



Wee Jasper Public School

The Bugle

Term 4, Week 7, 2023 | Principal - Michelle Andrews



WJPS Smart City Project that our students presented at Crookwell High School.

Smart City Showcase 2023

Our wonderful students attended the Smart City Showcase at Crookwell High School, 3 November 2023. Our students have been diligently working on this project all year round and are very proud of what they have created. It was a very exciting day to see many other schools and to see what they have made for their project.

More photos on page 9.



Charlotte at the Careers Expo: NSW Fire Service - Crookwell

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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 Last Day of School Presentation Night
WEEK 1 JAN 2024	MON 29	TUES 30 Staff Development Day	WED 31 Staff Development Day	THURS 1 First Day Back to School for 2024	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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Wee Jasper students with NSW Police Force Engagement Officer at the Crookwell High School Career Expo.

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Principal's message

Our students continue to thrive with our STEM program. We are delighted to learn that we have been accepted to continue participating in STEM in 2024 with Miss Anna Kemp. This is wonderful for our students to ensure they access expertise and opportunity.

The students had a fun time at the Dinosaur Museum with Mrs. Rowling and Mrs. Griffiths. They had a wonderful time at the Agriculture Sleep Out in Crookwell, with students from our Breadalbane and Dalton STEM PLC. The students were exposed to knowledge and skills agronomist use. They conducted soil testing in different areas of the property to determine the moisture and PH levels. An agronomist talked about his job and the importance of soil management to benefit farmers and the environment. Our young students continue to grow in their confidence and skills to be independent learners and self-manage while away from home.

They were outstanding at the presentation of their Smart City Showcase at Crookwell High School. Over the past two terms, the students have been learning about coding and how people use technology to overcome housing issues. They created a smart door and voice activated lights. The students enjoyed designing and making the furniture and décor the most. Watching our students discuss their design with the judges and other participants was aspirational. Our students are creative and confident young learners.

We are excited to welcome the students and staff from Dalton and Breadalbane this Wednesday for STEM. This time, we are returning to Careys Caves to showcase our local environment. Thank you to Geoff for hosting us again. I know our little learners are very keen to assist Geoff with his explanations.

This Friday we will join Bowning PS for a Colour Run with students from other small schools. The students will engage in a range of activities with RFS, police and Surf Lifesaving.

The students have been learning about the strategic game of chess. We are very proud of our Year 2 students who represented our school last Friday at the inaugural Small School Chess Tournament. Both Abi and Tilly competed enthusiastically and learned many new skills. We adore how positive our student's learning dispositions are. They know that as learners, each opportunity provides them with a way to demonstrate their current understanding but also to learn from and with others. We are also grateful that our families provide additional support at home to help prepare our students and give them opportunities to practice.

Principals message continues on next page.

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.

Welcoming Baby Parker

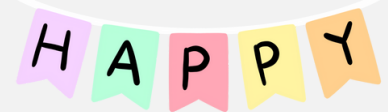
Congratulations to Mrs. Natalie Colefax and her family on the safe arrival of their newest addition, Parker!

**Parker James Colefax arrived at 12:25PM, 15 November 2023.
Weight: 4.045 kg
Length: 53cm.**



Birthday Wishes

Happy 6th Birthday, Ava. We hope you have a fabulous day!



Principal's message

Our students and staff have started preparing for the End of Year Concert. This lovely evening is an opportunity for the community to come along and share the students' achievements, watch them perform and join in for some community cheer. We will be holding the evening on Friday 15 December at the Memorial Hall. Everyone is welcome from 5:30pm for a 6pm start and asked to BYO nibblies and drinks. P&C will provide supper, tea, and coffee.

The student's swimming program commenced last week. We are grateful to Helen Cathles for providing instruction and allowing our students to use her personal pool for half of their lessons.

Yass Council has contacted the school to inform us they will be spraying the 'Horse Paddock' between Christmas and the new year. We are very grateful for this, which is being funded by a grant council received. Thank you to anyone in the community who helped make this happen.

Michelle Andrews

Teaching Principal



School news

Agricultural Sleep Out

Wee Jasper staff and students had an amazing time during the Agricultural Sleep Out. They had a great experience with their friends from Dalton PS and Breadalbane PS.

Our students listened to Indigenous stories, went on nature walks where they discovered where the water goes along the property and also looked for the habitats of different animals. They toasted marshmallows around the campfire and kept warm as it got cold.

All staff and students slept in Yurts which is a round like tent and the next morning, the children had lots of fun playing hide and seek.



School news

Outdoor Education

Steph from Outdoor Education came along on Wednesday 8th November and gave the students lessons in abseiling. The girls really enjoyed learning about all the equipment and safety involved with this exciting activity.

They also enjoyed making an outdoor shelter with Steph. Thanks to Outdoor Education for their fun visit.



