



Wee Jasper Public School

The Bugle

Term 1, Week 2, 2024 | Principal - Michelle Andrews



Smiling faces for the first day back.

Back to school for
2024!

Our students were very happy to return to school for 2024 and are excited for what 2024 brings for them.

BACK
TO
SCHOOL

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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 1, 2024 calendar

WEEK 3 FEB	MON 12 <i>Swimming Hall School Museum Excursion</i>	TUES 13 <i>Swimming</i>	WED 14 <i>Swimming</i>	THURS 15 <i>Swimming</i>	FRI 16
WEEK 4 FEB	MON 19	TUES 20	WED 21 <i>Will Kostakis Writing Workshop</i>	THURS 22 <i>Will Kostakis Writing Workshop</i>	FRI 23
WEEK 5 FEB/MAR	MON 26	TUES 27	WED 28 <i>STEM PLC at WJPS</i>	THURS 29	FRI 1
WEEK 6 MARCH	MON 4 <i>Pulse Rehearsals Visiting Jordan Springs PS</i>	TUES 5 <i>Pulse Rehearsals</i>	WED 6	THURS 7 <i>Literacy & Numeracy PLC at WJPS</i>	FRI 8
WEEK 7 MARCH	MON 11	TUES 12	WED 13 <i>Pulse - Katoomba</i>	THURS 14 <i>Pulse Rehearsal & Performance</i>	FRI 15 <i>Pulse - Sydney Harbour</i>
WEEK 8 MARCH	MON 18 <i>The Wellbeing Show at Berinba PS</i>	TUES 19	WED 20 <i>STEM</i>	THURS 21	FRI 22

KEY DATES THIS YEAR

125 YEAR ANNIVERSARY SAVE THE DATES

Next year the Wee Jasper School will be celebrating 125 years.

Dates

Friday 30 August- School Events & Assembly

Saturday 31st August - Community Events including a dinner and band.



SWIMMING

February 5 - 8
February 12 - 15

PULSE

Rehearsals - Monday 4 - Tuesday 5 March
Performance - Wednesday 13 - Friday 15 March

staff weekly schedule

Monday

- Teaching Principal - Michelle Andrews (teaching)
- 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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Walk to Wee Jasper bridge with our students and Mr. Stewart.
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Principal's message

Welcome back to another exciting year at Wee Jasper Public School. Our students and staff returned to school with enthusiasm and had many holiday stories to share. We are sending positive vibes to Mrs. Rowling and wishing her a speedy recovery.

Our students and staff thoroughly enjoyed hosting our End of Year Performance and Presentation last year. Thank you to everyone who came along to celebrate our students' achievements. We all enjoyed coming together as a community and sharing a bit of festive cheer. I especially want to thank our staff for organising such a wonderful event.

Students have commenced the school year with gusto as they learn new structures in place to support learning in a multistage classroom. Our older students are developing more independence and resilience with their learning, as they engage in a different stage of each syllabus. They are developing high expectations for quality learning. Our younger students are also focusing on showing positive learning behaviour by actively learning during targeted teaching and completing tasks independently. We are so proud of the students' efforts so far.

2024 is an exciting year for Wee Jasper Public School with our upcoming 125 Year Anniversary celebration in August. There is an incredible team of local community members coordinating the celebration. Our P&C met this morning and are also playing a very active role in the event. I am so grateful for the ongoing support our school receives from both our P&C and the broader community. We really hope everyone in the community can celebrate this incredible achievement of educating young Wee Jasper local children in the amazing community school. Our students, staff and parents know that we are celebrating the whole 125 years of WJPS, and we are the lucky ones who are experiencing the magical school in 2024. We have dedicated a page in this newsletter where we will provide you with updates.

This year we have a strong focus on continuing to develop confident, capable and resilient minded young people through high engagement in the Creative and Performing Arts and STEM. We have a strong commitment towards continual improvement in the development of literate, numerate and curious learners. We also thrive in a strong community building environment where collaboration, empathy and teamwork skills are fostered.

