



Wee Jasper Public School

The Bugle

Term 3, Week 5 2025 | Principal - Michelle Stewart



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YASS VALLEY
LEARNING COMMUNITY

transforming lives through learning

Our students learning about working as a team with Outdoor Education.

We acknowledge the traditional custodians of this land, the Wiradjuri, Ngunnawal and Walgalu nations, and pay our respect to Elders past, present and future • Proud member of the Yass Valley Learning Community

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Term 3, 2025 Calendar

WEEK 6 AUGUST	MON 25 2PM Dance Check-in Assessment Year 4 - Weeks 6-9	TUES 26 Grow Your Mind	WED 27 Grow Your Mind	THURS 28	FRI 29 2PM Netball
WEEK 7 SEPTEMBER	MON 1 2PM Dance	TUES 2	WED 3 Grow Your Mind <i>Australian Flag Day</i>	THURS 4	FRI 5 2PM Netball
WEEK 8 SEPTEMBER	MON 8 2PM Dance	TUES 9	WED 10 WJPS, Breadalbane PS, Dalton PS in Goulburn 10AM Musica Viva 1130AM Gymnastics	THURS 11	FRI 12 'I am Me' Berinba PS 9.30AM
WEEK 9 SEPTEMBER	MON 15 2PM Dance	TUES 16	WED 17 Grow Your Mind	THURS 18 SCHOOL PHOTOS	FRI 19 2PM Netball
WEEK 10 SEPTEMBER	MON 22 2PM Tennis	TUES 23 STEM PLC	WED 24	THURS 25	FRI 26 Last Day of Term 3
WEEK 1 OCTOBER	MON 13 Staff Development Day	TUES 14 Students return for Term 4	WED 15 Grow Your Mind	THURS 16	FRI 17

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)

Upcoming Public Holidays:

- Labour Day: Monday 6 October 2025
- Christmas Day: Thursday 25 December 2025
- Boxing Day: Friday 26 December 2025



Staff weekly schedule for Term Three

Monday

- Michelle Stewart - teacher
- Wendy Griffiths - SAM

Tuesday

- Michelle Stewart - teacher
- Wendy Griffiths - SAM
- Helen Cathles - SLISO
- Nobby Kozlowski - GA

Wednesday

- Michelle Stewart - teacher
- Wendy Griffiths - SAM
- Nobby Kozlowski - GA

Thursday

- Michelle Stewart - principal admin
- Kim Rowling - teacher
- Troy Stewart - APCI
- Wendy Griffiths (Week 1, 3, 5, 7, 9) - SAM
- Mary Goulding - SARP

Friday

- Michelle Stewart - principal admin
- Kim Rowling - teacher
- Helen Cathles (odd weeks) -- SAM (relieving)

Additional Staff

- Anna Kemp - STEM Project Officer
- Sharlee Cassidy - Casual teaching staff
- Helen Cathles - Swimming Instructor



Wee Jasper
2nd & 4th Thursday of the month
2.30pm - 3.30pm
Primary School

May 8th & 22nd
June 12th & 26th
July 10th & 24th



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Term 3 Sports:

Tennis

- Monday, 22 Sept

Dance

- Monday, 25 August
- Monday, 1 September
- Monday, 8 September
- Monday, 15 September

Netball

- Friday, 22 August
- Friday, 29 August,
- Friday, 5 September
- Friday, 19 September

Please remind your children to wear sports shoes.



Principal's message

What a busy and exciting term it has been at Wee Jasper Public School! Our students have been involved in a wide range of activities that continue to build their skills, confidence, and sense of community.

Outdoor Education has been a real highlight this term, with students enjoying bush craft, team-building activities, and the thrill of abseiling at Wee Jasper Reserves. It was wonderful to see the courage, resilience, and teamwork our students displayed, whether they were working together on a rope swing challenge, designing secret codes for classmates to crack, or bravely descending the 22-metre rock face at Fitzpatrick Reserve. A special thank you goes to Outdoor Education staff and to Jenni and Paul from Reflections for hosting us so generously.

Our dance program with Chantal has continued to flourish, with students preparing both a lyrical and a jazz routine for the upcoming Yass Showcase and our End of Year Concert. It has been wonderful to watch their skills improve and their confidence grow as they perform together in time and with enthusiasm.

We also enjoyed some memorable experiences beyond the classroom, from the rugby celebrations in Sydney, complete with face painting and a mascot meet and greet, to creative activities like bracelet-making and Father's Day preparations. A very big thank you to Mrs. G for guiding our students with such creativity, and to our families, staff, and community who supported the Bunnings BBQ fundraiser. Your generosity makes such a difference.

