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2021 Term 4 Weeks 3 and 4

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Calendar

Term 4, Week 4

Friday 29 Oct Book week Celebration

Term 4, Week 6

Tuesday 9 Nov Proposed Year 6 Transition Day

Term 4, Week 8

Tuesday 23 Nov Proposed Year 6 Transition Day

Junee High School Careers FB Page

So as not to clutter up this page with Careers information I suggest that you 'like' the Junee High School Careers FB page. This is where all the careers related information is posted. This includes opportunities for the students to attend information sessions and workshops online. There are a lot of events coming up for junior and senior students.

There are also external online careers guidance platforms that the school subscribes to that are worth checking out. These will also be promoted through the Junee High School Careers page.

<https://www.facebook.com/Junee-High-School-Careers-458828857597324>



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Fundraiser Fun



Staff member Mrs Cooper cuts Russell's hair which will be donated to create a wig to support someone in need. Well Done Russell!

Principal's Report

Dear Parents and Students,

A very warm welcome back to Term 4 to all our parents/carers and students, I hope you had a great Spring break and are ready for another exciting and productive school term ahead. My hope is that Term 4 remains uninterrupted by the COVID-19 pandemic still prevalent in the community and that there is no need for NSW schools to return to a period of remote learning. I am confident that if everyone in the community continues to do the right thing this this will not eventuate. I emailed to all parents/carers in "Updated advice for families in relation to school operations for Term 4" that outlined valuable Health and Department of Education (DoE) advice and information for the term ahead. Some of the key messages in this communication reinforced that schools continue to be safe places for our staff and students and all school operations are in line with the NSW Health advice. Our school will continue to be vigilant in implementing infection control procedures, physical distancing and personal hygiene protocols to protect the health and safety of students and staff. It is important that our students continue to adhere to the following effective hygiene practices:

- regularly washing hands
- avoiding sharing drinks or food
- coughing or sneezing into your elbow, or a tissue which should be discarded immediately
- bringing pre-filled water bottles from home

The activities that are permitted at school will be conducted in a way that is safe and appropriate in the current environment and in line with advice has been provided to the school in relation to all these activities. The COVID-19 restrictions still in place will require the school to re-think many of the planned events and activities for Term 4. As the school makes important decisions about each of the events, I will ensure that timely communication is provided to the community. Once again, I thank you all for your support as we navigate through another school term together.

This site is updated regularly and provides relevant health advice for community members who may have been at any of the locations at the specified dates and times. As this landscape is constantly changing, it is imperative that parents/carers remain up to date with this information and follow the recommended actions if anyone has been in a location where there have been confirmed cases of COVID-19. The link to the site is

listed below. <https://www.nsw.gov.au/covid-19/latest-news-and-updates#latest-covid-19-case-locations-in-nsw> The Department of Education (DoE) has a very detailed COVID-19 response plan to action should a student or staff member at our school contract the virus. It is very important that when a student or staff member has taken the COVID-19 test, they self-isolate at home and do not return to school until the test result has been provided by NSW Health. If your child or an immediate member of the family contracts the virus and tests positive, I ask that you contact the school via telephone during school hours or via the school email at any time.

Attendance Matters

Education for your child is important and regular attendance at school is essential for your child to achieve their educational best and increase their career and life options. NSW public schools work in partnership with parents to encourage and support regular attendance of children and young people. When your child attends school every day, learning becomes easier and your child will build and maintain friendships with other children

The importance of arriving at school and class on time:

- Ensures that students do not miss out on important learning activities scheduled early in the day
- Helps students learn the importance of punctuality and routine
- Give students time to greet their friends before class
- Reduces classroom disruption. Lateness is recorded as a partial absence and must be explained by parents.
- *What if my child must be away from school?*
- On occasion, your child may need to be absent from school. Justified reasons for student absences may include:
 - being sick, or having an infectious disease
 - having an unavoidable medical appointment
 - being required to attend a recognised religious holiday
 - exceptional or urgent family circumstance (e.g. attending a funeral)

How can I help as a parent?

When your child attends school every day, learning becomes easier, and your child will build and maintain friendships with other children.

Parents and carers can help foster positive attendance habits by:

- Helping their child learn the importance of punctuality and routine
- Ensuring their child arrives on time from the start of the school day, ready to participate in learning
- Reducing disruption to learning where possible, by planning any necessary appointments outside of school time
- Promptly communicating any absence to the school (within 7 days of the first day of any absence)
- Working with the school to encourage and support regular attendance.

[Information for parents](#) provides further information about compulsory school attendance.

[Advice to parents and carers](#) has further information about learning from home.

Read about [Starting school](#) and the [get ready for high school checklist](#) to help with school readiness.

Staff Update

We welcome Mr Aaron Merchant as an SLSO. He will be working mainly in the Maths faculty and numeracy programs through to the end of the year.



Other new staff to join us are Vicki McCallum, SAO, who has worked at CSU and Juanita Pinder, SAO, who has worked with us in different roles since 2018, they all bring much experience to our team

We also welcome back Sarah Hedlund from maternity leave.

We will be farewelling Ms Kalia Forde in the coming weeks and we wish her well for her maternity leave. I am grateful for her commitment to our school and to her Year 12 class in particular. (They had her continue to teach them up until 34 weeks into her pregnancy!!).

I am very grateful to have such skilled members of the Junee High School team who can take on leadership roles in the school, ensuring that the complex daily operations of the school continue without interruption.

Good Luck Year 12 Students

There is no doubt that 2021 has been a very unpredictable and disrupted year for the Class of 2021. I have been so proud of the resilience on display from the students as they skilfully adapted to whatever was thrown their way. Their HSC journey has been very different as the Year 12 students had to transition through two periods of remote learning (Year 11 for 7 weeks and HSC for 4 weeks), and then back to face-to-face learning again, all while working through important HSC content. I know that this uncertainty has created additional pressure and stress for our HSC students to manage and I can only hope that Term 4 remains uninterrupted to allow our Year 12 students to successfully complete their HSC studies.

Several planned activities would usually take place at school as part of the "Festival of Year 12" that the students and staff look forward to. With the current COVID-19 restrictions in place, many of these planned activities will need to be reconsidered and I know that the school will do its very best to accommodate as many of these events as possible to ensure that the students can appropriately and safely celebrate the conclusion of their formal years of schooling at JHS. I also wanted to acknowledge how vital the current study and lesson period is for our Year 12 students. It is during this time where valuable feedback, revision and refinement of all subject content is consolidated. There is a very positive correlation between regular school attendance during the post-trial period and a maximised HSC result.

I would like to offer all our Year 12 students best wishes for this significant and final school term, and the very best of luck to the Class of 2021 as they complete their HSC examinations which commence on Tuesday 9 November.

*Mr Darren Hamilton
Principal*



Fundraiser Results

Thank you everyone for your contribution to our fundraiser. The total amount raised was in excess of \$2300 and it will go to helping our two Junee High School families.

Our prize winners were:

Andy Simmons – Footy Jersey

McClellan Family – Footy Jersey

Baz Rodgers – Footy Jersey

Daniel Kearnes – Footy Jersey

Julie Shepherd – Hamptons Quilt

Steven Beattie – Grazing Platter/Cheese Board

Kate Duff – Junee Licorice Factory Gift Box

Shayne Johnson – Melon Drops Jewellery

Donna Moulds – Chocolate Balloon Hamper

More Fundraiser Fun

Russell and Mr Lagan's new looks



DJ Equipment Session

Zach running a session on DJ equipment for our year 11 and 12 music classes



