



Wee Jasper Public School

The Bugle

Term 4, Week 7 2024 | Principal - Michelle Stewart



Arabin Cup 24 October

We play CHESS!

Our Wee Jasper students have become more confident players of chess. See more photos of their day on page 8.



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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, 2024 Calendar

WEEK 5 NOVEMBER	MON 11 Mr. & Mrs. Stewart return	TUES 12	WED 13 STEM PLC - Wee Jasper Phil Roberts visit P&C - CAR RALLY Fundraiser	THURS 14	FRI 15
WEEK 6 NOVEMBER	MON 18 Small Schools Camp - Yr. 3 Jindabyne	TUES 19 Small Schools Camp - Yr. 3 Jindabyne	WED 20 Small Schools Camp - Yr. 3 Jindabyne	THURS 21	FRI 22
WEEK 7 NOVEMBER	MON 25	TUES 26	WED 27	THURS 28	FRI 29 8am - 9am P&C Meeting
WEEK 8 DECEMBER	MON 2	TUES 3 Swimming Yass Pool	WED 4 Swimming Yass Pool	THURS 5	FRI 6
WEEK 9 DECEMBER	MON 9 Swimming Cathles Pool	TUES 10 Swimming Cathles Pool	WED 11 Swimming Cathles Pool	THURS 12 Swimming Cathles Pool	FRI 13 5:30pm for a 6pm start End of Year Concert
WEEK 10 DECEMBER	MON 16 STEM PLC Breadalbane	TUES 17	WED 18 Class Party - Movies and lunch Last day of Term 4 for students	THURS 19 Staff Development Day	FRI 20 Staff Development Day

CHANGES TO STUDENT DAYS & STAFF DEVELOPMENT DAYS

2025 - School dates

First to last days for students

- [Term 1:](#) Thursday 6 February to Friday 11 April
- [Term 2:](#) Wednesday 30 April to Friday 4 July
- [Term 3:](#) Tuesday 22 July to Friday 26 September
- [Term 4:](#) Tuesday 14 October to Friday 19 December

School development days (8 each year)

- [Term 1:](#) Friday 31 January to Wednesday 5 February (4 days)
- [Term 2:](#) Monday 28 April and Tuesday 29 April (2 days)
- [Term 3:](#) Monday 21 July (1 day)
- [Term 4:](#) Monday 13 October (1 day)



staff weekly schedule

Monday

- Teaching Principal - Michelle Stewart
- School Administration Manager - Wendy Griffiths

Tuesday

- Teaching Principal - Michelle Stewart
- School Administration Manager - Wendy Griffiths
- School Learning Support Officer/School Administration Officer - Helen Cathles

Wednesday

- Teaching Principal - Michelle Stewart
- School Administration Manager - Wendy Griffiths
- School Learning Support Officer/School Administration Officer - Helen Cathles
- General Assistant - Troy Stewart

Thursday

- Principal - Michelle Stewart
- Teacher - Kim Rowling
- Assistant Principal Curriculum & Instruction - Troy Stewart
- School Administration Manager - Wendy Griffiths (Week 1, 3, 5, 7, 9)

Friday

- Principal - Michelle StewartTeacher - Kim Rowling
- School Learning Support Officer/School Administration Officer - Mary Goulding

Additional

Casual Teachers & SASS

- Sharlee Cassidy
- Kim Morrison
- Elizabeth Young

Swimming Instructor

- Helen Cathles

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2024 Swimming Program

Learn to swim program commences next week.

Remember to bring your swimmers, towel, rash shirt & sunscreen.

Thank you to Helen Cathles for providing her exceptional expertise and allowing us to use her pool for some of the lessons.

We will use the bus to drop students off at home afterwards.



