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Calendar

Term 2, Week 3

Wednesday 5 May	P&C Meeting
Wednesday 5 May	Yr 12 Parent & Student Meeting
Friday 7 May	Riverina Open Touch Trials
Friday 7 May	Zone Cross Country

Term 2, Week 4

Wednesday 12 May	Yr 11 Maths Students & Parents Meeting
Wednesday 12 May	Yr 6 into 7 Evening
Friday 14 May	Yr 11 RYDA

Feature Photo



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Principal's Report

Thanks to all parents/carers 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:

- Zone and Riverina Athletics
- School and Zone Cross-Country
- Riverina and CHS events and carnivals
- Tell Them From Me student survey
- NAPLAN online for all Year 7 and 9
- Year 8 Check in assessment
- HSC Minimum standard tests for Year 11
- Aboriginal Education Team meeting with parents and students
- Year 12 information evening for students and parents/carers with reports distributed
- Year 11 Maths parent and student session
- Year 6 into 7 2022 parent and student information session
- Careers talks with Universities and Wagga Wagga Careers expo
- School Captains visit to NSW Parliament House
- Year 11 attending RYDA (Rotary Young Driver Awareness training)
- Year 12 fundraiser "Do it for Dolly Day"
- GEO Big Brekky
- School Annual Production – with nearly half of the student population involved in the organisation, back-stage or performance of the event.
- Year 11 Mid-course examinations
- Reconciliation Week
- Empower PM every Wednesday evening from 5pm to 7pm

Please continue to check our school Facebook page and the Sentral Parent & Student Portal for dates and events.

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
- Monday morning: Good Start Early Learning Playgroup - Thanks again for working with us!

New Staff

We welcome new staff for this term:

Welcome back to Ms Jen Hoy who has returned into the Head Teacher Teaching & Learning role after two years in a promotion position.

Ms Gabriel Newman, teaching PDHPE.

Ms India Burden, teaching across the school with most teaching in TAS.

We also welcome new Student Learning Support Officers (SLSO) to assist student's learning in classrooms: Mrs Hannah Tuua and Ms Taylah Hackett.

P&C

The next P&C Meeting will be held on Wednesday 5 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 Justine McDevitt
- Secretary: Vacant (Lisa Harris)
- Treasurer: Mrs Rachal Willis
- Canteen Treasurers: Mrs Rachal Willis and Mrs Alison Carr
- Uniform Coordinator: JHS Office

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
- Grant funding for our school

The Uniform shop is open every day from 8:30 to 3:45, but Mr Turner or I are available at other times to assist with uniform.

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

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 who marched with us as a school. Points have been allocated in the Honours System.

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.

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.

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/carers and students can see their points through the Student & Parent portal. Each term the winning house with the most points will 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.

