



The Buale

Term 1, Week 2, 2022 | Principal - Michelle Andrews



Pictured: Wee Jasper Public School Teaching Principal Michelle Andrews with Year 6 student Bella Yevrem (back) and Year 1 students Abigail Sturgess-Apps, Matilda Cathles and Kaiden Oakley (front)

First day back

There was a buzz in the air as Wee Jasper Public School students and staff returned on Tuesday, 1 February. Returning students Bella Yevrem (Year 6), Abigail Sturgess-Apps (Year 1) and Matilda Cathles (Year 1) were extremely excited to welcome new student Kaiden Oakley (Year 1). The students shared their holiday highlights with one another and used their morning

Literacy Lesson to caption their holiday photos (see more on pages 13-16.) Here's what our students said they're most looking forward to this year:

- "Excursions and meeting new people" Bella.
- "Riding the school bikes" -Kaiden.
- "Excursions and art" Tilly.
- "Doing fun things with students" Abi.



Pictured: Year 1 students Abi, Kaiden and Tilly

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Staff weekly schedule

Monday

- Teaching Principal Michelle Andrews (teaching)
- School Administration Manager
 Wendy Griffiths

Tuesday

- Teaching Principal Michelle Andrews (teaching)
- School Administration Manager
 Wendy Griffiths
- School Administration Officer -Hannah Sparks
- General Assistant Al Phemister

Wednesday

- Teaching Principal Michelle Andrews (principal admin)
- School Administration Manager
 Wendy Griffiths
- Teacher Jack Morrison
- School Learning Support
 Officer Mary Goulding (Week 2 and 3 and on a casual basis)

Thursday

- Teaching Principal Michelle Andrews (teaching)
- School Administration Manager
 Wendy Griffiths (Week 2, 4, 6, 8 and 10)
- Teacher Jack Morrison (8:30 am - 12 pm)

Friday

- Teaching Principal Michelle Andrews (principal admin)
- Teacher Jack Morrison
- School Administration Officer -Hannah Sparks

Additional

- Assistant Principal Curriculum and Instruction - Jodie Healey (Monday-Friday, Weeks 4 and 7, Term 1)
- Swimming Instructor Helen Cathles (Monday and Thursday)

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Pictured: Abi and Tilly making kinetic sand with Ms Andrews and Mrs Griffiths

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Term 1, 2022 calendar

a. 0	MON 31	TUES 1	WED 2	THURS 3	FRI 4
WEEK 2 JAN/FEB	Staff Development Day	Ms Andrews	Mr Morrison	Mr Morrison (AM)/Ms Andrews (PM) Swimming	Mr Morrison
ю	MON 7	TUES 8	WED 9	THURS 10	FRI 11
	Ms Andrews	Ms Andrews	Mr Morrison	Mr Morrison	Mr Morrison
WEEK FEB	Swimming			(AM)/Ms Andrews (PM)	
4	MON 14	TUES 15	WED 16	THURS 17	FRI 18
WEEK '	Ms Andrews/Mrs Healey	Ms Andrews/Mrs Healey	Mr Morrison/Mrs Healey	Mr Morrison (AM)/Ms Andrews	Mr Morrison/Mrs Healey
>	Swimming			(PM)/Mrs Healey	
10	MON 21	TUES 22	WED 23	THURS 24	FRI 25
WEEK FEB	Ms Andrews	Ms Andrews	Mr Morrison	Mr Morrison (AM)/Ms Andrews	Mr Morrison
\$	Swimming			(PM)	
C E	MON 28	TUES 1	WED 2	THURS 3	FRI 4
WEEK 6 FEB/MARCH	Ms Andrews	Ms Andrews	Mr Morrison	Mr Morrison (AM)/Ms Andrews (PM) Swimming	Mr Morrison
L T	MON 7	TUES 8	WED 9	THURS 10	FRI 11
WEEK 7 MARCH	Ms Andrews/Mrs Healey	Ms Andrews/Mrs Healey	Mr Morrison/Mrs Healey	Mr Morrison (AM)/Ms Andrews (PM)/Mrs Healey Gymnastics	Mr Morrison/Mrs Healey

KEY DATES THIS YEAR



Pictured: PULSE Senior Dance Ensemble

8-10 JUNE

Year 6 Transition Camp

17 JUNE

Life Education

PULSE ALIVE

14-15 MARCH

At this stage, all students are due to attend PULSE Alive at Ken Rosewall Arena, Sydney Olympic Park.

