



Wee Jasper Public School

The Bugle

Term 2, Week 1 2025 | Principal - Michelle Stewart



Abi, Charlotte and Ava enjoying the autumn leaves at school.

Hello Term 2!

Fresh Start, Big Energy

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and pay our respect to Elders past, present and future • Proud member of the Binit Binit Learning Community*

Term 1, 2025 Calendar

WEEK 2 MAY	MON 5 Gymnastics - 1PM	TUES 6	WED 7 Dance - 12PM	THURS 8	FRI 9 P&C Meeting - 8AM
WEEK 3 MAY	MON 12 Dance - 12PM	TUES 13	WED 14 Grow Your Mind	THURS 15 All staff training in First Aid. Mr. Stewart teaching Tennis Lesson	FRI 16 Saturday 17 9:30am Community Meeting
WEEK 4 MAY	MON 19 Dance - 2PM	TUES 20	WED 21 Grow Your Mind	THURS 22 Tennis Lesson	FRI 23
WEEK 5 MAY	MON 26 Dance - 2PM	TUES 27 STEM PLC - WJPS	WED 28 Grow Your Mind	THURS 29 Tennis Lesson	FRI 30
WEEK 6 JUNE	MON 2 Gymnastics - 1PM	TUES 3	WED 4 Grow Your Mind	THURS 5 Tennis Lesson	FRI 6
WEEK 7 JUNE	MON 9 King's Birthday Public Holiday	TUES 10	WED 11	THURS 12	FRI 13

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:

Good Friday: Friday 18 April 2025
Easter Saturday: Saturday 19 April 2025
Easter Sunday: Sunday 20 April 2025
Easter Monday: Monday 21 April 2025
Anzac Day: Friday 25 April 2025
 King's Birthday: Monday 9 June 2025
 Labour Day: Monday 6 October 2025
 Christmas Day: Thursday 25 December 2025
 Boxing Day: Friday 26 December 2025



Staff weekly schedule for Term Two

Monday

- **Teaching Principal**
Michelle Stewart (teaching)
- **School Administration Manager (Relieving)**
Helen Cathles

Tuesday

- **Teaching Principal**
Michelle Stewart (teaching)
- **School Administration Manager (Relieving)**
Bec Tuiti
- **School Learning Support Officer**
Helen Cathles
- **General Assistant**
Nobby Kozlowski

Wednesday

- **Teaching Principal**
Michelle Stewart (teaching)
- **School Administration Manager (Relieving)**
Helen Cathles
- **General Assistant**
Nobby Kozlowski

Thursday

- **Teaching Principal**
Michelle Stewart (principal admin)
- **Teacher**
Kim Rowling
- **Assistant Principal Curriculum & Instruction**
Troy Stewart
- **School Administration Manager (Relieving)**
Helen Cathles (Week 1, 3, 5, 7, 9)
- **School Administration Officer**
Mary Goulding

Friday

- **Teaching Principal**
Michelle Stewart (principal admin)
- **Teacher**
Kim Rowling
- **School Administration Manager (Relieving)**
Mary Goulding (odd weeks)

Additional Staff

- STEM Project Officer**
- Anna Kemp

- Swimming Instructor**
- Helen Cathles

- Casual teaching staff**
- Sharlee Cassidy

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Principal's message

Welcome to Term 2 at Wee Jasper Public School

It is with great pleasure that I welcome everyone back for Term 2. I hope you all had a restful break and are ready for an exciting and productive term ahead.

I would like to begin by expressing how incredibly proud I was of our students during the recent ANZAC Day ceremony. Our students represented our school with great respect, dignity, and pride as they led the march and participated in the ceremony at Wee Jasper. They read a beautiful poem and laid a wreath, demonstrating their understanding of the significance of ANZAC Day and their role in honouring those who have served. Their exemplary behaviour and presence were a true reflection of their character and the strong values they uphold.

We also have some outstanding achievements to celebrate. I am thrilled to announce that, thanks to the dedicated efforts of both our students and their families, we achieved an exceptional 99.73% attendance rate for Term 1. This is a remarkable accomplishment and a testament to the importance we place on consistent attendance. We know that high student attendance is one of the most effective ways for our students to reach their full potential, and this achievement highlights the commitment of everyone involved. I am incredibly proud of what we've accomplished together and look forward to continuing this strong momentum in Term 2. Let's work together to maintain this excellent attendance record throughout this term.