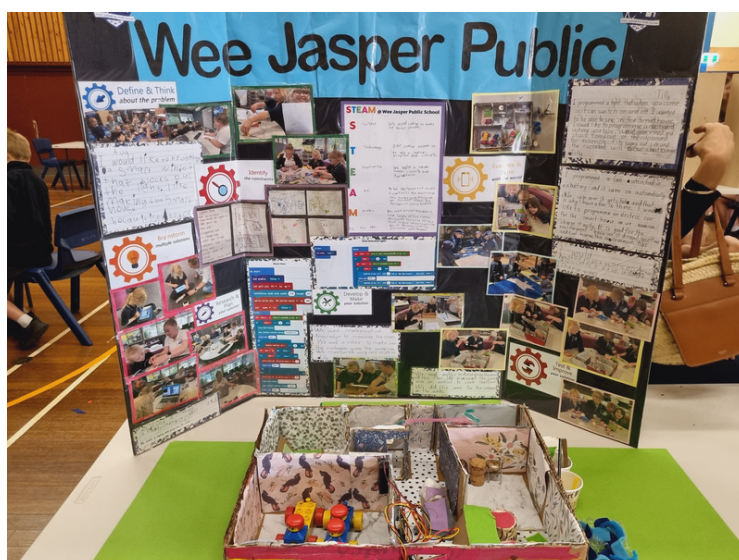
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Smart City Showcase 2023

The Smart City project has been tailor-made for primary school students so they can be introduced to Science, Technology and Mathematics (STEM).

During Term 1, 2 and 3, our teachers and students have been learning and designing their Smart City, where they had hands on experience automating homes, exploring Smart Agriculture and envisioning the cities of the future.

Term 4 was about presenting their Smart City for judging at Crookwell High School. WJPS received an award for our Outstanding Achievement in the 2023 Smart City Project and a Green Life Solar Rechargeable Kit.



School news

Crookwell High School Careers Expo

After presenting our Smart City to the judges at Crookwell High School, we attended their Career Expo.

Our goal is to provide our local students with information on local opportunities for employment and training. To educate every school and student about the NSW K-12 Careers Learning Framework and implement this across all stages.



Lindner Quality Socks

After our great day out at Crookwell High School, we toured the Linder Quality Socks store and factory which is also in Crookwell town. We were able to see behind the scenes how they expertly knit their socks and learn about their history.

In the picturesque town of Crookwell, NSW, 10th generation sock maker Andrew Lindner is continuing a family tradition almost 300 years in the making.



School news

Fun and Informative Excursions

Our staff and students had a great day out on 1 November 2023 to The Australian War Memorial and The Dinosaur Museum, both in Canberra.

The Australian War Memorial combines a shrine, a world-class museum, and an extensive archive. The Memorial's purpose is to commemorate the sacrifice of those Australians who have died in war or on operational service and those who have served our nation in times of conflict. Its mission is leading remembrance and understanding of Australia's wartime experience.

The National Dinosaur Museum houses over 150 dinosaur models, 23 complete skeletons, and over 300 displays of individual fossils in its multi-level indoor gallery, as well as a garden space featuring a 20-metre animatronic T. rex. The storytelling within its collection is linked to Australia, its history, and its preservation.

Our students also had the opportunity to attend Yass High School on 9 November 2023, as the Yass Music Club celebrated their 70th anniversary with the 'Power of Pop' with an hour long concert.

To celebrate their 70th anniversary, The Yass Music Club (YMC) is hosting musical-making marvel Laura Murphy (The Dismissal, Queen Lear) to show the youth how pop is a universal language for storytelling.

Please see photos below of their lovely days out!



The Australian War Memorial. More photos on the following page.

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Above: more photos of The Australian War Memorial, The Dinosaur Museum, lunch and the very last photo - The Power of Pop.

School news

Small Schools Chess Tournament

On 17 November 2023, our Year 2 students represented WJPS in a Chess Tournament at Breadalbane PS where they competed with Breadalbane PS, Binalong PS, Bowning PS, Dalton PS, Tarago PS, Gunning PS, Windellama PS and Tirranna PS.

Abi and Tilly had a great learning and social experience against the other competitors and enjoyed their time.

Well done, Abi and Tilly!



School news



Twenty Year Milestone

Our very own staff member, Mrs. Sharlee Cassidy has supported, inspired and educated young minds since 1993.

The Department of Education has recognised her hard work and have awarded her with a 20 years of service certificate.

Congratulations to Mrs. Sharlee Cassidy on your 20 year achievement and continued success as a teacher!

HALT Recognition Ceremony 2023

Mrs. Natalie Colefax recently attained the Highly Accomplished and/or Lead Teacher (HALT) accreditation. This annual ceremony is held to celebrate NSW teachers who have been recognised for their hard work and dedication and achievements for the last 12 months.

Natalie, you have accomplished something truly amazing.
Congratulations on your achievement!



School news

Meet our new General Assistant, Cameron!

We would like to warmly welcome our new GA to our school who is starting this term with us. We hope you enjoy your time here.

How old are you?

I turn 12 tomorrow ha ha ha. I am 47 years old.

Where do you live?

I live up the road in a cottage at Wee Jasper Station. It's called Jackaroo.

What is your favourite colour?

I like pink and blue together like a sunset.

What is something interesting about you?

I am a Programmer by trade. I am learning how to program video games.

Why do you want to be a GA at our school?

It gets me outside away from the computer and it's healthy and it's a way I can contribute to the town.

What do you think of Wee Jasper?

Who doesn't love Wee Jasper. I love camping, the people, the peace, the scenery, the lake, everything.

What did you do before moving to Wee Jasper?

I lived in Canberra and managed an online business.

Interviewed by Abi.



Guess the Baby!

See which photo belongs to who!



Ms Andrews



Antony



Tilly



Miss Mary



Jack



George

More adorable babies on the next page!

Guess the Baby!



Luke



Emilia



Charlotte



Ava



Tiff



Helen

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Tristan



Abi



Cameron



Joey

Thank you all for sharing your beloved baby photos and playing this game with us!



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

