



Junee High School

# Newsletter

Welcome to JHS Mr Hamilton



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## Calendar

### Term 3, Week 5

Friday 13 August GEO Big Breakfast

### Term 3, Week 7

Monday 23 August Book Week

Friday 27 August Yr 7 Vaccinations @ 9am

### Term 3, Week 8

Wednesday 1 Sept P&C Meeting 7pm-8pm

Thursday 9 Sept Year 6 Transition. Day 1

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## Principal's Report

Thank you for the warm welcome and support I have received from staff, students, parents and the wider community. It is my absolute honour and privilege to lead Junee High School and continue to build on the great work of Scott Frazier. After only 3 days, I have already seen a commitment from students and teachers to work together and be the best they can be. Students have approached me in the playground to introduce themselves and many have asked me if I am enjoying my time here. I have in turn, asked students the same question to hear what it is that they value most about Junee High School. What is already evident, is a deep connection to their town, physical environment and school connection to their learning, and a connection to each other.

I would like to introduce myself to the school community of Junee. My name is Darren Hamilton and I

come to Junee High School from my recent role as Deputy Principal of Canobolas Rural Technology High School and previous roles as relieving Principal of Peak Hill Central School, and Deputy Principal of Parkes High School. Prior to these roles I was Deputy Principal, Head Teacher and Teacher of PDHPE at Bathurst High School for 18 years. I have lived in the Central West for over 25 years, my wife is Principal at Cowra High School and I have twin daughters aged 19 who are studying at the University of Sydney. I have met with teaching staff of Junee High School and the pleasure of discussing my leadership history and my intentions to support all staff in our shared educational journey for Junee High School.

Strategic Improvement Plan - Our 2021-2024 Strategic Improvement Plan has been finalised and is available for parents and the community to view on our website. The plan outlines our three strategic directions, including key initiatives, as we work towards improving student outcomes in the areas of reading, numeracy, HSC Bands, student wellbeing and attendance. A focus for staff is on how they use data to reflect on their teaching and modify their teaching practice to best meet student needs.

I was really humbled and privileged to hear such kind words of welcome from parents and community members on my arrival to town this week and I look forward to communicating our successes and achievements, leading our school as Principal and I look forward to meeting all our parents once our current restrictions are lifted in a more conducive atmosphere. I have enjoyed walking around the school and watching classes with enthusiastic staff and students completing tasks in a caring environment and getting to know them all. I look forward to watching this growth throughout the year and I encourage parents to be part of that journey with us.

**Darren Hamilton**

**Principal**

## Library News

**Please return overdue library books**  
**Individual notices have been**  
**emailed to students.**



## Staying Connected With Us

Stay connected with us at Junee High School. Parent Portal App, download to your phone receive our newsletter, updates, reports, notes and much more. Contact the school 69241 666 for your child's key to access Academic Reports.

For more information go to  
[www.sentral.com.au/parents](http://www.sentral.com.au/parents)



## NDIA Virtual Information Session

A session for young people in Years 10-12 and people who support them

The NDIA would like to invite NSW and ACT students with a disability in Years 10-12, their parents, carers and education professionals, to attend a virtual information session.

This is a session about building skills and paving a pathway to post school life. We'll discuss a range of NDIS-funded supports and other assistance to help young people build skills to prepare for their transition, and support them in achieving employment and other goals, post-school.

Sessions are offered over multiple dates to allow flexibility for attendees, and will be delivered via video-conference using Microsoft Teams.

Registrations close three business days before the event. Two business days prior to the event, details to join the session will be sent from [events@ndis.gov.au](mailto:events@ndis.gov.au) to the email address you provide at registration.

For any enquiries regarding this session, please contact [events@ndis.gov.au](mailto:events@ndis.gov.au). Please include the session name in the subject line.

Where: Virtual Information Sessions via Microsoft Teams  
 Dates & Times:

Wednesday 11 August 2021 1.30pm – 3.00pm (AEST)

Tuesday 17 August 2021 6.00pm – 7.30pm (AEST)

Wednesday 25 August 2021 1.30pm – 3.00pm (AEST)

Wednesday 8 September 2021 6.00pm – 7.30pm (AEST)

RSVP: Please register via Eventbrite - click below.

Additional information:

Accessibility is important to us. If you have any accessibility requirements please let us know when you register for your chosen session. Please note – a minimum of five (5) business days' notice is required to book interpreters and live captioning services.



## Year 8 LOTE Class

Year 8 have been lucky to have Ms Hyland share some tips on how to prepare Japanese food. The students enjoyed preparing and tasting the delicious dishes.



### Overdue student statements have been sent out via mail

Payments can be made over the phone with a credit card, send student in with cash or online at <https://junee-h.schools.nsw.gov.au> click on 'MAKE A PAYMENT'



### NDIS Information Session & Site Tour for School Leavers

Thursday 19th  
August 2021  
9.45am - 1.30pm  
156 Fitzmaurice St  
Wagga Wagga



Pictured: Joel attended Kurrajong's Employment Preparation program and is now employed full time by the Rural Fire Service.

**School leavers, parents and carers are invited to come and learn more about Kurrajong's NDIS support services for people leaving school.**

You'll have the opportunity to find out about our Employment Preparation program, geared to assist young adults with disability to prepare for work. You will also be taken on a tour of Kurrajong Timber and Kurrajong Recycling facilities, visit Supported Living, and go to the Hildasid Community Farm where Kurrajong delivers Lifestyle Choices day programs.

RSVP to Dan Scott by Thursday 22nd July  
Phone 0429 446 001 or email [dscott@kurrajong.com.au](mailto:dscott@kurrajong.com.au)





## Staff Development Days

What do teachers and support staff DO on a Staff Development Day?

On Monday July 12, all our staff were involved in professional learning, discussion, workshops and planning so that they are further equipped to lead and support learning in all classrooms for all students.

Our teachers reviewed the literacy and numeracy data from the Term 2 Year 8 Check-in Assessment and the Term 1 Year 7 Best Start data. As we wait for the Year 7 and 9 NAPLAN data, Year 9 teachers reflected on the achievement of students in their classes to date to consider what the strengths and areas for improvement of their students are. All teachers developed a class profile for one class and explored the School Improvement Resources which have recently been published by the Department of Education. Teachers selected a specific literacy or numeracy focus area and planned to explicitly teach in order to improve student learning outcomes. Students can expect that in various classes, learning HOW to read will feature in lessons. This may involve skim reading to grasp the main idea, reading with greater depth and understanding, reading more frequently and broadening their understanding of subject specific words.

Our Student Learning Support Officers explored topics which related to the work they do, in classrooms, to support teachers to move students along in their learning journey.

They explored strategies and ideas including supporting students to attempt all learning and to develop resilience. They know that learning can be stressful but that with support, ALL students can learn.

Take a moment to look up:

\* Growth Mindset versus Fixed Mindset and you too will understand that the brain is a muscle. The brain CAN change and become stronger, with effort.

\*Process praise versus person praise.

**Have you changed any contact details lately??**

**Whether it be your phone number, email, living or postal address please let the office know ASAP**

## Year 9 Timber







Mr Hathaways 5TIMB Class with some of their amazing work





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