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2021 Term 2 Weeks 3 and 4

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Calendar

Term 2, Week 4

Friday 14 May Yr 11 RYDA

Friday 14 May Dolly's Day

Term 2, Week 5

Friday 21 May GEO Breakfast

Friday 21 May Riverina Lawn Bowls

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Feature Photo



New JHS Beanies \$20 at the Front Office

Dolly's Day

Don't forget to wear blue on Friday!



Principal's Report

Welcome to the Week 4 edition of our newsletter with so much happening and being organised for this term. I have been very impressed with students working hard in classes, wearing their uniform with pride and showing respect to others. The vast majority of students are gaining 5 points to their Honours System tally each week by following our 3 Be's, building their and their house's totals. Students and parents can check these points, as well as attendance, issues and booklets in the Parent & Student Portal. Please contact me if you require help accessing this.

Students are completing a number of assessments this term, finalising units of work and demonstrating their learning. Student Semester 1 reports will be distributed in week 10, with students completing a reflection activity to assist their understanding of the feedback given to them.

Thanks again for working with us!

Staffing

Our school is unfortunately experiencing issues with filling staffing vacancies.

We have been filling a PDHPE teacher load with Ms Ruby Foxlewin and Ms Gabriel Newman this term while we search for a PDHPE teacher.

This week, Mr Khan has resigned from his maths teacher position, leaving a vacancy. We are working with staffing to fill this position as soon as possible. However, there are staffing shortages across the state with just not enough teachers to fill all the gaps. We are covering classes with current teachers and looking at some timetable changes to allow consistency in the delivery of learning. I spoke to the classes affected today, explaining the situation and what we are planning. I did stress this as an opportunity for them to build their responsibility skills, ensuring they are checking on their understanding regularly and engaging positively with the learning, without just watching the teacher work and completing some work.

We are hosting three teaching practicum students across the school, supporting the next generation of teachers and preparing them for coming into schools within the next year. We welcome:

- India Burden – TAS/Agriculture
- Paul Fellows – PDHPE
- Emily Lynch – English/ History

Thank you to all our families for your support and understanding as we go through this challenging situation with staffing. Tracey Harper (Support Unit Teacher) is the NSW Teachers Federation school representative and Junee Branch President, who presented to P&C last week. Tracey presented on the Gallop Inquiry, outlining the concerns around staffing shortages and the various reasons why this is occurring. A strength of our school has been the great culture we have collectively built as a school community, which usually helps us attract and retain staff. It is so important that we continue working together and supporting each other, especially during this time.

P&C

The next P&C Meeting will be held on Wednesday 9 June. 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: Mrs Lisa Harris
- 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
- Grant funding for our school

Uniforms are available to purchase Monday to Friday from 9am-3:30pm at the front office.

Be your best. Be respectful. Be responsible

Scott Frazier
Principal

Library News

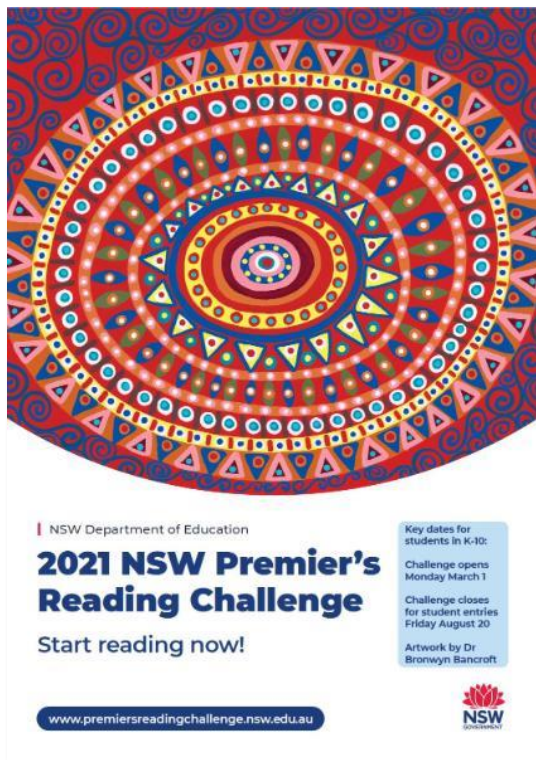
National Simultaneous Storytime (NSS)

The reading of 'Give Me Some Space' written and illustrated by Philip Bunting will be viewed next week in Year Meetings. This year NASA astronaut Dr Shannon Walker will be reading for the online story event and it is exciting that our students can participate in this annual event.