Students will travel the day before the large-scale music, dance, drama and visual arts performance in order to rehearse.

Welcome 2022 Staff



Teaching Principal -Ms Michelle Andrews



Teacher - Mr Jack Morrison



Assistant Principal Curriculum and Instruction - Mrs Jodie-Ann Healey



School Administration Manager -Mrs Wendy Griffiths



School Administration Officer -Ms Hannah Sparks



General Assistant - Mr Al Phemister



School Learning Support Officer -Mrs Mary Goulding



Casual Teacher - Mrs Sharlee Cassidy



Swimming Instructor -Mrs Helen Cathles

Welcome 2022 Students

Year 1



Abigail Sturgess-Apps



Matilda Cathles



Kaiden Oakley

Year 6



Bella Yevrem

Principal's message

We are all so happy to share our holiday memories with you in this newsletter. Students and staff made the most of their holidays and had many wonderful experiences. The school grounds and classroom were full of laughter as students and staff reconnected with each other on their first day back on Tuesday, 1 February. And we are all excited about our new school year and the journey we will travel together.



We warmly welcome Kaiden to our school. Kaiden is in Year 1 and already loves our wonderful school grounds and sports equipment. His happy face and sweet nature were both well received, and the students instantly made friends. We also welcome his parents Courtney and John to our school community.

Welcome back to both Abi and Tilly, who also return this year as Year 1 students. They have both grown so much over the holidays and were eager to engage in their learning and contribute to the happy learning spaces upon returning.

Bella returned this year as our school leader. Year 6 is an important year for Bella and we know she will further develop both her leadership and academic skills. Bella has had a great start to the year and has already shown her caring nature to the other students.

We wish both George and Dougal Cathles all the best as they venture into high school. We know they are confident and capable young men who will thrive in their new environments. We also wish Don, Alice and Nicole all the best as they embark on their next chapters. I am sure they have many fond memories of their time with our students.

Our staff are well prepared and enthusiastic for the 2022 school year. We are bursting with fresh ideas and look forward to supporting the students along their educational journey. Mr Morrison and I will share the teaching of the class. On Thursdays, from 9 am–12 pm, we will both be teaching. This extra support will allow us to split the students into even smaller groups, so we can target our teaching for specific purposes. This could include assessments, interventions, or stage-based learning.

Mrs Jodie Healey is eager to join our team for Weeks 4 and 7 for the full week as our Assistant Principal of Curriculum and Instruction. Mrs Healey has a wealth of experience and has been

Parents & Citizen

Wee Jasper Public School's Parents & Citizen Association will hold its Annual General Meeting at 5:00 pm on Monday, 21 February. Everyone is welcome to attend.

The meeting will be held via Zoom due to COVID-19 restrictions. Please RSVP via email and the link to the meeting will be sent to you.

New members are also welcome and encouraged. The membership fee for the year is \$5. Meetings are usually held at the school, before or after school hours, depending on the time that suits the majority of members.

Please RSVP by emailing:

- P&C Secretary Helen Cathles
 thecathles@gmail.com; or
- Teaching Principal Michelle Andrews michelle.andrewsl@det.nsw. edu.au

Wee Jasper Public School's vision

Our school will remain the heart of our small rural community. Here, core values will be learned and lived, as every learner is fully engaged and challenged, in preparation to making their contribution to our complex and dynamic society. Every student will be known, valued and cared for and experience a secure sense of belonging and connection to this school, community and land. All students will be literate, numerate and curious. We will continue to see the diversity of our community as a pedagogical strength and draw upon our diverse human and natural resources to sustain learning. In this way, we will counter the potential disadvantage of living in a small, remote community.

the Instructional Leader at York Public School in Penrith for many years. She is looking forward to supporting our students and staff, and learning how we cater for students' needs in a K-6 classroom.

Again, we have wonderful School Administration Support Staff (SASS) in 2022. Mrs Wendy Griffiths will continue as our School Administration Manager (SAM). Mrs Griffiths will also support our art and kitchen garden programs. Mr Al Phemister also returns as our General Assistant (GA). He has been busy creating beautiful and safe playing spaces. He will also support the garden learning program. Finally, we are excited to welcome Ms Hannah Sparks to our school as a School Administration Officer. Ms Sparks is a talented journalist and already a valuable member of our team. Ms Sparks will be driving our newsletter and community engagement. She has many ideas on how we can capture and share the amazing student learning and opportunities with both our school, local and broader community.



