



Wee Jasper Public School

The Bugle

Term 2, Week 10, 2022 | Principal - Michelle Andrews



Kaiden introduces Abi and Tilly to his pet snake during show and tell. Full story on page 7.

Shaping pottery with Joanne Searle

We were extremely lucky to welcome Joanne Searle of the Clay Studio Canberra into our classroom on Friday, 24 June. The incredibly talented ceramicist worked one-on-one with Bella, Tilly, Abi and Mr Morrison to shape bowls, animals and pots from clay.

Students used their hands, tools and a pottery wheel to shaping air-dry clay and proper clay, which will be taken back to Canberra by Jo to go inside a kiln.

Turn over the page for photos.



Working with clay.

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Working with clay, June 24.

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WINTER SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAM

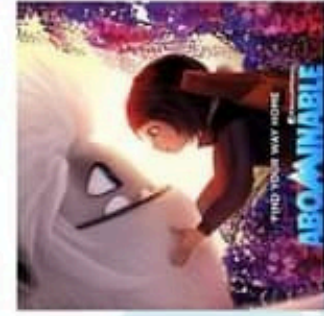
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Science of Bubbles

Mon 4 July, 2.30-3.30pm
Yass Soldiers' Memorial Hall
All ages welcome



Abominable Movie (PG)

Tues 5 July, 2-3.30pm
Yass Valley Library
5+ years



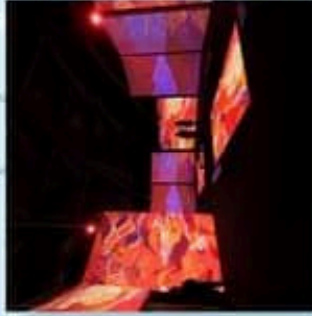
Printmaking Workshop

Wed 6 July, 10.30-11.30am
Yass Valley Library
6+ years



PCYC School Holiday Break

Wed 6 July, 10am-2pm
Riverbank Park, Yass
5-18 years



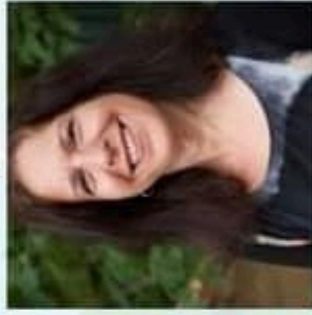
Connection Exhibition

Thurs 7 July, 9.15am-2.30pm
National Museum of Australia
12+ years



Mosaic Workshop

Thurs 7 July, 10am-2pm
Tootsie Gallery Cafe
6-12 years (with a parent)



Writing Workshop

Mon 11 July, 2-3pm
Yass Valley Library
12+ years



Word Picture Workshop

Wed 13 July, 10.30-11.30am
Yass Valley Library
8+ years



Jungle Cruise Movie (M)

Thurs 14 July, 10.30am-12.30pm
Yass Valley Library
12+ years



SELF Workshop

Thurs 14 July, 10am-1pm
Tootsie Gallery Cafe
13-18 years



Photo Necklace Workshop

Fri 15 July, 1.30-3pm
Yass Valley Library
11+ years

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

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 - Emily Latham
- 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 (alternate Fridays)
- School Learning Support Officer - Mary Goulding (alternate Fridays)

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Term 3, Weeks 1-6, 2022 calendar

WEEK 1 JULY	MON 18 Staff Development Day	TUES 19 Ms Andrews <i>Students return</i>	WED 20 Mr Morrison Mrs Rowling	THUR 21 Mr Morrison Ms Latham	FRI 22 Mr Morrison
WEEK 2 JULY	MON 25 Ms Andrews	TUES 26 Ms Andrews	WED 27 Mr Morrison Mrs Rowling Mrs Casey	THUR 28 Mr Morrison Ms Latham Mrs Casey	FRI 29 Mr Morrison
WEEK 3 AUGUST	MON 1 Ms Andrews <i>Education week</i>	TUES 2 Ms Andrews <i>Education week</i>	WED 3 Mr Morrison PLC <i>Education week</i>	THUR 4 Mr Morrison Ms Latham <i>Education week</i>	FRI 5 Mr Morrison Mrs Rowling <i>Education week</i>
WEEK 4 AUGUST	MON 8 Ms Andrews	TUES 9 Ms Andrews	WED 10 Mr Morrison Mrs Longley	THUR 11 Mr Morrison Ms Latham	FRI 12 Mr Morrison
WEEK 5 AUGUST	MON 15 Ms Andrews <i>National Science Week</i>	TUES 16 Ms Andrews <i>National Science Week</i>	WED 17 Mr Morrison Mrs Longley <i>National Science Week</i>	THUR 18 Mr Morrison Ms Latham <i>National Science Week</i>	FRI 19 Mr Morrison <i>National Science Week</i>
WEEK 6 AUGUST	MON 22 Ms Andrews	TUES 23 Ms Andrews	WED 24 Mr Morrison PLC	THUR 25 Mr Morrison Ms Latham	FRI 26 Mr Morrison Mrs Rowling

