



Junee High School

Newsletter



**Marg Belling retiring after 43 Years at JHS!
Congratulations.**

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Calendar

Term 2, Week 10

Wed 29 June	Yr 11 Biology Excursion to Taronga Western Plains Zoo Dubbo
Thurs 30 June	Teachers Industrial Action – Minimal supervision @ JHS
Fri 1 July	Last Day Term 2

Term 3, Week 1

Mon 18 July	Staff Development Day – NO STUDENTS TO ATTEND SCHOOL
Tues 19 July	First Day Term 3

POP Payments

You can make payments by scanning this QR code, which will take you to the payment area:

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



Eligibility for Excursions

Students who wish to attend excursions need to have paid all subject fees to be eligible.

Eligibility for excursions will also be dependent upon acceptable behaviour and attendance levels.

In line with new COVID rules, close contacts will not be permitted to participate in overnight excursions.

Feature Photo



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Principal's Report

It is with great privilege that I have the opportunity to write the principal's address for the final newsletter for Term Two. Mr Hamilton is currently on leave until week three next term. I will be relieving in this position until then. Miss Asmus will be the Relieving Deputy Principal and Mrs Speer has taken the role of Relieving English Head Teacher throughout this period. I thank both of them for taking on these roles.

School Production

Last week saw the school production "A Super Groovy Night's Dream" come to a conclusion. It was a fantastic showcase of talented students enrolled at JHS. We had over 60 students involved in various capacities ranging from acting, backstage, band, dance, lighting and sound. Congratulations to all involved both staff and students. In particular to Miss Hyland, Miss Asmus, Ms Elford and Jake O'Rafferty for their dedication to ensure a professional and entertaining showcase was produced.

In addition to the activities conducted in conjunction with "Reconciliation Week" (covered in our previous newsletter), some of our senior students also wrote poetry for the day. These have been included in this edition of our newsletter.

Attendance

As you would be aware, it is important that students are attending school as much as possible. Absences from school can have a great impact on the continuity of learning. We appreciate your support in adhering to the health guidelines regarding sickness. If a student is absent from school longer than three days, it is a requirement that a medical certificate is submitted to the office.

School Excursions

It has been really encouraging that as we move forward that we are able to provide students the opportunity to represent the school in a number of extra-curricular activities. These have included sport, academic, creative and cultural activities. However, opportunities such as these also come with responsibilities from the students. One of these is returning permission notes and payment (if applicable) to the office promptly. This ensures that our administrative processes are much more efficient. As we move into Terms Three and Four, we will require permission notes and any money to be handed in at

least two days prior to the excursion. If an excursion is not viable by this time, they may be cancelled. Office staff will be unable to call parents to gain verbal permission unless extenuating circumstances have prevented students from receiving information.

Farewell Marg

This newsletter will be the final one for Margaret Belling as a valued member of the staff at JHS. Marg has decided to retire after 43 years of investment in our school. As the longest serving staff member to date, she will be sadly missed. We thank her for the dedication she has given throughout this substantial period of time and we wish her all the best with her future endeavours.



Lastly, I would like to thank all the staff at JHS for the investment that they make every day to support our learners, our school and our community.

I wish all our families a safe and enjoyable break.

Mr Mark Turner
Relieving Principal

U14's Rugby League

The Junee High School under 14's league team travelled to Wagga Wagga to compete in the Small Schools Rugby League Knockout at Paramore Park.



The boys played three matches in wet and cold conditions, with outstanding play. We had a loss against Tumbarumba High School, a win against McAuley Catholic School (Tumut) and a well-deserved draw against Gundagai High School. The team was led well by captain Nate Johnson who also top scored with 4 tries, including 2 x 100 metre runaways in succession. All the boys played well and were great sportsmen who were great ambassadors for the school at the tournament.

Well done!



Mr Matt Lagan
Coach

COVID Intensive Learning Support

This semester the school has conducted COVID Intensive Learning Support Programs in Literacy and Numeracy with an array of students from Years 7 to 10. The program was developed to assist students to improve their literacy and numeracy foundation skills. The small group tuition involves three intensive sessions per week with activities that are tailored around students learning requirements.



The students have enjoyed being part of the program with improvements made by many students.

The program will continue into Semester Two with new groups.



Parents will be informed via a letter early Term 3.

Mrs Di Cusack
COVID ILSP

JHS will facilitate the return of student devices with chargers on Wednesday 29 June 2022.

Year 11 Kitchen Operations

It was very exciting when we managed to get Kitchen Operations up and running in 2022, as we have not had a Hospitality class at Junee High School for several years. The students look fantastic in their chef uniforms, and they have worked very hard to learn new food preparation skills. To make the practical sessions more aligned with working in the hospitality industry, we have been making bulk portions of products and selling them to the staff through Platform 52 (the renamed school café).



