



Wee Jasper Public School

The Bugle

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



Kaiden, Abi, Tilly and Bella on the Wee Jasper fire truck. Read all about the special visit on pages 10-11.

Egg-cellent times for everybunny

Wee Jasper Public School students, Kid's Club children, parents, grandparents and staff filled Wee Jasper Memorial Hall for a special Easter Day on the last day of Term 1.

Students wowed guests with their Easter song, which they'd spent many weeks learning and practising with Mr Morrison. There were a few giggles as students sang about all the chocolate melting over the playground and principal!

This was followed by a reperformance of the dance students performed earlier in the year at PULSE Alive in Sydney and a cracking Easter hat parade. Congratulations to all the students and Kid's Club children (and well done to parents) for creating many spectacular hats.



Tilly, Abi and Kaiden display their creative and colourful hats in the Easter parade.

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School news



Mr Morrison, Abi, Tilly, Kaiden and Bella perform the Easter song in their Easter hats.

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Year 1 student Kaiden won Best Hat with his giant, paper-mache egg hat stuffed with grass and bunnies. He balanced the hat marvellously on his head. Year 6 student Bella won Best Model for demonstrating strong leadership skills as she led the students around the hall.

After a short pause for lunch, students and Kid's Club children headed outside with Ms Sparks for egg rolling and an egg and spoon race using the eggs students had decorated earlier in the week. Bella and future Kindergarten student Charlotte's brilliant balancing won them the egg and spoon race, while Year 1 student Tilly Cathles' strong arm meant her egg rolled the farthest.

While students and children were outside, parents and grandparents slipped into their Easter bunny suits to help Mr Morrison prepare for the Easter egg hunt. There were squeals of delight as students and children filled their baskets with eggs that seemed to keep appearing!

Easter Day was a wonderful opportunity for students to spend time with their family and

younger children who will be joining the school next year and in future years.

Thank you to everyone who brought food and helped on the day. Everyone had an egg-cellent time!

More photos on page 3.



Henry checks the winners of the egg rolling competition.

Easter Day

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1. Emilia and Charlotte get ready for the egg rolling competition. 2. Kaiden celebrates his winnings from the Easter egg hunt. 3. Charlotte prepares for the egg and spoon race. 4. Kaiden models his paper-mache hat. 5. Abi balances her egg carefully in the egg and spoon race. 6. Henry models his basket hat (very creative). 7. Zoe models baby Tyler as the Easter bunny.

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

Wednesday

- Teaching Principal - Michelle Andrews (principal admin)
- Teacher - Jack Morrison
- School Administration Manager - Wendy Griffiths
- General Assistant - Alan Rowling

Thursday

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

Friday

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

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Abi paints an egg in preparation for Easter Day.

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Term 2, Weeks 1-6, 2022 calendar

WEEK 1 APRIL	MON 25 ANZAC Day	TUES 26 Ms Andrews Students and staff return	WED 27 Mr Morrison	THURS 28 Miss Latham Gymnastics	FRI 29 Staff Development Day
WEEK 2 MAY	MON 2 Mr Morrison Ms Andrews at Yass Public School	TUES 3 Ms Andrews	WED 4 Mr Morrison	THURS 5 Ms Andrews & Mr Morrison	FRI 6 Mr Morrison Cross Country Carnival
WEEK 3 MAY	MON 9 Ms Andrews	TUES 10 Ms Andrews	WED 11 Mr Morrison	THURS 12 Ms Andrews & Mr Morrison P&C meeting (5pm)	FRI 13 Miss Latham
WEEK 4 MAY	MON 16 Ms Andrews	TUES 17 Ms Andrews	WED 18 Mr Morrison	THURS 19 Ms Andrews & Mr Morrison	FRI 20 Mr Morrison Ms Andrews on leave
WEEK 5 MAY	MON 23 Mrs Healey Ms Andrews on leave	TUES 24 Ms Andrews/ Mrs Healey	WED 25 Mr Morrison/ Mrs Healey	THURS 26 Ms Andrews, Mr Morrison & Mrs Healey National Sorry Day	FRI 27 Mr Morrison/ Mrs Healey
WEEK 6 MAY/JUNE	MON 30 Ms Andrews	TUES 31 Ms Andrews	WED 1 Mr Morrison	THURS 2 Ms Andrews & Mr Morrison	FRI 3 Mr Morrison Esther Ramsay (Headspace visit)

KEY DATES



Students read a map with Wee Jasper Fire Captain Tim Cathles. See more on page 10.