Mary Goulding will be joining us on occasions as our School Learning Support Officer (SLSO). Mrs Goulding will be in the classroom with the students and Mr Morrison for the first two Wednesdays of this term. She will also be available for casual SLSO work. Mrs Cassidy may occasionally teach on a casual basis as well. I know the students would happily welcome her back into their classroom.

The unfolding pandemic is something we all continue to navigate again this year and I have included important information on how we are keeping our school community safe during these times on pages 8-9. You will also find important information on school bus pick up and drop off, fees and swimming lessons on pages 10-12. That being said, our primary focus is, and always will be, on the continuity of learning for students, and we can't wait to watch our students grow in our wonderful and supportive school again this year.

Michelle Andrews
Teaching Principal

Bella's Corner



Hello, my name is Bella. I am in Year 6 and this is my corner to tell you about what exciting, new things myself and others have been doing and experiencing at Wee Jasper Public School.

Over the holidays, the library and office were painted. It was a pleasant surprise for the students and other staff members. It looks much cleaner and brighter.

Another pleasant surprise was a new Year 1 student named Kaiden. It is good for the Year 1 students to have a new friend to work with. As you can see in the picture, we are wearing masks again this year. This is to keep us safe from COVID-19. I am also wearing the new Year 6 shirt that I designed.

"Another pleasant new surprise was a new year 1 student."

As I am the oldest student, I am taking on a new leadership role this year. For example, I am going to help look after the Year I students on the excursion in March. Already, on my first day back at school, I ran the assembly, read the Welcome to Country and helped Matilda with her Literacy. I look forward to telling you more next time...

COVID-19 information

Before school	 All staff and students have been provided with Rapid Antigen Tests to use twice per week. No student or staff attend school if they are unwell.
On site	 Mandatory mask wearing for staff. Students are encouraged to wear masks when possible. Staff are fully vaccinated. Staff currently obtaining their booster shots when due. Boosters will be mandatory for staff. Students and families encouraged to be vaccinated. No visitors (including parents) permitted on site. If you arrive at school and need to communicate with staff, please call from the front gate and we will meet you at the front gate. Enhanced cleaning and hygiene practices in place. All windows will be open in the classroom. Fans and air conditioners may be used. We understand it is not energy efficient, but ventilation is required. All adults check in using QR codes. Physical distancing promoted.
Learning	 Students will access learning opportunities on site and off site, which are essential for curriculum and wellbeing delivery. This includes swimming lessons, swimming carnival (8 years and older) and gymnastic lessons. All external providers must be fully vaccinated. Enhanced cleaning and hygiene practices in place. Our K-6 students will remain as one cohort.
If your child tests positive for COVID-19	 Report to Service NSW app or website. Notify the school. Your child needs to isolate for seven days. Your child needs to rest. No school work will be provided. After seven days, if your child has no symptoms, he/she can return to school. RAT tests are not required for the next 28 days. Students will be marked as sick on the roll. This will count as an absent day.
If someone in your household tests positive	 Report the positive case with Service NSW and notify the school. Your child must also isolate for seven days and be tested.

COVID-19 information

	 If your child is negative, the school will provide learning from home for your child. If your child develops symptoms or contracts COVID-19 during this time, please contact the school and your child can rest and stop the learning from home sessions. After seven days, if your child has no symptoms, he/she can return to school. Please continue using the RAT tests for your child. Students will be marked as 'flexible learning' on the roll and it won't count as an absent day.
If a staff member tests positive	 Staff will report it to Service NSW and the school. Isolate for seven days on sick leave. After seven days, if not showing symptoms, will return to work.
If someone from the staff's household contracts COVID-19	 Staff will isolate for seven days and be tested. If negative, the staff member will work from home. If the staff member is a teacher, another teacher will be with the students. The staff member from home may deliver lessons to the classroom while the teacher supervises, or they may team teach. The absent teacher may be assigned other tasks and the teacher on-site will teach face-to-face.
If the school does not have the usual two adults on site (one being a teacher)	 School will contact other temporary and casual staff to fill the position. School will contact other schools/director for any surplus staff. If unable to source staff, the students will resume with 'learning from home'. If teachers are working from home because they are close contacts and do not have COVID-19, then learning will be online/paper copies and the teacher will support the students. If teachers have COVID-19 and are on sick leave, students will participate in the NSW Department of Education Digital Learning Packages. These will be self-guided and supported by parents (details provided soon).
Events	The following will continue. We will advise if this changes: • Swimming lessons • BLC Swimming Carnival (Bella) • Gymnastic lessons • PULSE Dance

