



Wee Jasper Public School

The Bugle

Term 1, Week 6, 2023 | Principal - Michelle Andrews



Photo finish against Bowning!



Training before the carnival.

SWIMMING CARNIVAL - PHOTO FINISH!

Wee Jasper students Chi Chi and Dubie attended the Small School swimming carnival on Wednesday 8th February at Yass Swimming pool. Gunning, Dalton, Bowning and Wee Jasper schools attended the carnival. Both of our students competed in freestyle and backstroke events and both were awarded ribbons for their efforts. Congratulations to Chi Chi and Dubie!

Then our Wee Jasper students, combined with Bowning students to make up two relay teams so we could compete against each other in the relay event. Chi Chi swam the first AND the last lap, Dubie swam the third and a student from Bowning swam a lap for Wee Jasper! It was very fitting that the relay ended in a photo finish. Bowning won the relay but it was a super team effort and great show of collaboration with Bowning school.

Well done to our students!

See page 8 for more photos.



Congratulations to our students.

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

Term 1, 2023 calendar

WEEK 7 MARCH	MON 6 Mrs Cassidy <i>Will Kostakis</i>	TUES 7 Ms Andrews <i>PLC (WJPS)</i> <i>Will Kostakis</i>	WED 8 Mrs Rowling <i>Pulse</i>	THURS 9 Mrs Rowling <i>Pulse</i>	FRI 10 Mrs Rowling <i>Pulse</i>
WEEK 8 MARCH	MON 13 Mrs Benson	TUES 14 Mrs Benson	WED 15 Ms Andrews Ms Kemp - <i>Stem at WJPS</i>	THURS 16 Mrs Rowling	FRI 17 Mrs Rowling <i>Tennis</i>
WEEK 9 MARCH	MON 20 Mrs Cassidy	TUES 21 Ms Andrews <i>Harmony Day</i>	WED 22 Mrs Rowling	THURS 23 Mrs Rowling	FRI 24 Mrs Rowling <i>Tennis</i>
WEEK 10 MARCH	MON 27 Ms Andrews	TUES 28 Ms Andrews	WED 29 Ms Andrews Ms Kemp - <i>Stem at WJPS</i>	THURS 30 Mrs Rowling <i>P&C meeting 5pm</i>	FRI 31 Mrs Rowling <i>Tennis</i>
WEEK 11 APRIL	MON 3 Ms Andrews	TUES 4 Ms Andrews	WED 5 Ms Andrews <i>Stem - at Breadalbane PS</i>	THURS 6 Mrs Rowling <i>Students' last day</i>	FRI 7 <i>Good Friday</i>
WEEK 1 APRIL	MON 24 <i>Staff Development Day</i>	TUES 25 <i>Anzac Day</i>	WED 26 Ms Andrews <i>Stem - at Dalton PS</i> <i>Students' return for Term 2</i>	MON 3 Mrs Rowling	MON 3 Mrs Rowling

KEY DATES THIS YEAR



PLC

March 7
at
Wee Jasper PS

TENNIS

March 17, 24 &
31

PULSE ALIVE

MARCH 8 - 10

Pulse Alive is a large-scale event, providing high-quality opportunities in the performing arts for students and teachers from NSW public schools in Greater Sydney and beyond.

Pulse Alive provides performance opportunities and we will be offering this to students in Year 1-6.

