



Wee Jasper Public School

The Bugle

Term 2, Week 1, 2023 | Principal - Michelle Andrews



Students, past and present, ready to lead the parade.

ANZAC DAY 2023

It was a beautiful day on Tuesday 25th April in Wee Jasper. Students, past and present, lead the Anzac day parade from the Wee Jasper Bridge to the Memorial Hall carrying the Australian flags. Two of our students rode on horseback in the parade as well.

Once at the hall a lovely memorial service was lead by Antony Cathles. The students participated in laying a wreath on behalf of the school. Abi and Tilly read an Anzac day poem and all the students sang with Mrs Kim Rowlings. The staff were very proud of the students conduct throughout the parade and service and showed great respect and maturity which we always like to see.

Thank you to Antony and the Community association for organising Anzac day here in Wee Jasper.

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Our students ready for the service.

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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 2, 2023 calendar

WEEK 2 MAY	MON 1 Mrs Cassidy Please wear sports uniform	TUES 2 Ms Andrews	WED 3 Ms Andrews <i>STEM - Ms Kemp</i>	THURS 4 Mrs Rowling <i>Dance</i>	FRI 5 Mrs Rowling <i>Yass Cross Country</i>
WEEK 3 MAY	MON 8 Mrs Cassidy Please wear sports uniform	TUES 9 Ms Andrews	WED 10 Ms Andrews	THURS 11 Mrs Rowling <i>Dance</i>	FRI 12 Mrs Rowling Mrs Casey
WEEK 4 MAY	MON 15 Mrs Cassidy Please wear sports uniform	TUES 16 Mrs Rowling	WED 17 Ms Andrews <i>STEM - Ms Kemp</i>	THURS 18 Mrs Rowling <i>PLC - Binalong P&C meeting - 5pm</i>	FRI 19 Mrs Rowling <i>Bongongo Cross Country</i>
WEEK 5 MAY	MON 22 Ms Andrews <i>Photography Workshop with Carolyn Young</i>	TUES 23 Ms Andrews	WED 24 Ms Andrews <i>STEM - WJ</i>	THURS 25 Mrs Rowling <i>National Sorry Day</i>	FRI 26 Mrs Rowling
WEEK 6 MAY/JUNE	MON 29 Mrs Cassidy <i>NATIONAL RECONCILIATION WEEK Gymnastics Please wear sports uniform</i>	TUES 30 Ms Andrews	WED 31 Ms Andrews	THURS 1 Mrs Rowling	FRI 2 Mrs Rowling
WEEK 7 JUNE	MON 5 Mrs Cassidy <i>Gymnastics Please wear sports uniform</i>	TUES 6 Ms Andrews <i>Dance</i>	WED 7 Ms Andrews <i>Carey's Caves Tour</i>	THURS 8 Mrs Rowling	FRI 9 Mrs Rowling

KEY DATES THIS YEAR



PHOTOGRAPHY WORKSHOP

22 May
with
Carolyn Young

JUNE LONG WEEKEND

10, 11 & 12 June

STEM DATES

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)
- Teacher - Sharlee Cassidy
- 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

Principal Report

Our 'fantastic four' students returned to school this week with beaming smiles and enthusiasm. The girls are optimistic and determined to embrace the small enrolment numbers at our school. We know one day; more students will enrol but in the meantime our students know they are in a caring community who support them in their learning and wellbeing. Our school strives to provide all our students with innovative opportunities and authentically personalises their learning.

This term our students will engage in a range of STEM activities weekly with the support of Miss Anna Kemp. Our focus is Lego and Coding. The students have enjoyed learning with the students of Breadalbane and Dalton PS, and we look forward to hosting the next PLC Day on Wednesday 24 May. We all enjoyed our visits to both schools at the end of last term and this week.

There are lots of great photos in this newsletter for you to see. Our students will also continue their art journey and will be learning cyanotype photography with Carolyn Young and weaving with Lisa Stevenson. The students will be performing dance at the Southern Tablelands Dance Festival as well. We will also have a local focus by visiting the Wee Jasper Caves and learning bush wood skills with Nathan Kellett.

Thank you to our staff who engaged in professional learning around Aboriginal Education, the teaching of comprehension and continue their learning around mathematics for their staff development day.

Southern Tablelands Dance Festival

Our students will be performing dance at the Southern Tablelands Dance Festival at the Goulburn Performing Arts Centre on Tuesday 6 June. They will perform two shows on the evening. The first one is 5:30pm - 6:45pm and the second show starts at 7:30pm. Parents can purchase tickets from Goulburn Performing Arts Centre (\$15 per adult and \$10 child over 3 (requiring their own seat), concession and seniors.