28 APRIL

Gymnastics

8-10 JUNE

Transition Camp

6 MAY

Cross-Country Carnival

We will be travelling to Bongongo Public School for this year's Cross-Country Carnival.

Please ensure you return your lunch order form before the carnival.

Principal's message



Prepping eggs for Easter Day.

Our Year 1 students Kaiden, Abi and Tilly, as well as our incoming Kindergarten student Charlotte, laid the wreath with respect and sentiment. It's great to see our school represented so well in the community once again.

I would also like to acknowledge the community members, Mel Reynolds in particular, for organising the event. These events are so important for bringing our community together and paying our respects to those who have fallen.

Thank you to Abi's parents, Luke Apps and Tiff Sturgess, for organising the horses. This made our day so special. We are so lucky to have parents supporting our students and school programs.

Our Easter Day was also well supported by parents, grandparents and Kid's Club parents. Our school always appreciates the high level of support and encouragement received. These days would not be possible without everyone coming together. Thank you to students and staff for all their efforts for the day.

Term 2

This term will see both students and staff highly engaged in learning. Our students commenced their learning program today with enthusiasm. Our staff have dedicated time this week to professional learning and our staff development day is officially Friday, 29 April. Please remember this is a non-pupil day.

Mr Morrison and myself are currently engaging in learning around decodable texts, Heggerty, phonemic awareness and understanding learning difficulties. We know that by ensuring we are confident with the latest research, we can continue to deliver learning at the point of need for all students.

Each day for the next fortnight, our students will prepare for our upcoming Cross-Country Carnival. Our carnival will be at Bongongo Public School on Friday, 6 May. **Continued on page 7.**

Parents & Citizens

Dragon Dreaming was a huge success. The P&C and Wee Jasper Community Association raised just over \$10,000 at the festival, and the dollars are still coming in...

An additional \$215 was raised for the school alone by festival-goers donating spare change, and we are yet to process all the recycled cans from the festival.

These will be taken to the Return and Earn in Yass and raise an addition 10 cents per can.

Thank you to everyone who helped prepare food for our stall and volunteered at the festival.

Our next meeting is at 5:00 pm on Thursday, 12 May. Everyone is welcome to attend.

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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.



Behind the scenes of our recent school photos.

It is wonderful that so many of our parents will be able to join the students and staff for this inter-school carnival.

The students are also currently (and secretly) learning alongside Mrs Griffiths as they make their amazing Mother's Day gifts. We know all our mums appreciate Mrs Griffiths' capacity to inspire the students with creativity and high-quality artwork.

This term, we will also be moving full steam ahead with the Mayor's Reading Challenge. Each week, students will read a book independently, with a teacher or together to achieve their goal of reading 30 books. Parents are encouraged to communicate with the school which home readers have been completed each week in their reading diary.

Thank you to Tim Cathles and Luke for visiting our school last term to deliver a practical lesson on fire safety and awareness. This followed the reading of Jackie French's book, *Fire*, which explores a natural disaster through the eyes of a cockatoo.

Thanks also goes to Siana Lucus for capturing our school photos again. Micalong Creek was the perfect backdrop this year. Thank you to Bella and her parents for choosing the location. We expect to receive the photos this term and will send them home with students.

Michelle Andrews
Teaching Principal



Bella's Corner



Bella enjoying the autumn weather.

