



Wee Jasper Public School

The Bugle

Term 1, Week 11, 2024 | Principal - Michelle Andrews



Students enjoying the amazing view of the Blue Mountains!

Busy Wee Jasper Students

Our students had a busy last few weeks with their Pulse performance, excursions and Easter crafts!



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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, 2024 calendar

WEEK 1 APRIL/MAY	MON 29 STAFF DEVELOPMENT DAY	TUES 30 TERM 2 Students return	WED 1 STEM Dalton PS	THURS 2	FRI 3
WEEK 2 MAY	MON 6 SCHOOL PHOTOS Wellbeing Program	TUES 7	WED 8 STEM	THURS 9	FRI 10
WEEK 3 MAY	MON 13 Wellbeing Program	TUES 14	WED 15 STEM WJ PS	THURS 16	FRI 17
WEEK 4 MAY	MON 20 Wellbeing Program	TUES 21	WED 22 STEM PLC Wee Jasper	THURS 23	FRI 24 District Cross Country P&C Meeting - 8am
WEEK 5 MAY	MON 27 Wellbeing Program	TUES 28	WED 29	THURS 30	FRI 31
WEEK 6 JUNE	MON 3 Wellbeing Program	TUES 4	WED 5	THURS 6 PLC - Binalong	FRI 7

KEY DATES THIS YEAR

125 YEAR ANNIVERSARY SAVE THE DATES

Wee Jasper School is celebrating
125 years.

Dates:

Friday 30 August- School Events &
Assembly

Saturday 31st August - Community
Events including a dinner and band
See page 15 for more details.



PUBLIC HOLIDAYS

King's Birthday - June 10

PLC

Wee Jasper PS - May 15
Binalong PS - June 6

staff weekly schedule

Monday

- Teaching Principal - Michelle Andrews (teaching)
- Teacher - Kim Rowling (Wellbeing program)
- 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)
- School Administration Manager - Wendy Griffiths
- School Learning Support Officer/School Administration Officer - Helen Cathles
- STEM Specialist - Anna Kemp
- General Assistant - Cameron Kellett

Thursday

- Teaching Principal - Michelle Andrews (Learning & Support)
- Assistant Principal Curriculum & Instruction - Troy Stewart
- 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

Casual Teachers

- Sharlee Cassidy
- Kim Rowling
- Troy Stewart

Swimming Instructor

- Helen Cathles

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Principal's message

Our students have shined this term. We are so proud of the learning progression they have all made across all areas of school life. Their literacy and numeracy development are outstanding and they continue to eagerly attend to all learning opportunities. Next term, our focus will be to further their understanding of their own learning intentions and teachers co-construct individual success criteria with students, so they know how to improve and increasingly become more responsible for monitoring their own progress and achievement.

The students had many incredible opportunities in the later part of the term. Our newsletter highlights these and we hope you enjoy reading about them through the students' writing and photographs. I want to acknowledge Mary Goulding and Helen Cathles for all the work they do in creating our newsletters with our students. We have received significant positive feedback about both the newsletter itself and that a hard copy is delivered to community members letterboxes. If you no longer want to receive this newsletter or you know of someone who is missing out, please contact the school and let us know.

Our students were fabulous at Pulse Alive where they joined the massed choir for a night performance. They remembered all their actions and songs and had a great sense of belonging with other students across NSW public schools. They have also recently connected with students from Karabar High School who have choreographed the dance our students will perform at the Southern Tablelands Dance Festival Goulburn next term. The students will also perform this dance at our 125-year Anniversary as well as songs from the choir. This collaboration is important for our students, as they continue to develop their confidence to learn from a range of people in different settings. Our students are very excited to dance again on a large stage.

Today our students are competing in the Burrinjuck Learning Community Cross Country at Gunning. We know our students will have lots of fun trying to complete the 2km course as quickly as they can. Our younger students will be smiling the whole way around the 1km course.

