



Wee Jasper Public School

The Bugle

Term 2, Week 5, 2022 | Principal - Michelle Andrews



Tilly experimenting with stop motion with a staff member at Questacon. See more photos from our trip on page 15.

Ready, set, go!

Our students had an exciting and fun-filled day competing with other small schools at the Bongongo Cross Country Carnival on Friday, 6 May.

The results:

- Bella - 6th place (11-year-old girls)
- Kaiden - 4th place (7-year-old boys)
- Abi - 6th place (7-year-old girls)
- Tilly - 7th place (7-year-old girls)

Well done everyone!

See full Cross Country results on page 9.



Bella receives a Participation Award at the Cross Country Carnival.

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We acknowledge the traditional custodians of this land, the Wiradjuri, Ngunnawal and Wolgalu nations, and pay our respect to Elders past, present and future • Proud member of the Binit Binit Learning Community

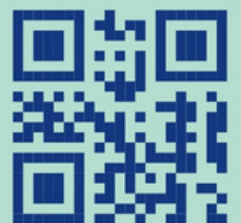
Flu and COVID-19 are serious illnesses, even in children and teenagers



Protect your loved ones this winter

Get your child vaccinated against flu
and COVID-19 at the same time.

Speak to your GP or pharmacist today.



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 - Jack Morrison
- Teacher - Emily Latham (Term 2)
- 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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Kaiden and Abi hard at work with Ms Latham in Maths.

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Term 2, Weeks 6-11, 2022 calendar

WEEK 6 MAY/JUNE	MON 30 Mr Morrison	TUES 31 Mr Morrison	WED 1 Mr Morrison	THURS 2 Mr Morrison and Ms Latham	FRI 3 Mr Morrison
WEEK 7 JUNE	MON 6 Ms Andrews Small Schools Conference	TUES 7 Ms Andrews Small Schools Conference	WED 8 Ms Latham Transition Camp	THURS 9 Ms Latham Transition Camp	FRI 10 Ms Latham Transition Camp
WEEK 8 JUNE	MON 13 Public holiday	TUES 14 Ms Andrews	WED 15 Mr Morrison	THURS 16 Ms Andrews, Mr Morrison and Ms Latham	FRI 17 Mr Morrison Life education
WEEK 9 JUNE	MON 20 Ms Andrews	TUES 21 Ms Andrews	WED 22 Mr Morrison	THURS 23 Ms Andrews, Mr Morrison and Ms Latham BLC Athletics	FRI 24 Mr Morrison
WEEK 10 JUNE/JULY	MON 27 Ms Andrews	TUES 28 Ms Andrews	WED 29 Mr Morrison	THURS 30 Ms Andrews, Mr Morrison and Ms Latham	FRI 1 Mr Morrison Last day of Term 2
WEEK 11 JULY	MON 4 School holidays	TUES 5 School holidays	WED 6 School holidays	THURS 7 School holidays	FRI 8 School holidays

KEY DATES



Abi, Kaiden, Tilly and Charlotte at Bongongo Cross Country. More photos on pages 17-18.

13 JUNE

Queen's
birthday
(public holiday)

17 JUNE

Life education

8-10 JUNE TRANSITION CAMP

Performing arts and life skills

Principal's message



Mrs Jodie-Ann Healey

Every year on 26 May, National Sorry Day remembers and acknowledges the mistreatment of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people who were forcibly removed from their families and communities, which we now know as 'The Stolen Generations'.

On Thursday, students watched the video of Prime Minister Kevin Rudd making a formal apology to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples. Students also listened to Trevor Jameson read the book, *Sorry Day*, and listened to Archie Roach sing *Took The Children Away*.

Thursday also marked National Simultaneous Storytime, which is held annually by the Australian Library and Information Association (ALIA). Every year, a picture book written and illustrated by Australians is read simultaneously in libraries, schools, homes and children's facilities all over the country and world.

This year, more than 2 million young people read *Family Tree* by Josh Pyke and Ronjoy Ghosh. The book, which I gave to Wee Jasper students during my last visit, is a heartfelt celebration of family, community and the seasons of life. Students joined the author and illustrator for a live reading.

Thursday was a busy day, with the evening spent completing the three-way conferences with staff, students and parents. Thank you to everyone who came. It was fantastic to see every student arrive with their mum and dad, and it's always a wonderful opportunity to pass on positive feedback and discuss ways we can develop students' learning.

