



Wee Jasper Public School

The Bugle

Term 2, Week 10, 2023 | Principal - Michelle Andrews

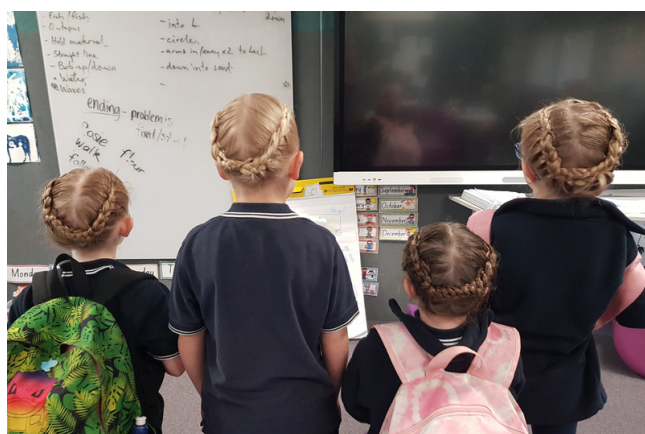


Wee Jasper and Binalong students dancing in Goulburn.

Southern Tablelands Dance Festival in Goulburn

The students did an amazing job learning this dance with limited practice with their partners from Binalong. It was huge day and a late night for all the kids and their families. Thank you to all the families for their support.

A very big thank you to Mrs G for not only organising the kids amazing costumes (definitely the best on the night) but also using her skills as a hairdresser and braiding all the girls hair ready for the show.



Professional hair styling thanks to Mrs G.

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Term 3, 2023 calendar

WEEK 1 JULY	MON 17 STAFF DEVELOPMENT DAY	TUES 18 Ms Andrews <i>Life Education</i>	WED 19 Ms Andrews <i>STEM - PLC Dalton</i>	THURS 20 Ms Andrews <i>Are we there yet? Production</i>	FRI 21 Ms Andrews
WEEK 2 JULY	MON 24 Mrs Cassidy	TUES 25 Ms Andrews	WED 26 Ms Andrews <i>STEM - WJ</i>	THURS 27 Ms Andrews	FRI 28 Ms Andrews
WEEK 3 JULY/AUG	MON 31 Mrs Cassidy <i>PLC - Bowning</i>	TUES 1 Ms Andrews	WED 2 Ms Andrews	THURS 3 Mrs Cassidy	FRI 4 Ms Andrews
WEEK 4 AUGUST	MON 7 Mrs Cassidy <i>NSW Directors visit Outdoor Education</i>	TUES 8 Mrs Rowling	WED 9 Ms Andrews <i>STEM - EXPO & Camp out at Brungle</i>	THURS 10 Mrs Rowling <i>STEM - EXPO & Camp out at Brungle</i>	FRI 11 Mrs Rowling
WEEK 5 AUGUST	MON 14 Mrs Cassidy	TUES 15 Mrs Rowling	WED 16 Mrs Rowling <i>STEM - PLC Wee Jasper</i>	THURS 17 Mrs Cassidy	FRI 18 Mrs Cassidy
WEEK 6 AUGUST	MON 21 Mrs Cassidy	TUES 22 Ms Andrews	WED 23 Ms Andrews <i>Agriculture Camp out</i>	THURS 24 Ms Andrews <i>P&C Meeting - 5pm</i>	FRI 25 Ms Andrews

KEY DATES THIS YEAR



STAFF DEVELOPMENT DAY

Monday 17th
July

EDUCATION WEEK

31st July to 4th
August 2023

STEM DATES

TERM 3:

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

TERM 4:

Dalton PS - 11th October
Wee Jasper PS - 8th November

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)

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
- Stem Leader - Anna Kemp
- Swimming Instructor - Helen Cathles

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Principal's message

All our students and staff are excited to have two weeks holiday, to spend time with family and friends as well pursue hobbies and leisure activities. Our students are commended on their outstanding effort this term. They finished the term with Three-way Conferences and received their Semester One Report. We celebrated with our families all the successes in which our students have been involved and set future learning goals. The constant message was how proud we are of how all students embrace opportunities and come to school each day, with high expectation to learn and play together.

The second half of this term, saw our students perform outstandingly at the Southern Tablelands Dance Festival. The students performed twice on the evening of the 6 June at the Goulburn Performing Arts Centre. They quickly adjusted to the lights and the audience while remembering their dance. For the second show, they left a tear in all parents' and teachers' eyes, as their performance was outstanding, and they worked together. I thank all our families for ensuring they came along to watch the performance and celebrate our students' success, collectively as a community.

