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Newsletter



National Reconciliation Week

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Calendar

Term 2, Week 7

Mon 6 June	UOW Discovery Day – 2 days
Tues 7 June	Youth Mental Health Forum
Wed 8 June	State of Origin Excursion

Term 2, Week 8

Tues 14 June	Premier Sporting Challenge
Thurs 16 June	Wagga Careers Expo Production Rehearsals
Fri 17 June	Riverina Cross Country

Methods for payment of Subject Contributions

We have recently become aware of attempts to pay subject contributions by online direct deposit. Please be aware that the school does not have an individual bank account, so this is not possible. Direct deposits can only be made to the P&C account for the purchase of school uniforms. This is not a school bank account.

As previously communicated we are no longer able to accept EFT payments over the phone. Cash and EFTPOS payments can continue to 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:

junee-h.schools.nsw.gov.au/.

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.

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Feature Photo



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.

Refund for Zone Athletics

Due to the cancellation of Zone Athletics on Monday students will have their \$5.00 credited to their cash desk to be used towards any upcoming excursion or event.

Principal's Report

Reconciliation Week 2022

Junee HS was able to conduct two very important whole school assemblies, acknowledging Aboriginal Reconciliation Week 2022. Deegan Wooden spoke exceptionally well in delivering the Acknowledgement of Country followed by Cherie Smith who was able to provide some local context regarding the Stolen Generation and links to the Cootamundra Girls Home from the 1950's and 1960's. This culminated through the following Tuesday and Wednesday mornings where all students coloured in two hands, one in the Aboriginal

colours of Red, Black and Yellow and the other in a contemporary design of their choice. Thursday 2 June the whole school then placed the hands on the front lawn of the school. On behalf of the school, thank you to Deegan Wooden and Cherie Smith for leading the school through this day. Keep reading for more information and photos.

Police Games at JHS

Great to see officers from our local Junee Police at school on Wednesday 1 June. Sergeant White and Snr Constable Cruikshank attended Junee HS to play Indoor Soccer with and against students. This is a continuance of the program to build positive connections between Junee HS students and our local Police. Thank you to Sergeant White and Snr Constable Cruikshank for coming to our school. They will be back for another two more times and given the recent cold weather, Ice Hockey might be played in two weeks.



Recent Parent/Teacher - Wednesday 11 May

Thank you to those who attended our recent Parent/Teacher night. Despite attendance being down from previous years, it was great to see parents interact with teachers during the event in gaining an overview of learning progress this year. As we continue to build our online booking system, I hope to see an increasing number of parents able to interact with staff to build collaborative plans for student learning success. We are

also in the process of building our online Parent Portal. This will allow parents to make online bookings of 15-minute duration and interact with the school for student information, notes and permissions.

Year 10 into Year 11 Subject Selection information

Year 10 information night will be held in Week 3 of next term. This night will be designed to provide students the opportunity to talk with subject Head Teachers and discuss options for subject choices into Year 11 in 2023. This will be an important night for students and parents to attend where they will be providing important information regarding subject choices and the links with students seeking an ATAR for University entrance and other related post-schooling options.

Transition days for Year 6 into Year 7

This year we will be having additional days for Year 6 students to attend as part of the transition process into high school. Our older sports elective students will be running transition afternoons based on small group interaction and games to help the important steps in transition to high school be more effective. Information will be going out to Primary Schools in the coming weeks. Additional to the sporting groups, the Aboriginal Educations Consultative Group and Department of Education Aboriginal Education Team in Wagga have been consulted in providing support for an Aboriginal cultural program to be developed, that will also be part of the transition processes.

SAVE THE DATE

Open Day Friday August 19

Junee HS will be holding an Open Day for our local primary schools for Years 4, 5 and 6 on the afternoon of Friday 19 August. As part of this fun day there will also be an open invitation for the Junee community to visit the local high school after 1:30pm to see students participating in games and possibly meet some special guests on our front lawn for the afternoon. More information on our special guests will be coming in future editions of the newsletter and our social media page.

Darren Hamilton
Principal

Reconciliation Week

Staff and students of JHS have proudly and respectfully commemorated Reconciliation Week. This year's theme is "Be Brave. Make Change." Deegan Wooden lead with the Acknowledgement of Country, spoken in language at the whole school assembly on National Sorry Day.

I shared with our school community just a small glimpse into my own family's connections and what Reconciliation means for us. We have been running a competition that reflects the Reconciliation Week theme of "Be Brave, Make Change". Years 7 and 8 are invited to



complete the Reconciliation Week poster, years 9 and 10 can create a short video reflecting the theme and years 11 and 12 are working on a piece of writing that reflects the theme and what it means to them.

Staff and students came together as a community to decorate hands with the Aboriginal flag and their own designs which were symbolically planted in our school's lawn to show us moving forward together, while still acknowledging our shared history. Tammy Makeham, Aboriginal Education and Wellbeing Advisor was invited to attend which opened discussions in future aspirations in Aboriginal education at JHS. Our fabulous Librarian and year 10 Year Adviser, Marie Speer, also reflected on the literature within the library and noted out-dated text that showed negative views on our First Nations Peoples, making way for new texts which include donations from myself. These actions and discussions lead to us being brave and making change. When we are brave, we make way for authentic Reconciliation. As a community, JHS should be proud.