Junee High School Honours System				
BRONZE HONOURS STATUS 50 Points	SILVER HONOURS STATUS 500 Points	GOLD HONOURS STATUS 2,500 Points	DIAMOND HONOURS STATUS 5,000 Points	PLATINUM HONOURS STATUS 10,000 Points
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sausage Sizzle each term for all at Bronze level or above 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Certificate at Honours Assembly \$5 canteen voucher 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Certificate at Honours Assembly Gold and above Express line at canteen Priority for excursions \$5 canteen voucher JHS pen 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Certificate at Honours Assembly Priority for excursions End of Year excursion \$10 canteen voucher JHS pen 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Certificate at Honours Assembly Honours Board Priority for excursions End of Year excursion \$10 canteen voucher JHS pen Principal morning tea with family
Earning points				
FAST & FREQUENT 1 Point	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Following school expectations: Be Responsible, Be Respectful, Be Your Best 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Teacher enters awards online into Sentral: Wellbeing Positive Incident or Wellbeing Award or House Points or Activities Student receives their ticket and places in barrel for Thursday draw 	
ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS 5 Points	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Success at school level: improvements, results, bookwork, assistance Consistent effort/positive participation at sport, cultural or academic event/activity Excellent participation in school events: sport, civic, cultural, national competitions, fundraisers, Commemorative event (ANZAC day) 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Helping at a carnival or event Excellent on-off performance at sport eg a great innings at cricket Good effort at a sporting carnival Assisting/Mentoring a student Improvement over a term 	
MERIT AWARDS 15 Points	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Represent school/zone: sport, event, civic/cultural, show, debating, public speaking, Junee Show, Education week Represent school SRC, Captain, House Captain Sport: School Age Champion, record breaker, Iron person Semester report: Excellent personal profiles (Year Adviser), Excellent grades (Teacher); Excellent improvement/effort/assessment (Teacher or Year Adviser) 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> PK work in the MPC at assemblies and special ceremonies - one per term Extended volunteer work with sporting club/ community organisations - coaching, umpiring, canteen work, etc (Student brings in letter to principals from the organisation) Refereeing/umpiring at zone level Junee Show success 95% above attendance per term 	
CREDIT AWARDS 50 Points	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Represent Zone/at Regional: sport, event, civic/cultural, show, debating, public speaking, dance, band, music School Presentation evening: Highly Commended, Special Award Sport: Zone Age Champion, record breaker 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Bands or major production 85% and above attendance at Empower PM per Semester Academic competition Credit Refereeing/umpiring at regional level Royal Easter Show representation and success 	
DISTINCTION AWARDS 150 Points	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Represent Region/at State: sport, event, civic/cultural, show, debating, public speaking, dance, band, music, School Spectacular School Presentation evening: 1st place, Special Award, sport award 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sport: Region Age Champion, record breaker, Region winning team Academic competition Distinction Refereeing/umpiring at CHS/state level 	
HIGH DISTINCTION AWARDS 400 Points	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Represent NSW/at All schools: sport, event, civic/cultural, show, debating, public speaking, dance, band, music Sport: State Age Champion, record breaker, CHS winning team 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Academic competition High Distinction Refereeing/umpiring at Australian level 	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Access and check student points in the Student & Parent Portal: www.scholars.com.au/portal Special day for all students when House points reach allocated total! 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Winning House per term receives a special event Winning House at the end of the year receives trophy 		Lotts Street T 0824 9000 F 0824 7788 E enquiries@jhs.schools.nsw.edu.au Web http://jhs.schools.nsw.edu.au

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.

Daily Attendance SMS

To encourage attendance and keep parents/carers informed, we are able to send an SMS each day their child has not arrived at school. Thank you to parents/carers who reply to that message, call the office, write a note or come into school to explain the absence.

A target for the next 4 years in our Strategic Improvement Plan is:

- *Increase student percentage of regular attendance (greater than 90% attendance) above 68.7%.*

So we aim for nearly 70% of students (approximately 180 students) attending school more than 90% of the time (9 days every fortnight).

Currently there are 146 students attending 90% or more and 27 students have 100% attendance— well done! They have been recognised with Honours System points and free morning tea last term. 84 students have attendance between 75% and 89% so have the great opportunity to make improvements to get themselves in the 90%!

Every day a student attends is important and gives them the opportunity to learn.

Thank you to families working with us to have their children at school, ready to learn with their pens, books and food for the day.

Students have enjoyed having their laptops for learning and see the benefits of using them in class.

Be your best. Be respectful. Be responsible

Mr Scott Frazier

Principal

What's Happening In Careers

UNSW - Kick Winter Online Session for Year 12 Students

12 May 2021 6:00 pm - 7:00 pm Online

Kick Winter is the pre-workshop of the UNSW Gateway Winter Program.

Kick Winter will:

- Support you to stay motivated and reconnect with your passions.
- Help you to make the most of exclusive HSC support opportunities available through the upcoming Gateway Winter Program.
- Profile the UNSW Gateway Admission Pathway and application requirements.

Find out more:

https://unsw.au1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_24BEv5tUK0sx8zQ

TAFE NSW - Marine & Maritime Career Webinar

13 May 2021 10:00 am - 11:00 am Online

Are you dreaming of a life at sea? Whether you're interested in working on the water or prefer to stay connected to the land, there are plenty of awesome maritime careers to suit your skills and interests.

Get on board with our free webinar delivered in partnership with the Department of Education, Transport NSW and Boating Industry Association to learn more

Find out more:

<https://www.facebook.com/events/212475837352899/>

Towards Medicine - Balancing UCAT and ATAR

23 May 2021 12:00 pm - 1:00 pm Online

This workshop aims to teach students how to balance year 12 studies with the UCAT, both of which are important when applying for medicine.

Find out more:

<https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/towards-medicine-balancing-ucat-and-atar-60-min-event-tickets-137721999207>

University of Newcastle - 2021 Parent Info Session: Year 10 Subject Selection

25 May 2021, 6:00 pm - 7:00 pm Online

Our student ambassadors will share key subject selection information and share their stories and experiences with subject selection and transition to University studies.