The newsletter shares many of the wonderful experiences our students have had together. We are very proud of our two Year 2 students, Abigail and Matilda, who with support continue to write articles for the newsletter. We hope you enjoy reading about what has been happening at our school from the students' perspective. We thank Geoff Kell, Craig Banard, Lisa Stevenson, Blackwattle Alpaca Farm and Michelle Vitler for supporting our school programs. Thank you also to Helen Cathles for all the time and effort she puts into working with our young authors and producing an informing newsletter, which I believe is a joy to view.

I wish our students, families and staff a very relaxing and enjoyable holiday. Our staff continue to collaborate to create enjoyable learning and well-being experiences for our students. I hope our staff enjoy a much-deserved rest and know that all their efforts are appreciated by our whole community.

Next term, our school will be hosting a NSW Department of Education experience for all the Directors in southern NSW. The Directors and Executive Director will be visiting our school on Monday 7 August, to experience the magic of our school, thriving despite being considered as being geographically isolated. We look forward to showcase both our school and community. The Directors will then conclude their examination of leadership in small schools with a plenary session at the Wee Jasper Distillery.

Michelle Andrews
Teaching Principal

Parents & Citizen 2023

The P&C will be running their annual Wood Raffle starting at the beginning of Term 3. Tickets will be available from Week 1 at the school. More details to follow.

The P&C are also going to run a Pie Drive in the second half of Term 3. More details closer to the time.

Thank you again to all our community members who continue to support the P&C. We are really grateful of your support.

Next general meeting is Thursday 24th August at 5pm. All welcome.

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

weejasperpublicschool@pandcaffiliate.org.au

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.

Wee Jasper Public School Plan

Our new school plan for 2023 -26 is well underway and we are pleased to share with our community the direction our school is heading. We would love to share our focus areas with our community. I will elaborate on this at our next P&C Meeting on Thursday 22 June.

Strategic Direction 1 Assessment for teaching

To maximise student growth and attainment we will analyse student assessment data to identify students' achievement and progress and reflect on teaching effectiveness so that the school is responsive in meeting the needs of all students.

- Formative and summative assessment information will be used regularly to evaluate, measure, and document the learning progress and achievement of students and to provide them with learning opportunities at their point of challenge. Assessments will evaluate the intended outcomes from the syllabus, be designed to enable all students to demonstrate their learning and will provide opportunities for them to receive specific feedback on how to improve their work. Analysis of assessment data will enable teachers to make specific teaching decisions when planning to meet the learning needs of students.

Strategic Direction 2 Quality curriculum

To meet the needs of all students we will develop an integrated approach to assessment, quality teaching, curriculum planning and delivery so that quality teaching practice is sustained.

- Collaborative curriculum planning processes will integrate quality teaching, planning, delivery, and assessments to address the full range of student learning needs as they build knowledge and skills throughout their school years. A coherent, sequential, and developmental program of learning across all Key Learning Areas will support teachers to develop learning plans that build on what students already know and can do, without the unnecessary repetition of ideas.

Strategic Direction 2 Educational leadership

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Cackles Corner

TERM 2 Wrap Up

By Abi

This term we have gone on a lot of excursions. We have been to an Alpaca farm, Dance Festival in Goulburn, visited Careys Caves and done gymnastics in Yass and also learnt to play tennis in Wee Jasper. We have also been to three cross country carnivals, 2 at Gunning and 1 at Bongongo. We have done STEM with Miss Kemp and we've also built a Smart House.

By Tilly

This term we went to Careys Caves and we have made ponies out of socks with Mrs G. We used fluff to put inside the socks and we put manes onto them. We did a cynatype workshop at Carolyn Young's house. A cynatype is a picture that uses sunlight to light it up. In STEM we are making a Smart House and we are programming it to open doors and turn on lights all by itself when you come in. We also had a great visit to an Alpaca farm.



Above Tilly (left) and Abi (right).