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

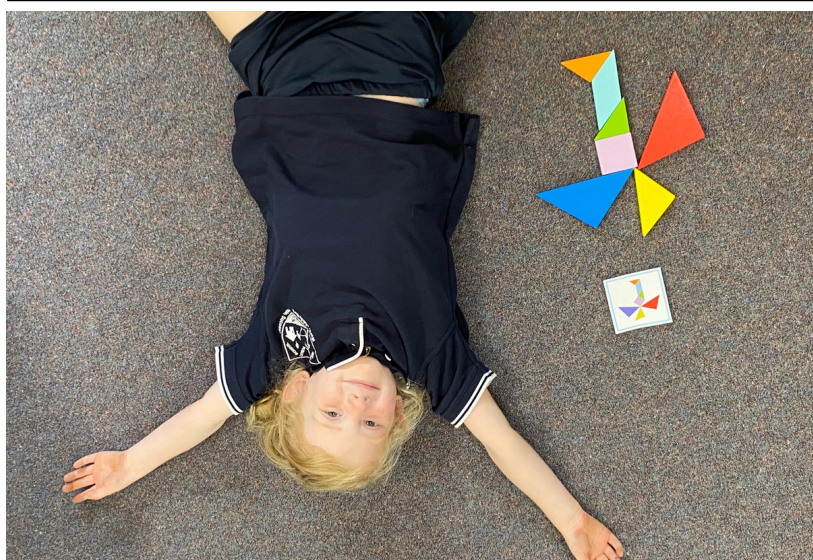
Friday

- 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 Cassisdy
- Casual Teacher - Erin Casey
- Casual Teacher - Suzette Benson
- Stem Leader - Anna Kemp
- Swimming Instructor - Helen Cathles

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Principal's message

Students and staff are in the swing of learning. Each morning our school starts with a whole school approach to literacy whereby all staff are partnered with a student. Together they engage in a reading task, directed by a teacher and then they embrace a student selected task. On occasions, our older students are partnered with the younger students. Chi-chi and Dubie continue to demonstrate their wonderful leadership skills and love encouraging our younger students to develop a love of reading and writing.

Next week, our students in Years 1-6 will be traveling to Sydney as part of their STEM and dance enrichment. We will be awake early as we head off at 7am Wednesday to meet Ms. Anna Kemp, our STEM leader at the Sydney Powerhouse Museum. Students will explore the locomotive and clock to discuss engines, cogs, transport etc. We will look at the Zampatti exhibition which is based on the Australian fashion designer. From here we will cover the Steam revolution, the lab and the powerhouse theatre. The last floor has the interactive space exhibit which is wicked fun, and the experimentations display is interactive. On Friday we will be exploring the Sea Life at Sydney Aquarium, which aligns with a text our older students are reading 'Blueback' by Tim Whitton.

Our students will combine with many other schools on Thursday at the Ken Roswell Arena for Pulse Alive. They spend Thursday in rehearsals and then perform Thursday evening. This year, the event is the largest it has ever been with more schools involved and tickets have been selling well. It is a wonderful opportunity for our students to rehearse in preparation, combine with a range of students from all over NSW and then perform at a professional venue in front of a massive audience. Our students have always thrived in this environment, and we know they will have a wonderful time. We thank Mrs. Griffiths for booking all of this excursion and preparing all our meals in advance. Thank you to Mrs. Helen Cathles for joining us for the three days and two nights. It is wonderful we have staff who are prepared to be away from home to ensure our students have these opportunities.

Our kindergarten students are very excited to remain at school with Mrs. Rowling to continue their learning program. I am sure they love being in charge of the school.

Our students have had great success at swimming this year. Congratulations to Chi-chi and Dubie who placed at our small school swimming event and represent Burrinjuck Learning Community at the Yass PSSA District Swimming Carnival. Both swimmers were competitive and showed improvement in their stroke technique. Thank you to Mrs. Helen Cathles who attended both carnivals and provided our swimmers with an additional training session.

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Parents & Citizen 2023

Thank you to everyone who attended our AGM and General meeting last Thursday afternoon. A big thank you to our members who are stepping down from their executive roles this year.

Congratulations to our newly elected WJPS P&C executives for 2023.

President: Luke Apps
Vice-President: Tiffany Sturgess
Treasurer: Antony Cathles
Secretary: Daisy Glover

Lots of exciting fundraising is planned for this year including a Bunnings BBQ, Pie Drive and Wood raffle just to name a few events.

Next P&C meeting is scheduled for Thursday 30th March 2023 at 5pm at the school. All welcome. Annual subscription is \$5.00.

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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.

All our students had a swimming lesson with Mrs. Cathles at Yass Pool during the week. We are so fortunate to have a swimming teacher in our community.