Bus

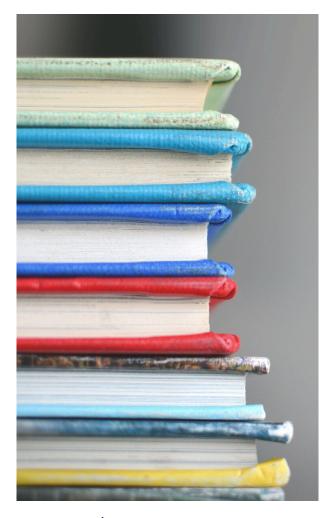
Our courtesy bus service has restarted. As previously communicated, this service exists as an act of goodwill from our school and staff. Staff volunteer to pick up and drop students home during their own time. The school cannot attract funds from Transport for NSW, but parents can. We encourage parents who meet the eligibility requirements to register with Transport for NSW and claim the subsidy. This subsidy is then expected to be donated to the school pro rata at the end of Semester 1 and 2. We thank all previous families who have efficiently and promptly processed payment. This is a way that we can continue to provide this valuable service.

During Term 1, we would appreciate parents who meet the bus in the morning or afternoon to wear a mask. Our staff members will wear a mask for the entirety of the bus trip. Thank you for being punctual for drop offs. Staff will remain with the student at their stop until one parent arrives. We appreciate your support in being on time. Staff will endeavour to be on time too.

Our bus is also used to transport students to and from excursions and off-site activities. No additional charges are charged. The school has factored this expense into our school levy fee.

Please know that under certain circumstances, the school may need to cancel a bus run. We apologise for the inconvenience and will endeavour to provide families with as much notice as possible ie. bus service/maintenance.





Payments

For payments required at our school, parents have the option of either sending cash or cheques. Parents can also take advantage of our Parent Online Payment (POP) available on our website. When using POP, please process payments only on Sundays, Mondays and Tuesdays. This is due to Mrs Griffiths needing to process payments the following day (Mrs Griffiths usually only works Monday-Wednesday). Please discuss this with Mrs Griffiths if you require further support.

School levy

Our school's financial system is set up to reduce the frequent requests from parents for excursions and activities, and to reduce the associated administration. We request that parents contribute a levy which funds all excursions, activities and supplies. We try to keep this cost to a minimum and appreciate your prompt payments.

\$220 per year (or four x \$55 instalments each term). Please endeavour to pay by March 2022.



Swimming lessons

Students will have the opportunity to participate in five swimming lessons this term with Mrs Helen Cathles. Ms Andrews will drive the students on the bus to Yass Pool for these lessons. We will adhere to all COVID-19 safety measures as we attempt to reduce the chances of being exposed to COVID-19.

For these sessions, students will not pay for entry or purchase from the kiosk. The school will pay by one credit card transaction. A permission note has gone onto School Stream, which requires your signature prior to the first lesson.



All permission notes will include the statement below. We will also include the extra steps we will take to keep our students and staff safe.

I acknowledge that this event/activity is required to be held in accordance with any current NSW Health COVID-19 Public Health Orders and the NSW Department of Education's policies and procedures.

I acknowledge and accept that there is a risk that my child may be exposed to COVID-19 whilst attending and participating at this event. I confirm that my child will not attend if displaying any symptoms of illness, and/or if directed to isolate under public health orders.

Please ensure your child has swimmers, a rash shirt, goggles, towel, sunscreen and shoes that are easy to put on ie. thongs. Students will change at school before we leave and will be encouraged where possible to change with a towel around them, to prevent needing to access the changing rooms.

Swimming lesson dates:

- Thursday, 3 February
- Monday, 7 February
- Monday, 14 February
- Monday, 21 February
- Thursday, 3 March

Around the Grounds

The office, kitchen and library received a fresh lick of paint over the holidays, revealing a brighter and fresher school. Thank you to Sam for completing the paint work over five days in the holiday. The staff were thrilled to remove the drop sheets and return paperwork, computers, desks and chairs to their rightful places!



