



Wee Jasper Public School

The Bugle

Term 4, Week 2, 2023 | Principal - Michelle Andrews



Our students learning the basics of NRL from Zac and Courtney who coach a team in Tumut.

Extra Yarn

The students had a lovely day at Dalton on Wednesday catching up with their friends from Dalton and Breadalbane schools. Ms. Kemp introduced a new topic to the students. They were learning about "yarns" in particular wool. They listened to a wonderful story called "Extra Yarn". Many of the students could relate to the topic of shearing sheep, throwing fleeces and working in shearing sheds as well as learning about scouring wool and the processes involved for wool to become a yarn. They discussed the use of plastic in our clothing and the problems it is causing the planet. Students have been sent back to school with some different types of woollen samples to bury in our school garden, which we will dig up at the end of the term and see how they are doing! Watch this space!



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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 2 OCT	MON 16 Ms Andrews	TUES 17 Ms Andrews	WED 18 Ms Andrews	THURS 19 Mrs Rowling	FRI 20 Mrs Rowling
WEEK 3 OCT	MON 23 Ms Andrews <i>Agriculture Sleep out at Crookwell</i>	TUES 24 Mrs Rowling <i>Return from Crookwell</i>	WED 25 Ms Andrews	THURS 26 Ms Andrews	FRI 27 Ms Andrews <i>P&C meeting - 5pm</i>
WEEK 4 OCT/NOV	MON 30 Ms Andrews	TUES 31 Ms Andrews	WED 1 Mrs Rowling <i>War Memorial & Dinosaur Museum</i>	THURS 2 Mrs Rowling	FRI 3 Mrs Rowling
WEEK 5 NOV	MON 6 Ms Andrews	TUES 7 Ms Andrews	WED 8 Ms Andrews <i>STEM - Wee Jasper Outdoor Ed</i>	THURS 9 Mrs Rowling <i>The Power Of Pop 10.30 am Yass High</i>	FRI 10 Ms Rowling
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 <i>Chess - Breadalbane</i>
WEEK 7 NOV	MON 20 Ms Andrews	TUES 21 Ms Andrews <i>Swimming</i>	WED 22 Ms Andrews <i>Swimming STEM PLC</i>	THURS 23 Mrs Rowling	FRI 24 Mrs Rowling <i>PLC - Bowning PS Colour Run</i>

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.



STEM DATES

TERM 4:

Dalton PS - 11th October

Wee Jasper PS - 8th November

SWIMMING

November: 14, 15, 21, 22, 28 & 29

December: 5, 6, 12 & 13

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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Choosing items from Mrs. Rowling's Happy Box which is full of fun things the students get to hold onto during the afternoon session.

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Principal's message

Term 4 is in full flight. Our students continue to make wonderful progress across all areas of school life. All students and staff were excited to receive the news of Abi and Charlotte's baby sister, Gabriella arriving this week. We congratulate Tiffany and Luke on the arrival of their gorgeous baby.

We are thrilled about our STEM Camp Out next Monday night. Our students will come to school on Monday for a normal day of learning. In the afternoon, we will head to Crookwell Agriculture Centre. They will be involved in Aboriginal storytelling, language and art with our STEM PLC schools of Dalton and Breadalbane. Our students enjoy learning with students from other schools. During the night, they will learn about astronomy and experience camping out with their friends. The centre will then provide STEM activities for the students all day Tuesday. Thank you to Kim Rowling for joining me and providing these magical experiences for our students.

Our students are continuing to work with Anna Kemp from Crookwell STEM Academy and our STEM PLC. Their Smart House is just about ready for the showcase at Crookwell High School in a fortnight. Our students designed and created a house and furniture incorporating smart technology. They used coding to operate their ideas. Our four students will present their work at Crookwell High School Showcase, and I know they will enjoy seeing what other schools have created. The students articulated, by seeing high schools' students' work, they will see what they could design in the future when they are older. We look forward to sharing images of the day in our next newsletter.