Mrs Cherie Smith
Aboriginal Education Officer

Illabo Melodrama

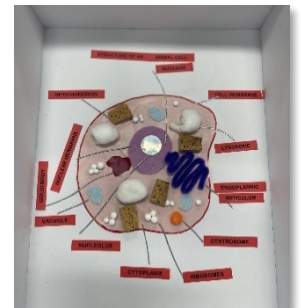
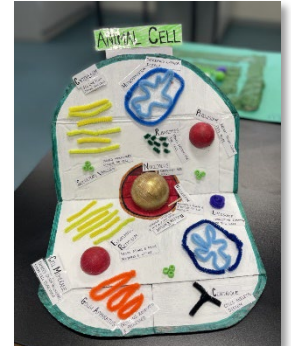


For the last several weeks, JHS students have been involved in the Illabo Melodrama. They attended many rehearsals and four live shows running the sound, lighting and helping backstage with props. The Illabo Melodrama Group has donated new headset mics to the school for helping with the production. The show was a hit and students should be proud of their efforts.



Year 7 Science

Year 7 Science created either a plant or animal cell model to show their understanding of cell organelles and how they work together to perform the function of the cell.



HSC Biology



HSC Biology students attended a virtual excursion this week to the Museum of Human Disease in Sydney. They had an opportunity to learn about infectious and non-infectious diseases and got to see how some impact the human body. Students have also been granted virtual access to the museum exhibits.



Mr David Fellows
HT Mathematics/Science/PDHPE

Mr Andy Bedford
Science Teacher

News from the Library

We have had an influx of new books this term! There are a stack of new graphic novels, novellas and series in addition to our regular subscription. Please drop into the library to borrow or browse the collection here:

<https://oliver102.library.det.nsw.edu.au/oliver/home/news>

Premier's Reading Challenge

The Premier's Reading Challenge is open until Friday the 19 August, if students in years 7 to 10 need assistance logging the books they have been reading then please come and see me.



Height Reading Challenge

This year I set myself the challenge to read my height in books (measured by the width of each book spine). Joining me in this challenge so far are two SLSO's Sammy and Laurain. Pop into the library to see our height charts and check out our progress. Our heights are:

- Mrs Speer 181cms
- Sammy Patten 172cms
- Laurain Hathaway 165cms

A huge thanks to all who have been recommending books to us to help us read our heights this year.

Be Brave. Make Change.

In honour of this year's Reconciliation theme, I wanted to undertake an audit of the resources in the Library that reflect Indigenous people, culture and ideas. A close examination of our non-fiction resources revealed that there were a number of out-dated books that do not accurately or respectfully reflect First Nation's people and culture. In consultation with Cherie Smith, we have removed these items from our Library to ensure an accurate and respectful collection for staff and students. It is best practice to frequently evaluate what is on the shelves in the Library and keep the collection growing.

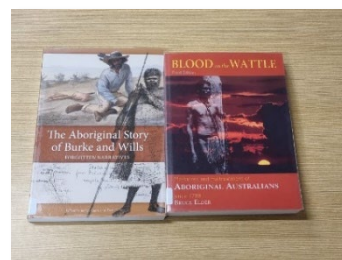
This week we have also been grateful recipients of two newly donated items (titled and pictured below).

Thanks so much Cherie for your generosity and dedication to learning.

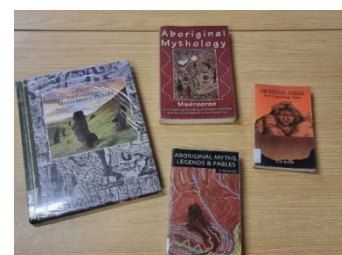
Donated books:

The Aboriginal Story of Burke and Wills Edited by Ian D. Clark and Fred Cahir

Blood on the Wattle by Bruce Elder



Items permanently removed from the Junee High School collection.



Mrs Marie Speer
Teacher/Librarian

Riverina Golf

Congratulations Bailey who was selected in the Riverina Golf. Bailey will be competing in the NSW CHS Golf Championships in Yamba later this month.



U15's Soccer



Last week the JHS U15's Soccer Team participated in the Bill Turner Cup in Cootamundra. We won the first game against Cootamundra and lost the final against a tough

team from Young. Students showed good sportsmanship and athleticism. Lachlan was awarded Best and Fairest for the day.

Mr David Fellows
Coach

Year 8 History

Year 8 History are currently creating artefacts for a Viking Museum Project. This is a great way for students to get hands on with creating life-size weapons and shields from the past.



Mrs Sally Geaghan
English/History Teacher

Year 8 Technology

Earlier this term Mr Hathaway's Year 8 Technology class made their way down to June Aquatic and Recreation Centre to test their boats that they had constructed.



The boats were tested for speed and stability. The students found value in conducting their testing in a practical and hands-on environment, allowing them to write a well-informed evaluation on their design.



June High School would like to extend our thanks to June Aquatic and Recreation Centre, for generously allowing our students to utilise their facilities for this activity.

Miss Hannah Whyte
TAS Teacher

Playgroup Fun

Child Studies students enjoying their time entertaining the participants of playgroup as it continues in the MPC every week.



Mrs Rhiannon Baxter
Child Studies Teacher

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A Super Groovy Night's Dream

a modern version of Shakespeare's A
Midsummer Night's Dream.

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**\$7 Adults
\$5 School
age children**

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available
from the
Front Office**

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Wed 22nd June @ 7pm
School matinees
Wednesday 22nd June
@11am &
Thursday 23rd June
@11:30am**

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