was a successful event that students will be talking about for quite a while. Thanks to all Staff and Students who participated in this day and in promoting positive mental health.

# A Big Thankyou

A big thank you to Thomas Fumiaki Hiraoka at the Sydney office of the Japanese National Tourism Organisation for his generosity in donating resources for our Japanese classes.

We were lucky to receive a variety of maps and travel books which will be invaluable as we learn more about the geography, places of interest, culture and language of Japan this term.

Students also received highlighters and folders which will be of great use in all subjects.





Melinda Hyland

# Playgroup is back Every Tuesday

This year our Child Studies class has linked up with Good Start Early Learning and Playgroup NSW to

offer a new Playgroup Program to young children in Junee. Our program runs every Tuesday from 9-10:30am at Junee High in the MPC Hall. If you or someone you know has children aged 0-6, we would love you to come along and join in. The children can enjoy arts and crafts, games and outdoor activities. There will be stories and lots of information shared.

Bring a hat and piece of fruit to share.









#### Congratulations Brooke Harris

I had an amazing experience in New Zealand, meeting some great new friends and would like to thank Junee High for their support and especially Junee High P&C for their generous contribution towards my trip.

I competed in six races over three days, had six different ponies to drive and came away with two wins. Overall I ran fourth out of the thirteen drivers for the series.



**Brooke Harris** 

# Open Boys Soccer

On the 7 May 2019 a group of enthusiastic young men travelled to Young to play the third round of the state knockout. The team consisted of: Dru Brodin, Eli Crozier, Thomas Walker, Connor Barrett, George Harrison, Luke Jarrett, Campbell McDevitt, Jonty Orr, Oliver Phillips, Max Riley, Joel Crowder, Craig Rodgers, Blake Wright, and Nicholas Cook.

The game started off closely with some very good team work from both teams. Despite a number of opportunities Junee was unable to find the back of the net, however Young High made the best of their opportunities and was able to win comfortably in the end. All members of the team are to be congratulated for their great teamwork. Looking forward to the 2020 season.

The 2019 Open Boys Soccer team. Defeated but happy.





# Anzac Day 2019

















#### Bidgee Strawberry Excursion

Junee High students had the opportunity to listen to the innovative practices of Michael Cashen plus pick and taste their own locally grown strawberries.

Stage 5 Geography – Sustainable biomes – alternative ways of growing food in the future.

Yr 11 Primary Industries – investigating hydroponic farm in action













# 2019 Athletics Carnival

















Congratulations to Hammond winners on the day.

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