We will begin our rehearsals on Thursday 4 May and Thursday 11 at Binalong Public School. Virginia Ferris from the NSW Arts Unit will choreograph and teach our students their dance. Their theme will be 'Under the Sea'. The students and staff will have lots of fun back at school practicing their dance and creating costumes and props ready for the performance.

On the day, staff will transport students to the venue for a 2:30pm - 4pm rehearsal. Students will have dinner with staff and stay with staff for the duration of the two shows. Parents are welcome to join us or pick the students up after the second performance. It will be a lot of fun for our students and a fabulous opportunity to perform in front of a large crowd in an exciting venue.

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Parents & Citizen 2023

The Wee Jasper school P&C has a Bunnings BBQ at Gunghalin on Saturday 27th May 2023.

If you are able to assist with volunteering on the day please contact Bridgette Cathles who is organising the roster for this event. Even if it's only for an hour or so every little bit helps.

The next P&C meeting is scheduled for Thursday 18th May 2023 at 5pm at the school - all welcome.

Any questions please don't hesitate to contact the P&C.

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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.

Sport

Students are required to wear their sports uniform and joggers on Mondays and Fridays this term.

Our first activity will be cross-country running. Our Year 2 students will participate in the Yass District PSSA Cross-Country on Friday 5 May at Gunning Sportsground. Our Kindergarten students and Miss Mary will join Gunning PS Kindergarten students for the day. All our students will then travel to Bongongo PS to participate in a second cross-country event on Friday 19 May. Parents are invited to join us for this fun family event.

Students will be involved in four gymnastic lessons in Yass in the latter half of the term. Yass Gymnastics is excited to have our students be one of the first schools to use their new venue in Hope Street. Mrs. Cassidy will be supervising this opportunity and the dates are listed below.

- Monday 29 May - 12:30pm - 1:30pm
- Monday 5 June - 12:30pm - 1:30pm
- Monday 19 June - 12:30pm - 1:30pm
- Monday 26 June - 12:30pm - 1:30pm

The students will continue with two more tennis lessons with Craig. The dates will be confirmed soon.

Staff changes

We all wish Mary and Paul Goulding all the very best for the arrival of their new baby boy in June. Next Friday will be Mary's last day before her maternity leave begins. We are all very excited to meet their little man in the near future. Mary will be returning to school on Friday 1 September. We have all enjoyed watching Miss Mary's bump grow and sharing this special time with her. We want to thank Mary for all her support of our students and her dedication towards the newsletter. We wish her a wonderful time with her baby and family. Mrs. Helen Cathles and Ms. Hannah Sparks will share Mary's position until she returns in September.

Mrs. Sharlee Cassidy will be joining our team on most Mondays during Term 2 & 3. This will allow for targeted writing, spelling and math programs to be implemented. Mrs. Cassidy and Ms. Andrews will team teach in the morning, allowing for each teacher to work specifically with Kindergarten and then Year 2. Mrs Cassidy will also transport the students to gymnastics and teach geography in the afternoon.

Congratulations to our students for the exemplary representation at the Wee Jasper ANZAC event. Abi and Tilly read beautifully, all our girls sang so sweetly with Kim Rowling. Thank you to the girls for their great behaviour and community spirit.

Michelle Andrews

Teaching Principal

Cackles Corner

Introducing our latest newsletter writers - Abi and Tilly!

Hi, my name is Matilda and I am in Year 2. I love cats sooo much. I love my mum and I like Wee Jasper because it's beautiful. I like being a school leader because it's fun.

Hi, my name is Abigail Apps and I go to Wee Jasper PS. I like dogs, cats and horses. I am excited to be a school leader because I like to support Ava and Charlotte.



Above Tilly (left) and Abi (right).

School news

Anzac Day photos 2023



School News

Staff Development Day

Last Monday, April 24, our school staff traveled to Binalong Public School, along with Bowning Public School to complete staff training. It was a fruitful day of learning more about Aboriginal Education, Aboriginal history in the Yass region and keeping on top of our own training to ensure we are providing the best we can to our Wee Jasper students.



School News

School Photos

Yesterday, April 27, we had Megan Cassidy, a photographer who traveled from Yass, visit our beautiful school to take our school photos. We also traveled to Micalong Creek where she captured the many smiles of our students and staff. It was such a beautiful day! We would like to thank Megan for her time and hard work.



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Ripp

Introducing Ripp! He's the newest member of the Rowling's family. He came for a quick visit at lunchtime to meet the students.