KEY DATES



18 JULY
Staff
Development
Day

**15-19
AUGUST**
National
Science Week

1-5 AUGUST EDUCATION WEEK

Education Week is an annual celebration of NSW public education and the achievements of our schools, students and education system. This year Education Week will celebrate the theme: Creating futures – education changes lives.

Please save the date for Kids Club on September 2 2022.

Principal's message

I congratulate our incredible students, Bella, Kaiden, Abi and Tilly, who shined each and every day this term. Their desire for learning and connection with others inspired all. Over the past five weeks, the students have embraced every opportunity and made progress which they should feel proud of. They demonstrated their ongoing ability to build rapport with a range of teachers and regardless of who their teacher was, they focused on achieving their best, tried new things and learned cooperatively with each other. When learning in a small school, it is important our students to have opportunities to learn from and connect with a range of people. I applaud their capacity to do so.

A massive thank you to our wonderful team of educators throughout Term 3. All our staff are dedicated professionals who strive for excellence in education and positive well-being for our students. The incredible skillset and teamwork of our team makes our school in incredible place to work. Thank you to Mr Morrison, Mrs Healey, Miss Latham, Mrs Cassidy, Mrs Benson, and Mrs Casey for the high-quality learning programs you provided our students. Thank you to Mr. Rowling, Mrs. Griffiths, Miss Sparks and Mrs Goulding for all your support of the students and teachers and the extra things you do to make Wee Jasper Public School so outstanding.

Thank you to our supportive parent body and hardworking P&C. Our parents always assist the school and all students. Your partnership in our school is appreciated. I wish every student and staff member a wonderful two weeks of holidays and look forward to hearing about everyone's adventures.

Throughout this newsletter you will see the range of opportunities our students embraced. Bella successfully attended the inaugural Small Schools Stage 3 Transition Creative Arts Camp at Warrambui. Bella joined another forty students from twelve different small schools and experienced circus, dance, drama, visual arts, ceramics and numerous other craft and art activities. She chose to specialise in circus where she developed confidence in a range of skills. Bella had fun, enthusiastically participated in all activities, and confidently socialised with the other students.

All students had the fortunate opportunity to engage in some of the camp's activities back at school. Together we all used the left-over dyes to make tie-dye T-shirts, pillowcases, and face clothes. Joanne Searle also presented a one-day ceramic's workshop where the students had the opportunity to use a potter's wheel and also created some freehand artworks. The students finished their designs off today by painting their artwork. Next term, our students will participate in an 8-week ceramics course with our local delightful resident and world acclaimed ceramist, Janet Deboo. We will spend Friday afternoons up at Janet's studio on Doctors Rd. On Friday 2 September, we will extend that invitation to our local Kids Club. Parents of Kids Club children will be requested to drive up to Janet's place for lunch at 12pm and then join our students and staff in a wonderful afternoon of creation.

Jean Luc has volunteered next term, to provide the students with French enrichment activities. We love our students learning alongside our skillful local community members and the students being connected to our community. Thank you to Jean Luc for his generous gift of time and expertise.

Principal's message continues on next page.

Bella's corner

Transition Camp is where a bunch of small schools joined together and do the arts. My main focus was circus. I chose circus because I thought it would be a new and exciting experience which I quite enjoyed. A Poy is a big sock with a tennis ball that you swing around where you can do heaps of movements with your arms to move it anyway you like, this was my favourite. There were heaps of team building activities and art for example, the art was learning how to do Aboriginal art on rocks. The first night we had a disco party and I had lots of fun dancing with the other students.