Our students have been learning to play chess. It is a fabulous strategy to assist in the development of mathematical concepts. Abi and Tilly will represent our school on Friday 17 November at the inaugural Small Schools Chess Tournament. The students know they will be playing against much older students but understand that it will be a great learning experience and age does not determine the outcome.

We will be commencing our swimming program soon. This swimming opportunity will be delivered by Helen Cathles. We will include some lessons at Helen's pool and some at Yass Pool. We thank Helen and Tim for again allowing our students to access their pool for these lessons.

Michelle Andrews

Teaching Principal

School Holiday News!

Tilly celebrated her 8th Birthday during the holidays. Staff at WJPS wish her a big Happy Birthday and we hope she had a fun filled day!



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.

School news

Arabin Cup

On September 21 2023, our students attended Arabin Cup. Please see their great action shots below!



School news

How to Play Chess

First you have to set up all the 16 pieces on the board in their own positions and the Queen goes on her colour. So, if she is Black, she goes on Black. To start the game, White always goes first.

- You have only one Queen which can go move diagonally, vertically and horizontally along the chess board.
- You only have one King which can only go one little step on the chess board.
- You have two castles (Rook) and can go in any direction (horizontally and vertically) and as far as he wants.
- You have two Bishops that can only move diagonally as far as he can.
- You only have two Knights that can only move in an L shaped pattern and he can jump over pieces.
- You have eight Pawns which can only move one space at a time or two on your very first turn.

The aim of the game is to take out the other opponents King and their pieces on the board, along the way.

When you Check the other opponent, that means their King is in trouble.

When you Checkmate, that means the King can't move anywhere and it is Game Over!

The game can end in a draw by stopping the game or if both opponents can no longer make any moves.

By Tilly



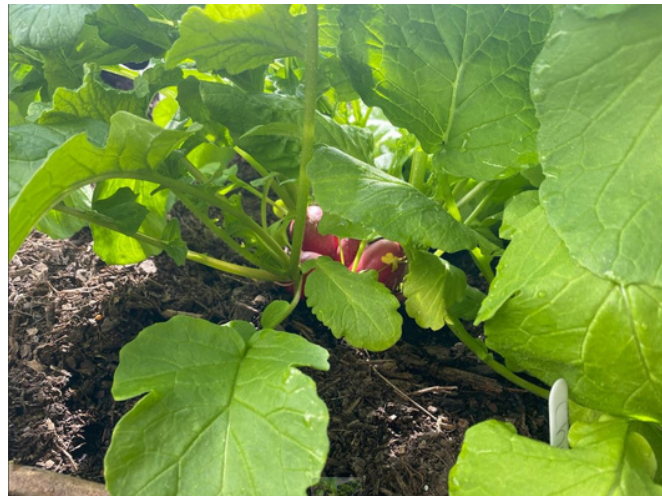
Tilly vs Abi.

More news

Growing Up

Our STEM Program is continuing to be a focus in 2023. Thank you to the P&C for purchasing a garden bed that is safe from possums.

We planted Hollyhocks, radishes, lettuce, spinach and Chamomile using the lunar planting cycle. Students have enjoyed the growing process and are very proud of their hard work. They look forward to using their produce to cook healthy food.



Welcoming Baby Gabriella

A big congratulations to Tiff, Luke, Abi and Charlotte on their newest addition to their family from the staff at Wee Jasper Public School. She is beautiful and we can't wait to meet her!

Gabriella Eloise Sturgess-Apps
Born the 17th of October at 5:11pm
Weighing 4.04kg
Length 54cm

"With some slight complications, Gabriella was born via an emergency C-section. After her chaotic entrance to the world both mum and bub are settling in well at home. Poor dad is very sleep deprived but very smitten over his little girl. Abi and Charlotte are enjoying their baby cuddles and loving their little sister very much. They are both very proud big sisters."



Guess the Baby!

Look at all the beautiful baby photos of our staff, students and their families!

They are not in order. Let's see if you can match a name to their baby photo.

Answers will be provided in the next newsletter.



Jack

Ms Andrews



George

Miss Mary



Antony

Tilly



More adorable babies on the next page!

Guess the Baby!