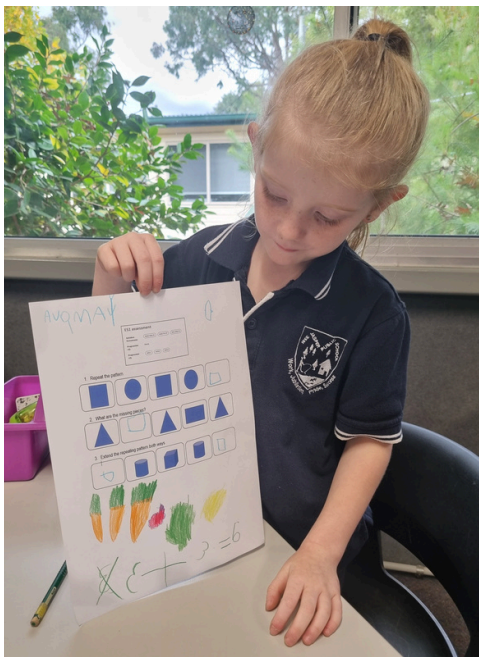
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New Musical Instruments

On Thursday 27th April Mrs Rowlings introduced the students to our latest acquisition to the school. A beautiful wooden set of percussion instruments. Each student had a turn trying out each instrument.



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Autumn playground fun and Maths with Mrs. Rowling.

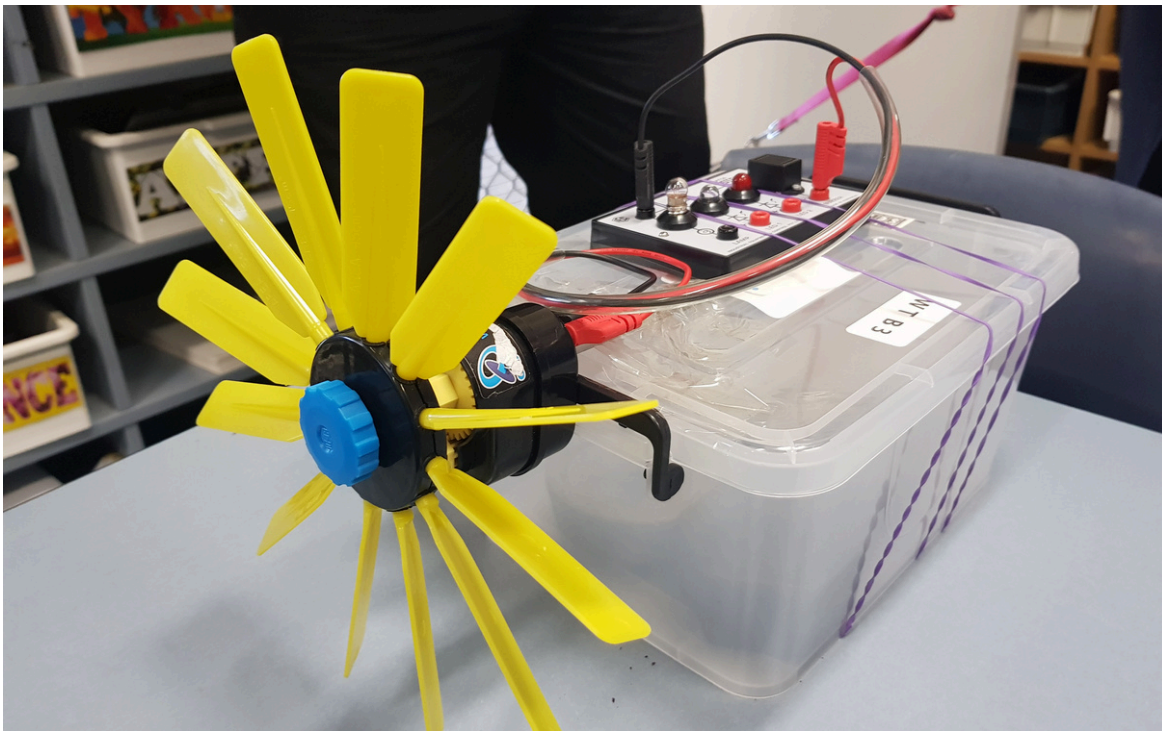
Out and about

STEM at Breadalbane PS - Term 1

On Wednesday 5th April we travelled to Breadalbane PS for our STEM day with Ms Kemp. Dalton PS were in attendance as well. We learnt about wind turbines and worked in groups to create our own designs which we then built and tested. It was a really fun day and all the students had a wonderful time meeting and making new friends. Thanks to Breadalbane for providing a delicious BBQ lunch for all of us. It was really good to visit a school with similar student numbers to us.