Our students have also been working diligently in the classroom this term, completing assessments to monitor their growth in literacy and numeracy. It has been inspiring to see them working hard with their teachers to master key skills while focusing on both growth and achievement. In the coming weeks, our Year 4 students will also participate in the NSW Department of Education Check-in Assessments. The valuable feedback from these assessments will further inform students, teachers, and parents about what our students can achieve independently.

Attendance continues to be a strength at WJPS, with outstanding rates across the year. We congratulate all of our students, and in particular Tilly and Ava for their exceptional individual attendance. Thank you to our families for the commitment and support that underpins these results - every day really does count.

I would also like to take this opportunity to thank Mary Goulding, who has just completed her final 'Bugle' for 2025. Mary's dedication in producing three editions each term has kept our students, families, and community well-informed, and the Bugles have always been a pleasure to read. Mary has accepted another position on Fridays, where she had previously relieved as our School Administration Manager, and we wish her every success in this new role. We are delighted that she will continue with us on Thursdays, focusing on driving improvement in technology and administration systems. From today, Mrs. Helen Cathles will take on the Friday role for the remainder of the year. We are confident this will be a smooth transition and extend our deepest gratitude to Mary for the tremendous support she has given our school.

Finally, a special thank you to Craig Banard for his generous donation of new tennis rackets. Acts of kindness like this ensure our students have the resources and opportunities they need to thrive.

I am so proud of the effort, courage, and community spirit our students show each week. Together, with the support of our staff, families, and wider community, we are giving our students a truly rich and rewarding school experience.

Michelle Stewart

Teaching Principal



School Photos – September 18

School photos will be taken on Wednesday, September 18. Please ensure your child comes to school in their full school uniform, looking neat and tidy for the day. This includes proper footwear. We look forward to hearing the location Ava's family choose. We are excited to capture the students in these special school memories!

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.

"Don't give up!
I believe in you all!
A person's a person,
no matter how small!"

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School news

🌟 Celebrating Outstanding Attendance! 🌟

We are so proud of our students for their outstanding attendance this year! High attendance reflects the strong commitment of both our students and their families, and we are grateful for the wonderful support that makes such results possible.

Collectively as a school, we have achieved excellent attendance rates:

- Term 1: 99.73%
- Term 2: 94.68%
- Term 3: 96.88%

Together, we will continue striving for above 95% each term.

A special congratulations goes to Tilly (99.15%) and Ava (97.03%) for their incredible individual attendance so far this year - an achievement worth celebrating!

Thank you to our students and families for showing such dedication. Every day at school counts, and together, we are achieving wonderful things at Wee Jasper!



Sandpit Fun:

Sandpit toys, which were kindly donated, have been a fantastic addition and have been much loved and well-used by the girls throughout the week. From building elaborate sandcastles to creating imaginative role-play games, the sandpit has been buzzing with creativity, collaboration, and laughter. The new toys have sparked fresh enthusiasm for outdoor play, providing endless opportunities for social interaction, problem-solving, and hands-on fun. We're so grateful for the generous donation that has added so much joy to their playtime!



School news

Father's Day Preparations

As Father's Day approaches, Mrs G has been working with our students on creating something special to celebrate their dads. While we cannot reveal too much just yet, we know the thought and effort our students have put into their work will make their fathers feel very proud.

We are deeply grateful to Mrs G for the creativity, care, and inspiration she brings to these activities. Her thoughtful ideas ensure our students not only enjoy the process but also learn the value of making something meaningful for those they love.

A special thank you also goes to our families, staff, and community members who generously volunteered their time at the Bunnings BBQ fundraiser on Saturday 30th August. Your support makes such a difference, and we are so appreciative of the community spirit that shines through in everything we do at WJPS.

We hope all the fathers in Wee Jasper enjoy a truly special day on Sunday, 7 September. We are fortunate to have so many positive male role models in our community, and we deeply value the support you continue to give our school.



ENROL NOW FOR 2026 Wee Jasper Public School

A welcoming start to your child's education

At WJPS, we offer more than just schooling - we're a small, close-knit community where children thrive, families connect and success is celebrated.

Nestled in picturesque Wee Jasper Valley, our school offers:

- ✓ Supportive, personalised learning
- ✓ Rich community and cultural activities
- ✓ Safe, inspiring environment



We value pride, hard work, and joy in everyday life.

Join a vibrant school with strong support from our P&C and School Council.

☎ Call (02) 6227 9652 to enrol or book a tour.

School news

Dancing Towards Showcase



Our students have been continuing their dance lessons with Chantal and are working hard in preparation for upcoming performances. They will be presenting two routines at the Yass Showcase: a lyrical piece alongside students of a similar age, and a jazz routine performed as a Wee Jasper school group.