Premier's Reading Challenge

Students are encouraged to register online and log their reading in this year's challenge. This is open until the Saturday 20 August and anyone needing assistance can find support in the Library.



Old Worlds, New Worlds, Other Worlds Book Week Preparation

As indicated in the previous edition of the JHS Newsletter, overviews of the older and younger reader books will be included. These shortlisted books are with the judges at the moment and the winner of each category will be announced on Saturday 20 August.

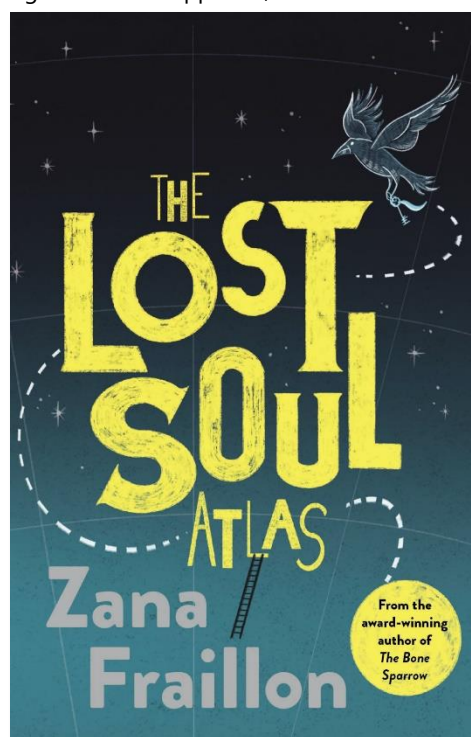
The Lost Soul Atlas by Zana Fraillon

"The publisher says...

A powerful story of hope and friendship, from the author of *The Bone Sparrow*.

Loyalty is tested, and a cruel twist of fate leads to an act of ultimate betrayal in this epic story that spans a city, a decade, and the divide between life and death itself.

Twig is all alone after his dad goes missing. But when he meets Flea, a cheerful pickpocket, the pair become fast friends. Together, Twig and Flea raise themselves on the crime-ridden streets, taking what they need and giving the rest to the even-poorer. Life is good, as long as they have each other. But then Twig wakes up in the Afterlife. With just a handful of vague memories, a key, a raven, and a mysterious atlas to guide him, he tries to piece together what happened, and to find his way home."



The End of the World is Bigger than Love by Davina Bell

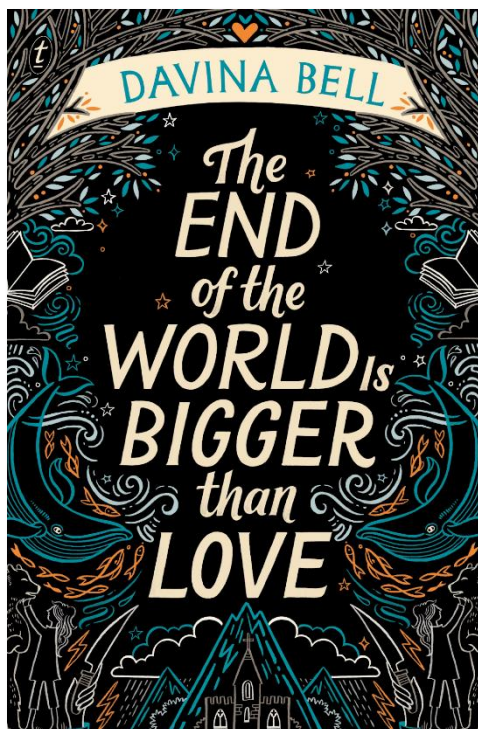
The publisher says...

"She said we didn't know what the world out there had become. We had been alone there so long on that tiny island, in that tiny church.

But in the night, I couldn't bear it.

