



Wee Jasper Public School

The Bugle

Term 4, Week 10, 2023 | Principal - Michelle Andrews



The Bowling 9 Tanker with our WJPS students and Sutton PS students.

PLC STEM - Careys Caves

Wee Jasper PS hosted Breadalbane and Dalton Public Schools for our last STEM day for 2023 with Ms. Kemp.

Students and staff thoroughly enjoyed the excursion to Carey's caves and were amazed by our local natural landscape.

A big thank you to Ms. Kemp for a wonderful year of STEM learning.

See page 6 for more details.



PLC STEM tour of Careys Caves.

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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 4, 2023 calendar

WEEK 6 NOV	MON 13 Ms Andrews	TUES 14 Ms Andrews <i>Swimming</i>	WED 15 Ms Andrews <i>Swimming</i>	THURS 16 Mrs Rowling	FRI 17 Mrs Rowling Year 2 Chess - Breadalbane No Bus for Kinder
WEEK 7 NOV	MON 20 Ms Andrews	TUES 21 Ms Andrews <i>Swimming</i>	WED 22 Ms Andrews <i>Swimming</i> STEM PLC	THURS 23 Mrs Rowling	FRI 24 Mrs Rowling PLC - Bowning PS Colour Run
WEEK 8 NOV/DEC	MON 27 Ms Andrews	TUES 28 Ms Andrews <i>Swimming</i>	WED 29 Ms Andrews <i>Swimming</i> STEM PLC	THURS 30 Mrs Rowling	FRI 1 Mrs Rowling
WEEK 9 DEC	MON 4 Ms Andrews	TUES 5 Mrs Rowling <i>Swimming</i>	WED 6 Ms Andrews <i>Swimming</i>	THURS 7 Ms Andrews	FRI 8 Ms Andrews
WEEK 10 DEC	MON 11 Ms Andrews	TUES 12 Ms Andrews <i>Swimming</i>	WED 13 Mrs Rowling <i>Swimming</i>	THURS 14 Mrs Rowling	FRI 15 Mrs Rowling <i>Last Day of School</i> <i>Presentation Night</i>
WEEK 1 JAN 2024	MON 29	TUES 30 <i>Staff Development</i> <i>Day</i>	WED 31 <i>Staff Development</i> <i>Day</i>	THURS 1 <i>First Day Back to</i> <i>School for 2024</i>	FRI 2

KEY DATES THIS YEAR

125 YEAR ANNIVERSARY SAVE THE DATE

Next year the Wee Jasper School will be celebrating 125 years since it's opening.

**Date: Friday 30th & Saturday 31st
August 2024.**

Please contact Michelle Andrews if you would like to join our steering committee or for further information on 0438 684 788.



SWIMMING

November: 14, 15, 21, 22, 28 & 29
December: 5, 6, 12 & 13

WJPS CHRISTMAS & PRESENTATION NIGHT

All community members are welcome to our Christmas Party & Presentation Night

5:30 PM for a 6PM start
Friday 15 December 2023

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 (principal admin)
- Teacher - Kim Rowling
- 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

Our final Bugle for the 2023 School Year brings us much gratitude for an amazing year of wonderful learning experiences and positive growth in our fabulous students. We wish them and their families and all of you a restful, safe, joyous Christmas and New Year, taking time to reflect and rejuvenate with families and friends. We look forward to our students returning to school on Thursday 1st February 2024.

This term saw our students thrive in our learning environment and have many exciting experiences in and out of school. With much enthusiasm students participated in an Astronomical Agricultural sleepout in Crookwell. The Australian Agricultural Centre in Crookwell hosted our students and led them through some wonderful activities involving astronomy and star gazing, Aboriginal story-telling and painting, sustainable and regenerative farming practices. With a campfire and yurts for lodging, the students were thoroughly engaged with their friends from Dalton and Breadalbane. The wonderful activities led by Anna Kemp from Crookwell Academy of STEM Excellence gave our students insight and experience to test soils and build water purifiers! A huge thankyou to Anna Kemp.

The Smart City Showcase visited by our students enabled them to participate in a combined primary and senior schools showcase of Smart Houses and use of technology. The students were so very proud of their contribution, and they thoroughly enjoyed viewing the other students work. A fabulous day we all enjoyed. Once again, Anna Kemp led our STEM activities, visiting our school together with Dalton Public School and Breadalbane Public School. Together students learned about cave systems and how they form and our visit to Careys Cave hosted by Geoff Kell was educational and enjoyable. Thankyou Geoff. Most recently, the STEM programme has enabled our students to experience binary coding and 3D printing, where students could create a 3D design and build it.

With a sense of wonder our students visited the Australian War Memorial and Dinosaur Museum displaying exemplary behaviour and excellent manners. Our chess team, Matilda and Abigail made us proud in the Chess competition and finally our swim team made some wonderful progress in the pool. A huge thank you to Helen Cathles for teaching the students.

Many thanks goes to our P&C for all the hard work you do to support and raise funds that go towards our school and students. From yummy pies to Bunnings barbecues, we cannot thank you enough. You and your band of volunteers are truly wonderful.

Finally, a message of thanks to all our lovely staff. Our Principal, Mrs Michelle Andrews, Mrs Wendy Griffiths and Mrs Helen Cathles, Mrs Mary Goulding and Mr Cameron Kellett. You make our school a wonderful place to be, and your gifts and talents are always freely shared with our students. May you all enjoy a safe holiday, and we look forward to everything 2024 will bring as we celebrate 125 years of Wee Jasper Public School.

Mrs Kim Rowling
Acting Principal

Parents & Citizen 2023

The P&C would like to thank all the community members who helped with the Bunnings BBQ that was held on November 25 2023.