Week 8

[Tuesday 3 December](#) - Yass Pool: 12pm-2pm

[Wednesday 4 December](#) - Yass Pool: 12pm-2pm

Week 9

[Monday 9 December](#): Cathles Pool: 12:30pm - 2:30pm

[Tuesday 10 December](#): Cathles Pool: 12:30pm - 2:30pm

[Wednesday 11 December](#): Cathles Pool: 12:30pm - 2:30pm

[Thursday 12 December](#): Cathles Pool: 12:30pm - 2:30pm



Principal's message

Students and staff continued to shine this term. Congratulations to Mrs. Kim Rowling for her professionalism and dedication to our school while she relieved as Principal for the first four weeks. It was brilliant knowing our staff remained focused on our core business of student learning and wellbeing.

Under Kim's strong leadership, our current and relieving staff members provided a rich tapestry of exciting learning experiences for our students. Thank you to Mrs. Sharlee Cassidy for relieving as APCI and to Ms. Kim Morrison who taught as the part-time teacher on Thursdays and Fridays. A special thank you to our community who welcomed Kim Morrison to Wee Jasper while she resided at my house and experienced how truly magical, living in Wee Jasper is. Of course, our students were the superstars and relished in every opportunity.

Recently I had the great pleasure of seeing our incredible P&C create another outstanding fundraising event, by hosting the Outback Car Trek luncheon. We are truly blessed to have such a resilient and hard-working P&C. This year has been a massive year for our P&C, and despite the fatigue caused by all these events, they still front up, with a smile, and support the school. You are truly inspirational, and I appreciate all that you do, to assist us financially in providing extensive opportunities and diverse learning programs for our students.

We look forward to celebrating the success of our students at our Presentation Evening on Friday 13 December at the WJ Memorial Hall. We cordially invite our community to come together and celebrate our fabulous small school one last time for the year. Doors open at 5:30pm for a sausage sizzle, and we will start formalities at 6pm. Please BYO nibbles and drinks.

In anticipation for 2025 and aligned with NSWDoE policy, all temporary positions must be advertised annually. We are currently seeking 'Expressions of Interest' (EOI) for the following positions. Part-time teacher, General Assistant, School Administration Officer and Student Learning Support Officer. More information is provided in this newsletter. All EOIs are to be emailed to Michelle.andrews1@det.nsw.edu.au by 10am Tuesday 10 December. Please do not hesitate to contact me for further information.

Michelle Stewart

Teaching Principal

P&C 2024

The P&C would like to thank Helen, Wendy, Carol, Janet, Tiff and Daisy for their huge efforts. You ladies made the Outback Car Trek luncheon on Wednesday the 13th of November a great success.

We would also like to extend an extra special thanks to Wendy, Helen and Janet for their generous donations of time and items that went into the raffle. Also, for their fabulous cooking. Thanks, ladies, for going above and beyond once again!

We are still calculating funds raised - but thanks to the hard work of the P&C and the generosity of the Outback Car Trek members, we raised approximately \$2000.

Thanks once again to everyone who helped out.

Bridgette Cathles

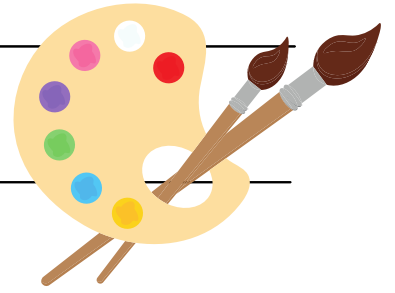
Wee Jasper Public School's vision

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



Artwork

The students have continued to learn about the Russian artist Wassily Kandinsky. Here are their most recent artworks.



School news

Learning with Ms Morrison

Our Year 1's, Charlotte and Ava, had a great time learning with Ms. Morrison while our Year 3 students, Abi and Tilly, played chess at Breadalbane PS.



STEM PLC

Simultaneous with the Outback Car Trek, we also hosted the most recent STEM PLC. This proved to be an overzealous idea, and we believe that we probably took on too much for one day.