Presentation topics:

- Subject selection process (our 3 simple steps on how to select your subjects)
- Subject selection resources, case studies and examples.
- What if I don't know what I want to do or change my mind?
- What can you study at the University of Newcastle? (campuses, faculties etc.)
- Differences between school life and university life (life as a student, timetables etc.)
- Pathways to University
- Ask a Student platform

The session will run for approximately 40 mins with 15 minutes for Q&A. Parents and students can ask questions throughout the presentation.

Find out more:

<https://www.newcastle.edu.au/events/future-students/2021-yr10-subject-selection-parent-info-session>

RMIT - Information Evening Albury

17 June 2021 6:00 pm - 7:00 pm

Mantra Albury Hotel

Thinking about studying at RMIT? This is the perfect place to start.

You'll hear from our staff and students on:

- Our campuses and locations
- Course options
- Industry experience
- Global opportunities
- Prerequisites and Pathways
- Clubs and societies
- Our graduates
- Accommodation options
- Entry schemes

You'll have the chance to ask questions and find out where RMIT might take you.

Find out more: <https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/rmit-university-information-evening-albury-tickets-147922017737>

Don't forget you can check out other resources like our [Job Spotlights](#) to find out more about careers.

Canteen

Don't forget our school is now offering online lunch orders. Payment can be made online and ordering can be done up to 10am on the day.

This is not an app!

Go to <https://quickcliq.com.au>



Dolly Day

We will be celebrating Do it for Dolly Day on Friday 14 May. The Year 12 students have been busy preparing for this special day in their fundraising campaign.



Year 12 will be making hamburgers on Do it for Dolly Day. If you would like one then please place your order and pay for it at the front office.

DO IT FOR DOLLY DAY LUNCH ORDER

Name:

Year/staff:

Prices:

Meal deal (burger+drink): \$6.00

Burger: \$4.50

Drink: \$2.00

Hamburger (please tick)

Lettuce

Tomato

Cheese

Beetroot

All of the above

Tomato sauce

BBQ sauce

Soft drink (meal deal)

Community Supporter



Cross Country

The annual school cross country was held on Thursday of Week 1. It turned out to be a great day, with many smiling faces and students getting active. Congratulations to all those students who participated in the event.

Age Champions of the day were:

12 yrs – Keegan Newman, Talia-Rose Fanning

13 yrs – Emerson Gill, Matika Simmons

14 yrs – Ryan Crowder, Maddison Hazell

15 yrs – Tom-Collins McAlister, Kate Foley

16 yrs – Noah McGhie, Maddison Jensen

17+ yrs – George Harrison

Further congratulations to Hammond who were the winning house on the day.

Science

The Big Science Competition is a 50-minute, multiple choice competition testing science knowledge, critical-thinking and problem-solving skills.

Questions are set in real-life, contemporary contexts, making them relatable (and interesting)!

Just by entering, students go into the running to **win one of ten great prizes**, including a Segway Scooter, a Nintendo Switch, an Apple iPad, Kaiser Action Camera, book packs and gift vouchers.

Giveaway open to Australian students only.

The Big Science Competition is an easy way to challenge students from Years 7 to 10 and track their performance against state or national averages.

This year, the Big Science Competition is 100% online and 100% free!

Students receive a certificate indicating their performance. The Big Science Competition is a pathway into other ASI science enrichment programs such as the [Australian Science Olympiads](#) and [Curious Minds-girls in STEM](#).

Participate in the Big Science Competition:

2021 dates: 17-28 May 2021

Registrations open: Wednesday 17 February 2021

Registrations close: Wednesday 12 May 2021

Library News

Thanks to all staff and students for their efforts in returning overdue library items last term, lots and lots of chocolate eggs were given out! There are quite a few exciting things happening this term and I am really looking forward to sharing these experiences with our school.



National Simultaneous Storytime

"National Simultaneous Storytime (NSS) is held annually by the Australian Library and Information Association (ALIA). Every year a picture book, written and illustrated by an Australian author and illustrator, is read simultaneously in libraries, schools, pre-schools, childcare centres, family homes, bookshops and many other places around the country". (ALIA, 2021).