Our staff have dined on Chicken Shwama wraps with assorted accompaniments. Students made the wraps from, chicken schnitzel burgers with either aioli or chipotle mayonnaise, fish cakes with side salad, rustic chicken tarts and sticky date puddings.

As well as catering for the staff the class has also catered for several functions including the Premier's Sporting Challenge and the Illabo Melodrama. The melodrama catering was for 138 audience members and 40 cast and Crew..... it was a big job!

Next term will see the students undertake work placement where they will be able to use their food preparation skills in the industry.



Mrs Elaine Bunyan
Hospitality Teacher

Youth Mental Health Forum 2022

On Tuesday June 7, a group of seven students and Student Support Officer, Kate Duff and Teacher/Librarian, Marie Speer, attended the 2022 Youth Mental Health Forum at Wagga Wagga Christian College.

The aim of the forum was to provide students with a positive way to promote wellbeing in young people in schools and the broader community, strategies to improve mental health literacy and reduce stigma. The aim is to empower youth to change negative perceptions and develop positive ways to improve communication and understanding among their peers with their school communities.



During the day students listened to a young person with a lived experience of mental health from the National Youth Reference Group. There were also professionals in attendance, including a Child and Adolescent Psychiatrist, a School Counsellor and a Mental Health Social Worker. The students were also able to engage in many fun and thought-provoking activities with students from the many other schools in attendance.

Following the forum, participants from all schools overwhelmingly agreed that the Youth Mental Health Forum is "... important for my school", and that "I know who to contact if I, or a friend, was suffering from a mental illness".



Our wonderful seven students were able to come up with an idea - their "take it back" project- that they think will improve student experience at Junee High School. We look forward to seeing this in action.

Mrs Marie Speer
Teacher/Librarian

What's Happening In Careers?

Charles Sturt Advantage

The first round of university early entry offers have been made from CSU. Quite a few of our Year 12 students have secured places in courses of their choice for 2023. Courses include nursing, teaching, radiography, criminology and social work. This is awesome news for our students.

Year 10 Senior Subject Selection

The beginning of Term 3 will see the Year 10 students making their initial subject selection choices for 2023. This process can be rather daunting for students and parents. To assist them with this students will participate in information sessions at school. This will include being able to sit in senior class of their choice for a lesson, have an interview with the Careers Adviser and the Year Adviser and attend the parent/student information evening.

Students will gather information to help them make their choices. There are several external websites that the school subscribes to and several online career education platforms, one being Study Work Grow. The website can be found at www.studyworkgrow.com.au/find-your-school/. We have a school code to connect you for free to the website the code is JHS0219. Once registered you can access information not only to assist you with subject selection but also on wellbeing, money matters (applying for a TFN, superannuation), post-school study options (TAFE, university, gap year options, studying overseas) and work (job spotlights, videos, volunteering).

You can also subscribe to a weekly newsletter which is full of information about upcoming events around NSW.

Junee High School Careers Facebook Page

If you are a senior student or a parent of students in Years 9 to 12, then this Facebook page is for you. The page is regularly updated with information related to finishing school and post-school options. Take some time to check it out and "like". The page was established so as not to clutter the regular school Facebook page with careers-based information.



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

Australian Federal Police – Work Experience and Virtual Seminars

Do you know a high school student interested in forensics? They should tune into our virtual seminars!

Due to the popularity of the AFP 2022 Forensics Work Experience Program, we will be running virtual seminars for Year 10-12 high school students to learn about what an average day of a forensic scientist in the AFP consists of. From fingerprint and facial recognition, to firearms identification and armoury, the seminar is designed to give students a teaser into what a career in forensic science looks like and hear from current AFP forensic scientists.

High school students are encouraged to also register for the AFP 2023 Forensics Work Experience Program. The one-week program held in Canberra provides Year 10 to 12 student with an understanding of the career.

For more information, read the post on the Junee High School Careers FB page or see Mrs Bunyan

Mrs Elaine Bunyan
Careers Adviser

Year 12 'No Backpack Day'

Year 12 hosted a 'No Backpack Day' on Monday 27 June along with a wood fired pizza lunch to raise money for their charity Ronald McDonald House.



Students and staff brought all their belongings for the day in anything but a backpack. Year 12 also made and sold a variety of pizzas in the school's wood fire pizza oven.

