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Newsletter

Bangarra Youth Program

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Calendar

Term 1, Week 9

Mon 21 March	Riverina Boys Soccer Trials Riverina AFL Girls Trials
Tues 22 March	Riverina Golf Trials
Wed 23 March	Open Girls League Tag

Term 1, coming events

Mon 28 March	Yr 12 Ag Excursion
Tues 29 March	Engineering Day
Thur 31 March	Athletics Carnival
Fri 1 April	Yr 12 Mid Course Exams White Card Course @ JHS

Changes to payment methods

In keeping with the Department of Education policy, Junee High School is **no longer able to accept EFT payments over the phone**.

Cash and EFTPOS payments may be made in person at the school office, or through the Parent Online Payment (POP) facility which can be accessed via the Junee High School website at:

<https://junee-h.schools.nsw.gov.au/>

You will see the **'Make a Payment'** option at the top of the page. Or you can scan the QR code below, which will take you straight to the payment area:



Please include your **POP receipt number** in the space provided on your child's permission note or remittance slip.

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Feature Photo



See below for more details.

Bangarra Youth Program

Each Thursday some of our girls have had the privilege of learning choreography through the Bangarra Youth Program.

The group of 6 students who have worked incredibly hard to learn two sections of choreography created by the team at Bangarra.

The girls then had to create their own section to stitch together the learned choreography. Inspired by the local love story of Pomingalarna and Gobbagumbalin, the group worked as a team to come up with their own dance section and look forward to sharing with the choreographers via zoom this week.

Connecting, learning, and sharing through culture has been a valued experience.



Principal's Report

Start of 2022 and student progress

Students have shown continued progress in classes across years 7 – 10 despite the obvious impact of COVID and other related learning from 2021. The Literacy and Numeracy programs that ran in Term Four last year have supported students and helped reduce these impacts on learning. These withdrawal programs have continued into 2022 and the Learning and Support team will be making contact with you regarding how the school can best support specific learning needs for both Literacy and Numeracy throughout the year for your child. If you would like to discuss options for your child, please make a time to meet members of the Learning and Support Team.

Coming up we have the NAPLAN for Year 7 and 9. Practice tests as will be conducted to determine any issues with technology. It is important that you can support these tests this helps provide data for the school in developing support programs and focus around the Literacy and Numeracy gaps in students knowledge.

Student progress reports will be made available to parents in the coming weeks. These are designed to show the progress and application utilising our school core values of Be Your Best, Be Respectful and Be Responsible. These link very well with the required high expectations for students owning their learning and seeking the help when offered or required. A corresponding Parent/Teacher afternoon will be coming up with a date to be confirmed.

Student reward excursions and elective and school subject fee payments

Student invoices for subject fees and voluntary contributions will be sent home this week.

Please note that subject fees should be paid to ensure eligibility for upcoming excursions.

The first student reward excursion to the 2022 State of Origin will be coming up in Term Two. Student fee payment and other related aspects of high levels of attendance, assessment completion and school-based

application will form the basis for the selection to these reward excursions. It is important for all students to pay school fees that cover expenses for their learning. If you would require support in these payments, please make a time to meet with me to discuss options for how the school can support your child/children.

Aboriginal Education Team – Aboriginal Education Officer and Personalised Learning Plans and BBQ on Wednesday 23 March

Cherie Smith has been busy completing Aboriginal Student PLP's this term. This supportive role will form strong links with our Aboriginal families and the school where we can provide a supported environment for learning. We are also developing our Aboriginal Education team and working with the Wagga Aboriginal Education Consultative Group (AECG) in better supporting the cultural significance and the building of culture within our school setting. This will be an exciting time with events planned with the Bangarra Dance Company, Reconciliation Day and NAIDOC celebrations through the year.

Police Cyber-Bullying and Safety Talks

Year 7/8 and Years 9 – 11 had Police Liaison Snr Constable Tim Bourke and Sargent Adam White from Junee Police provide Cyber Safety talks to these two groups on Thursday 17 March. These engaging talks went through the issues associated with cyber bullying,



misuse of phone and devices and scenarios that linked actions with consequences. The school is undertaking a review of its mobile phone and device policy. If you would like to provide some support and input, please



make contact with Mr Mark Turner for more information.