Our school engages in many partnerships with other schools and organisations to create ample opportunities for our students and staff. We will continue our partnership with Crookwell Academy of STEM. Ms. Anna Kemp will frequent our school on most Wednesdays to support our learning programs. We will also combine with Dalton and Breadalbane schools three times a term for STEM PLC.

Our Literacy and Numeracy PLC with Bowning and Binalong schools will continue this year. We will have one PLC Day a term. This term they will be visiting us on Thursday 7 March. The students will combine and be involved in NRL, Boating Safety, Dance and STEM activities. The staff will participate in Literacy professional development, with a focus on spelling. Wee Jasper PS loves welcoming other students and staff to our school.

Michelle Andrews
Teaching Principal

Parents & Citizen 2024

Congratulations to our 2023 Christmas raffle winners!

1st: Troy Stewart
2nd: Janet Smith
3rd: Dougal Cathles
4th: Jean Luc

We have also purchased and donated a gazebo for our WJPS students to use during outdoor events so they can be protected from the weather.

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.

WJPS and the P&C would like to thank Luke and Tiff for setting up the beautiful Christmas lights display for the school for 2023!

Welcome 2024 Staff



Teaching Principal -
Ms Michelle Andrews



Assistant Principal Curriculum &
Instruction - Mr Troy Stewart



Teacher - Mrs Kim Rowling



School Administration Manager -
Mrs Wendy Griffiths



School Learning Support Officer -
Mrs Mary Goulding



School Learning Support Officer &
Swimming Instructor -
Mrs Helen Cathles



Casual Teacher - Mrs Sharlee Cassidy



General Assistant - Cameron Kellett



STEM Specialist - Ms Anna Kemp

Welcome 2024 Students

Year 1



Ava Campbell-Benney



Charlotte Sturgess-Apps

Year 3



Abigail Sturgess-Apps



Matilda Cathles

School news

PRESENTATION NIGHT: 15TH DECEMBER 2023



School news

FIRST DAY TERM 1, 2024



School news

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TILLY

CHARLOTTE



School news

Swimming with Helen



School news

Fitness and Adventures with Mr Stewart

It was beautiful weather on our second day of school for 2024, so we had a lovely walk to the Goodradigbee River at the Wee Jasper Bridge with Mr. Stewart.

We stopped at the tourist information along the way and Mr. Stewart explained some of the history of Wee Jasper to the students and some changes that have been made over the years.



School news

STEM with Ms. Kemp

Ms. Kemp reviewed the STEM Process with our students. Students were tasked with designing a bubble wand. After considering possible materials, our students used wire. They tested their first design and then improved upon it to create a better version. Students evaluated their efforts and presented their findings to the class. Our students are learning to confidently express their thinking.

This term we will be studying material world with a focus on Bushfires.

- What is Bushfire Resilience?
- Environments and Know Your Risk
- Bush Fire Survival Plan
- How can the impact of bushfires be reduced in the future?



School news

Creative and Performing Arts

Performing Arts

This year our students will participate in three different performing art performances. A version of each of these performances will be performed at our 125 Year Anniversary on Friday 30 August. We are very grateful to have the ongoing expertise of Mrs. Rowling in music and Mr. Stewart has a long history with coordinating high quality drama performances. The NSW DoE has a strong Arts Unit who continually support and encourage our small school to be involved in large productions in big venues.

Term 1 – Olympic Park, Sydney - Pulse Alive - Choir

Term 2 - Goulburn Performing Centre - Dance

Term 3 - Goulburn Performing Centre - Drama



Dragon Dreaming Donation

We were thrilled to receive a \$2,500 donation from Dragon Dreaming to support our arts programs. These funds will be used to fund a mural artist to work with our students and community in developing and creating a mural to celebrate our 125 Year Anniversary. We know our students will enjoy co-creating a beautiful artwork to remain in our school for all to enjoy. We look forward to sharing more information with you in the near future.