By Bella



Transition Camp photos on page 15.

Principal's message

Our wonderful annual visit from Kial from Life Education was well received by the students. They loved spending the day with Kial and both age groups had two sessions each in the new pop-up learning space. Healthy Harrold was so impressed with the student's positive learning behaviour that he left each child a soft toy, keyring, and ball. The students believe the soft toys are Harrold's children 😊

It is with great joy I can inform you that Wee Jasper Public School was selected to be part of the NSW Department of Education trial with the appointment of our virtual Assistant Principal Curriculum and Instruction educator, Mrs Erin Casey will join our team next term. She will connect with the students and staff to support literacy and numeracy at our school. This will mostly occur through a virtual model but will include at least one two-day visit. Ms Casey spent this week getting to know our learners as people and literacy and numeracy learners and developing the student's confidence in using the virtual platform.

Next term will also see lots of educators joining our team. Mr Morrison will continue as our part-time teacher. Miss Latham will continue working Thursdays to support our targeted literacy and numeracy program. She will also continue to deliver Bounce Back PD program and run PE lessons. As the students will participate in the Arabin T-Ball Cup at the end of Term 3, T-Ball will be one of the areas Miss Latham will develop. Mrs Kim Rowling will be teaching most Wednesdays with Mr Morrison. This will allow our students to learn in two groups, Stage 1, and Stage 2/3. Both teachers will deliver targeted programs in English, Math, Music, Geography and History. Mrs Longley will return for two Wednesdays to deliver math enrichment small group tuition. We know these opportunities will enhance the personalised learning of our students and we are grateful for the expertise we attract to our wonderful small school. Miss Mary will also support the students in class each Friday for Literacy and Numeracy. I am very proud of the talent team of educators we have at Wee Jasper Public School.

Michelle Andrews
TeachingPrincipal

Parents & Citizen

We wanted to say a big thank you to to everyone who supported our P&C drive. We raised \$207.00. We also wanted to let the community know about upcoming events:

- 1. Bunnings BBQ Gungahlin on the 31st of July. The school community have put their names down to help but we still have a few places that need to be filled on the day. Bridgette will be sending out an email in the next couple of weeks to ask for community help. Any assistance will be greatly appreciated.**
- 2. Our annual wood raffle is coming up. There are 3 tonnes of wood up for grabs. The winning ticket will be drawn at 3pm at the school on the 31st of August. Tickets will be on sale outside Yass News Agency on Friday the 12th, Friday the 19th and Friday the 26th of August.**

Wee Jasper Public School Wood Raffle



Prizes:

1st - 2 tonnes Yellow Box, split and delivered to Yass or Wee Jasper only.

2nd - 1 tonne Yellow Box, split and delivered to Yass or Wee Jasper only.

Drawn at 3pm on Friday 31st August, at Wee Jasper Public School.

**\$2 per ticket. Tickets for sale
at the School Office and outside
Yass Newsagency from Monday
18th of July 2022.**

School news

Mayor's Reading Challenge

Can you believe we are already three months into the Mayor's Reading Challenge?

Our students have been busy filling their readers and have already read an incredible 62 books, which marks a little over the half-way point.

Students need to read a total of 120 books between them by the end of September to complete the challenge.

Books can be read alone, with a teacher, or parents, so we encourage you to keep our bookworms engaged during this school holiday.

The idea is to make reading part of their everyday lives.

Simply encourage your child to read as many books as they can this holiday, and keep a record so we can update their readers upon their return to school.

We hope to invite Yass Valley Mayor Allan McGrath back in September to award students their certificates over morning tea.



Mayor McGrath at Wee Jasper Public School.

Discovering bearded dragons

On Friday, 17 June, Abi, Tilly, Kaiden and Bella started searching about bearded dragons and putting the information into a slideshow.