Will Kostakis is returning to Wee Jasper Public School next Monday and Tuesday. Will is an acclaimed author who has an incredible way of teaching not only writing skills, but a love of writing. Thank you to Tim and Helen Cathles who have provided Will with accommodation.

We are all very excited to be hosting our Professional Learning Community learning day (PLC) next Tuesday. Students and staff from Bowning and Binalong will be joining us for the day. The 80 students will be divided up into three groups and rotate between Orienteering with ACT Orienteering, writing workshop with Will Kostakis and Boat Safety at the Memorial Hall. The teachers will be engaging in professional learning together around the new English Syllabus.

Michelle Andrews
Teaching Principal



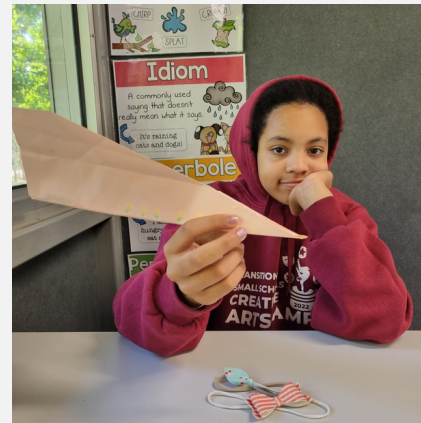
Our happy Wee Jasper students.

Chi Chi's Corner

We had a great educational time with Mr Morrison again. On this occasion, we made paper planes.

We all got to decorate our paper planes and add modifications to help them fly.

I put sticks in between the tail end of mine and I believe the weight assisted my paper plane to fly even further.



My paper plane with Mr Morrison.

School News

Amazing Attendance

Our school values regular student attendance. Our families 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. 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 first five weeks of school!

Our whole school attendance rate is currently 94%. We are trying to keep our whole school attendance rate above 95%, so we have nearly reached our goal. Let's see how we go for the next five weeks.



Days missed = years lost

A day here and there doesn't seem like much, but...

When your child misses just...

they miss weeks per year

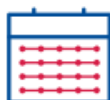
and years over their school life

1 day per fortnight



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4 weeks



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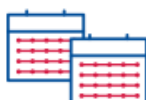
Over **1** year missed

1 day per week



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8 weeks



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Over **2.5** years missed

education.nsw.gov.au

School News

Meet our new APC&I, Ms. Natalie Colefax



My name is Natalie Colefax and I'm so excited to be joining the Wee Jasper Public School community. I will be working virtually to fill the Assistant Principal Curriculum and Instruction role.

I am looking forward to getting to know the students, especially on my face-to-face visits. These visits will be taking place within the next few weeks and I will keep you updated on when exactly these will take place.

I currently live in Western Sydney and have been working as an Instructional Leader prior to gaining this position. I am passionate about individualised learning and ensuring that each student reaches their personal best. I love using data to inform teaching and learning as well as improving student outcomes.

I have included some information about the Assistant Principal Curriculum and Instruction role below, but I look forward to discussing it in person and getting to know you all at my upcoming visit.

As part of a \$256 million investment, the NSW Department of Education announced that every public primary school across NSW will receive a dedicated Assistant Principal Curriculum and Instruction (APCI) allocation. This position has an explicit focus on leading schools with evidence-based teaching and assessment to improve student outcomes. The APCI role will support strong instructional leadership, coordinate professional learning for teachers, monitor student outcomes, and support families to be key partners in learning.

Baking with Mrs. Griffiths

Our lovely Kinders had a great experience with Mrs Griffiths baking cupcakes. Each of them had lots of fun pouring in the correct measurements, cracking eggs and mixing it all together. They were all very excited about it and were happy to share their yummy creations with everyone once it was ready.



School News

Story writing with Mrs. Rowling

Bob's adventure

Once Upon a time there was a highlander cow named Bob. One day Bob went for a drive in an old green 'ute' to buy some apples because he was hungry, and he was trying to be healthy.