And what better way to celebrate an activity-filled week than with our own festivity of food! On Wednesday, Mark and I cooked the students bacon and egg rolls for breakfast and, as I write this (on Friday), we are preparing for a sausage sizzle lunch.

Parents & Citizens

As many of you know, Wee Jasper Public School students have been keeping in pen pal contact with students from Old Bonalbo Public School. The school, some families and the surrounding areas were affected by the recent floods. Wee Jasper students would like to put together a care package for their pen pals and their families.

We are looking for people to donate clothing, toys, books, art supplies, stationary and personal items such as bubble bath, soap, shampoo etc. Please drop items you wish to donate to the school before Friday, 3 June.

The P&C is also currently holding a pie drive. We have plain beef, beef and bacon, curry beef, and steak and kidney pies available for \$15 each. They freeze well and are absolutely delicious.

All orders & payment must be received by 10 am on Thursday, 23 June at the school or contact Bridgette Cathles on 0428754680 or weejasperpublicschool@pandcaffiliate.org.au.

Pies will be collected from the school on Friday, 1 July, between 3 pm-4 pm.

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.

It's great to be able to do something special for Wee Jasper students during our visit.

Thank you to Wee Jasper Public School for having us again. It's been wonderful returning to this special school. In particular, I'd like to thank Helen and Tim Cathles for letting us stay in their cottage. Until next time...

Jodie Healey
Relieving Principal



Bella's Corner



It was a relaxing Friday morning. I was waiting to be fed, but suddenly, I could smell petrol in the air. Then I saw them - cars and buses pulling up near my land. I couldn't believe it! Was it a birthday or a funeral? All I could hear were those loud kids running around and shouting. I was about to neigh at them, but then they started to notice me. Before I knew it, everybody was stamping up and down the hill as if they were ANIMALS! So, I moved to the top of the hill where I could ignore the noise. But curiosity got the better of me, and I went down to those tiny humans. I don't know why everyone was scared of me. And then I remembered, it was the Bongongo Cross Country Carnival! Students aged 5, 6 and 7 went first; then those aged 8, 9 and 10; and, finally, 11, 12 and 13. I was amazed to see the amazing Wee Jasper Public students there. At first, I saw the Year 1s run as fast as me and then the Year 6 students after them. I ran with them until I couldn't run anymore. I thought they were so fast! They were amazing - they even came in the top 10! I celebrated by galloping around and eating as much grass as I could. I can't wait for next year!

(Bella reliving the Bongongo Cross Country Carnival from the perspective of the horses in the paddock.)

School news

Meet Miss Emily Latham



We would like to introduce you to our new teacher, Miss Emily Latham. She teaches us athletics, number working and well being on Thursdays.

1. **When were you born?** I was born in Wollongong on 13 March, 1997.
2. **Why did you decide to become a teacher?** Growing up, I shifted through a number of different career dreams, including veterinary, physiotherapy, occupational therapy and teaching! It sounds cliché, but I decided to become a teacher because I love working with young people to see them flourish and grow into their potential.
3. **What is your favourite food?** I don't have much of a sweet tooth, but cheesecake takes the cake for favourite food!
4. **What do you like about Wee Jasper?** Wee Jasper has been an exciting escape from living in a city. It has opened up new opportunities for me, including learning how to ride a horse and dirt bike, exploring caves and expanding my outdoor education experience and qualifications.

5. **Do you play any sports? And if yes, which sports?** Over the years, I have participated in a range of different sports, my favourites being gymnastics, soccer and the flying trapeze! I also love hiking, stand-up paddle boarding and swimming in secret waterholes as other ways of keeping fit.

6. **How many schools have you worked in?** Since I graduated university in 2019, I have worked in ten different schools doing SLSO work, relief days, temporary and permanent positions across two states (QLD and NSW), for both public and private schools.

By Bella

Hard at work



Above: Hands-on literacy lesson with Abi and Kaiden guessing how the story would naturally flow using jumbled pictures based on the story *Louisa May Picket - The Most Boring Person in Class* by Rod Clement. Students then corrected the sequence of events after Ms Latham read to them. Below: Geography lesson.