This term, we are excited to welcome Rebecca Tuiti, who has joined our dedicated School Administration team as the relieving SAM for Tuesdays. Rebecca will work alongside our wonderful support staff, Helen and Mary, who are doing an exceptional job while Wendy is on leave. I am incredibly grateful for the hard work and commitment of our support staff, who ensure that the day-to-day operations of the school run smoothly.

I would also like to highlight how brilliantly our students have returned this term. They are eager to learn, engage in new experiences, and, most importantly, have fun! Their enthusiasm for the activities and lessons planned for Term 2 is palpable, and it's heartening to see them so motivated and excited to continue their learning journey.

On Thursday, 15 May, the vast majority of our staff will be completing a comprehensive First Aid course for the day with The Royal Life Saving Society. This will be an invaluable opportunity to enhance our staff's preparedness in case of any emergencies both at school and within the community. Mr. Stewart will remain in class to ensure that learning continues uninterrupted for our students.

Additionally, we have our P&C meeting scheduled for next Friday, 9 May, at 8:00 AM. I would like to take this opportunity to thank our incredible and hard-working P&C for their ongoing dedication and support of our school community. Their contributions are greatly appreciated, and we look forward to seeing you there.

Term 2 is shaping up to be an enriching period of growth and opportunity, with a wide range of activities lined up, including arts, STEM, and well-being programs. I look forward to working together with our students, staff, and families to ensure a term full of success and joy.

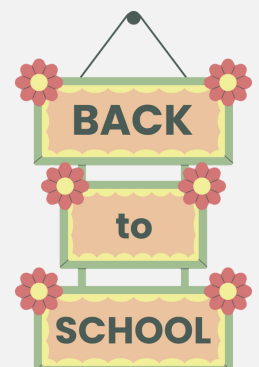
Thank you for your continued support, and I look forward to another fantastic term at Wee Jasper Public School.

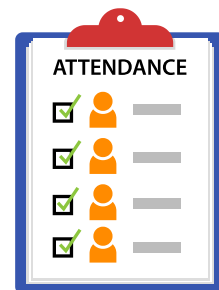
Michelle Stewart

Teaching Principal

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

Showing Up, Smiling Bright - Celebrating Attendance Success!

We're proud to celebrate our outstanding attendance for Term 1 2025!

With an incredible 99.73% attendance rate, it's clear our students are happy to be at school. High attendance means more learning, stronger connections, and greater success for everyone. Thank you to all our students and families for showing up and making every day count!



Tomato Time - The Fruits of Our Labour!

Our students have been busy growing tomatoes in the school garden, and this week, they probably picked their final tomatoes for the season. It's been great seeing them take pride in their hard work, and nothing beats the taste of homegrown produce. A perfect reminder of the rewards that come from looking after something and watching it grow!



Say Hello to Bec!

We're happy to welcome Bec, who will be relieving on Tuesdays for our School Administration Manager, Wendy, while she is away. We're excited to have Bec join us and know she will be a great support during this time. Be sure to give her a warm welcome during her time with us!



School news - Upcoming events

Yass Gymnastics

Gymnastics Sessions with Yass Gymnastics
This term, our students will participate in three gymnastics sessions at Yass Gymnastics. While we recognise that travel to Yass requires a significant time commitment, we believe this facility offers the best opportunity for our students to access a wide range of specialised equipment and benefit from a high-quality learning experience. The sessions will take place on the following dates:

- **Monday 5 May**
- **Monday 2 June**
- **Monday 30 June**

On each of these days, we will depart school at 12:00pm and return students directly to their home letterbox after the session, with arrival expected shortly after 3:00pm.

To assist with scheduling, we ask that parents please pack a lunch that does not require heating, as students will only have a short lunch break. We will be condensing our English and Mathematics lessons into the morning, with a 15-minute recess, to ensure that core learning continues uninterrupted. We are looking forward to a fun and active term!

Tennis

Tennis with Craig is Back!

We're excited to welcome back Craig Barnard as our tennis coach this term. Students will continue their tennis program with him from 12:30–1:30pm at the Wee Jasper Tennis Courts. We're certainly making the most of our beautifully cleared tennis courts and the fantastic new community tennis nets!

