EXCELLENCE IN LEARNING

High quality teaching and learning programs in all curriculum areas ensure students at Jarrahdale Primary School are provided with the best learning opportunities to meet the needs of each individual student.

Your child, their achievement and progress through the school is important to us in the pursuit of excellence and equity in education.

Coming soon

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FROM THE PRINCIPAL’S DESK

Earth Aware
Rivers Regional Council recently held a full day meeting here which provided the opportunity for 30 teachers to visit the school. They observed each Earth Aware group, toured the gardens and were provided information on the process we went through in establishing the program.

All visitors were very impressed with our school’s teaching and learning environment, the behaviour of the children, and the school ethos.

We are still looking for volunteers to assist with cooking and gardening. Please ask your child which group they are in so that you can join in the sessions.

After School Care
A survey has been sent home regarding afterschool care. We are currently investigating the possibility of this opportunity in our school. Please see the office if you need more information or require another survey.

Nature Scape Playground
The construction of the playground should commence on the 18 May. Students play spaces will alter during this time. We have applied for an additional $20 000 and if successful, this will add to the new playground. The aim of the new playground is to encourage imaginative and creative play spaces.

Winter Uniform
As we move towards the colder months, please ensure your child is wearing correct winter uniform. Please send a note to class teachers if your child/ren is unable to wear correct uniform for a specific day.

- Maroon shorts, skorts, skirts, tracksuits or cargo pants
- Maroon zip front jacket
- Gold and Maroon polo shirt
- Maroon bucket hat
- Maroon stockings or leggings

Coloured leggings and skivvies are not school uniform and are not to be worn at school. Warm jumpers can be worn over school jackets when the weather is cold.

Students must have a gold shirt to wear on excursions.

Please ensure students wear appropriate footwear at all times. Thank you.

Voluntary Contributions
Thank you to parents who have paid the voluntary contribution for their child/ren for the year. These contributions help purchase reading books and equipment for students in our school.

Fees are $45 for Kindergarten students and $60 for Pre-primary to Year 6 students. Please see the office staff to pay your contribution.

Head lice checks
Head lice checks occur on Friday week 1 and 3 of term. We are looking for interested volunteers to assist with checking students hair for 45 mins, twice a term. This program has been running now for almost 2 years with the incidents of head lice greatly decreasing during this time. Please contact the office if you are able to assist. Thank you.

NAPLAN
NAPLAN testing will occur this week 12 - 14 May for our year 3 and 5 students and is considered another part of the curriculum. Skills that will be tested include reading, writing, spelling, grammar and punctuation, and numeracy.

It is important for you and your child to know that NAPLAN is not a pass/fail test. It simply looks at what level students are achieving in literacy and numeracy against National Standards and compared with student peers throughout Australia. The best way you can help your child prepare for NAPLAN is to let them know that it is just a routine part of their school program, and to urge them to do the best they can on the day. Later in the year we will send parents an individual student NAPLAN report that you can use to view and monitor how your child is progressing. More information is available on the NAP website.

Cross Country
Students have been training for the upcoming school and interschool Cross Country events. Please note that the school cross country date is 21 May starting at 8.45am, weather permitting. Please ensure that your child wears sneakers to school and has a drink bottle, and if asthmatic, their asthma puffer and spacer.

Crunch and Sip

Crunch and sip snack ideas
- Cherry tomatoes
- Capsicum strips
- Cucumber slices
- Zucchini strips
- Carrot sticks
- Celery sticks
- A handful of grapes
- Chopped apples
- Kiwifruit, peeled and chopped
- A few strawberries with the tops removed

What is a half?
Assist your child in developing the understanding of “half” in a variety of situations. When we split something into two equal-sized parts, we say we have halved it and that each part is half of the original thing. The whole can be an object, a collection or a quantity.

Examples could include half a sandwich, half an orange, half a packet of sweets, a half empty cup, a half full cup, half of the eggs, half of the sand in the bucket, half a banana / apple, half of the grapes etc. Playing with play dough is also a great way to learn about half and fair shares.

Happy Halving!  

Julie Denholm, Principal
In Kindy and Pre Primary term 2 has had a busy start. We have been reading about strange creatures called Bunyips. We even tried designing and building traps to catch one. It was lots of fun with some very interesting designs.

In maths we have been looking at different patterns and how we can make them using a variety of materials.

We have read a big book called ‘One Cold Wet Night’. The farm animals all needed their own space to sleep, instead of in the farmer’s bed. The student’s task was to put the animals in their correct environment.

In week two we had a visit from Mundijong Dental Clinic and learnt what we can do to keep our teeth healthy. We also had a surprise gift of a new toothbrush.
**Community Notices**

**P&c Association**

**Book Club:** Issue 3 cash orders have been placed with Scholastic and the LOOP orders have been submitted. All orders are due to arrive at the beginning of week 6. This year to date our orders placed with Scholastic have earned our school free books and resources to the value of $347.00. Thank you for your support.

**P&c President:** Jane Scott has resigned as President of the P&C, leaving the role open. Voting for this position will be at the next meeting. Jane will continue as a P&C Member, supporting the school in other roles. She wishes to thank everyone for their support over the past year.

**Uniform Contact:** Jenny Norton has taken over the role of uniform co-ordinator.

**Mother’s Day Flowers:** Thank you to everyone who ordered flowers, this was a fabulous fundraiser for the school.

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**School Nurse**

Immunisation programs in our community are designed to keep everyone well and safe, especially those people who are most at risk, such as babies. Parents or legal guardians who do not immunise their child should note the following:

- In the case of a Measles or Pertussis (whooping cough) outbreak, Western Australian schools are required by the Department of Health, to exclude students who have not received the appropriate vaccination.

Please make sure your school-aged child is fully immunised and that you have provided a copy of the ACIR immunisation record to the school.

Did you know that as parents you can ring the National registry or go to the web site to check out your child’s immunisation status? All you need is your Medicare number.

Phone 1800 653 809 or access the web site: [www.humanservices.gov.au](http://www.humanservices.gov.au) or email acir@humanservices.gov.au

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**Community Notices**

**SCHOOL NURSE**

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**COMMUNITY NOTICES**

**Saturday 16th May 2015**

**Food and Farm Fest**


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**Mundijong Library**

**Library & Information Week - 25-31 May 2015**

Join Mundijong Library for free activities during Library and Information Week.

James Foley is presenting a cartooning workshop at the SJ Community Resource Centre. The session designed for children aged 8 to 12 years and held on 27 May 2015, 3.30-4.45pm. Bookings are essential: email library@sjshire.wa.gov.au or telephone 9526 1133. Contact the library for other activities.

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**CHILD AND PARENT CENTRE - CHALLIS**

**Triple P: Building confident children**

Date: Monday 18 May 2015
Time: 1.30-3.00pm
Where: Child and Parent Centre Challis, 40 Braemore Road, Armadale
Creche available

For more information contact the Child & Parent Centre Challis on 9498 3580 or louise@parkerville.org.au Bookings are essential.

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**Mundijong Library**

**Cancer Council’s Biggest Morning Tea**

Thursday 28 May from 10-11.30am at the SJ Community Resource Centre. Bring your favourite cup.

Gold coin donation for the Cancer Council.

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**Serpentine PCYC**

**Exciting New Activity - PillO Polo**

A fast moving game similar to hockey but using foam sticks!

Starts Monday 18 May from 4.30-5.30pm at $8 per session. For boys and girls 10-15 years.
Clem Kentish Hall, Wellard St, Serpentine
Ph: 9525 2734 Email: serpentinepcyc@wapcyc.com.au