A massive thank you to our hard-working P&C who are running the canteen as both a community service and fundraiser. Our P&C combine with Dalton P&C and share the proceeds. Our school greatly values our P&C who support our school in ensuring our students continue to have wonderful resources and opportunity. Next term they are organising a Bunnings BBQ at Gungahlin for Saturday 20th July and a Firewood Raffle. We appreciate all the support we receive from both our families and community members.

The 125-year Anniversary planning continues, and we hope everyone will be able to join us on Saturday 31 August. We are working alongside a local mural artist Simon Sawell to design a mural which will feature around our concrete water tank and bore pump shed. Thank you to everyone who completed the short survey to capture what is special and unique about Wee Jasper. I have included the comments (anonymously) in the community section of our newsletter to share all the wonderful insights. We are still in the design stage as we want it to be loved by all. We want it to reflect our community's ideas. The side of the classroom will have a more school related mural. It will be exciting for the students, as they will be helping Simon with the painting of it and also have input into the design. In years to come, they will always know that they were part of such a wonderful initiative.

The activities for Saturday are also coming along well. There will be many market stalls, musicians performing during the day, food and coffee stalls and fun activities. Nathan Kellett is organising heritage carpentry demonstrations and workshops. It will be incredible for our community to explore carpentry techniques used 125 years ago. We know this will be a popular activity.

Thank you to our dedicated staff who always care, support and challenge our young learners. They are professional, collaborative and hard-working. I wish all students and staff a relaxing and enjoyable break. Next term, staff return on Monday 29 April and students return Tuesday 30 April.

Michelle Andrews

Teaching Principal

Parents & Citizen 2024

Dear Community,

Thank you all once again for your continued support of our small school. We really appreciate it.

We wish to advise you that our next meeting will be held on Friday 24th of May at 8am at the school. New members are welcomed and encouraged. Our annual membership fee is \$5 and can be paid via direct deposit.

Account Name: WEE JASPER PUBLIC SCHOOL

BSB: 062-629

Account Number: 0090 0611

Reference: Your First and Last Name

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

Easter With Mrs Rowling

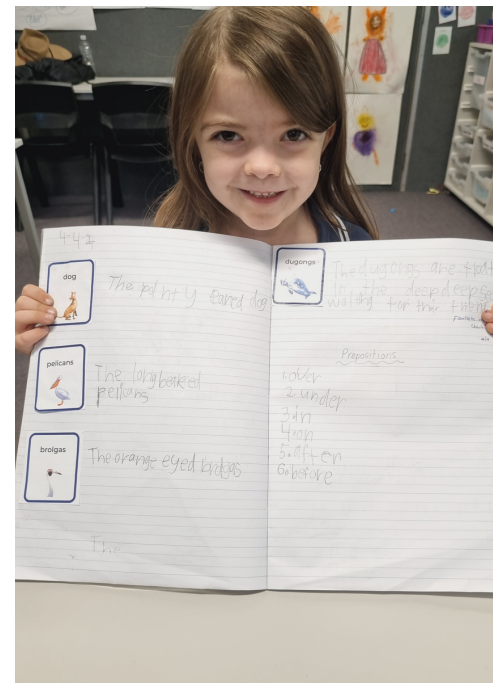
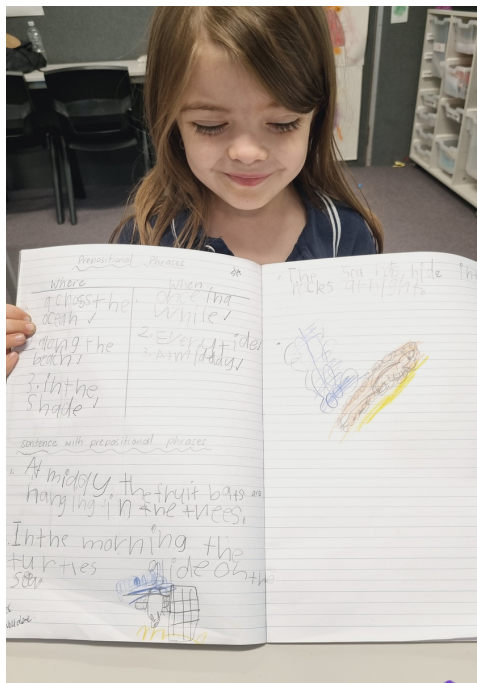
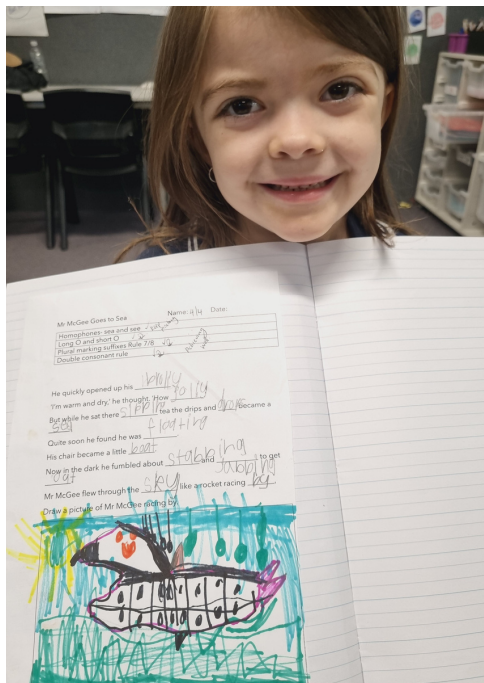
We did Easter Craft with Mrs Rowling. We made our own chocolate eggs in a jar, each with a different coloured bunny and Easter stickers on top. It was very fun to make our own chocolate. It was very yummy! - **Charlotte**