Pulse Alive

Pulse Rehearsal - Monday 4 & Tuesday 5 March with a visit to Jordan Springs PS.

Pulse Performance - Wednesday 13 - Friday 15 March

- Wednesday we will visit Katoomba (Echo Point & Scenic World).
- Thursday will be rehearsals during the day and the performance that evening.
- Friday we will head to Sydney CBD for a Sydney Harbour Sightseeing Cruise. Then explore Circular Quay, Royal Botanical Gardens & Sydney Opera House.

Songs

- Dance the Night
- When you Believe
- Jumpstart
- The Will to Climb
- Revolting Children
- Heroes
- Fireflies
- Shut up and Dance
- Go the Distance
- Life is a Highway
- That's Freedom
- Celestial
- What about Us?
- A Million Voices
- Supernova

125 Year Anniversary updates

Friday 30 August

This day will be both a formal and fun day for the students. They will perform and have official visitors to their formal assembly.



Saturday 31 August - Our community celebration

We will open the time capsule from the centennial celebrations. During the day, there will be stalls, community games, family activities, workshops and more.

Saturday evening will be a dinner with a band at the Memorial Hall. Catering will be salads and roast meats. 'The Friday Band' (above) will be perform until late. It is shaping up to be a wonderful event.

Thank you to everyone who worked on the Dragon Dreaming Community stall and contributed to the \$6,000 donation toward our celebrations.

Please save the date!



Community page

The Wee Jasper Brigade's Newest Recruits

Wee Jasper Brigade would like to welcome its latest recruits:

- Scott and Nicola Hinds - who have completed their basic firefighter early last year
- Emily Holt - who will be completing her basic firefighter this year
- Brett Howland

We will also soon be welcoming our next generation of firefighters with multiple junior members soon to join.

At the end of last year, Wee Jasper held a joint training day with other brigades in the area - this was yet again a very successful day.

Thank you to everyone who partook in this day, we will be holding more over the year.

Also, anyone who is interested in becoming a member, please contact me so we can arrange it. There is always something for anyone!

Regards Luke Apps

*Deputy Captain/Training Officer
Wee Jasper Brigade*



Community page

Spice Affair Yass is coming to Wee Jasper!

Spice Affair have offered to do a bulk delivery to Wee Jasper once a month - February will be our first order!

Please get your orders in by Friday night February 23rd, for delivery Sunday February 25th.

Here's how it works:

1. Choose your menu items from the menu brochure enclosed in this issue of the Bugle
2. Email that list to Ian and Helen Cathles weejasper@bigpond.com
3. Add up the amount owing on your order
4. Do an electronic transfer for that amount to **BSB 032 771 & A/C 230898** and make sure to put **your name as the reference** in the deposit
5. Your order will be delivered to the Wee Jasper Distillery on the last Sunday in the month, at approximately 4.30pm

PLEASE NOTE:

Orders must be emailed and paid for by the previous Friday night

If the order is not paid by then your order will not be included

If you have any queries, please call Ian or Helen - 6227 9634 or Ian - 0467 442 911 and Helen - 0419 232 958.

The total value of our combined orders needs to reach \$500 for the delivery to go ahead. If it does not reach \$500 all monies will be returned.

Their food is absolutely delicious and it freezes well. Ian and I often buy one to eat now and one for the freezer!!

Happy eating!

Helen Cathles



Community page



Clean up Australia Day

*Clean Up Australia inspires and mobilises communities
to improve and conserve our environment,
eliminate litter and end waste.*

Where: Wee Jasper Bridge

When: 10 March 9:30am 2024

Contact: Jean Luc



World's Greatest Shave

Local identities will be having their hair shaved to raise funds for Alzheimer's disease. Donations are welcome!

Where: Wee Jasper Distillery

6494 Wee Jasper Rd, Wee Jasper NSW 2582

When: 16 March (time to be confirmed)



ANZAC Day Walk 2024

More details to come. Please contact Antony Cathles for further information

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

When: 25 April 2024