Over \$2000 was raised and we couldn't have done it without their help!

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.

Wishing you all a Merry Christmas and a very Happy New Year!

We are looking forward to seeing all your smiling faces in 2024!



School news

PLC and Colour Run

Our K-2 students had a great day of learning at Bowning PS with students from Sutton PS, Dalton PS, Binalong PS and Bowning PS on 24 November 2023 about safety from the NSW Rural Fire Service, which was ran by Mrs Cassidy and her daughter Eloise and Surf Life Saving NSW, with Bill, Karen and Greg.

Mrs Cassidy and Eloise explained to our students what to do in an emergency and what information to pass on to the operators when they dial 000 for help. Mrs Cassidy not only attends to fire related incidents but also car accidents along the Hume Highway. They brought their fire truck which is named 'The Bowning 9 Tanker' with working sirens and water that the kids loved to see.

They also had an informative time with Bill, Karen and Greg who run the Beach to Bush program that has been running for 30 years. The students learnt about safety in all different bodies of waters, not just at the beach, how the life savers use different equipment to rescue people (jet skis, rescue board, rescue tube, helicopter), the students were shown the black and yellow hazard signs and what they mean, safety in rock pools on the beach as some sea life may be nice to look at but poisonous to touch and most important of all, sun safety.

All K-6 students from all schools then participated in a fun filled colour run on an obstacle course organised by Bowning PS. Students ran through water and Teachers and volunteers splashed and sprayed colours on the students clothing.



School news

PLC STEM visit to Careys Caves

On Wednesday 22nd November Wee Jasper school hosted Breadalbane and Dalton schools for our last PLC STEM day for 2023 with Ms. Kemp.

Students were fortunate enough to be able to visit our local landmark Careys Caves. Prior to going students had a lesson with Ms. Kemp about how caves are formed. The students were each given a piece of chalk and then observed how it reacted to having vinegar sprayed onto it.

At Careys Caves the students were introduced to our guide Geoff Kell. Geoff has an enormous amount of knowledge about all things caves and the students were very excited to go down into the caves.

Thank you to Geoff for a wonderful excursion. The teachers and students were all very impressed with this very special piece of Wee Jasper.



School news

Swimming with Helen

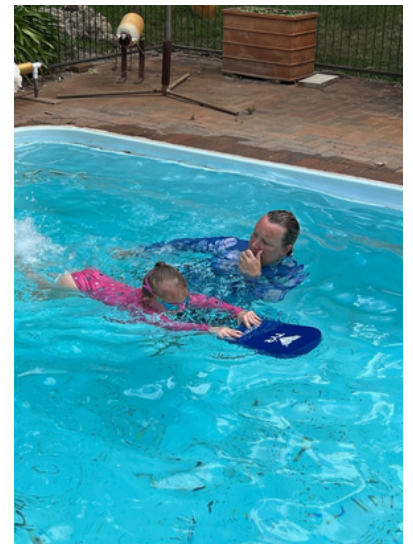
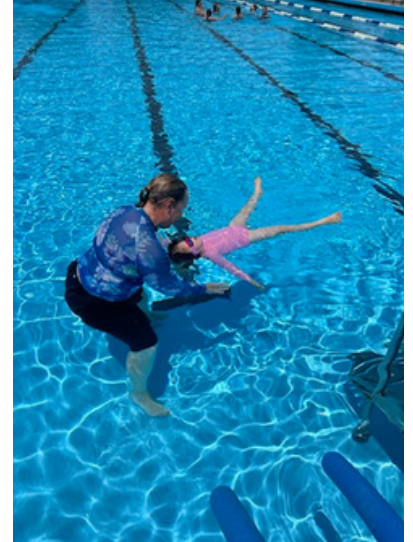
The last few weeks, our students have been doing swimming lessons with Helen. They have all been improving and will be more confident in water during the summer holidays.

Ava - It's good, I learn a lot from Helen. I like to sing 'Humpty Dumpty' and then fall into the water. I think I am swimming a lot better than I did before.

Charlotte - I like learning to swim with Helen. I really enjoy going under the water and collecting all the sinky toys. I have become more comfortable in the water. I have now learnt how to float all by myself!

Abi - It has been very fun kicking with the boards, the rockets and floating. These activities that I enjoy have made me a better swimmer. It especially fun going under water to get the sinkies and this has improved my confidence when I go under.

Tilly - I really like diving for the sinkies and I also like gliding through the water. Helen has helped me feel brave enough to do the Starfish on my own, which is a backfloat and she has also helped me time my breaths with each stroke.



AT THE
pool

School news

FUN DAY

Last week of the year always includes a Fun Day! The students were delighted to receive a "pass the parcel" from Healthy Harold! There were squeals of delight as they unwrapped the parcel of healthy suggestions. Mrs G was once again in charge of amazing craft activities. The girls had a blast making necklaces, bookmarks and bracelets. Thank you so much Mrs G!





IT IS YOUR TURN TO HAVE A BLAST



School Holiday Program
POWERED BY THE SYDNEY THUNDER



Share our Space School Holiday Program - Bowring PS
FREE mixed Two-Day program - Open to boys & girls aged 5-10
Mon 8th Jan 2024 & Wed 10th Jan 2024 (9:00am-12:00pm)
Contact: Aaron Hadley aaron.hadley@cricketnsw.com.au
Register using QR code above, or contact Aaron



All Community Members Are
Invited To WJPS

CHRISTMAS PARTY & PRESENTATION NIGHT

FRIDAY

**15
DEC**

**AT 5:30PM
FOR A 6PM START**

**Desserts, Tea & Coffee are
provided
BYO drinks and nibbles**

Wee Jasper Memorial Hall,
Wee Jasper Road, NSW 2582