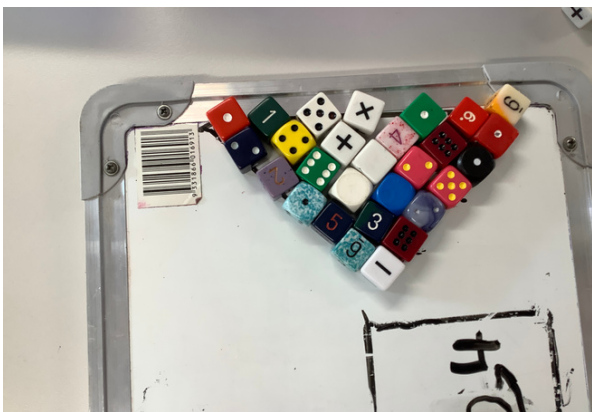
School news

Maths and science fun

Kaiden, Abi, Tilly and Bella have lots of fun learning maths and science with Mr Morrison!

Since Term 1, the students have been continually building on their understanding of area measurement. They trace around plastic shapes on their whiteboards.

On this occasion, they needed to check how many dice were needed to cover an area. The students noticed some shapes (such as triangles) were not as straight forward to measure accurately with a square unit. They then practised their two-digit number writing skills by scribing the approximate area for each shape.



In science, an experiment was conducted where plastic bottles were partially filled with different substances (flour, rice, oats etc.) and then shaken to hear the sound made. The students then ranked them from loudest to quietest and attached the appropriate volume icons to them. Bella even introduced a wildcard by adding her water bottle to the mix! The students agreed it made the second-quietest sound.



School news

Small Schools Cross Country Results

Boys 8/9 Years

1. William Lenehan - Jugiong
2. Xavier Brayshaw - Binalong
3. Cooper Henwood - Eurongilly
4. Mateo Arokiaswamy - Binalong
5. Parker Smith - Illabo
6. George Baldry - Illabo
7. Cooper Willetts - Gundagai South
8. Judd Longhurst - Gundagai South
9. Eddie Muller - Illabo
10. Thomas Henwood - Eurongilly

Girls 8/9 Years

1. Elsie Ryan - Illabo
2. Tess Drew - Eurongilly
3. Emily Eyres - Nangus
4. Audrey Corcorn - Binalong
5. Audrey Range - Binalong
6. Claudia Hodge - Illabo
7. Isobel Welsh - Bongongo
8. Charlie Girdler - Jugiong
9. Piper Cable - Binalong
10. Katara Penrith - Brungle

Boys 10 Years

1. George Day - Illabo
2. Darcy Wilson - Illabo
3. Harry Smith - Bongongo
4. Max Weston - Bongongo
5. Finn Onus - Bongongo
6. Oscar Welsh - Bongongo
7. Billy-Joe Hetherington - Gundagai South
8. Angus Holihan - Eurongilly

Girls 10 Years

1. Olivia Lesberg - Jugiong
2. Scarlett Drew - Eurongilly
3. Bella Barnes - Barnes
4. Gracie Elphick - Jugiong
5. Willow Carter - Eurongilly
6. Grace Scott DQ - Gundagai South

Boys 11 Years

1. Joe Graham - Bongongo
2. Edward Smith - Bongongo
3. Alby Hodge - Illabo
4. Charlie Muller - Illabo
5. Riley Hourn - Gundagai South
6. Joshua Willetts - Gundagai South
7. Harvey Graham - Bongongo
8. Tristan Collins - Wallendbeen
9. Michael Goltz - Binalong
10. Pepper Maconachie - Gundagai South

Girls 11 Years

1. Lilly Rankin - Eurongilly
2. Jaylee Coulcher - Gundagai South
3. Amy Manwaring - Jugiong
4. Angela Eyres - Nangus
5. Nell Sheridan - Illabo
6. **Bella Yevrem - Wee Jasper**
7. Tully Pratt - Illabo
8. Maddison Polsen - Gundagai South
9. Taylah Isbister - Binalong
10. Stella Dowell - Gundagai South

Boys 12/13 Years

1. George Moore - Eurongilly
2. Jesse Drew - Eurongilly
3. Eric Eyres - Nangus
4. Nicholas Cassidy - Binalong
5. George Croker - Illabo
6. Oscar Robinson - Binalong
7. Ryley O'Neill - Nangus
8. Stewart Anderson - Wallendbeen
9. Kjay Roma-Warahi - Gundagai South
10. Hayden Edwards - Binalong

Girls 12/13

Malea Arokiaswamy - Binalong
Imogen Grange - Binalong
Tayla Brayshaw - Binalong
Olivia Duck - Illabo

Results continue on next page.