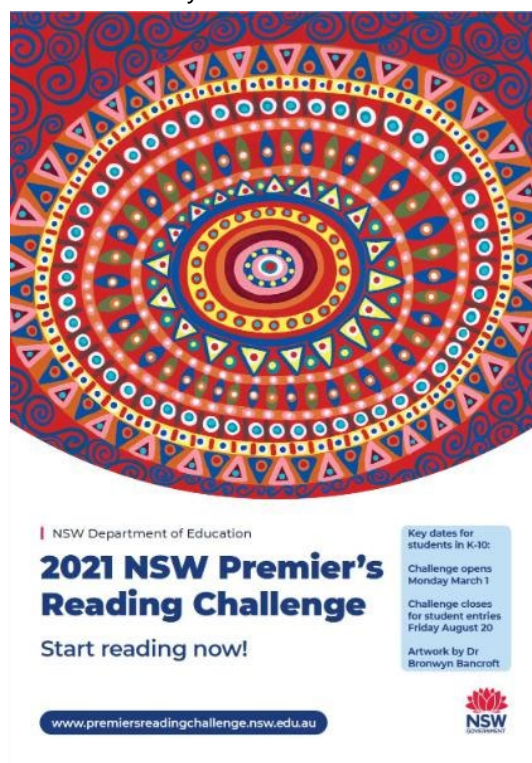
This year NSS takes place on **Wednesday the 19 of May** from the International Space Station and Junee High School will be participating in the reading of 'Give Me Some Space' written and illustrated by Philip Bunting.



Premier's Reading Challenge

Another annual event which is open until 20 August (Week 6, Term 3) is the Premier's Reading Challenge. Special consideration has been made this year to include Year 10 and I encourage our Year 10 students to make the most of their final opportunity to participate in this reading challenge.

Between now and 20 August, students in Years 7-10 are encouraged to read 20 books off the booklist and record these titles in their online personal reading log. Any student who would like me to assist them with updating their online reading log should come and see me in the Library.



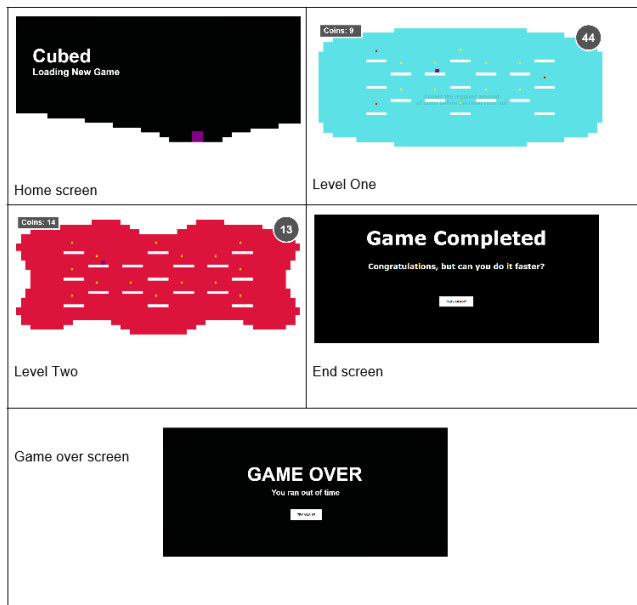
Staff Reading

Head into the Library to see the staff reading wall. This year, staff are updating me on the reading that they are completing. This reading can be for leisure, professional learning or related to further study of theirs, so far there has been excellent uptake on this. Photos of participating staff and book cover images are on display so please come and have a look so that you can chat with staff about what they are reading.



Aurora College

At the conclusion of term one Connor submitted his Software Design and Development assessment task. Using Java Script, Connor was able to design and code his game 'Cubed' through which users collect coins against time and progress through the two levels. Below are a series of screenshots that show Connor's game at each level, if the game is completed or if game over occurs.



Connor has excelled in his studies of Software Design and Development achieving outstanding results overall and in this assessment task. In the feedback for this task, Connor was awarded for having a game engine that worked, using correct code and identifiers and for explaining the decisions at each stage of the process. Connor is to be congratulated on his hard work and dedication in this course!



Book Week Theme and Awards

"Each year since 1945 the Children's Book Council of Australia (CBCA) has brought children and books together across Australia through CBCA Book Week. During this time schools and public libraries spend one glorious week celebrating books and Australian children's authors and illustrators"