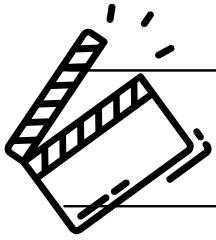
However, the students had a brilliant time learning about one of the most important pigments in nature, chlorophyll and the important role it plays in photosynthesis.

A farewell to a WJPS staff member

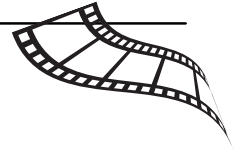


We thank Cameron Kellett for his hard work and dedication to our school over the past 12 months. As General Assistant, Cameron kept our school grounds beautiful. We thank Cameron for his on-going support to the staff and students as well. Cameron will be missed by all, and we wish him all the best for his future endeavours.





Out and about



FILMING IN WEE JASPER

On Tuesday, at recess, the students were invited to go and have a quick look behind the scenes of a short film that was being filmed at the Wee Jasper Distillery. Michelle, the director, chatted with the students about all the steps in the film making process.



Left: Students on set looking at the props being set up



Right: Michelle showing students her script and how the dialogue is set out for timing during the filming

Out and about

Arabin Cup

Our Wee Jasper students went to Binalong Community Club on 24 October to compete in the Arabin Cup against other small schools. Our students displayed good sportsmanship and played their best.

Well done, Wee Jasper!



Chess Tournament

Abi and Tilly represented WJPS at Breadalbane Public School where they played chess on the 8/11/24 with other small schools. Abi won 2 games and Tilly won 3 games. Great Work!



Out and about

Outback Car Trek Our Fabulous P&C Fundraiser

Forty 4WD enthusiasts thoroughly enjoyed their visit to Wee Jasper, and for many it was their first visit. This charity group raise money for the Royal Flying Doctors and also small communities and organisations. We were lucky enough to be selected for 2024.

Our P&C hosted the luncheon as a fundraiser. The quality of the food was sublime! P&C created a beautiful atmosphere at our Memorial Hall. They sold raffle tickets for a range of prizes. School memorabilia was included, as well as generous donations from Janet, Helen and Wendy. Our P&C also sold some of our 125-year anniversary memorabilia. The Outback Car Trek then auctioned off a box of apples. The winning bidder bid \$2,000. Half of this was donated to the Royal Flying Doctors and the other half was donated to our P&C. The generous bidder also gifted our school with the box of apples, which students, families and staff have enjoyed.

There was so much positive feedback from the enthusiasts, that Bill Patrick, the CEO of Outback Car Trek, is interested in returning in 2025 to offer P&C an opportunity to host 200 enthusiasts. This would be a massive event and is on the agenda for this Friday's P&C Meeting. This is a massive compliment to our incredible P&C.

In 2025, we will also be hosting the Variety Bash crew.



Some of our amazing
P&C members



More of our amazing
P&C members



A big thank
you to Bill
Patrick and
the Outback
Car Trek
Charity



Christmas gift ideas

Looking for Christmas Gift Ideas?

We have leftover memorabilia from our 125-year event available for **cash sales or cheques (only)**.

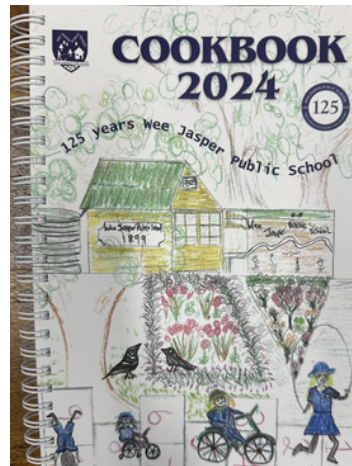
We think they could possibly make amazing Christmas gifts. We have put together some packages, which are of great value and only available from school.

Please feel free to pop into our office, or email
Wendy.griffiths15@det.nsw.edu.au

Thank you to Jenny & Paul at Reflections, for also selling memorabilia on behalf of the school.

