



Wee Jasper Public School

# The Bugle

Term 1, Week 11, 2023 | Principal - Michelle Andrews



Fun at the Powerhouse Museum.

## Sydney Excursion

What a fantastic 3 days and 2 nights our students had in Sydney for the Pulse Alive concert. We headed off on Wednesday 8th March and went straight to the Powerhouse Museum. Lots of amazing STEM activities to see and do here. Then off to our accommodation for the night. We were lucky enough to be staying at Olympic park, ready for the next day. Thursday was Pulse Alive rehearsals all day followed by the concert that night. It was a massive day but so much fun and the kids did an amazing job remembering all their dance moves and the concert was a huge success. On our final day we headed over to the Sydney Aquarium. We could have stayed looking at the fish all day! We then had a picnic lunch under the harbour bridge before heading back home. A really big thank you to Mrs Griffiths would cooked all our meals for us. They were so delicious!



Lunch underneath the famous bridge.

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# Term 1, 2023 calendar

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| <b>WEEK 1</b><br>APRIL    | <b>MON 24</b><br>Staff Development Day                                 | <b>TUES 25</b><br>ANZAC DAY  | <b>WED 26</b><br>Ms Andrews<br>STEM - Dalton PS<br>Students' return for Term 2 | <b>THURS 27</b><br>Mrs Rowling<br><br>SCHOOL PHOTO DAY                    | <b>FRI 28</b><br>Mrs Rowling                               |
| <b>WEEK 2</b><br>MAY      | <b>MON 1</b><br>Mrs Cassidy                                            | <b>TUES 2</b><br>Ms Andrews  | <b>WED 3</b><br>Ms Andrews<br><br>STEM - Ms Kemp                               | <b>THURS 4</b><br>Mrs Rowling<br><br>Dance                                | <b>FRI 5</b><br>Mrs Rowling<br><br>Yass Cross Country      |
| <b>WEEK 3</b><br>MAY      | <b>MON 8</b><br>Mrs Cassidy                                            | <b>TUES 9</b><br>Ms Andrews  | <b>WED 10</b><br>Ms Andrews                                                    | <b>THURS 11</b><br>Mrs Rowling<br><br>Dance                               | <b>FRI 12</b><br>Mrs Rowling                               |
| <b>WEEK 4</b><br>MAY      | <b>MON 15</b><br>Mrs Cassidy                                           | <b>TUES 16</b><br>Ms Andrews | <b>WED 17</b><br>Ms Andrews<br><br>STEM - Ms Kemp                              | <b>THURS 18</b><br>Mrs Rowling<br><br>PLC - Binalong<br>P&C meeting - 5pm | <b>FRI 19</b><br>Mrs Rowling<br><br>Bongongo Cross Country |
| <b>WEEK 5</b><br>MAY      | <b>MON 22</b><br>Ms Andrews<br>Photography Workshop with Carolyn Young | <b>TUES 23</b><br>Ms Andrews | <b>WED 24</b><br>Ms Andrews<br><br>STEM - WJ                                   | <b>THURS 25</b><br>Mrs Rowling<br><br>National Sorry Day                  | <b>FRI 26</b><br>Mrs Rowling                               |
| <b>WEEK 6</b><br>MAY/JUNE | <b>MON 29</b><br>Mrs Cassidy<br>NATIONAL RECONCILIATION WEEK           | <b>TUES 30</b><br>Ms Andrews | <b>WED 31</b><br>Ms Andrews                                                    | <b>THURS 1</b><br>Mrs Rowling                                             | <b>FRI 2</b><br>Mrs Rowling                                |

## KEY DATES THIS YEAR



### ANZAC DAY

25 April

### JUNE LONG WEEKEND

10, 11 & 12 June

### PERSONAL LEARNING COMMUNITY

#### TERM 2:

Dalton PS - 26 April  
Wee Jasper PS - 24 May  
Breadalbane PS - 28 June

#### TERM 3:

Dalton PS - 19 July  
Wee Jasper PS - 16 August  
Breadalbane PS - 20 September



# 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 Learning Support Officer/School Administration Officer - Helen Cathles