My chest beat like wings.

Identical twin sisters Summer and Winter live alone on a remote island, sheltered from a destroyed world. They survive on rations stockpiled by their father and spend their days deep in their mother's collection of classic literature—until a mysterious stranger upends their carefully constructed reality. At first, Edward is a welcome distraction. But who is he really, and why has he come? As love blooms and the world stops spinning, the secrets of the girls' past begin to unravel and escape is the only option. A sumptuously written novel of love and grief; of sisterly affection and the ultimate sacrifice; of technological progress and climate catastrophe; of an enigmatic bear and a talking whale—The End of the World is Bigger than Love is unlike anything you've read before."



When Rain Turns to Snow by Jane Godwin

"The publisher says...

A beautiful and timely coming-of-age story about finding out who you are in the face of crisis and change. Perfect for fans of Kate DiCamillo, Fiona Wood and Emily Rodda.

A runaway, a baby and a whole lot of questions...

Lissa is home on her own after school one afternoon when a stranger turns up on the doorstep carrying a baby. Reed is on the run - surely people are looking for him? He's trying to find out who he really is and thinks Lissa's mum might have some answers. But how could he be connected to Lissa's family - and why has he been left in charge of a baby? A baby who is sick, and getting sicker... Reed's appearance stirs up untold histories in Lissa's family, and suddenly she is having to make sense of her past in a way she would never have imagined. Meanwhile, her brother is dealing with a devastating secret of his own."



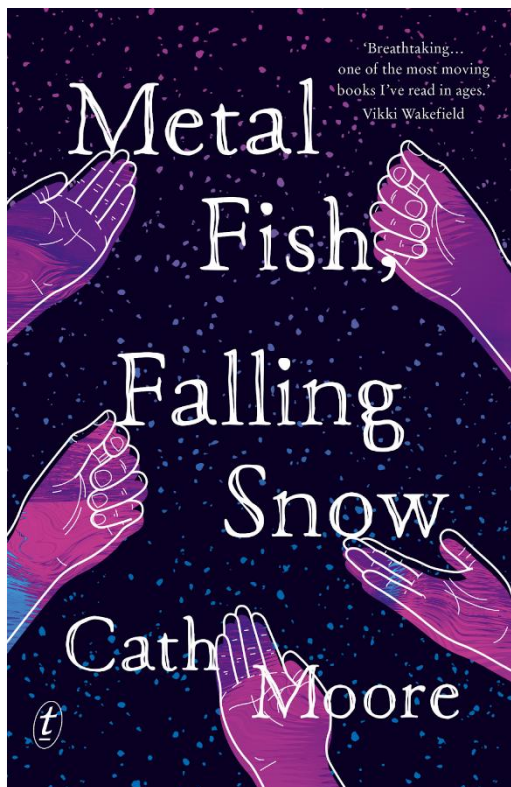
Metal Fish, Falling Snow by Cath Moore

"The publisher says...

Dylan and her adored French mother dream of one day sailing across the ocean to France. Paris, Dylan imagines, is a place where her black skin won't make her stand out, a place where she might feel she belongs. But when she loses her mother in a freak accident, Dylan finds herself on a very different journey: a road trip across outback Australia in the care of her mother's grieving boyfriend, Pat. As they travel through remote towns further and further from the water that Dylan longs for, she and Pat form an unlikely bond. One that will be broken when he leaves her with the family she has never known. Metal Fish, Falling Snow is a warm, funny and highly original portrait of a young girl's search for identity and her struggle to deal with grief. Through families lost and found, this own-voices story celebrates the resilience of the human heart and our need to know who we truly are."

These older reader novel overviews are directly from the Children's Book Council of Australia Website. Further information and advice about these books can be found at: <https://cbca.org.au/shortlist-2021>

Please note that texts included in this older reader category can at times deal with challenging themes such as violence and suicide. Support and guidance on reading any of these texts is available.



Mrs Speer.

Western Rock Camp 2021

From Sunday 25 April to Friday 30 April, 2021, four students from Junee High School attended the Western Rock Camp.