School news

Mrs Colefax and Mr Bett's visit

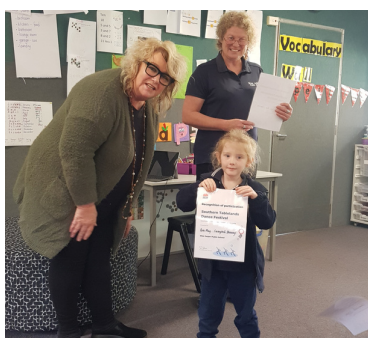
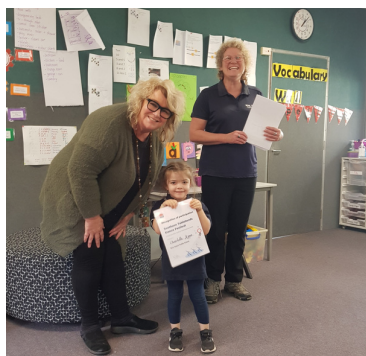


Our students really enjoyed having Mrs Colefax and Mr Betts come to visit us at Wee Jasper school

School News

Dancing Certificates

Mrs G was very proud to present the students with their certificates following their performance in Goulburn on the night of Tuesday 6th June.



STEM at Breadalbane

On Wednesday 28th June the students travelled to Breadalbane school to take part in their STEM lessons with Miss Kemp and Dalton school. Solar cars were the topic of the day and we were lucky enough to be able to bring back our car to Wee Jasper to continue working on it. Despite the weather (no sunshine for our solar panels) we had a wonderful day of learning and also catching up with friends from these two terrific small schools.



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Hobby Horse Creating with Mrs G

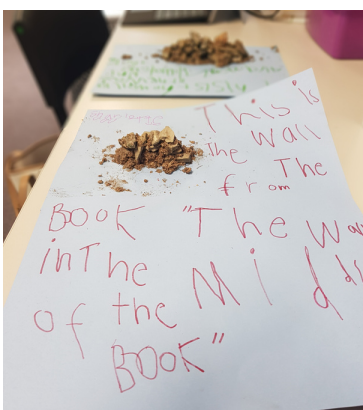
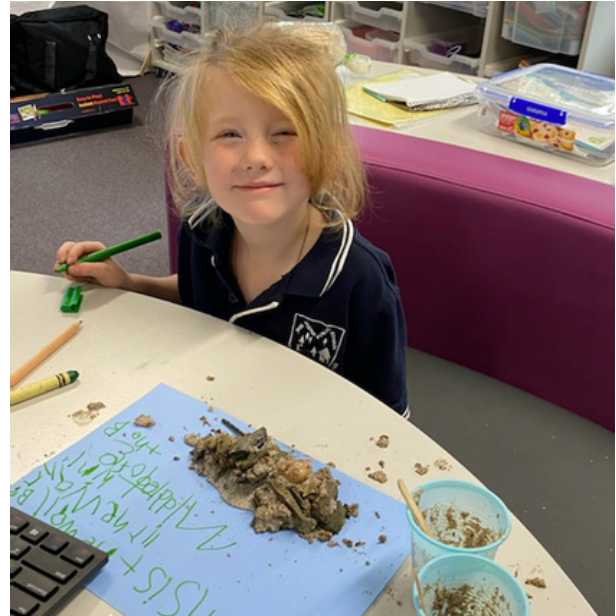


Horsing Around!

The students were delighted to hear that Mrs G had once again come up with a fun craft project. The girls have been making their own hobby horses using socks with woollen manes and felt ears. Over a couple of sessions these wonderful creations have come to life! Looks like a Wee Jasper Pony Club Gymkhana might be planned for Term 3!

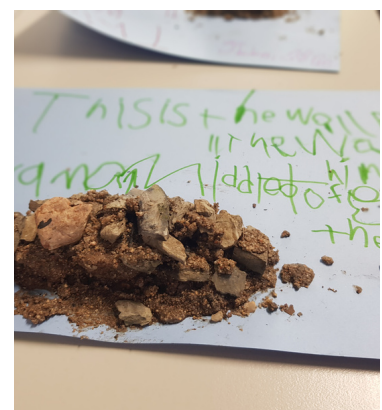
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Kindergarten Day



Kindy Wednesday

Today kindergarten read the book 'The Wall in the Middle of the Book' by Jon Agee. The students created a wall using natural products, sand and PVA glue. This wall was then used to create a narrative which incorporated the wall they had built. Next the students matched their drawings to the text to show the correct sequence.



School news

Weaving Workshop with Lisa Stevenson



Wonderful Weaving

Our students were lucky enough to have Lisa Stevenson come to visit our school for a weaving workshop. We made baskets and paper weaving artworks.