## Wednesday

- Teaching Principal - Michelle Andrews (teaching)
- School Administration Manager - Wendy Griffiths
- School Learning Support Officer/School Administration Officer - Helen Cathles

## Thursday

- Teaching Principal - Michelle Andrews (principal admin)
- Teacher - Kim Rowling
- School Administration Manager - Wendy Griffiths (Week 2, 4, 6, 8 and 10)
- General Assistant - Alan Rowling

## Friday

- Teaching Principal - Michelle Andrews (principal admin)
- Teacher - Kim Rowling
- School Learning Support Officer/School Administration Officer - Mary Goulding

## Additional

- **APC&I (Virtual) - Natalie Colefax**
- School Counsellor - Ceilidh Corcoran
- Casual Teacher - Sharlee Cassidy
- Casual Teacher - Erin Casey
- Casual Teacher - Suzette Benson
- Stem Leader - Anna Kemp
- Swimming Instructor - Helen Cathles

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# Principal's message

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Happy Easter Everyone! I know our students, staff and families are excited to be spending time with their families in the beautiful Wee Jasper valley. I wish everyone the most wonderful holiday, creating joyous family and friendship memories and finding time to enjoy the many pleasures in life. Thank you to our families for your ongoing positive partnership with our school. We look forward to continuing to provide wonderful childhood memories for your children and constantly triggering their curiosity.

Our gorgeous students have had so much fun learning together this term. They have made significant progress. We watched with amazement at our Kindergarten students experiencing the joy of learning to read and being positive learners. Our Kindergarten students are enthusiastic and always try their hardest, and it is incredible how quickly they have settled into Wee Jasper Public School.

Congratulations to our students in Years 2-4 who were brilliant throughout our Sydney excursion. The four students were fantastic ambassadors of our school. They performed outstandingly at Pulse Alive, showing their refined dance techniques and confidence to dance with a large dance troupe in front of an enormous audience at the professional venue of Ken Roswell Arena. They were highly curious learners at the Powerhouse Museum and Sydney Aquarium. The students were a complete joy to take away and their behaviour and attitude were exemplary.

K-6 attended the Burrinjuck Learning Community Cross-Country Carnival last week. The students put in an almighty effort. Both Abigail and Matilda have qualified for the Yass District PSSA Cross-Country Carnival on the 5 May. I know the girls will continue training during the holidays, as they have developed a competitive streak. Thank you to our P&C who combined with Dalton P&C to run the canteen on the day. Our school greatly appreciates the ongoing support of our hard-working P&C members.

This week we said goodbye to the Vincent family. We know they have enjoyed all the wonderful aspects of living in Wee Jasper and benefited from the incredible care and experiences we offer students at our school. We wish them all the best at their new school and home in Braidwood.

I wish our dedicated and caring staff a very relaxing holiday. I am truly blessed to work with such a talented and committed team, who always support our students. I know they have many brilliant learning opportunities awaiting our fabulous four girls next term. Thank you to Mary Goulding and Helen Cathles for creating this newsletter. They have a beautiful knack at capturing the experiences and success of our students.

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## Parents & Citizen 2023

The P&C would like to share some wonderful feedback that Wee Jasper School received from a recent visitor to our school.

John Gallagher attended our fundraising movie night last year. He wrote to us to express his admiration of the hardworking staff and parents of our school. He was also extremely impressed with the students' behaviour and manners. He hopes to return for our next fundraising event!

On the movie night John generously made a cash donation well above the ticketed price. Additionally, he has now expressed his thanks to our school in the form of two \$100 gift vouchers. The school can put these vouchers towards purchasing teaching material.

The Wee Jasper PC thanks John for his generous support of our small school.