Lesson Dates:

- **Thursday 15 May**
- **Thursday 22 May**
- **Thursday 29 May**
- **Thursday 5 June**

Students are continuing to improve their skills and thoroughly enjoy Craig's engaging lessons. A reminder that students should wear their sports uniforms and joggers on these Thursdays to ensure they are comfortable and ready to participate.

All Stages Performing Arts Yass

Introducing Dance with Chantal Fleming – All Stages Performing Arts

We are excited to welcome Chantal Fleming from All Stages Performing Arts, a new local business based in Yass that offers lessons in dance, acting, singing, and music. We are proud to be the first school to partner with this emerging provider.

Across Terms 2 and 3, our students will participate in 10 dance lessons, exploring four different dance genres. Each style will include two lessons—one focused on learning the genre's history and foundational movements, and the other dedicated to developing performance skills. The first genre students will explore is musical theatre.

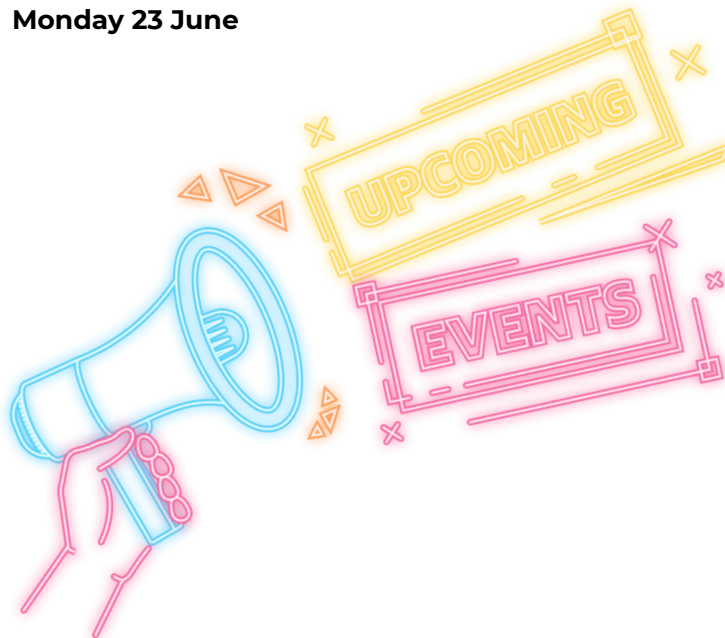
Our first lesson will take place next Thursday at the Wee Jasper Memorial Hall, which will be our regular venue for this program. During this initial session, students will work with Chantal to choose the remaining three dance styles they would like to explore.

As part of the program, students will co-choreograph a dance piece to perform at our End of Year Concert. In addition, they will have the exciting opportunity to perform alongside Chantal's studio at a community showcase on Saturday, 29 November, at the Yass Soldiers Memorial Hall.

We are thrilled to offer this enriching and creative experience and look forward to seeing our students' confidence and performance skills flourish throughout the program.

Term 2 Dance Lesson Dates:

- **Wednesday 7 May**
- **Monday 12 May**
- **Monday 19 May**
- **Monday 26 May**
- **Monday 23 June**



School news - Upcoming events

Thursday 18 June

WeeBreDal - Performing Arts Extravaganza

Featuring: Clockwork Circus and All Stages Performing Arts Yass

Celebrating Creativity with Two Amazing Local Businesses

We are excited to host the WeeBreDal Performing Arts Extravaganza on Wednesday, 18 June, bringing together students from Wee Jasper, Breadalbane, and Dalton Public Schools for a vibrant day of dance, circus arts, and creative expression.

This special event will showcase two outstanding local businesses—All Stages Performing Arts and Clockwork Circus—who will guide students through a full day of engaging workshops.

The day will begin with a one-hour dance workshop led by Chantal Fleming from All Stages Performing Arts, running from 10:00–11:00am. Chantal brings energy, experience, and a passion for performing arts that students will thoroughly enjoy.

Following the dance session, the ever-popular Clockwork Circus will take over from 11:00am–2:00pm, delivering hands-on workshops in stilt-walking, juggling, acrobatics, unicycle tricks, and hooping. Nicole and her family, who first joined us during our 125-year anniversary celebrations, are excited to return and share their incredible skills once again.

As a special finale, our Wee Jasper students will enjoy an exclusive workshop with Clockwork Circus from 2:00–3:00pm, after our visiting schools have departed.