Out and about

Careys Caves visit

Fun in Careys Caves - Written and typed by Tilly

Last Wednesday we went to Careys Caves. We all came too; Abi, Ava, Charlotte and I. Our guide Geoff told us that we can't touch things because hand oil will kill crystals and they never grow back. We saw a mermaid fossil and we now know that mermaids are real. In the olden times fish were gigantic and scary. We got to touch special rocks. We got to see a gigantic shark. Caves are always under us.

Careys Caves - written by Abi

Tilly, Ava, Charlotte and I went to Careys Caves on Wednesday. Mr Kell gave us a tour of the caves. I saw a false mermaid made of of crystals. My favourite one is the octopus because it has lots of legs



Out and about

Southern Tablelands Dance Festival in Goulburn

Dance Festival - by Abi

On Tuesday Ava, Tilly, Charlotte and I went to Goulburn to perform in the dance festival. Tilly and I were mermaids. Ava and Charlotte were a shark and an octopus. We danced to music called Under the Sea.

Dance Day - by Tilly

One day we were having a dance day. We have practiced a lot. When it was time to dance the lights went off, the music started and we did our dance. At the end people cheered hip hip hooray, hip hip hooray.



Out and about

Dance Festival - backstage photos!



Our students were very lucky to have professional hair done by Mrs G and Mrs Dawson did their make-up!

Out and about

Blackwattle Alpaca Farm visit

Wee Jasper Public school went to Blackwattle Alpaca farm. I love alpacas and llamas so much because they spit a lot and they eat lucerne chaff and pellets. My friends patted them too. By Abi

One day Wee Jasper Public School was going to Blackwattle Alpaca Farm. At the farm we gave the alpacas their food. I know facts all about alpacas like this: If alpacas aren't happy they'll spit at you. They eat special pellets that are fake chocolate. Alpacas also eat lucerne chaff. - By Tilly



Students learnt lots of facts about alpacas and llamas.

Out and about

Blackwattle Alpaca farm visit



Students enjoyed feeding and patting the alpacas and llamas at Blackwattle farm.

Community News



Biggest Morning Tea - Thank you!

Thank you to all the community members who came and join us for the Biggest Morning tea on Friday 9th June at school. It was a great get together and lots of delicious treats were enjoyed. Thank you to everyone who kindly brought along a plate of goodies to share. Together we managed to raise \$505.90 for the Cancer Council. Well done and thank you for your generous donations!



YASS VALLEY MOBILE LIBRARY TIMETABLE

	Where	Day	Time
	Binalong Fitzroy St	1 st & 3 rd Wednesday of the month	1.30pm to 2.30pm
	Bowning Bowning General Store	1 st & 3 rd Wednesday of the month	11am to 12pm
	Gundaroo Soldier's Memorial Hall	2 nd & 4 th Wednesday of the month	1.30pm to 2.30pm
	Murrumbateman All Saints Anglican Church, Hercules St	2 nd & 4 th Wednesday of the month	11am to 12pm
	Murrumbateman Murrumbateman markets Moon Shed	2 nd & 4 th Saturday of the month	9am to 1pm
	Sutton Cnr Camp St & Victoria St	2 nd & 4 th Wednesday of the month	3pm to 4pm
	Wee Jasper Primary School	2 nd & 4 th Thursday of the month	2.30pm to 3.30pm

No mobile visits in the 5th week of a month or the month of January except the Murrumbateman markets.

Hold your child's hand

As pedestrians, children can be easily distracted and are often too small to be seen by drivers. They may be unable to predict or identify dangers and tend to act impulsively.

Talk with your child about safe behaviour on the footpath – it's not a safe place to play as it is near the road and vehicles may be entering or exiting driveways.

Until your child is at least eight years old, hold their hand:

- on the footpath
- in the car park
- when crossing the road.

Up until at least 10 years old, supervise your child very closely, holding their hand when crossing the road.

If you can't be with your child, organise for another trusted adult to accompany them.

After school, meet your child at the school gate. At the end of the school day children may be excited, distracted or tired and often not concentrating on their own safety.

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



Messages to share with your children in Kindergarten to Year 2

- Hold a grown up's hand when:
 - you cross the road
 - you're on the footpath
 - you're in a car park
- Hold an adult's hand when you cross the road

Messages to share with children in Years 3 to 6

- Use a safe place to cross the road
- **Stop! Look! Listen! Think!** every time you cross the road and keep checking until safely across

STEM SKILLS