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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.**



We know the school will continue to look beautiful throughout the holidays as Alan Rowling cares for the grounds. During the first week of the holidays, you may see a few trades people on site. Our toilets will be refurbished, and new carpet will be laid in the office. We look forward to seeing the improvements.

#### School Photos

We will be having our school photos in the first week back, on Thursday 27 April. The App family are choosing the local Wee Jasper destination for the photo shoot. We look forward to the unique way we take school photos. This year we will be having a new photographer, Megan Cassidy. We have seen her creative approach to photography and look forward to the opportunity.

## Michelle Andrews

Teaching Principal

## Amazing Attendance

Our school values regular student attendance. We are very grateful for our families who work together with our school to support our students to be at school every day. We understand that students need to be home when they are unwell so they can rest, recover and return to school to learn and play, particularly coming into Winter. We appreciate how our families do not send sick students to school to help keep all our students and staff well.

Congratulations to Abigail and Charlotte for achieving 100% attendance over the second five weeks of Term 1, 2023!

Our whole school attendance rate is currently 91.5%. We are trying to keep our whole school attendance rate above 95%.



## Chi Chi's Corner

We had an amazing learning experience with Craig. He visited us at Wee Jasper all the way from Canberra to teach us the basics of tennis and we got to play a few games.

About three years ago, I did play tennis for a bit so it was a nice refresher with Craig coaching us today.

At the end, it was really fun to play a type of dodge ball with Craig rolling the balls toward us and we had to run across the tennis court.

Craig is a really fun and creative coach and we can't wait to see him next time.



Tennis with Craig.

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# Out and about

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## Pulse, Powerhouse Museum & the Aquarium

We left Wee Jasper on Wednesday and went on a trip to Sydney and on the way we had a stop at the park in Mittagong. We went to the Powerhouse museum and met up with Miss Anna. The Powerhouse was really fun because we got to play with magnets and find out how strong they are. We saw planes and a model of the International Space Station. We saw a fashion exhibition by Carla Zampatti. We also saw some steam trains and steam engines.

On the Thursday we went to Pulse Alive which is a dancing and singing concert. We were doing the Animal song which was part of the orange group. We had lots of fun. The food we had was really good. The cake and Chicken pie was so delicious, I wish that I could eat that again! A big thank you to Mrs G!

On the Friday we went to the aquarium. I really liked the aquarium because I got to see so many news animals that I have never seen before. The following were my favourites: the sharks, the dugong and the string rays.

- Dubie

At Pulse Alive, we went through a tunnel to get to the stage. We had a practice when the teachers were watching and then the Main Performance was that night. We got given two orange t-shirts, one to wear for practice and one to wear that night at the show. It was a little stressful remembering all the things we needed to do but I just followed the girl in front of me and it all went well.

At the Powerhouse Museum there was a lot of dress and clothes on display. There were lots of steam engines and machines. There was also a peddle bike which powered an engine when you rode it. It made the lights flash and the siren sound "wooo wooo wooo".

At the aquarium, we saw sharks and I saw a zebra shark egg and I got to hold it. We got to see a dugong named Pig and he was big.

- Tilly



At the aquarium, I saw some fish in the tanks and I saw very big sharks in a long round glass tunnel. We saw a dugong and Chidinma made a new friend. I made a friend with the string ray.

There were lots of penguins and they were standing on ice. We went on a boat ride so we could see the penguins up close. It was very cold.

We had lunch under the Sydney Harbour Bridge after we left the aquarium. The bridge is very long and very big. Trains go past over the bridge and were quite loud. I had a chicken sandwich for lunch. We could see the Opera House and saw a lot of boats driving past. There were sea gulls and pigeons hoping get some of our food.

- Abi

At the Powerhouse Museum, we played with magnets. There was a really strong one that you had to try to get into the middle but the magnet kept trying to pull it away. We pressed buttons that played voices of people talking about the train. We saw different clothing designs and lots of dresses. We played with magnetic pipes which balls rolled through.