Both dances will also feature at our End of Year Concert, giving families another chance to enjoy the students' progress and enthusiasm. The girls have shown wonderful improvement, particularly in keeping time and synchronising their movements as a team. We are very proud of their dedication and can't wait to see them shine on stage.



Thank You, Craig!

A big thank you to Craig Barnard for generously donating four new tennis rackets to our school. While they are a little big for our students right now, they will soon grow into them and enjoy many games ahead.

We are very grateful for Craig's kindness and support of our school sports program.



Out and about - outdoor Education at Reflections

Over the past three weeks, our Wee Jasper students have enjoyed Outdoor Education at the beautiful Wee Jasper Reserves. They've taken part in bush craft, team-building, and, most recently, abseiling! These sessions have given students new skills, confidence, and wonderful memories.

A big thank you to the Outdoor Education team for their engaging and supportive lessons, and to Jenni and Paul from Reflections for so generously hosting our visits.

We were also delighted to welcome Dalton and Breadalbane schools for our final abseiling session. Every student showed amazing bravery as they stepped over the edge, and the smiles at the bottom said it all!

We are grateful for these opportunities, which truly reflect the values of resilience, teamwork, and community spirit that we cherish at Wee Jasper.



The girls thoroughly enjoyed making damper and cooking it over the fire pit, despite the smoke in their eyes.



Out and about



Creative Bracelets

Sophie from Outdoor Education guided students in making their own bracelets using a simple cardboard template they cut out themselves. This hands-on activity encouraged creativity and gave each student a special keepsake from their learning experienced each other's codes!

Team-Building Challenge

Students took part in exciting team-building activities that built cooperation and problem-solving skills. A highlight was the rope swing challenge, where each student had to swing one at a time onto a tiny tarp. With encouragement and teamwork, every student made it safely onto the space-proud of what they achieved together.



Cracking the Code

Another favourite activity was designing secret codes for classmates to solve. The challenge was not only to create a clever code but also to crack the direction and meaning of others. This sparked creativity, persistence, and plenty of excitement when the codes were finally solved!



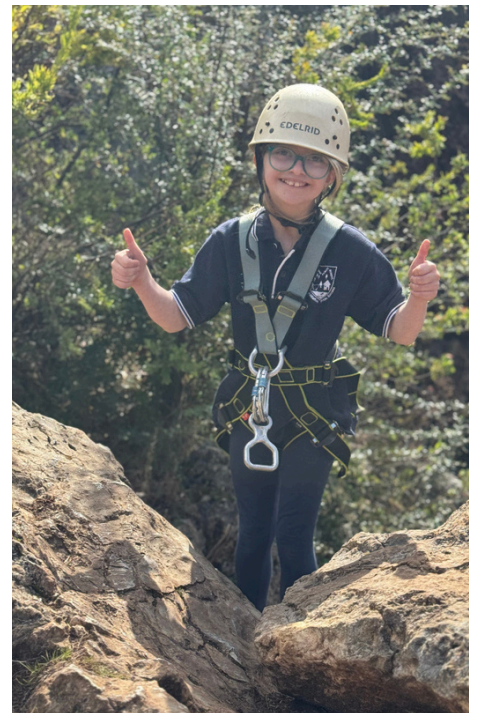
Out and about



Lots of different challenges for the Team!

Abseiling

Our WJPS students bravely took on a 22-metre abseil behind Fitzpatrick Reserve, safely guided by expert instructors. The challenge built courage, trust, and resilience, with every student carefully following directions and supporting one another. We are so proud of their determination, belief in themselves, and the way they embraced both the adventure and the stunning landscape.



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Excursion Recap:

Sydney Adventures

In Week 2 of Term 3, our students headed to Sydney for an exciting overnight excursion filled with exploration, discovery, and fun. During their stay, they had the chance to take in some of the city's most iconic sights and enjoy a range of memorable experiences.

A major highlight of the trip was attending the live performance *'Imagine'* at the Seymour Centre, part of the centre's acclaimed Primary Education Program. The production captivated students with its powerful storytelling, creativity, and meaningful themes that tied beautifully into our classroom learning.

Another standout moment was the guided tour of the Sydney Opera House, where students marveled at the architecture and gained insight into the history and cultural significance of one of Australia's most famous landmarks.

The excursion was a fantastic opportunity for students to immerse themselves in the arts, experience the buzz of the city, and create lasting memories with their peers.



Rugby Fun in The Rocks

Sydney was buzzing with rugby spirit as the English Lions prepared to take on the Wallabies. The Rocks was full of attractions, and our girls didn't miss a beat! They jumped straight into the fun - faces painted in bright colours and big smiles as they met the cheeky rugby mascot. It was a lively and memorable highlight of their Sydney adventure!





Students planning their next excursion!



Imagine stage