\$30

Cookbook



\$40

Wee Jasper - A Collection of Stories



\$60

Both books

\$20

Tea Towels



\$35

\$20

Tea Towels



BOTH
Tea Towels

REAL BARGAIN
CHRISTMAS BARGAIN PACKAGE

\$100

- 1 X Cookbook
- 1 X Wee Jasper - A Collection of Stories
- 1 X Blue Tea Towel
- 1 X Coloured Tea Towel
- 2 x Mugs of your choice
- Set of 5 cards



\$20

Mugs each



\$70

Set of 4 Mugs



\$3 each

Cards



\$10

Set of 5 Cards



2025 Temporary Positions - Expression of Interest

Expression of Interest - Part-time Teacher (0.4) 2025 Wee Jasper Public School Thursdays & Fridays Friday 31 January - Friday 19 December	 Applicant Information An expression of interest addressing the criteria, of no more than two A4 pages in length, should be submitted to Michelle Stewart (Andrews), Principal, Wee Jasper Public School Michelle.andrews1@det.nsw.edu.au by 8am Tuesday 10 December 2024. Please include a cover page outlining recent experience and the details of two relevant referees.	School Information Wee Jasper Public School is an inclusive learning environment with a focus on students, staff, parents and the community working together to achieve individual potential and school-wide excellence. The small, rural school provides high quality education, enrichment and extra-curricular activities. Through high expectations and personalised support, students develop the knowledge and skills to become well-rounded individuals. The staff are dedicated professionals who are committed to collaborating in teams, providing quality experiences, and continually seeking to implement best practice. There are strong community partnerships including the P&C and parent body that enhance the educational outcomes of the school. The school has an anticipated enrolment of 4 students for 2025. The school is committed to supporting the well-being of all students so that they each have the capacity to improve literacy and numeracy outcomes. Wee Jasper Public School is part of the Yass network of schools and staff and students participate in two PLCs including the Binalong/Bowning/Wee Jasper Learning Community and STEM Professional Learning Community.	Position Information Approval to teach a K-6 multistage class (0.4) each Thursday and Friday, ensuring the differentiation of the curriculum caters for individual learning needs. The expectation will be to design and lead school wide extracurricular programs and activities. This position is from Friday 31 January - Friday 19 December 2025. In addition to Thursdays and Fridays, there is an expectation that the successful applicant will attend the following Staff Development Days. Term 1 – Tuesday 4 February Term 2 – Tuesday 29 April Term 3 – Monday 21 July Term 4 – Monday 13 October	Selection Criteria 1. Demonstrated ability to develop and deliver high quality, differentiated teaching and learning programs that are underpinned by the utilisation of explicit teaching to improve teaching, learning and assessment across the curriculum in a K-6 classroom. 2. Outstanding teamwork and the capacity to design and lead school wide extracurricular programs and activities which create a sense of belonging and improve student engagement and wellbeing in a K-6 remote setting. 3. Demonstrated ability to be self-driven and work with colleagues to plan, teach and evaluate the impact of evidence-informed teaching strategies for improved student outcomes in literacy and numeracy across the curriculum. 4. Highly developed communication and interpersonal skills with the ability to work collaboratively with staff, parents/carers and key stakeholders to improve student outcomes.
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Expression of Interest – General Assistant (7 hours a week) Wee Jasper Public School 7 hours a week (day to be negotiated) Week beginning 20 January 2025 - Friday 30 January 2026	 Applicant Information An expression of interest addressing the two target questions, of no more than one A4 page in length, should be submitted to Michelle Stewart (Andrews), Principal, Wee Jasper Public School Michelle.andrews1@det.nsw.edu.au by 8am Tuesday 10 December 2024. Please include a cover page outlining recent experience and the details of two relevant referees.	Position Information Key accountabilities A General Assistant may be required, subject to Workplace Health and Safety obligations, to perform duties from the range listed: • Organising rooms, furniture, audio visual aids, public address systems, equipment for school activities as required; dismantle and store items when not in use • Identify and report maintenance / safety issues to the role supervisor; undertake minor maintenance of buildings and equipment not covered by contracts or requiring a qualified tradesperson • Maintaining and caring for school grounds, including mowing school lawns and playing fields; marking of school playing fields; preparation of ground for planting trees and shrubs and planting and watering of same; pruning shrubs, trimming hedges, light lopping and trimming of trees. Safely and proficiently operate mowers, tools and equipment; store and maintain mowers, tools and equipment in accordance with WHS standards. • Unpack, store and/or distribute supplies in accordance with school procedures and safe work standards (e.g. chemical storage and handling); assist with school stocktakes as required. • Other related duties of the role, within the capabilities of the General Assistant, as directed by the Principal or School Teaching Executive.	Key challenges • Working cooperatively with the role supervisor to prioritise upcoming tasks • Responding flexibly to competing / emerging minor maintenance priorities • Maintaining cooperative relationships with teaching and non-teaching staff Decision making The role may undertake routine tasks involving the application of clearly prescribed standards / manufacturer's instructions within level of training of the General Assistant. The role may work under direct supervision individually, and as a member of a team. Some discretion in completing tasks within duties allocated by the role supervisor will be required to identify and report maintenance issues and/or health and safety-related hazards to the school principal.	Position Information The position is for 7 hours a week, to be completed on the one school day. The successful applicant will require NSW Working with Children Check (WWCC) and will be required to complete all NSW Department of Education Mandatory Training and job specific training.	Targeted Questions 1. Provide an example of how you have prioritised tasks to maintain a property with minimal supervision (max 300 words) 2. Provide an example of how you have identified and managed a potential hazard requiring maintenance (max 300 words)
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Remembrance Day