At Pulse Alive, we did a rehearsal and then did another rehearsal and went through a tunnel onto the stage. Then at the night performance we did the whole show and then we went back to the hotel. It was a really big and fun day!

At the aquarium, we saw a dugong and sharks. We saw really small fish and we also saw big fish. In the rock pool we were able to touch things which was fun. There were sea horses and they were really tiny.

- Chidinma



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# Out and about

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Pulse Alive rehearsals.



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Pulse Alive Concert. Can you spot our Wee Jasper students??

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Powerhouse Museum.



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## BLC Cross Country

On Friday 31st of March, we attended the BLC Cross Country in Gunning and competed with Dalton Public School and Bowning Public School. Ava also ran in the Mini Cross Country race for Kindergarten-Year 2. Our Wee Jasper students did an amazing job and we are so proud of their achievements today!

Tilly - First Place  
Chidinma - Third Place  
Abi - Fourth Place  
Dubie - First Place  
Chi Chi - First Place





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# Out and about

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# School news

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## PLC day at Wee Jasper Public School

On Tuesday 7th March, we hosted our PLC day here at Wee Jasper Public School. Bowning and Binalong Public Schools came along and spent the day with us. There were nearly 100 staff and students altogether. The playground has never been so full!

Lots of fun activities were enjoyed by everyone. We had writing workshops with Will Kostaskis and Orienteering and Boat Safety lessons while the teachers underwent training as well!

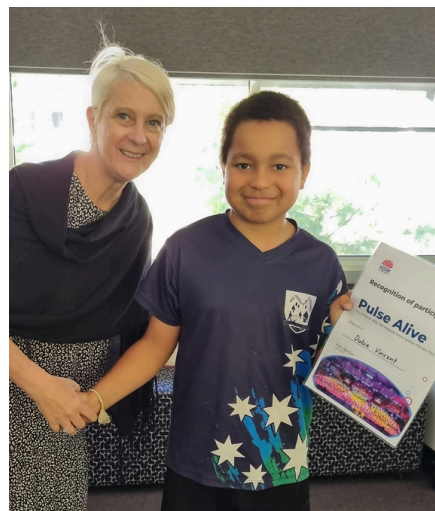
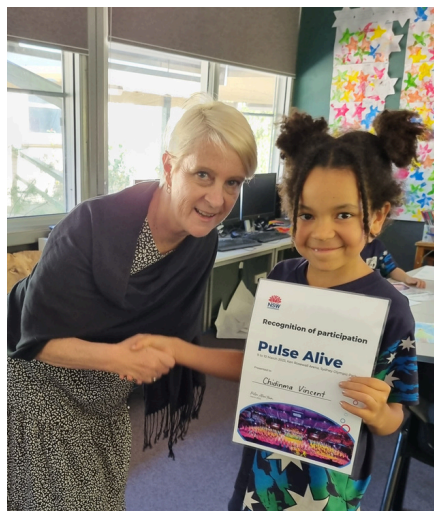




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**Above:** Lovely visit from Ms. Meg Couvee

We recently welcomed Ms. Meg Couvee to our school, where she congratulated our hard working Wee Jasper students for their participation at Pulse Alive earlier this term.

**Below:** Playground Equipment

Students were very excited about the arrival of their outdoor Connect4 game. Our hardworking P&C donated \$1,000 towards activities which only require a small number of students to play. Students enjoyed challenging each other and playing against staff. We appreciate the donation and look forward to finding more similar type of games for our students to play during their playtime.