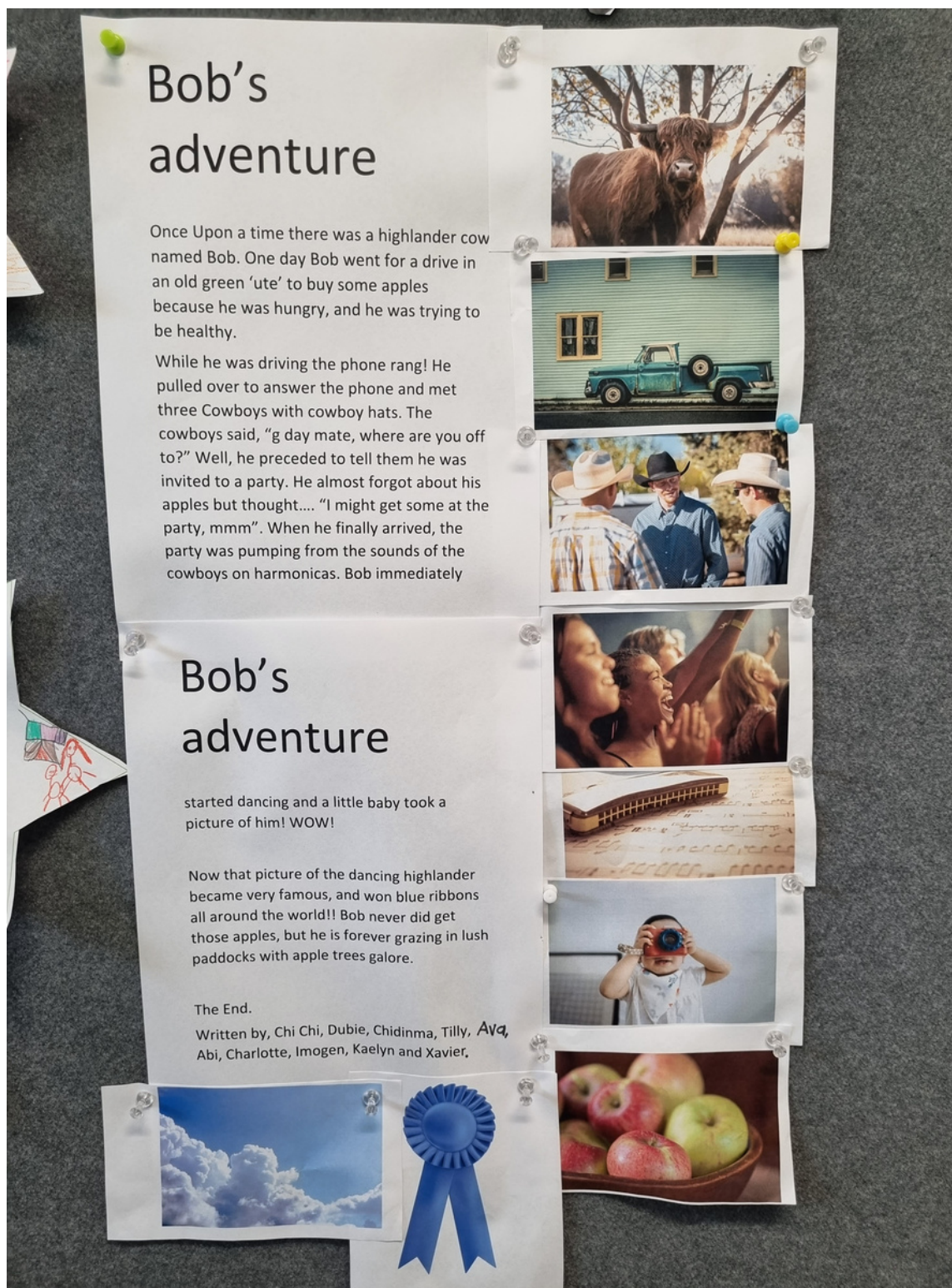
While he was driving the phone rang! He pulled over to answer the phone and met three Cowboys with cowboy hats. The cowboys said, "g day mate, where are you off to?" Well, he preceded to tell them he was invited to a party. He almost forgot about his apples but thought.... "I might get some at the party, mmm". When he finally arrived, the party was pumping from the sounds of the cowboys on harmonicas. Bob immediately

Bob's adventure

started dancing and a little baby took a picture of him! WOW!