Vaping

Vaping is becoming more common among younger people, impacting on health, with many of the chemicals involved not being clearly marked or part of recommendations for sale and use. These can cause significant harm, both short and long term, and it is incredibly important that parents understand the issues associated with their use. As part of this information provisions, the Department of Education has put out information packs for students and parents, please see below for some of this information.

<https://www.health.nsw.gov.au/tobacco/pages/vaping-parents.aspx>

Information for parents and carers

Do you know what they're vaping?

We are urging you to find out more and talk about the hidden impacts of vapes with your children.

Alarming, we are seeing an increase in the number of young people trying vaping.

Young people may think they are simply inhaling flavoured water, this is far from the truth. Vapes can have the same harmful chemicals found in cleaning products, nail polish remover, weed killer and bug spray.

Vapes are colourful, with flavours that make them appealing.

You wouldn't put cleaning products in your food, so why would you want to put it into your lungs?

What you can do as a parent or carer

There are ways you can help protect your children from vaping:

- Whether you suspect your child is vaping or not, take the time to talk to them about it and help them understand all of the risks. It is never too late to have the conversation.
- Try to start the conversation with your child in a relaxed easy-going way, perhaps taking the cue from around you, such as a note from school, a news story about on it, or seeing people vaping on the street.

- If your child is vaping, encourage them to stop, let them know that help is available and you are there for them.
- Learn about the different types of vapes available and the risks associated with using these products.
- Set a good example by being tobacco or vape free.
- Report those who are selling vapes to minors or selling vapes containing nicotine by completing the [online reporting form](#) or calling the Tobacco Information Line on 1800 357 412.

Darren Hamilton - Principal



Sports News

Boys Basketball

Our boys had a great day at the Opens Basketball gala day in Wagga. We beat Temora and Mount Austin and lost against a strong Tumut team. The boys played great and showed excellent sportsmanship throughout their games. Thanks to Mr Fellows for coaching the team!

Boys Touch Football

We also had a great day at the CHS Opens Touch Football gala day in Wagga. The boys lost two games against Koorringal and Wagga Wagga High, who were very strong, but beat Tumbarumba 5-0. The boys are to be commended for their efforts on the day, with Mr Leary receiving positive reports from referees about the boys' attitude and sportsmanship. Huge thanks to Jack McCarthy and Cooper Vanzanten for refereeing some games on the day. Well done boys!

2022 JHS Athletics Carnival

A reminder that the JHS Athletics Carnival will be held next **Thursday 31 March**. Notes will be distributed to students this week with details about the day.

Abstudy School Fees Allowance

Information for Aboriginal students who receive the Abstudy allowance:

This allowance is paid directly to the school and these funds are then shown as **fees in advance** on each student's cash desk account.

This credit will be applied as payment for any due or outstanding subject and materials fees which may be owing. The balance of funds may be applied to the payment of excursions, uniforms and other school related expenses.

Please enquire at the office, from Week 9 to obtain a credit balance amount.

What's happening in Careers?

JYEPP – Junee Youth Employment Partnership Program

Earlier in the term 23 Year 9 & 10 students completed an application to be a part of the very successful JYEPP. This program is a collaboration between the Junee Shire Council and the school. I am happy to reveal that all the students were successful in gaining a place in the program which I'll run over the next 18 months.

The program will see the students undertake work experience at the Junee Licorice Factory for ½ day per week over two terms. During that time they will also be trained by TAFE at the Athenium Theatre over 5 days.

The training will see the participants gaining 3 units of competency from the Hospitality training package.

Our first cohort for this year will begin in Term 2.

Stage 5 Automotive Course

Twelve students were recently accepted into the Stage 5 Automotive course to run at TAFE – Wagga Wagga campus. This course will see the students attend TAFE for two days per week in Term 4. The students will get a statement of attainment in Certificate I Vehicle Preparation. This course is a great introduction to the Automotive Mechanical industry and will allow the students to gain skills and as well as assist them to decide whether a career in the automotive industry is something for them to consider in the future.