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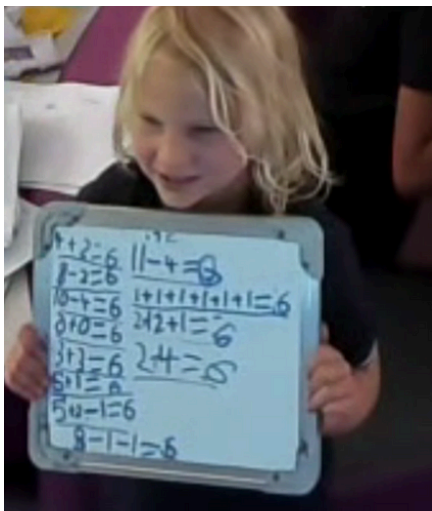
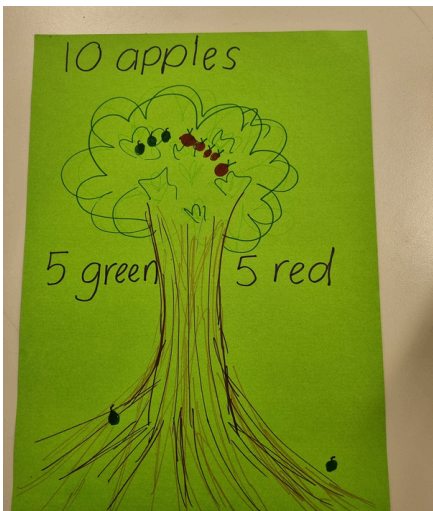
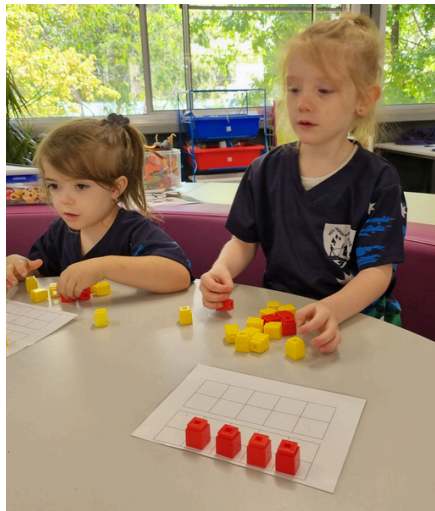
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Mrs Benson and her 3 children joined our students on Monday 13th March.



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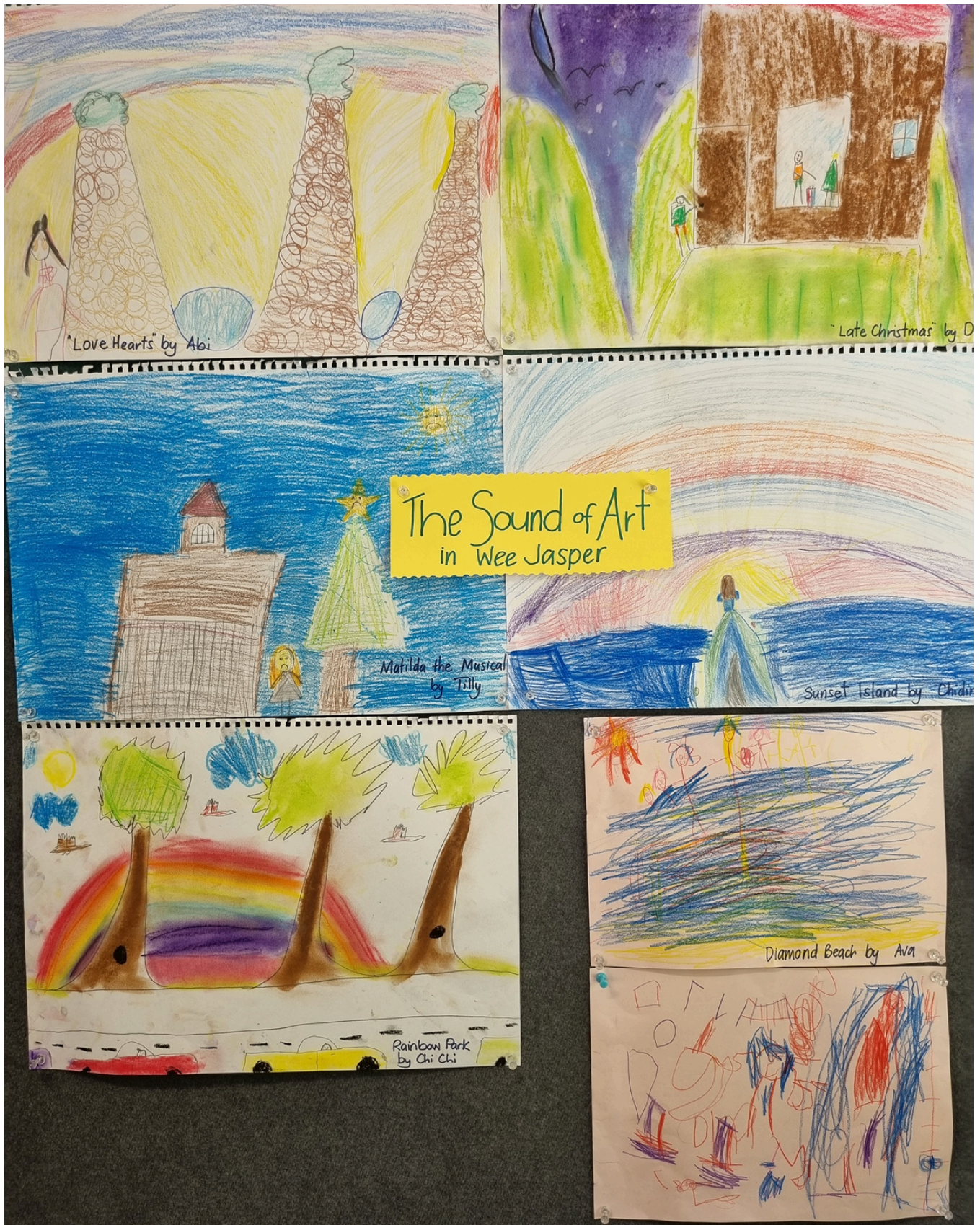
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# Community News