<https://www.cbca.org.au/cbca-book-week>

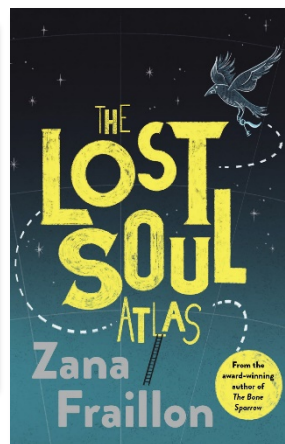
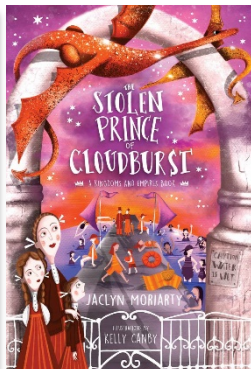
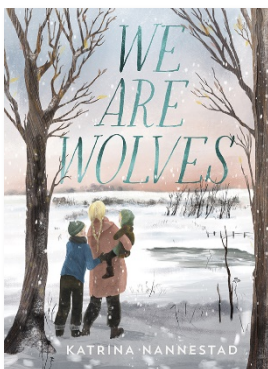
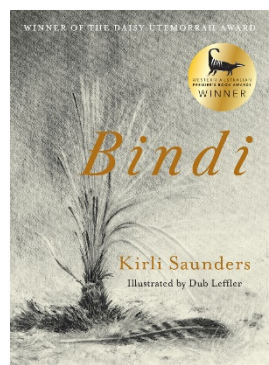
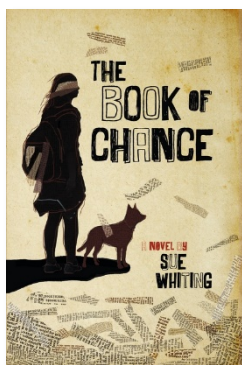
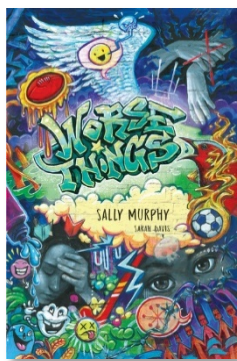
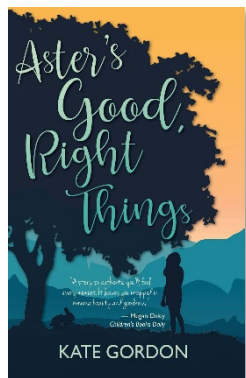
For 2021 the theme '**Old Worlds, New Worlds, Other Worlds**' has been set with accompanying artwork by Shaun Tan.



Another exciting element of Book Week celebrations are the Book of the Year categories. At JHS, we purchase the six shortlisted books in the Younger Reader (7-12 year old) and Older Reader (13-18 year old) categories. This year they are:

- Kate Gordon's 'Aster's Good, Right Things'
- Jaclyn Moriarty and Kelly Canby's 'The Stolen Prince of Cloudburst'
- Sally Murphy and Jill Davis's 'Worse Things'
- Katrina Nannestad's 'We are Wolves'
- Kirli Saunders and Dub Leffler's 'Bindi'
- Sue Whiting's 'The Book of Chance'

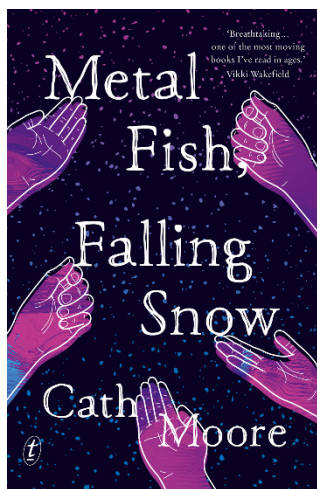
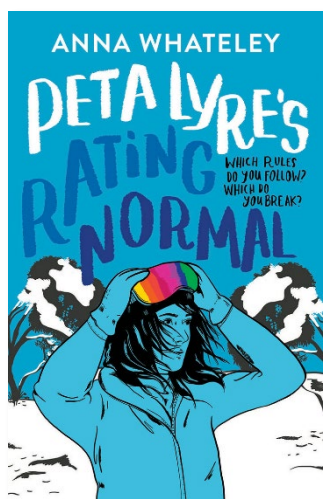
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BOOK OF THE YEAR: OLDER READERS

- Davina Bell's 'The End of The World is Bigger Than Love'
- Zana Fraillon's 'The Lost Soul Atlas'
- Jane Godwin's 'When Rain Turns to Snow',
- Cath Moore's 'Metal Fish, Falling Snow'
- Christie Nieman's 'Where We Begin'
- Ana Whateley's 'Peta Lyre's Rating Normal'.

All of 12 of these books are part of the Junee High School Library Collection. In the remaining editions of this term's newsletter I will feature three books as we lead into the celebration of Book Week next term in Week 7 Term 3.



Mrs Speer.