Now that picture of the dancing highlander became very famous, and won blue ribbons all around the world!! Bob never did get those apples, but he is forever grazing in lush paddocks with apple trees galore.

The End.
Written by, Chi Chi, Dubie, Chidinma, Tilly, Ava, Abi, Charlotte, Imogen, Kaelyn and Xavier,

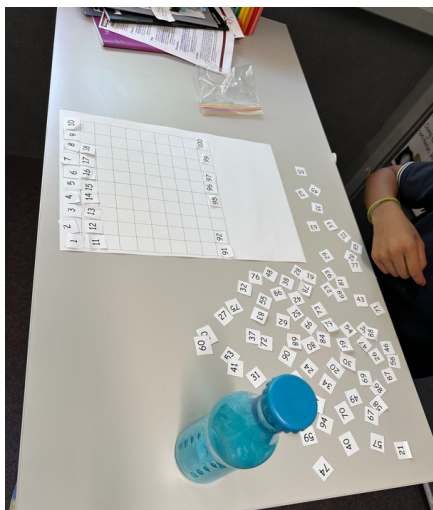
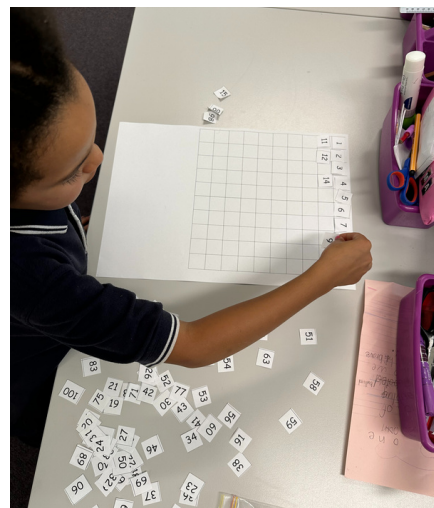
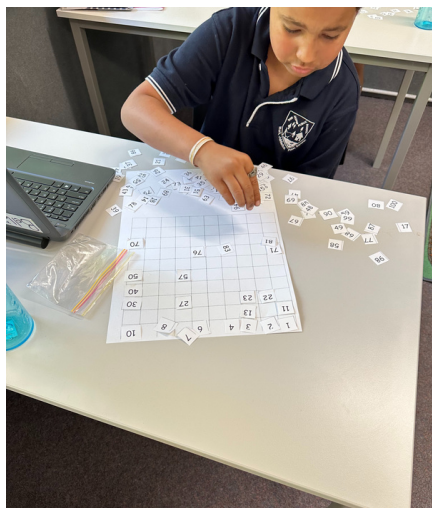


During this learning session with Mrs. Rowling, each student had their own picture and each picture was used to create a paragraph from it. After putting it all together, they have come up with this interesting story. We hope you enjoy it too!

School News

Mathematics Launch Tasks

Our students engaged in a 'launch' task to cater for the different abilities across K-6 Launch. The launch section acts as a hook to trigger thought, background knowledge and intrinsic motivation to embrace new understanding. The next parts of the learning sequence are 'explore' and then 'analyse'.



