

Newsletter



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Term 1 Week 2 2016

Calendar – Term 1 2016

2016

Wednesday 27 Jan

Thursday 28 Jan

Tuesday 2 Feb

Wednesday 10 Feb

Monday 15 Feb

Staff returns

Students return

Swimming carnival

P&C 3:30

School closed

Welcome to 2016

Welcome to a new year and new adventures. I am excited to be starting a full year at Wee Jasper and look forward to working with you all.

Over the last week Year 5 and 6 students have been working in groups to research the Aboriginal welcome to country and acknowledgement of country. Year 4 have been researching Chinese New Year and the K-3 students have been working with me to develop reading and writing routines.

Ms. Newnham has worked hard to roll over all the computer program information to new classes and everyone is set for the year.

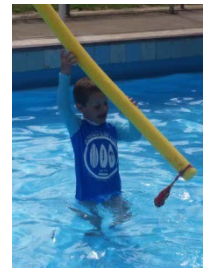
During reflection, students said they enjoyed the computer and swimming most last week.

Enjoy your week,
Jeanette Grinham



2015 Swim Camp

All students had a great time at swim camp last year.



Swimming Carnival

All students enjoyed our 1st swimming carnival. Some students went to Yass and others to Gunning.

Wee Jasper won the schools handicap, Louis won age champion and came first in freestyle, breaststroke and breaststroke.

James competed in breaststroke and freestyle and came third in both.

Jay came third in breaststroke.

The students who went to gunning had a fun day doing water activities and playing on the awesome equipment.



P&C Wednesday 3:30pm.

School Attendance ... What can parents do?

Parents/Caregivers are reminded

That children aged between 6 and 17 must attend school on every school day unless they have a reasonable excuse for being away, such as illness. Visiting family, being tired and staying home on birthdays is not acceptable reasons to be away from school. An explanation for absence must be provided to the school within **7 days** from the first day of any period of an absence. You must state a reason. Saying my child "was away" is not good enough.

Attendance every day at school is important for your child's progress. It helps build friendships, life-long work habits and makes sure learning takes place.

Wherever possible, holidays, dental and medical appointments should be made out of school hours. If a holiday is during school you must first apply to the Principal for approval and it is up to their discretion if it a Certificate of Leave is granted.

It's not OK to be away

It's not great to be late

A reminder that schools commences at **9.05am** and finishes **3.12pm**.

Tips to help your child to succeed at school.

- 1. Pack school bag the night before.**
- 2. Go to bed** at a set time every night, read or listen to soft music for half an hour and then go to sleep. Do not use electronic devices for at least an hour before bedtime. Research indicates that children who receive sufficient sleep are more likely to be **alert and resilient**.
- 1. Eat Well, Learn Well** - Breakfast is the most important meal of the day. It is well

known that children who eat breakfast everyday are more receptive to **learning**.

Poor patterns of attendance in the early years lead to poor patterns of attendance throughout the school years.

There is a direct link between school attendance and achievement later in life.