The library looking bright and fresh after a fresh lick of paint

125th Anniversary

As the School prepares to celebrate its 125th anniversary in 2023, we will be reflecting on our history and would love the community's help with sharing stories, photos and information. If you are an ex-student or have something to share, please email -

hannah.sparks@det.nsw.edu.au.

Dougal and George Cathles receive their graduation certificates from Ms Andrews



End of Year Awards

Congratulations to our former and current students who received awards at the Year 6 Graduation Ceremony in December.

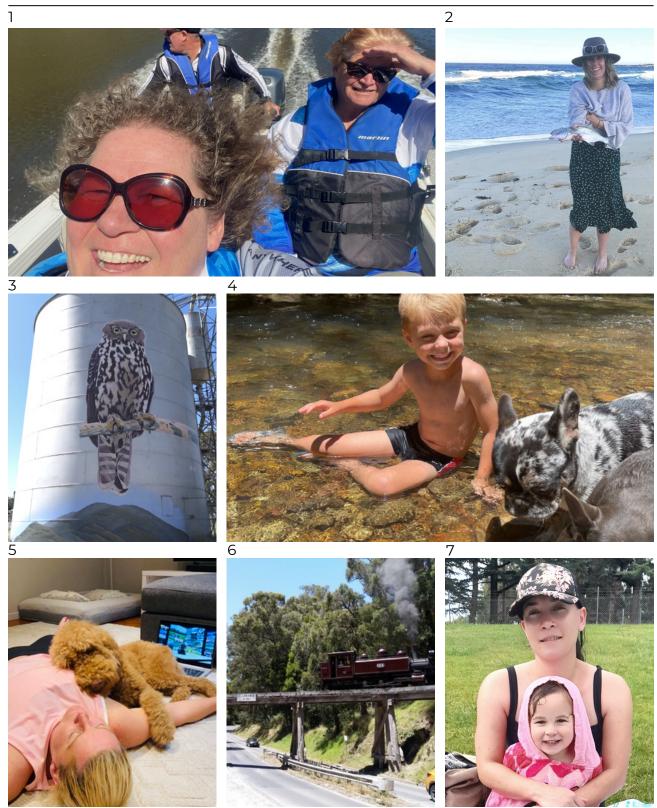
The following awards were received by:

- Academic Achievement George Cathles, Year 6
- Most Improved Dougal Cathles, Year 6
- Citizenship Bella Yevrem, Year 5
- Creative Flair and Resilient Approach to Learning - Matilda Cathles, Kindergarten
- Persistent and Enthusiastic Learner Abigail Apps, Kindergarten
- Attendance Award Dougal Cathles, Year 6

We wish George and Dougal the best of luck at high school and look forward to watching returning students flourish again this year.

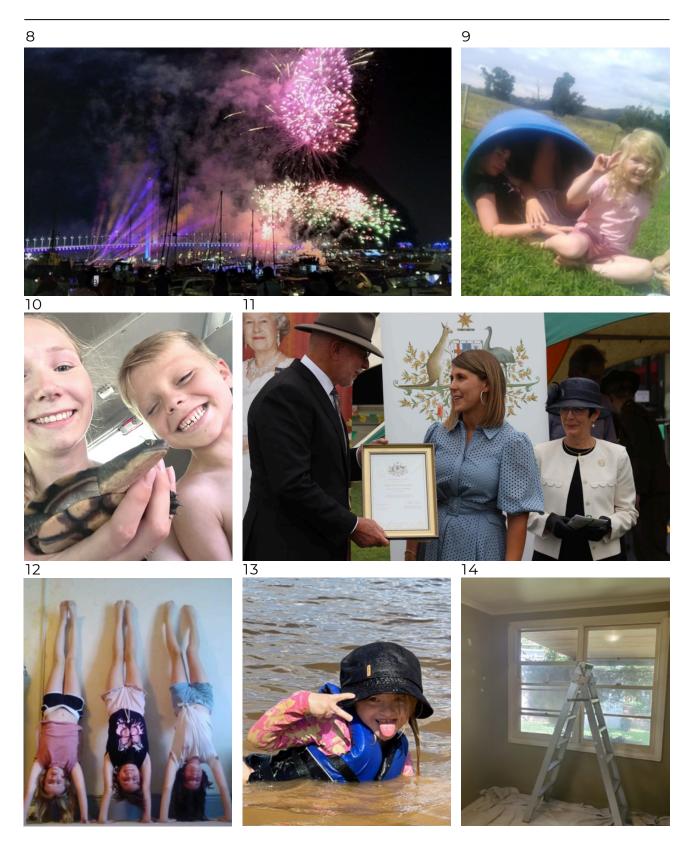
Out and about

Staff and students enjoyed a well-earned break over summer and travelled far and wide. Here are just a few of our holiday highlights.