School news

Charlotte's Hard Work

Charlotte has come a long way with her phonetic awareness, graphemes and syllables, suffixes and attempting new words with greater confidence. Staff at Wee Jasper PS are very proud of her progress.



Out and about

Pulse 2024

We were in Sydney for a few days for Pulse. We went on a Harbour Cruise and a walk around the Opera House and Botanical Gardens.

For Pulse, we sung in our seats for a whole bunch of people. I did not know some of the songs but it was fun to sing them all.

We also had a day in the city where we went on a Harbour Cruise where we saw a seal. We had lunch at the Botanical Gardens and learnt about Mrs Macquarie's Chair. She would sit and wait for the boats to come in.

-Abi



Out and about

Pulse Alive 2024



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Day out to Katoomba

We went on the Buunyal tour and we got to go on a big train, called the Scenic Railway. It was really fun! Usually it would take 3 days to get down the mountain but the train makes it quicker.

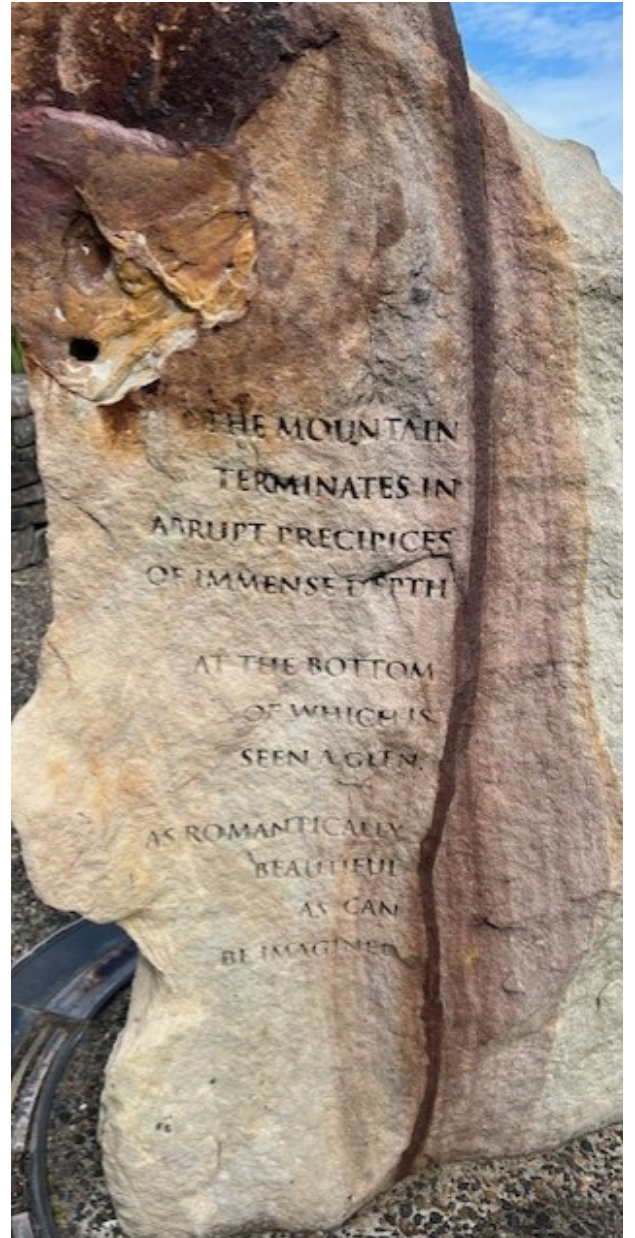
Our tour was about nature and Aboriginal history. I learnt that some of the snakes go to hot areas to warm up because they don't like the cold. We learnt you had to dig for gold and make your own spear. There was also a 'Toilet Tree' which had very soft, large leaves to assist in the bush.