White Card training

The white card training course will be held at the school on Friday 1 April from 8:45am-3:18pm. The cost of the course is \$110 making it significantly cheaper than completing it external to school. The white card is required by anyone entering a building site and therefore a requirement for students wanting to undertake work experience with a builder, landscaper, architect, etc. There are still vacancies in the course. If students are interested then they need to collect a note from Mrs Bunyan in the Careers Office.

USI – Unique Student Identifier

The three opportunities outlined above all require students to have a USI. This can be created at <https://portal.usi.gov.au/student/Usi/Create/OnBehalfOf> You will need either a birth certificate, driver's licence or Medicare card to complete the application. Mrs Bunyan requires a copy of the USI. This can either be emailed or handed to her as a hard copy.

Junee High School Careers Facebook page

This page is particularly important for parents of students in Years 10-12. Keep up-to-date with everything post school. This FB page has lots of important information regarding post school options including university, TAFE, ADF, private providers, TAFE, UAC. There is a lot of helpful information for parents when they have students navigating their last years at high school. The page can be found at <https://www.facebook.com/Junee-High-School-careers-458828857597324> or search Junee High School Careers in FB.

Mrs Bunyan

Year 7 Science success

Congratulations to Year 7 students for doing an excellent job on the first Science practical assessment. Students demonstrated outstanding skills in the laboratory, worked well in groups and were able to draw valid conclusions from the data collected!

Who knew adding salt to water could help cook pasta faster!



Mr Fellows

Athletics Carnival Lunch Order

Once again Year 12 will be supporting their chosen charity, by providing lunch at the upcoming Athletics Carnival.



Order forms have been distributed to students and orders and **correct** money (cash only) must be in to the front office by:

Friday 25th March 2022

Please note: No other canteen facilities available at the carnival.

This is a Year 12 Charity Fundraiser
in support of



More facts about the dangers of
vaping?

The biggest misunderstanding about vapes is that they
are harmless compared to cigarettes.

This is not true. Vapes are not safe.

- ☠ Many vapes contain nicotine making them
addictive
- ☠ The nicotine in one vape can equal 50
cigarettes
- ☠ Teens who vape are 3 times more likely to
take up smoking
- ☠ Vaping has been linked to serious lung
disease
- ☠ E-liquids can contain many harmful
chemicals. They are just not listed on the
pack.

Uniform News

Canterbury trackpants stock is critically low here in
Australia and New Zealand which has forced our
trackpants to be on backorder, they are due to land
here in late May.

Sizes 12, 14, L and limited 2XL are on hand. These
track pants are no longer made in a size 16.

Please try and source your trackpants from other
retail suppliers in the meantime.

Sorry for the inconvenience.

Jumpers and winter jackets are available to
order through the front office.

Ag Plot Vegie Plants for Sale

White, Brown & Spring Onions
Spinach, Shallots, Snap Peas,
Snow Peas, Sweet Peas, Cabbage,
Red Cabbage, Broccoli and
Cauliflower

\$4.00 / punnet.

**Please call the front office to order,
pay and pickup. 69241 666.**

Community News

**Give life.
Give blood in
Junee Mobile**

Junee Services Club carpark
Thursday 31 March 2022

Thursday 31 March 8.30am – 3.30pm

give blood

HSIE Action in Geography



Bring your own device (BYOD) Recommendations

Form Factor	Windows Laptop or Chromebook. This device must have a physical keyboard attachment with separate keys for A-Z & 0-9 and which physically move when depressed.
Physical Dimensions	11 – 15-inch screen size
Operating System	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Windows 10 (to be kept up to date by student) Chrome OS (latest version) iPads are not recommended as they have some limitations
Wireless Compatibility	Device must have 5GHz 802.11n support. This may be advertised as 'Dual Band Wireless', "802.11abgn", "802.11agn", "802.11ac" or Gigabit Wireless <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Check the returns policy in case a device with the incorrect Wi-Fi is purchased Take special note of the Wireless Compatibility requirements. This is the most difficult requirement to verify yourself for windows laptops. If you are unsure, consider purchasing a recommended device.
Battery Life	Advertised battery life of at least 6+ hours
Recommendations	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Maximum weight: 2kg i5 or Corei7 CPU Minimum RAM: 4GB Disk configuration: Solid State Disk (SDD)
Considerations	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Accidental loss and breaking insurance Protective Case