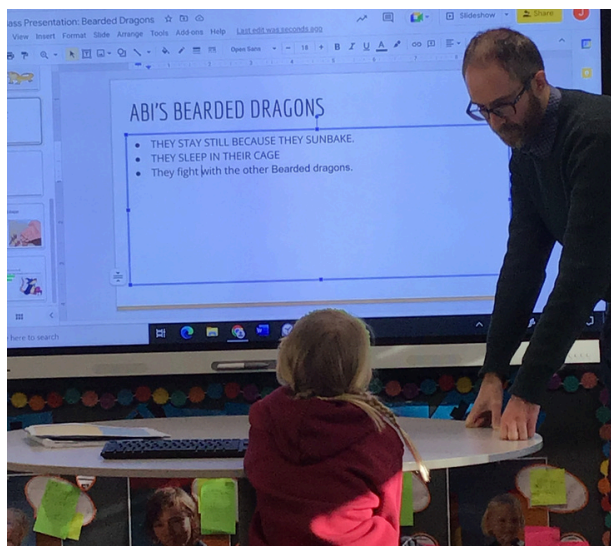
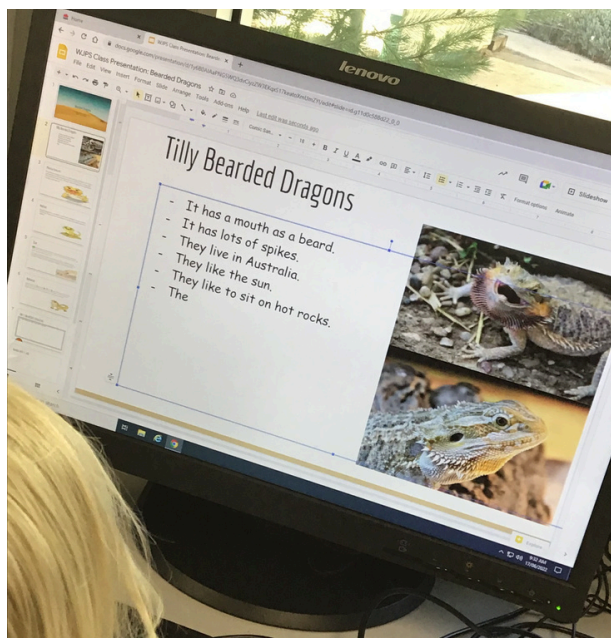
This activity was designed to help the Year 1s develop technology skills.

Their inspiration was a book called 'That's What Wings Are For' by Patrick Guest and Daniella Germain.

With some teamwork and computers, they worked hard and made one of the best slideshows ever!

The presentation was called 'Bearded Dragons: A Class Presentation by Wee Jasper Public School Students'.

By Bella



Tilly and Abi's bearded dragon presentations

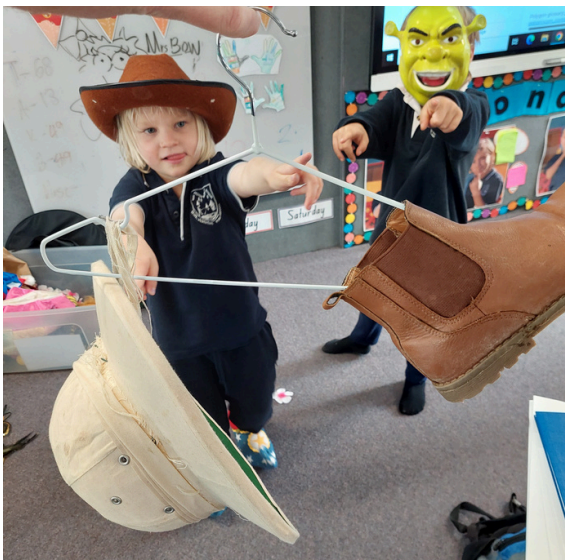
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Maths and English with Mr Morrison

In Mathematics with Mr Morrison in Week 7, the students investigated mass. The Year 1 students experimented with a coat hanger as a basic scale to compare the mass of various bits and pieces from the dress-ups box. They found the lightest thing was a bow, and the heaviest object was Kaiden's boot! They also constructed weighing baskets from milk cartons and rubber bands, so that the weight of various objects could be recorded by marking how far the basket was pulled down by its cargo, on paper against the wall.

In Week 9, position was our Maths topic, and Year 1's challenge was to recreate the school buildings and features from Lego, and describe how they are positioned relative to each other (the office is next to the COLA; the library is between the classroom and the car park, etc.).