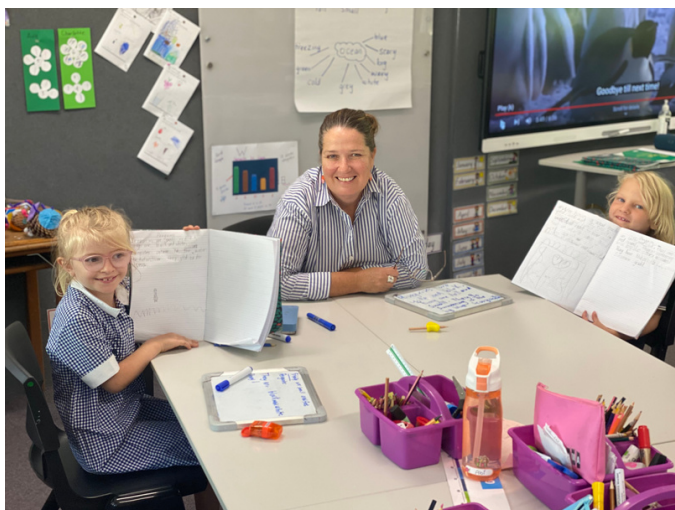
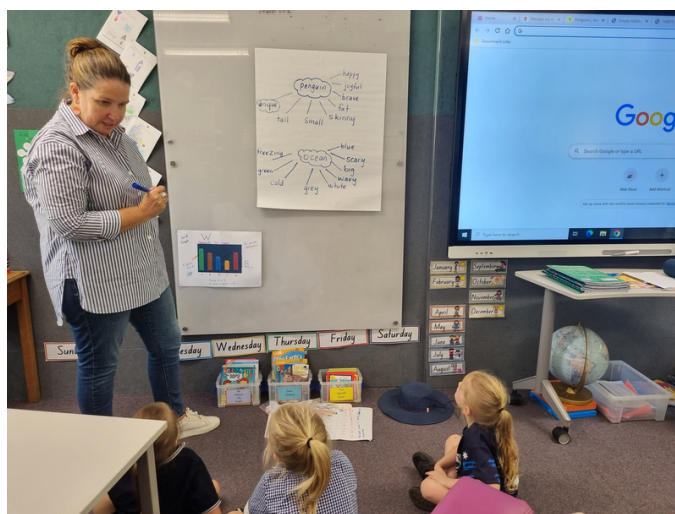
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Professional Learning

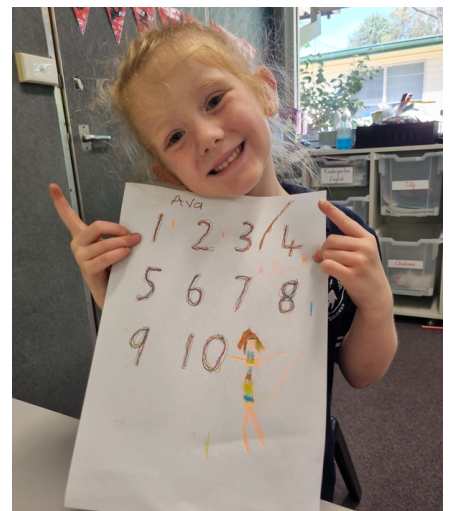
This year our staff continue to learn and work collaboratively to further improve our practice. Our focus for 2023-24 is STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics). Mrs. Natalie Colefax, our virtual Assistant Principal Curriculum and Instruction (vAPCI) joined Mrs. Rowling and Ms. Andrews this Thursday and Friday. Mrs. Colefax is working alongside us as we all engage in Mathematics professional learning modules, analyse our student data, set individual learning goals for our students, incorporate number talks to improve our student's number sense. Under the vAPCI trial that we are a part of, Mrs. Colefax works remotely with us each Thursday. She is onsite two days a term and the department supply a casual teacher, so the students can be fully engaged in learning and the staff can work together.

Miss. Alison Bouveng thoroughly enjoyed teaching our students. All our staff were involved in together teaching number talks to our students. Miss. Bouveng continued with our teaching programs, incorporating literacy, Pulse dance rehearsals and learning about marine life prior to our Sydney Aquarium excursion next week. Miss. Bouveng also delivered some of her own lessons which the students actively engaged in. It is brilliant that our students quickly build rapport and learn with a range of teachers.

Miss. Bouveng and Mrs. Colefax stayed locally and embraced our beautiful valley. They are eager to return in Week 6 next term.