School news

Infants Cross Country Results

Boys 5 Years

1. Willy Prout - Gundagai South

Girls 5 Years

1. Murphey Folkes - Gundagai South
2. Darcy Ardley - Gundagai South
3. Gloria Pollack - Nangus
4. Lashayah Williams - Brungle

Boys 6 Years

1. Jack Lenehan - Jugiong
2. Brock Bower - Gundagai South
3. Jasper Maconochie - Gundagai South
4. Billy Rowe - Jugiong
5. Hughie Keatinge - Jugiong
6. Oscar C - Binalong
7. Ian Spencer - Binalong
8. Hunter Graham - Jugiong
9. Charlie Ryan - Illabo
10. Jethro Grigg - Binalong

Girls 6 Years Girls

1. Georgie Dunhill - Jugiong
2. Zara Lenehan - Jugiong
3. Clover Willsallen - Jugiong
4. Sophie Arabin - Binalong
5. Matilda Grigg - Binalong

Boys 7 Years

1. Will Edwards - Gundagai South
2. Cody McCann - Bongongo
3. Will Howard - Eurongilly
4. **Kaiden Oakley - Wee Jasper**
5. Cooper Edwards - Binalong
6. Braxton Howard - Eurongilly
7. Tanner Russell - Gundagai South
8. Paddy Muller - Illabo
9. Oscar Carter - Illabo
10. Leo Heffernan - Eurongilly

Girls 7 Years

1. Stevie Folkes - Gundagai South
2. Charlotte Graham - Bongongo
3. Neveah Williams - Brungle
4. Nelly Longhurst - Gundagai South
5. Ashlynn Lucas - Bongongo
6. **Abi Apps - Wee Jasper**
7. Tilly Cathles - Wee Jasper
8. Evie Edwards - Binalong
9. Aalayah Werth - Gundagai South
10. Tilda McKinnon - Binalong



Students, staff and parents at Bongongo Cross Country Carnival.

Protect your child's skin

The cause of almost all skin cancers in Australia is exposure to ultraviolet (UV) radiation from the sun. Children and babies have delicate skin, so limiting their exposure can reduce their risk of developing skin cancer – and help prevent freckles, moles and painful sunburn.



When does my child need protection from the sun?

All areas in NSW experience high levels of UV radiation most of the year – even on cloudy or cooler days.

Check the SunSmart UV Alert daily on www.cancerCouncil.com.au/sunsmart or in the weather section of newspapers. Whenever it is 3 or above, use our top SunSmart tips.



Top SunSmart tips

- Choose sun-safe clothing, such as longer-style shorts and skirts, and T-shirts and dresses with sleeves, collars or covered necklines.
- Choose a wide-brimmed, bucket-style or legionnaire hat that protects the face, neck and ears. Keep spare hats in your car or bag.



- Encourage play in the shade, but keep hats, clothing and sunscreen on.
- Apply at least SPF30+ broad-spectrum water-resistant sunscreen to any exposed skin. Reapply every two hours, or more often if wiped or washed off.

Take special care of babies:

- When outside, keep babies well shaded at all times.
- Use covers for prams and strollers.
- Sunscreen may be safely applied to any small areas of skin not protected by hats and clothing.



For more help

- If you have any concerns about sunscreen, vitamin D, nappy rash or jaundice talk to your doctor or chemist.
- Check out www.cancerCouncil.com.au/sunsmart
- Call Cancer Council Information and Support on 13 11 20.

School news

Happy Mother's Day

For Mother's Day, we made gorgeous necklaces and bracelets. We also made personalised cards and gift boxes. These were all loved by our mothers and grandmothers!

By Bella



Abi, Bella, Kaiden and Tilly making jewelry for Mother's Day with Mrs Griffiths.

School news

Autumn

We each picked some leaves and we painted one leaf a base colour. Then we added white to the next leaf and continued adding white on each leaf to create a gradient of white. After that, we went back to the base colour and added black to each leaf to create a gradient of black.