While Bella was writing her article on how we researched and created a slideshow on bearded dragons in English this term, she gave the students tips on fine-tuning the formatting of their slides.



School news

Welcoming Erin Casey!

Hello Wee Jasper Public School, my name is Erin Casey and I am very excited to be working with your school and community over the next few terms. I am involved in a pilot program with the NSW Department of Education to provide a virtual Assistant Principal, Curriculum and Instruction (APC&I) to small, remote schools in the interim whilst the schools continue to advertise for a face-to-face permanent APC&I. The vision is that I will spend a few days each term visiting Wee Jasper Public School to work with students, teachers and Ms Andrews, working towards achieving school-wide literacy and numeracy goals.

In the weeks that I am not visiting in person, I will 'visit' in a virtual sense, which may involve team-teaching lessons over the interactive whiteboard or conducting one-on-one support to students on laptops or iPads.

I have been teaching for 14 years in Sydney and Queanbeyan in both face-to-face primary schools and distance education schools. I have a passion for teaching children to read and I absolutely love mathematics, so much so that I am currently studying a mathematics degree to extend the depth of my knowledge when teaching numeracy.

I live in Canberra with my husband and two children, Lola who is 5 and Edward who is 2. I love bush walking, skiing, music and my dog, Angus. I completed my Master of Education degree last year at the University of Canberra, where I had the opportunity to meet Ms Andrews and learn a bit about your wonderful school at Wee Jasper.

I am really looking forward to visiting Wee Jasper early in Term 3 to meet you all and see your wonderful school and community.



Erin with her two children Lola, 5 and Edward, 2.

School news

Life Education with Kial and Healthy Harold



Bella, Abi, Tilly and Kaiden with Kial, from Life Education.

On Friday, 17 June, Kial from Life Education made a visit to Wee Jasper Public School. Their program focuses on physical health and social and emotional wellbeing and safety.

Our Year 1 students learnt all about recognising safe and unsafe environments, caring for others, maintaining friendships and how to identify safe adults to seek help from.

Bella was made aware of possible scenarios and decisions she may have to make as she eventually transitions into high school. With Kial's guidance, she investigated myths, facts and social norms; identified strategies and skills to keep her safe; learned about drugs and alcohol and their effects; and how to respond to peer pressure and consent.

Kial also explained to our students the importance of healthy eating, water intake and exercise. Healthy Harold made his guest appearance in the afternoon where he was warmly welcomed by all our students.



More Life Education photos on page 13.

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Meet Murphyn, the Murray River Python!



Abi, Kaiden and Tilly with Murphyn's shedded skin.

This is some skin shed from my Nanna's Murray River Python, called Murphyn. She is seven-and-a-half years old and is over three-and-a-half meters long. She lives in an enclosure with lots of wood and places to hide, and she loves curling up on her heat mat. She has a big water dish where she lays in when she is hot in summer. My Nanna takes her outside onto the grass and dirt so she can stretch out. She only eats once per week in the warmer months. She eats a large rat. Nanna gets the rats frozen. The rat has to be defrosted before it is given to Murphyn. We use long tweezers to tempt Murphyn with the rat. She then bites the head off the rat and squeezes it for around 15 minutes because this is what they do in the wild. She stops eating when it gets into the colder weather. She doesn't hibernate like some snakes. Around August-September, she starts looking for a boyfriend. She loves having her door open to her enclosure. She knocks on the glass with her nose. She sits with her head on the edge of her enclosure. Sometimes, when the door is open, she wants to go walkabout and tries to get out of her enclosure by herself. We have to keep an eye on her so she doesn't disappear. We got her seven-and-a-half years ago. She was very small, around 35 centimetres long. She has grown a lot and every time she grows a bit (around every two to three months) she sheds her skin to reveal a beautiful new skin underneath. She starts at her head and rubs it against the wood in her enclosure to help her rub her skin right down her whole body.