We're proud to support these two dynamic local businesses and thrilled to offer our students rich learning opportunities that promote creativity, confidence, and collaboration. This event is a wonderful example of how schools and local communities can come together to provide memorable and meaningful experiences for our young learners.



Out and about

STEM PLC Dalton PS

This week's challenge for our STEM teams

STEM Challenge: Powerhouse International Needs Your Help!
Can You Build a Boat That Can Brave the Seas?

We've been contacted by Powerhouse International, a global shipping company with an urgent mission! All of their ships are currently in use, and they need our help to transport precious fine wool bales safely across the ocean.

Your task? Become engineers and designers to solve a real-world problem!

The Problem:

Powerhouse International needs a vessel that can transport materials across water safely.

The Challenge:

Design and build a boat that can:

- Hold the required weight (e.g. wool bales or other designated classroom items),
- Float without sinking for at least two minutes, and
- Use wind power (a sail) to move across water.

What Issues Could There Be?

Here are some key considerations to keep in mind during your design process:

MATERIALS:

- What materials are available?
- Are they waterproof or can they be made waterproof?
- Will they float or absorb water?

STRENGTH:

- Will your boat support the weight of everything added?
- Will it still move or become too heavy and sink?

ATTACHMENT:

- How will you attach parts of your boat (sail, base, supports) securely?
- What adhesives or fasteners work best in wet conditions?

FLOATATION:

- What features or materials can help your vessel stay afloat?
- What elements will assist with movement through water?

SIZE:

- Is there enough space to hold the wool bales (or simulated cargo)?
- Will the boat remain balanced?

What Could You Research to Make a Better Design?

Want your boat to go the distance? Here are some ideas to guide your research:

- What materials and shapes help vessels float best?
- What boat designs are proven to be successful?
- What is the most effective sail design to catch wind?
- How can you calculate weight vs floatation to ensure success?

Are you ready to think like engineers, test your theories, and rise to the Powerhouse Challenge?

Let's set sail for innovation!



Out and about

Wee Jasper ANZAC Day Community Ceremony

We sincerely thank our local communities for coming together to pay their respects on ANZAC Day. Your presence and support honour the courage and sacrifice of our servicemen and women, past and present. We especially remember the brave men who gave so much for the freedoms we enjoy today. Together, we keep the ANZAC spirit alive for future generations.

Our students proudly represented the school at the recent ANZAC Day service in Wee Jasper. They led the march from the Wee Jasper Bridge to the Memorial Hall, where they respectfully read a poem to the gathered community and laid a wreath on behalf of the school.

Our students were outstanding ambassadors, demonstrating exemplary respect, behaviour, and a deep understanding of the significance of the occasion. They continue to be a credit to their families and are highly regarded members of the Wee Jasper community.

Anzac Day by Monty Edwards

They fought for freedoms we hold dear and paid an awful price.

They faced the foe and conquered fear to make their sacrifice.

Today we honour those who died, and others who returned,
Who with their fellows, side by side True comradeship had learned.

May all who love Australia fair, both here and far away,
Ourselves aspire to gladly serve Through sacrifice today.



WEE JASPER HONOUR ROLL

WORLD WAR I

S.V.M. (Stanley)

BLUNDELL

W.H. (William)

BLUNDELL

A.L.J. (Albert) CAREY

H.J. (Herbert) CAREY *

L.F. (Leslie) FAULDER *

A.W. (Arthur) McALISTER

A.S. (Arthur) MITCHELL

F.H.L. (Ernest) MITCHELL

** L.F. Faulder and H.J. Carey gave their lives*

WORLD WAR II

D.I. (Dudley) BARBER

A.E. (Albert) BAXTER

R. (Robert) BERRY

D. (Desmond) CAREY

F.M. (Frank) CAREY

G.E. (George) DAVIS

H.J. (Harry) DAVIS

J. (Jim) DAVIS

J.M. (Jack) DAVIS

P.T. (Phillip) DAVIS

S.D. (Sheila) DAVIS

W.A. (Alex) DAVIS

J. (James) GARDINER

L. (Lynn) GOSLETT

K.J.H. (Kenneth) LESTER

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F. (Frederick) MITCHELL

R. (Ralph) MITCHELL

J. (James) SMITH

** K.J.H. Lester gave his life*