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## Vale - Elaine Woulfe 'A Wonderful teacher and friend who inspired us all'

Elaine very sadly passed away after losing her battle to cancer. Many of the students, parents and teachers at Wee Jasper Public School had the wonderful opportunity to work with Elaine over the years.

Elaine was incredible in the classroom. She offered great support to the students as a Teachers Aide Special and special she was! Her computer skills were out of this world and her teaching of technology was of the highest level. She had Kindergarten students doing power points, all students could do spread sheets and touch typing. Those students who were lucky enough to be taught by Elaine will cherish her teaching. Some have gone into this field, most likely due to Elaine's influence and teaching. At one stage she even had students pulling apart and rebuilding a computer! She really stretched their thinking and took them into the future of technology.

It wasn't just the technology, Elaine was into everything at Wee Jasper Public School, especially our performances and concerts. So much so, that she even appeared as a koala with a baby koala on her back. In those days, we had a concert and lunch at the end of each term which took a lot of effort and Elaine was always choreographing the dances, performances and helping the students prepare and cook lunch, it was so much fun. Her dance, she choreographed of the flowers was unbelievable with students appearing out of flower pots.

Elaine was a trooper! Always coming on excursions and I remember she had all the students entranced at Broken Bay National fitness camp as she told them these incredible bed time stories that would just appear in her head. They loved it and couldn't wait for the next episode each night. Her incredible love for her dogs and her fantastic quick wit and wicked sense of humour kept us all in stitches. Anyone who walked in Elaine's path has been incredibly fortunate. Special thoughts go to Woulfie and we shall treasure all the wonderful memories of Elaine 'A wonderful teacher and friend who inspired us all'.

Sally Keatinge





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# Community News

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## Lovely feedback from a previous visitor to our school and a much appreciated gift....

My name is John Gallagher,

In December (2022), I was fortunate enough to attend your school fundraising movie night. Unfortunately I had to leave early to attend to some business matters (I was the chap with the motorcycle). I wanted to write to you all and express my admiration for the kind and welcoming way your staff and parents put on the BBQ and movie. Apologies to Mr. Lightyear for missing it. I hope the night was a success.