Mr Andy Bedford
Year 12 Adviser



Margaret Belling Retires

I would like to take this opportunity to acknowledge the many years of service to Junee High School by Miss Margaret Belling. Marg has been a School Administrative Officer at JHS since 1979. She is a wonderful colleague who is highly regarded and respected by all. Her wealth of experience has contributed to every area of the school and she has always supported her fellow staff members in any way she could.

As a manager, I have relied on and valued Marg's local and department knowledge to help provide a balanced perspective on any issues which have arisen.

I know that the non-teaching staff team join with me to wish Marg all the best for her retirement. Although we are confident that she will be returning regularly as a casual staff member.

Kelly Richards
Business Manager

Library Update

Premier's Reading Challenge

A small reminder that the Premier's Reading Challenge is still open, this challenge closes on Friday the 19th of August.



Book Week

This year's theme **Dreaming with eyes open** will be celebrated next term. All students and staff are encouraged to start planning their book week costumes for the middle of Term 3. If you would like to discuss ideas, please come and see me, everyone is welcome to participate.

Mrs Marie Speer
Teacher/Librarian

Reconciliation Week

Cherie Smith set a variety of creative challenges for students during Reconciliation week earlier this term. Please enjoy the Year 12 Advanced collaborative poetry composition completed as part of this challenge.

Mrs Marie Speer
Teacher/Librarian



Be Brave. Make Change by Jake Vanzanten

The darkness of the past echoes through generations,
With language forbidden, more than just children were taken.

In more than just government policy Australia was mistaken.

It will take more than apologies and education.

There will never be a time where the pain passes the peak.

But be brave. Make change because reconciliation is about more than just one week.

Workplace Change by Maddison Corcoran

A workplace should reflect respect,
But with their hateful comments and neglect.

How long did they think you would last?

Knowing those apathetic attempts at kindness were a farce.

Will the workplace continue to hold this dread?

When they finally remember that we all bleed red.

Protesting by Mia Phillips and Mrs Speer

It's not just a week, a month, or a day

That people reflect on culture or have their say.

History demands that change not be silent,

From Redfern to Hyde Park or in front of parliament.

How far have we come since 1972?

Be brave. Make change. Be something too.

Social Change by Leela Elliott

We as one must certainly understand

That to make change we must take a stand

And together we can restore
What has been broken way before.
As the word for this is reconciliation
This is our duty as the future generation.

Education by Sophia Cameron

Children are born blind to hate and prejudice,
They are taught ugliness and practice injustice
By inconsiderate adults and overheard conversation,
Using words that caused pain for not just one
generation.
Together we must learn to ignore this impairment,
And learn the right way to encourage an amendment.

Don't Be Silent by Jack McCarthy

At the risk of not speaking aloud,
it is as though our expectations have bowed,
To trauma, discrimination, exposure to violence
All masked through the sound of silence,
A chance to lose much needed respect
We as one must certainly not accept.

Community News

Notice of AGM
Junee High School P&C
The future of our canteen
depends on you!

Our P&C is a 'not for profit' organisation which provides needed funds to help support our kids & school.

Simply, Without a P&C there can be no Canteen

Come to our next meeting to ensure our canteen stays open for our kids

Next meeting
Wednesday 3 August 5:30pm in
Staff Common Room

Important Information: Sentral for Parents App

From **Thursday 23rd June 2022**, versions 3 and 4 of the Sentral for Parents App will no longer be supported. If you are on one of these versions, you need to update your app to continue accessing information and receiving notifications.

How do I check what version I am?



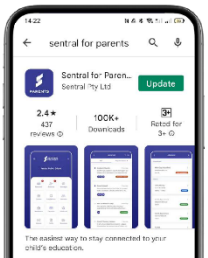
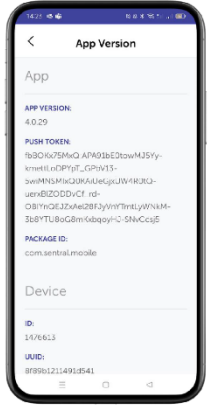
From your app, go into Settings cog in the top left corner of the dashboard screen, then into App Version. (See image below.)

I am on Version 3 or 4

You will need to update your app. Go to your device's app store and search for Sentral for Parents and then select Update (see image below). Or you can access the app store using the QR codes below. After the update, when you go back into the app, you will be required to re-enter your login credentials.

I am on Version 5

You do not need to do anything at this time.



How to get Help

If you require assistance you can email parentapp@sentral.com.au for support.

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★★★★★ BRITISH COMEDY" ★★★★★**


★★★★★ THE DAILY TELEGRAPH
★★★★★ THE PLAYLIST
★★★★★ THE GUARDIAN
★★★★★ FINANCIAL TIMES
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9:30AM MORNING TEA \$5
10AM MOVIE \$10



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