Helen

Ava



Tiff

Charlotte



Emilia

Luke



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Joey



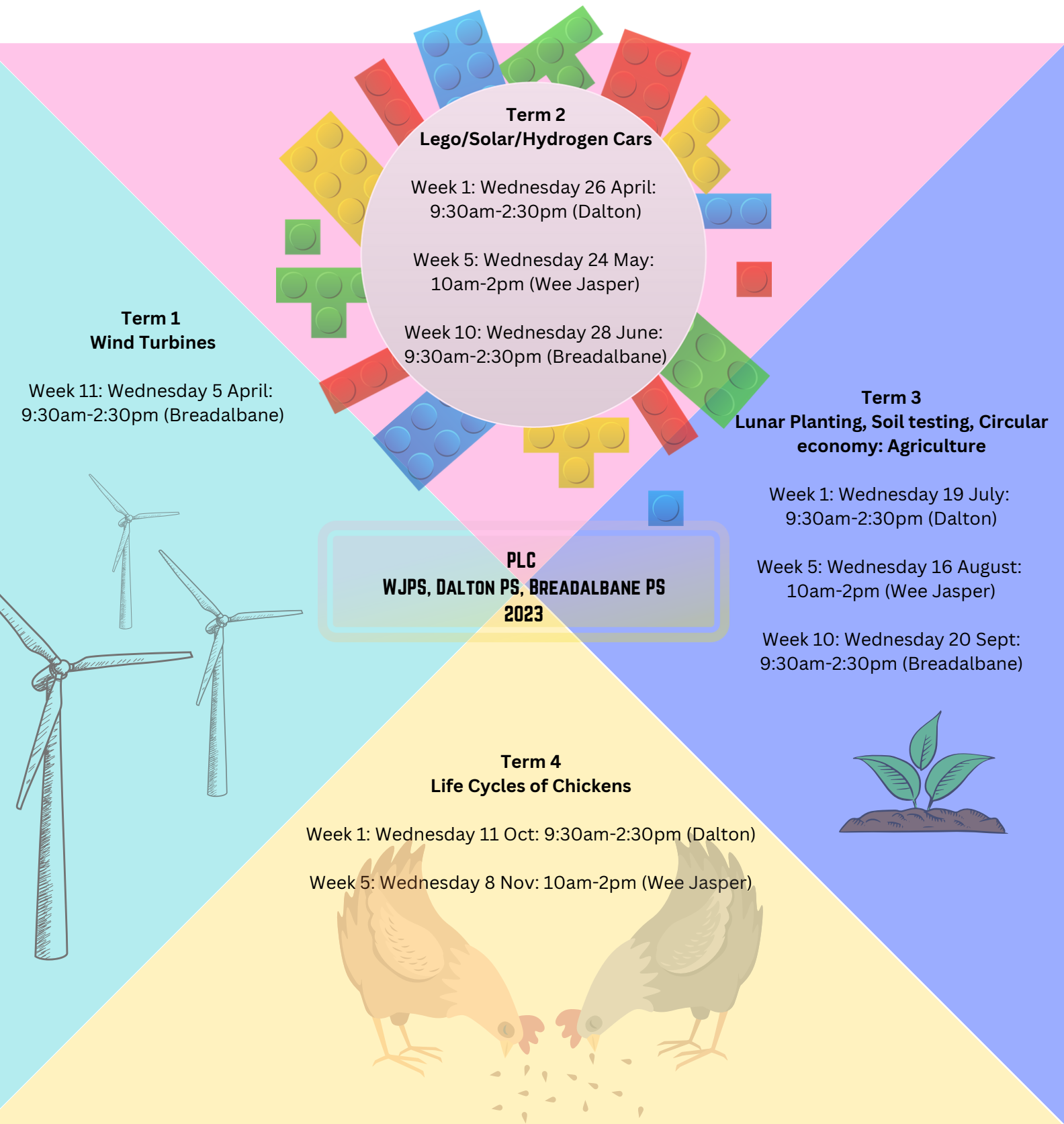
Abi

Tristan

Cameron



STEM SKILLS



SCIENCE TECHNOLOGY
ENGINEERING MATHEMATICS





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