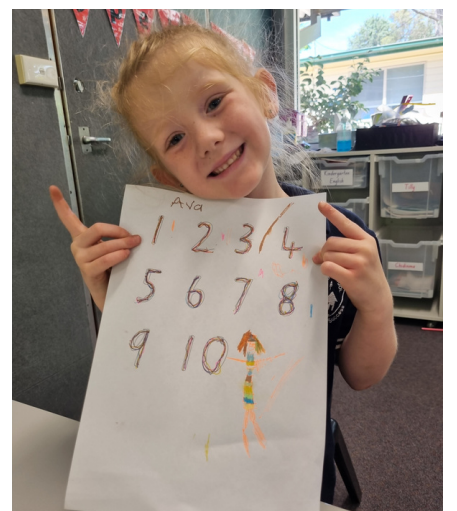


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Our busy Kinders working hard at school with their drawing, fine motor skills, tracing numbers and their names.

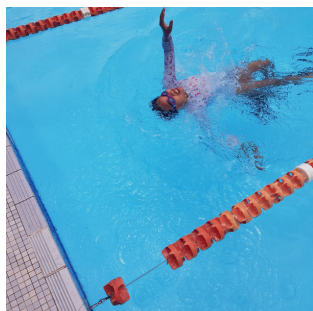
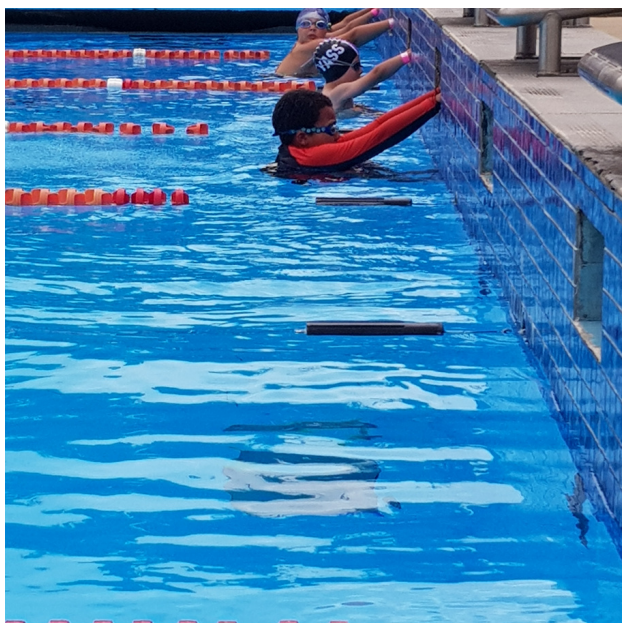
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Out and about