By Bella



Beautiful leaf artwork created by our students.



Your guide to driving and parking safely near schools

The beginning and end of the school day are busy times for pedestrians and vehicles outside the school. That's why you need to take extra care in 40km/h school zones.

- Park safely and legally, even if it means walking further to the school gate. Parking signs are planned with children's safety in mind.
- Slow down to 40km/h in the school zone and stay aware of crossings.
- Always park and turn legally around the school.
- Never double park as it puts children at risk.
- Manoeuvres such as U-turns and three-point turns are dangerous.
- Never park in a bus zone or in the school bus bay.
- Make sure your children use the Safety Door (rear footpath side door) to get in and out of the car.
- At a supervised crossing, observe the directions of the school crossing supervisor.
- Model safe and considerate behaviour for your child – they will learn from you.

Remember to always give way to pedestrians particularly when entering and leaving driveways. Don't park across the school driveway or the entrance to the school car park. It's always a good idea to use the drop off and pick up area suggested by your school. This will help keep all children as safe as possible during the busiest times of the school day.

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

Out and about

Questacon

Here, we learnt a lot about astronauts and space. We also tried stop motion for the first time. At the end of the tour, we went to the gift shop and Mrs G generously bought each us something. One of the gifts she bought for all of us was freeze-dried astronaut ice cream!

By Bella



Excursion to Questacon on Friday, 20 May with Bella, Tilly, Abi, Kaiden, Ms Andrews and Mrs Griffiths.

Out and about

National Portrait Gallery

We looked at portraits of people who made an impact in Australia and sculptures of Aboriginals and their culture. The portrait of the woman in number two was made out of glass and L.E.D lights. Every time you would move to the side of the portrait, it would disappear.

By Bella



Excursion to National Portrait Gallery on Tuesday, 17 May with Bella, Tilly, Abi, Kaiden, Ms Andrews and Mrs Griffiths.

Out and about



Bongongo Cross Country Carnival with Tilly, Abi, Kaiden, Bella, Charlotte and Ms Andrews.

Out and about



Bongongo Cross Country Carnival with Tilly, Abi, Kaiden, Bella, Charlotte and Ms Andrews.

The heavenly lasagna



Bella with the heavenly lasagna

I recently made this lasagna with my Aunty for dinner. It was the best lasagna in the world. It's not called heavenly for nothing.

By Bella

INGREDIENTS

- Uncle Anto's bolognaise – see below
- 1 pkt lasagna sheets
- White sauce – see below
- 2 cups pizza cheese

UNCLE ANTO'S BOLOGNAISE INGREDIENTS

- 500g beef mince
- Olive oil
- 3 cloves garlic crushed
- 2 onions chopped fine
- 1 carrot chopped fine
- 250g mushrooms chopped fine
- 4 tins tomatoes
- 1 tab basil – dried or fresh
- 1 tab oregano – dried or fresh
- 1 tab Worcestershire sauce



Bella with her cousin Jack

UNCLE ANTO'S BOLOGNAISE METHOD

- Fry garlic and onion in olive oil
- Add the mince and cook until browned
- Add the tinned tomatoes, carrots, mushrooms, herbs and Worcestershire sauce
- Cook on a low heat for 2-3 hours

WHITE SAUCE INGREDIENTS

- 4 tab butter
- 4 tab plain flour
- 1 litre milk
- Salt and pepper
- Pinch of nutmeg (optional)
- ½ cup parmesan cheese

WHITE SAUCE METHOD

- Melt butter in a saucepan
- Add flour and stir over heat until the mixture begins to thicken and bubble and stick a little bit to the pan
- Add the milk and stir with a whisk continually until the sauce boils and thickens
- Add the salt, pepper, nutmeg and extra cheese

LASAGNA METHOD

1. Place 2-3 sheets of lasagna in the bottom of a baking tray (approx. 22cm x 30cm)
2. Spread 1/3 of the bolognaise mix on the lasagna sheets
3. Spread 1/3 of the white sauce on the meat
4. Put 2-3 sheets of lasagna over the sauce
5. Continue making layers until you run out of meat. Make sure the last layer is white sauce
6. Sprinkle the pizza cheese over the top of the white sauce
7. Put in a moderate oven (180 degrees) for 30-40 mins
8. Serve with salad or veggies