During the school holidays, my mum, dad and I went to Canberra to go to a blow-up water park, because it was hot. When we got there, it was sadly closed and wasn't blown up. So instead, we went to Time Zone arcade. At the arcade, we played things like basketball games and claw machines. All together, I won 2000 tickets, which I saved for next time.

My mum had to work throughout the holidays, so I went with her to the shearing shed. There was an eight-year-old girl there named Hazel. We decided to go underneath the shearing quarters to find stuff. We were lucky and found bottles from 1932-1961. We decided to hide them there and we hope to sell them.

Now that I am back at school, I have a lot of things to look forward to, such as cross-country training, talking to our pen pals at Old Bonalbo School, and other exiting things that will go on through the year. Turn to page 8 to hear what the Year 1s got up to during the holidays.

Our school holidays...



Dad and I were making pizza for dinner the other night. I got to make my own mini pizza from pineapple, pepperoni and cheese. We made them in the kitchen but we ate them in the lounge room. Jack and George were playing games. I like pizza.

By Matilda

I went camping in the holidays. I went into Tim's paddock. We slept in our camping trailer. Buggy and Peleena and Christian and Charlotte and I, plus lots of other people came. My favourite activity was running down to the water because we had to run down on the track to the water. I felt happy.

By Abigail



In the holidays I made a ramp. I made it with rocks. My dad wanted me to practise jumping off my bike and getting back on.

By Kaiden



Hold your child's hand

As pedestrians, children can be easily distracted and are often too small to be seen by drivers. They may be unable to predict or identify dangers and tend to act impulsively.

Talk with your child about safe behaviour on the footpath – it's not a safe place to play as it is near the road and vehicles may be entering or exiting driveways.

Until your child is at least eight years old, hold their hand:

- on the footpath
- in the car park
- when crossing the road.

Up until at least 10 years old, supervise your child very closely, holding their hand when crossing the road.

If you can't be with your child, organise for another trusted adult to accompany them.

After school, meet your child at the school gate. At the end of the school day children may be excited, distracted or tired and often not concentrating on their own safety.

For more information on keeping our kids safe around schools visit the **families** section on [safetytown.com.au](https://www.safetytown.com.au)



Messages to share with your children in Kindergarten to Year 2

- Hold a grown up's hand when:
 - you cross the road
 - you're on the footpath
 - you're in a car park
- Hold an adult's hand when you cross the road

Messages to share with children in Years 3 to 6

- Use a safe place to cross the road
- **Stop! Look! Listen! Think!** every time you cross the road and keep checking until safely across

School news

Fire preparedness

We were extremely lucky to receive a visit from Wee Jasper Fire Captain Tim Cathles and Firefighter Luke Apps in Term 1. Their visit provided students with practical learning after reading the book, *Fire*, with Ms Andrews. Students were given a tour of the fire truck and heard about Tim and Luke's jobs as firefighters. They also learnt about fire dangers, how to prevent fires and what to do if there is a fire.



1. Ms Andrews reads *Fire* to the students. 2. Luke gives students a tour of the truck. 3. Tim talks to students about fire dangers and fire safety. 4. Luke shows students how the brigade pumps water from a dam to the truck. 5. Bella climbs into the truck.

Out and about

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6. Tilly climbs into the fire truck. 7. Kaiden covers his ears as Tim raises the siren. 8. Kaiden practices firefighting. 9. Tim and Luke cool the students down in the afternoon sun. 10. Tilly practices firefighting. 11. Abi practices firefighting. 12. Bella practices firefighting.

The truth about UV rays

TRUE 

**Ultraviolet (UV)
radiation from
the sun can't
be seen or felt**

TRUE 

**You can get
sunburnt on a cold
or cloudy day**

FALSE 

**The amount of UV
that reaches the
Earth is always the
same everywhere**

TRUE 

**UV can damage
all skin types**

TRUE 

**You need to apply
sunscreen every
two hours**

FALSE 

**You don't need
sun protection
in winter**



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