By Kaiden



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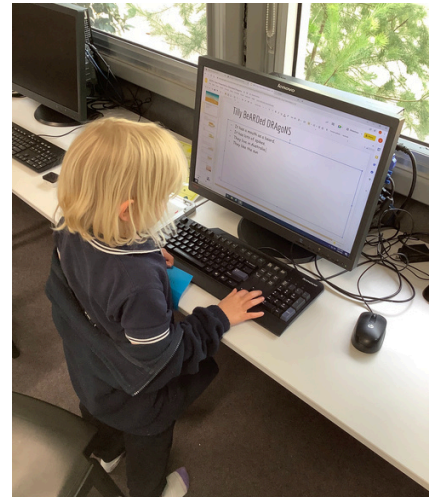
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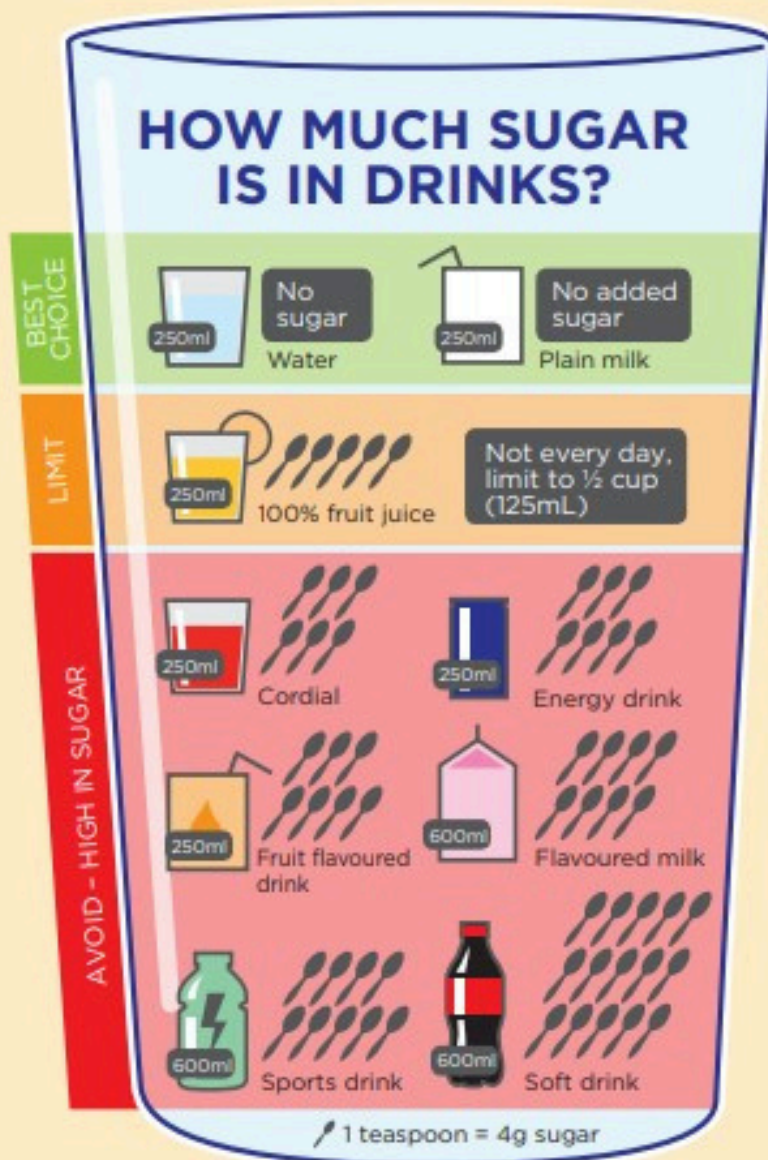
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1. Reading The Twits by Roald Dahl with Mr Morrison 2. Soccer with Peter Nowakowski 3. Art with Mr Bradley 4. Tilly working on Bearded Dragons 5. Bella's tie dye shirt

Choose water as a drink

Water is the best drink. It has no added sugar. Fruit juice, soft drink, sports drinks and cordials have a lot of sugar. Kids should not drink these every day. Tap water is the best choice. Most tap water contains fluoride which helps kids grow strong teeth.