■ NOVEMBER 11 ■

Lest we forget



Top Nutrition = Top Marks

Welcome to SWAP IT!

SWAP IT supports you to make informed choices about your child's health and wellbeing. Good nutrition leads to greater wellbeing for your child and can even have a positive impact on how well they do in class.

One swap from a sometimes food to an everyday food can make a big difference.

Here are some great ideas you can swap today:

- Cake to scone.
- Chips to popcorn.
- Juice to plain milk.

SWAP FROM



Chocolate cake



SWAP TO



Fruit scone

You will receive weekly tips and ideas about healthy swaps you can make!

A healthy lunchbox is made up of everyday foods:



The Rotary Club of Yass Community Awareness Project

Purple Friday

6 December 2024

Purple Friday is a chance for schools, sporting groups, businesses, service organisations, and community members to come together in support of Saying No to Domestic & Family Violence in our community. By wearing purple, we're sending a powerful message of unity, inclusivity, and awareness.



How you can participate:

- Wear **Purple** on Friday 6 December.
- Encourage your group- whether it's your school, team, business, or community - to join in.
- Join the Rotary Peaceful Walk 6 Dec- 10:15am Yass Police Station to Coronation Park - Let's stand together and make an impact!

Please Note - By participating in this event, participants/walkers agree to do so at their own risk



Say NO to Domestic & Family Violence

STOP the VIOLENCE END the SILENCE



SAY NO TO DOMESTIC & FAMILY VIOLENCE

Friday 6 December 2024

Peaceful Walk with the

Rotary Club of Yass & Yass Police

Schools, sporting groups, service organisations
& **community members are welcome to join us.**

Assemble at the Yass Police Station 10:15am

Walk kerbside along Comur Street to Coronation Park

Free BBQ provided by The Rotary Club of Yass

Guest Speakers

Please note - By participating in this event, walkers/participants agree to do so at their own risk



1800RESPECT
NATIONAL DOMESTIC FAMILY AND
SEXUAL VIOLENCE COUNSELLING SERVICE



STOP the VIOLENCE END the SILENCE



All Community Members Are
Invited To WJPS

CHRISTMAS PARTY & PRESENTATION NIGHT

FRIDAY

**13
DEC**

AT 5:30PM

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

Wee Jasper Memorial Hall,
Wee Jasper Road, NSW 2582