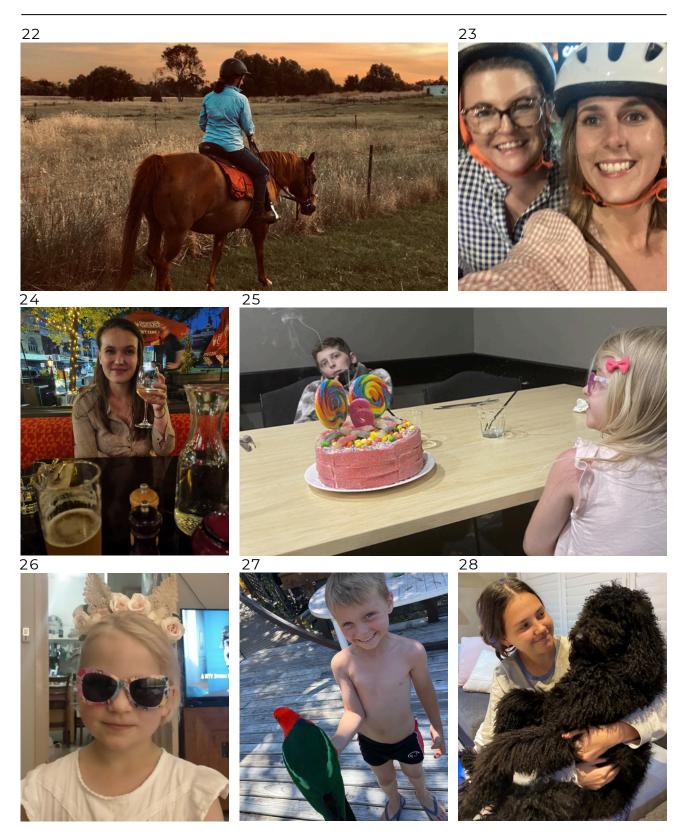
1. Ms Andrews hit Burrinjuck at speed with her partner and mum. 2. Ms Sparks caught her first salmon at Tuross Head. 3. Mr Morrison checked out the silo art in Avoca. 4. Kaiden cooled off at the river with his dogs. 5. Mrs Healey wound down with a yoga class featuring her dog, Marli. 6. Mr Morrison visited the Puffing Billy Railway in the Dandenong Ranges. 7. Mrs Goulding enjoyed a family day by the pool.

Out and about



8. Mr Morrison welcomed in the New Year with fireworks in Melbourne. 9. Bella played with friends in the sunshine. 10. Kaiden and his mum safely returned a turtle to the water. 11. Ms Sparks received her citizenship from the Governor-General. 12. Bella practised handstands with her friends. 13. Abi celebrated Australia Day at the river. 14. Mrs Griffiths got round to painting the house.

Out and about



22. Mrs Cassidy enjoyed riding into the sunset. 23. Ms Sparks tried riding an electric scooter. 24. Mr Phemister visited his daughter Annie in Melbourne. 25. Abi celebrated her 6th birthday. 26. Tilly tested her new make-up kit. 27. Kaiden fed seed to the birds on his deck at home. 21. Mrs Healey spent time with her daughter, Shae, and dog, Koda.

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An image caption can describe the photo accompanying the article

Article 2

Though school newsletters carry important facts and details concerning the school community, they can also allot space for light material that can entertain or amuse readers. Create a section for comic strips or any art-related content done by the school's most talented students.

Make sure to have photos that match your stories well too.



Article 3

Create a poll about a particular topic that you can further discuss in the next issue. Have students send in poetry or short stories and accompany them with creative visuals. You can even get interview people around the campus about an ongoing issue that would help stir relevant discourse throughout the school community.

Article 4

Be sure to remain consistent in providing quality content and new information. Place a staff box somewhere on your newsletter to give due credit to everyone involved in putting together the publication. A good newsletter is one that improves the work of its creators and its readers.

Student achievements

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Bella's Corner

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Celebrating 100 years



From the archives

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