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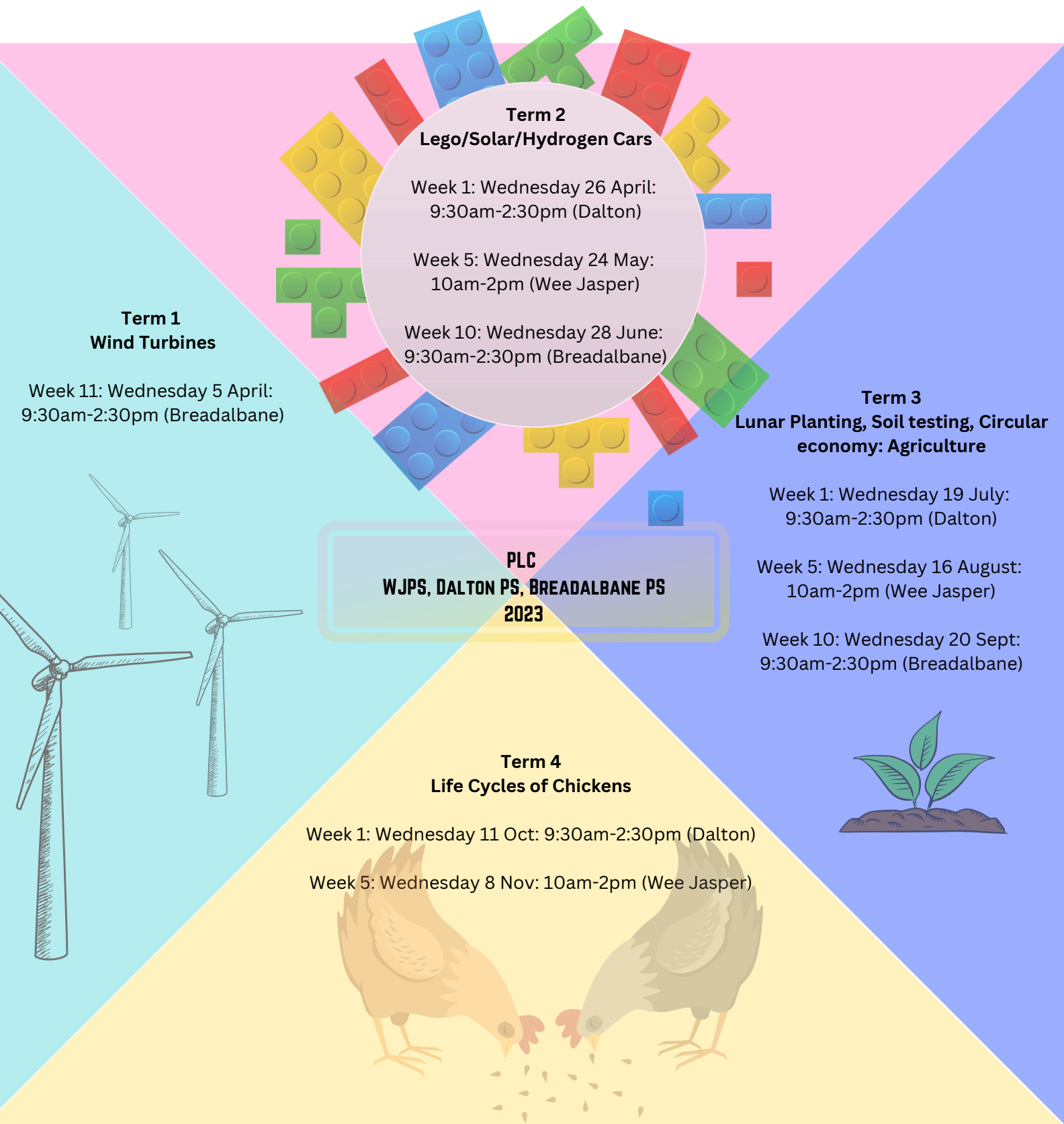
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STEM at Dalton PS - Term 2

On our first day back this term we headed over to Dalton School to join them and Breadalbane School for another STEM day with Ms Anna Kemp. This time the students were learning about Coding with robots. Obstacle courses were designed, built and then the robots were put through their paces by coding them to complete the course. Lots of fun and great collaboration by the students from the three schools. Thank you to Dalton School for providing us with a delicious BBQ lunch. We look forward to having both schools visit us here in Wee Jasper on Wednesday 24th May.



STEM SKILLS



SCIENCE TECHNOLOGY
ENGINEERING MATHEMATICS