Having lived in small country towns myself, and having a sister-in-law who has been teaching for over 40 years, in towns smaller than Wee Jasper, I know how hardworking and dedicated your school staff is. I also know that teaching materials are many and varied and that they often run out all too quickly.

Please find attached attached two \$100 digital gift cards for Elizabeth Richards Teachers Supplies ([elizabethrichards.com.au](http://elizabethrichards.com.au)) for the school to buy some items.

Please pass on to the students that I was very impressed by how well behaved and polite they were.

I hope to visit again soon. Next BBQ? 🍷

Thank you again for letting me visit your lovely school.

**Sincerely,**  
John Gallagher  
West Nowra NSW





# STEM SKILLS

## Term 2 Lego/Solar/Hydrogen Cars

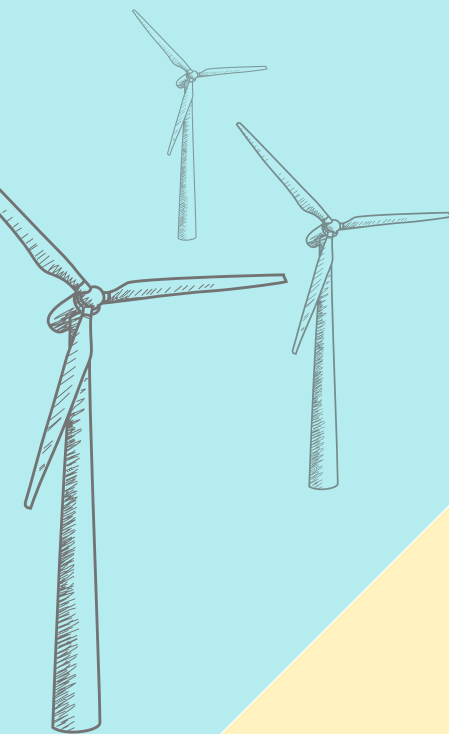
Week 1: Wednesday 26 April:  
9:30am-2:30pm (Dalton)

Week 5: Wednesday 24 May:  
10am-2pm (Wee Jasper)

Week 10: Wednesday 28 June:  
9:30am-2:30pm (Breadalbane)

## Term 1 Wind Turbines

Week 11: Wednesday 5 April:  
9:30am-2:30pm (Breadalbane)



## Term 3 Lunar Planting, Soil testing, Circular economy: Agriculture

Week 1: Wednesday 19 July:  
9:30am-2:30pm (Dalton)

Week 5: Wednesday 16 August:  
10am-2pm (Wee Jasper)

Week 10: Wednesday 20 Sept:  
9:30am-2:30pm (Breadalbane)



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WJPS, DALTON PS, BREADALBANE PS  
2023

## Term 4 Life Cycles of Chickens

Week 1: Wednesday 11 Oct: 9:30am-2:30pm (Dalton)

Week 5: Wednesday 8 Nov: 10am-2pm (Wee Jasper)



**SCIENCE      TECHNOLOGY**  
**ENGINEERING      MATHEMATICS**







# KOSCIUSZKO HUTS ASSOCIATION WOODSKILLS 21-23 APRIL 2023

AT TWO EWE GAP, WEE JASPER

**Kosciuszko Huts Association wishes to invite members of the Wee Jasper community to attend their heritage carpentry weekend.**

Woodskills is the biggest event on the KHA calendar and is a fantastic opportunity to catch up with old friends and certainly make some new ones! There will be lots to see and do including making bush furniture, learning about and using traditional carpentry tools and techniques, a tour of a recently restored historic homestead, folk music, a market place, high country artists and authors and much more!

The main event is on **Saturday, 22 April** however attendees are welcome to camp from Friday 21st to Sunday 23rd.

The event includes dinner on Saturday night and breakfast Sunday morning. If you are interested in attending or even possibly sharing your skills please contact Nathan via email

**nathan\_kellett@hotmail.com** or phone

**0424 311 111**