We also received Buunyal Dilly Bag which had a message stick which is used for long distance communication across Australia.

- Tilly



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Dancing at Karabah High School

On the Tuesday 2nd April the students headed over to Queanbeyan to visit Karabah High School for an afternoon of dancing lessons.

The students at Karabah are very lucky to have a specifically built dance studio and were happy to share this wonderful space with our students from Wee Jasper. Two Year 10 students, Olivia and Jazzy, are helping their teacher to choreograph a special dance just for the Wee Jasper students. This is going to be performed later in Term 2 at the Goulburn Southern Tablelands Dance Festival.



Community page

Shave for a cure!

Well done raising \$6,300.

Shannon and I are overwhelmed with the response and individuals who generously donated. A special thank you to the following: Wee Jasper Distillery, Hawker Place Physiotherapy and Pilates, Kyroc Earthmoving and Reflections Holidays Park (Jennie and Paul, Wee Jasper)

- Jean Luc



ANZAC Day Walk 2024

Where: Wee Jasper Bridge for the walk and then at the Memorial Hall for the service

When: 25 April 2024

9.30am - At the bridge

9.45am - March to the Hall

10.00am - Service

Morning tea/coffee afterwards

WHAT OUR COMMUNITY BELIEVES IS SPECIAL AND UNIQUE ABOUT WEE JASPER

- WEE JASPER IS A VERY BEAUTIFUL, NATURAL, ANCIENT PLACE SURROUNDED BY MOUNTAINS, VALLEYS, RIVERS AND THE AUSTRALIAN BUSH. IT FEELS SPECIAL BECAUSE THERE IS A SENSE OF FREEDOM AND PEACE, OF COMMUNITY AND GENUINE RESPECT AND LOVE OF NATURE AMONGST US. THE NATURAL SURROUNDINGS AND COMMUNITY SPIRIT MAKE WEE JASPER UNIQUE. IT IS A PLACE YOU CAN LOVE AND IMMEDIATELY FEEL A PART OF.
- COMMUNITY, SCENERY
- WILDLIFE, QUIETNESS, RIVER, MOUNTAINS AND SUNSETS.
- WEE JASPER IS AN IDYLIC VALLEY WHERE ONE CAN LIVE PEACEFULLY SURROUNDED BY A SMALL COMMUNITY THAT RALLIES WHEN REQUIRED.
- WEE JASPER HOLDS A SPECIAL PLACE IN MY HEART. SINCE MOVING HERE THREE YEARS AGO, IT HAS BEEN A WELLSPRING OF CREATIVE INSPIRATION. I'VE PENNED NUMEROUS STORIES SEEKING TO ENCAPSULATE ITS ESSENCE—A TRANQUIL, GROUNDING FEELING ROOTED IN THE LAND. WHAT SETS IT APART IS ITS WARM, INVITING ATMOSPHERE AND STRONG SENSE OF COMMUNITY. THE BREATHTAKING SCENERY, FROM THE CAVES TO THE PEOPLE TO THE AGRICULTURAL WAY OF LIFE, IS TRULY REMARKABLE. I FEEL INCREDIBLY LUCKY TO CALL THIS PLACE HOME AND HOPE TO DO SO FOR THE REST OF MY DAYS.