The camp was held at Ridgecrest Convention Centre, near Burrendong Dam, Mumbil. These students joined a group of 34 students from 15 different rural schools.

The camp was coordinated by Liesel Meers, Assistant Principal, from Mudgee Public School.

The students worked with musicians from the rock band, Feytastic, with members from Mudgee and Sydney.

The students were formed into 5 bands and were given 3 or 4 songs each to work on for the week.

At the end of the camp the students performed in a one and a half hour concert which showcased the students musical talent and absolutely wowed the parents.



Have you ever needed someone to talk to?

*Remember you are never alone,
getting support can make all the
difference, even if it feels like
nothing or no one can help, its still
very important to try*

Lifeline 13 11 14
Kids Helpline 1800 551 800
Beyond Blue 1300 22 4636

IT'S OK TO ASK FOR HELP
YOU'RE NOT ALONE

JUNEE HIGH CANTEEN

Canteen Volunteers Needed

ANY HELP

ANY HOUR

ANY DAY

Would be greatly appreciated!

Contact the office on 6924 1666

Reporting Retailers Of Illegal Nicotine E-Cigarettes

Electronic cigarettes or e-cigarettes are battery operated devices that heat a liquid (or e-liquid) to produce a vapour to inhale. Using an e-cigarette is sometimes called 'vaping'.

E-cigarettes come in many shapes and sizes and can be made to look like everyday items including highlighters, pens or USB memory sticks. E-liquid contains a range of chemicals or flavours, and often contains nicotine.

In NSW, the sale of e-cigarettes and e-liquids that contain nicotine is illegal. Selling tobacco or e-cigarettes to minors is also illegal. NSW Health is seeing an increase in the sale of nicotine containing e-cigarettes, including to minors.

NSW Health takes non-compliance with tobacco and e-cigarette laws seriously and NSW Health officers undertake inspections of retailers to ensure they are complying with the laws.

If you think a retail store is selling e-cigarettes that contain nicotine, or selling any tobacco or e-cigarette products to minors, please report it to NSW Health by completing the online reporting form:

<https://www.health.nsw.gov.au/tobacco/Pages/let-us-know-reports-complaints.aspx>, or by calling the Tobacco Information Line on 1800 357 412.

Further information on e-cigarette is available on the NSW Health website at:

www.health.nsw.gov.au/tobacco/Pages/e-cigarette-young-people.aspx





No knives at school – parent factsheet

Health and Safety Directorate

There is no good reason to bring a knife to school.

NSW now has the toughest knife laws in Australia. As a parent, you need to be aware of these laws, as you can also be charged if you allow your child to carry a knife.

No knives allowed at school under any circumstances

If a student has a knife at school the principal may call the police.

The student may be expelled or suspended immediately. Possessing a knife includes your child simply having one in their bag or locker. Having a knife for self-protection is also illegal. If you are concerned about your child's wellbeing or safety, contact the principal.

Tough penalties apply for children convicted of knife offences, including gaol sentences of up to 25 years if someone is injured with a knife during an assault.

Every child has the right to feel safe and secure at school. There is no good reason for a child to ever have a knife at school.

If you want to talk about children and knives at school, please contact the principal.

What kind of knives are prohibited?

As school policy is designed to keep all students safe, no type of knife is allowed at school. That means no butter knives or fruit knives in lunchboxes, or knife tools for craft purposes.

Flick knives, ballistic knives, sheath knives, push daggers, trench knives, butterfly knives and star knives are all prohibited.

Your child cannot bring to school any item that can be used as a weapon (such as a chisel).

In lessons requiring the use of knives, for example cooking or trades, your child's teacher will supply and supervise the use of the tools.

There are some senior subjects, such as hospitality, where children may be required to have their own knives.

Your child's school will advise you about these courses and the procedures for carrying knives legally to and from school.

The law makes parents responsible

You need to make certain your child is aware of the school's rules and the State laws about knives.

If you allow your child to carry or possess a knife at school or in a public place, you can be charged.

The police can search any child they suspect of having a knife. They can confiscate any dangerous object they might find during the search.

Your child must comply with such a police search, or they may be arrested and charged.

It is also illegal for anyone to sell a knife to anyone who is less than 16 years old