Out and about



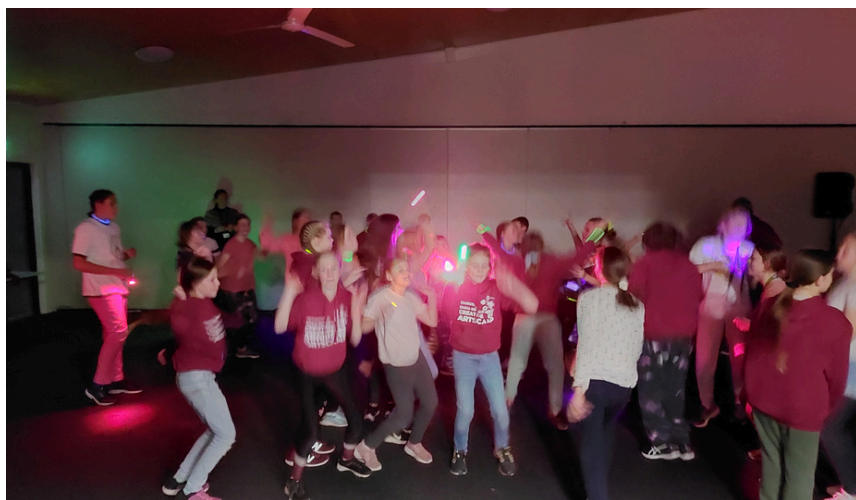
Life Education on Friday, 17 June with Kial and Healthy Harold.

Out and about



Transition Camp June 8-10.

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Burrinjuck Learning Community Athletics Carnival 2022

Bella represented Wee Jasper Public School on Thursday, June 23 at Victoria Park in Yass. She participated in a lot of events and got to meet students from Bowning Public School.

Well done, Bella!



Out and about

Queens Birthday Long Weekend Fun!

On Saturday night, Abi and Kaiden had lots of fun eating pizza and playing Just Dance with Charlotte, John, Courtney, Zoe, Jak, Lily and Tyler. On Sunday, Abi helped her Pop deliver a lamb and on Monday, Abi and her family went hiking.

Kaiden went metal detecting through the bush where he found a bullet and horse shoe and then on Monday, they made jelly together.

Bella and Tilly celebrated Ian's birthday. They had a yummy lemon syrup cake. Bridgette found a mushroom that Tilly thought it looked like a fairy house.





Have you **moved** enough today?



SLEEP

- 5–13 year olds need 9–11 hours per night.
- 14–17 year olds need 8–10 hours per night.



PHYSICAL ACTIVITY

Aim for 60 minutes or more per day – the more you huff & puff the better!



INACTIVITY

Move more & sit less in your spare time.

Find out more at www.health.gov.au

Children and young people (aged 5–17 years) should achieve the recommended balance of high levels of physical activity, low levels of sedentary behaviour, and sufficient sleep each day.

*Australian 24-Hour Movement Guidelines for Children and Young People (5 to 17 years):
An Integration of Physical Activity, Sedentary Behaviour, and Sleep*



Community news



Luke teaching Wee Jasper Public School students about fire safety.

Fire brigade training reminder

Wee Jasper Rural Fire Brigade members meet every second Thursday to take part in training.

If you aren't already a member, but would like to join the brigade, please contact Wee Jasper Brigade Deputy Captain/Training Officer, Luke Apps on:

- Luke.Apps91@bigpond.com; or
- 0400 119 521.

Luke will send a reminder via email the week before each training session.



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Thai Chicken Curry with Basil



Serves 6

Ingredients

- 500 g chicken thigh fillets
- 500 g sugar snap peas
- 3 tablespoons peanut oil
- 3 tablespoons Thai red curry paste
- Finely grated rind of 1 lime
- 5 kaffir lime leaves
- 2 tablespoons fish sauce
- 2 tins canned coconut milk
- 1 tablespoon palm sugar
- 20 fresh lemon basil or sweet basil leaves

Method

1. Cut chicken into bite-sized pieces and remove strings from pea pods.
2. Heat oil in a wok and fry red curry paste over low heat, stirring until fragrant - about 5 minutes.
3. Add chicken and fry until pieces are coated with paste.
4. Add lime rind, lime leaves, fish sauce, palm sugar and coconut milk and simmer for 30 minutes to 1 hour uncovered.
5. Simmer peas with chicken for a minute or so.
6. Remove from heat, add basil leaves.
7. Serve with rice.

Thank you to Bella and Bridgette Cathles for their ongoing supply of delicious recipes!