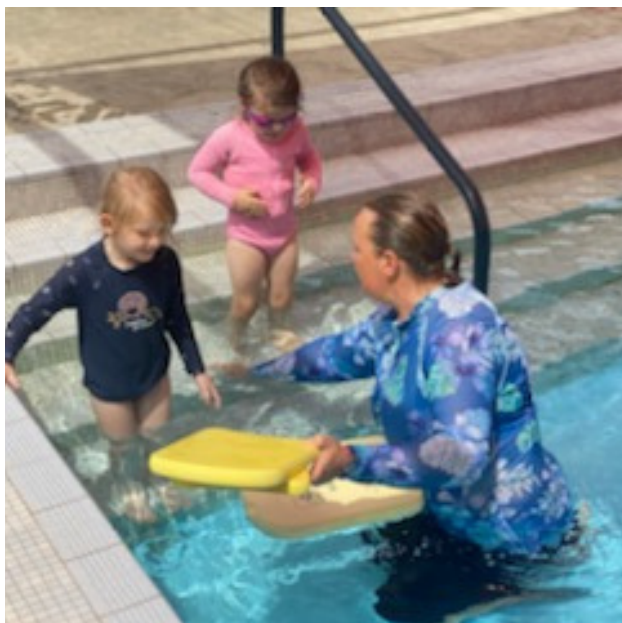
Small Schools Swimming Carnival



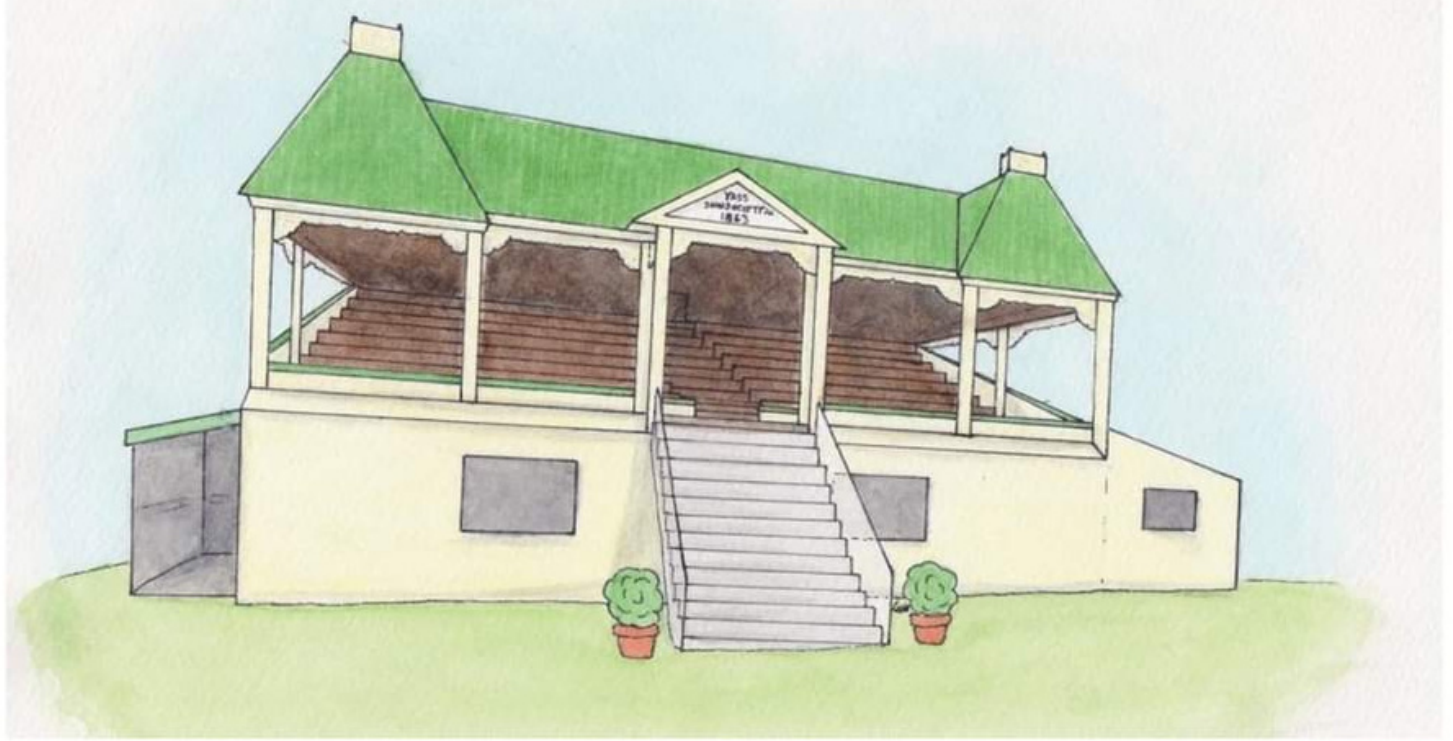
District Swimming Carnival



Out and about



Week 6 wimming lessons with Helen Cathles at Yass pool.



YASS SHOW

18 MARCH 2023

8am to 5pm

FUN FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY

Gate Entry \$10 adults, \$5 children over 5yrs

\$5 parking

Online ticketing, schedules and information at

www.yassshow.org.au

NB: No PBR Bullride or Sideshows

Online tickets at

<https://www.trybooking.com>

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Easter

— TRIVIA NIGHT —

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Form A Team!



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