- I HAVE BEEN HERE ALL MY LIFE, I HAVE SEEN PEOPLE AND FAMILIES COME AND GO, I HAVE CHOSEN TO MAKE THIS OUR HOME. WE ARE SO CLOSE TO CANBERRA AND ALL IT HAS TO OFFER BUT WE ARE FAR ENOUGH AWAY TO BE CONSIDERED WILD BUSH. THE BEAUTY OF THE VALLEY AND THE RIVER, IN ALL THEIR GLORY IN THE 4 DIFFERENT SEASON EACH YEAR. THE HISTORY OF THE AGRICULTURE HERE IN WEE J, THE WINS AND LOSSES.
- I LOVE THE SENSE OF COMMUNITY. I LOVE HOW QUIET AND PEACEFUL IT IS. I LOVE THE SCENERY AND THE RIVER. I LOVE THAT OUR FAMILY IS CLOSE BY.
- OUR UNITED COMMUNITY IN OUR PICTURESQUE VALLEY.
- THE SCENERY AND THE SERENITY
- IT'S AN EXTRAORDINARILY BEAUTIFUL RIVER VALLEY THAT DRAMATICALLY REVEALS ITSELF AT THE END OF A LONG WINDING ROAD. ENCLOSED BY MOUNTAIN WILDERNESS, IT HAS A STRONG CHARISMATIC AND CONTAINED PRESENCE THAT MAKES IT FEEL VERY SPECIAL AND UNIQUE. IT WAS ALMOST CERTAINLY A PLACE OF GREAT SIGNIFICANCE FOR NGUNNAWAL AND WIRADJURI PEOPLE WAY BEFORE WHITE SETTLEMENT. THE SMALL WEE JASPER COMMUNITY BONDS OVER A SHARED PRIDE IN THIS SPECIALNESS, WHICH IS CONSTANTLY REINFORCED BY ITS REPUTATION AS AN AMAZING PLACE TO CAMP AND VISIT.

Wee Jasper Public School Wood Raffle



1st Prize:

2 tonnes Yellow Box, split and delivered to Yass or Wee Jasper only.

2nd Prize

1 tonne Yellow Box, split and delivered to Yass or Wee Jasper only.

Drawn at 3pm on Friday 31st May, at Wee Jasper Public School.

\$2 per ticket. Tickets for sale at the School Office school days from 29th April and outside Yass Newsagency on Friday 3rd and Friday 17th May 2024. Outside Woolies on Thursday the 9th of May 2024

PLC Days:
Week 1 – Dalton PS
Week 5 – Wee Jasper PS
Week 10 – Bredalbane PS

TERM 1

Material Word
Digital Technology
Bushfires - Policy



TERM 2

Earth and Space Sciences
Digital Technology Aldrin
Maps – Australian Space
Agency



TERM 3

Back In Time – Yester Year –
Physical World
Digital Technology



TERM 4

Living World
Digital Technology



SCIENCE TECHNOLOGY
ENGINEERING MATHEMATICS



ASE

Crookwell
Academy of
STEM
Excellence



JOIN US TO CELEBRATE
WEE JASPER PUBLIC SCHOOL'S

125th Anniversary

MARKET DAY & DINNER

AUGUST

SAT **31** 2024

FROM 10AM



HELD AT
WEE JASPER PUBLIC SCHOOL &
WEE JASPER MEMORIAL HALL

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CALL TO STALLHOLDERS
JOIN US TO CELEBRATE 125 YEARS

SATURDAY 31ST AUGUST 10-3PM
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