



Jamieson Primary School Newsletter No 15
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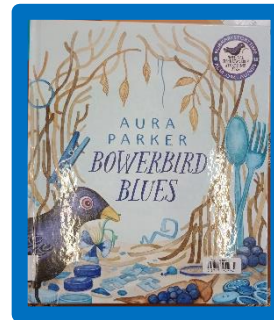
First Aid and Fire Drill

On Monday, 19th August, staff participated in a comprehensive first aid training session which covered skills such as CPR, using a defibrillator, administering an EpiPen and general first aid procedures. Then, on Thursday, the focus shifted to fire safety with a practice drill on operating the fire pump and handling the fire hose effectively. These sessions are vital for ensuring that the staff are prepared for emergencies and can respond confidently and competently.



MARC Van

The students enjoyed their fortnightly visit from the MARC Van, with Denise reading "*Bowerbird Blues*" to the students. Following the story, the children engaged in activities where they coloured and pasted pictures of Blue Bowerbirds. A reminder for students to return MARC Van books by the 5th of September.



Breakfast Club

Jamieson Primary School received a delivery of fresh fruits and vegetables from the Shire, including strawberries, blueberries, bananas, oranges, celery, and carrots. The celery and carrots have been particularly



popular. The Food Bank parcel has been received, with the students taking home samples. We welcome feedback on what your child enjoyed helping us make better choices for future orders. Students participated in a lesson on healthy eating, learning the importance of consuming two pieces of fruit and five servings of vegetables daily. As part of the lesson, the students made delicious carrot and oat muffins, which were a big hit, unlike the tasting of lemons!



People In Our Community

As part of the ongoing "People in Our Community", students recently had the opportunity to engage with Mayor Rabie during a visit. The mayor spoke about the day-to-day responsibilities and challenges faced as the local mayor. Mayor Rabie shared insights into the various aspects of municipal governance, including decision-making processes, community engagement, and the management of local projects. During the visit, students were encouraged to ask questions and they took full advantage of the opportunity.



Inspired by the discussion and motivated to make a difference, the students are now rallying together to organise a petition for a new skate park/pump track. This initiative reflects their desire to enhance their community's recreational facilities. By advocating for this project, the students are working towards improving their own leisure options and learning about civic participation and the impact of collective action.



The students learnt from Paul Valente about his role as an engineer in the community and why he chose the profession. They enjoyed hearing about the design principles involved in building roads and bridges. They welcomed the hands-on activities Paul led them in, such as building the strongest bridge and the tallest

structure. The students were very grateful for the mechanical pencil Paul gifted to each of them.



Education Support

Mrs Ann-Marie Wetmore, who serves as the Education Support Staff member at the school, has been providing invaluable one-on-one assistance to students. She focuses on helping them in areas where they need extra support, ensuring that each student receives personalised attention to enhance their learning and address any challenges they may face. Her role plays an important part in supporting students' academic growth and success.

Skiing

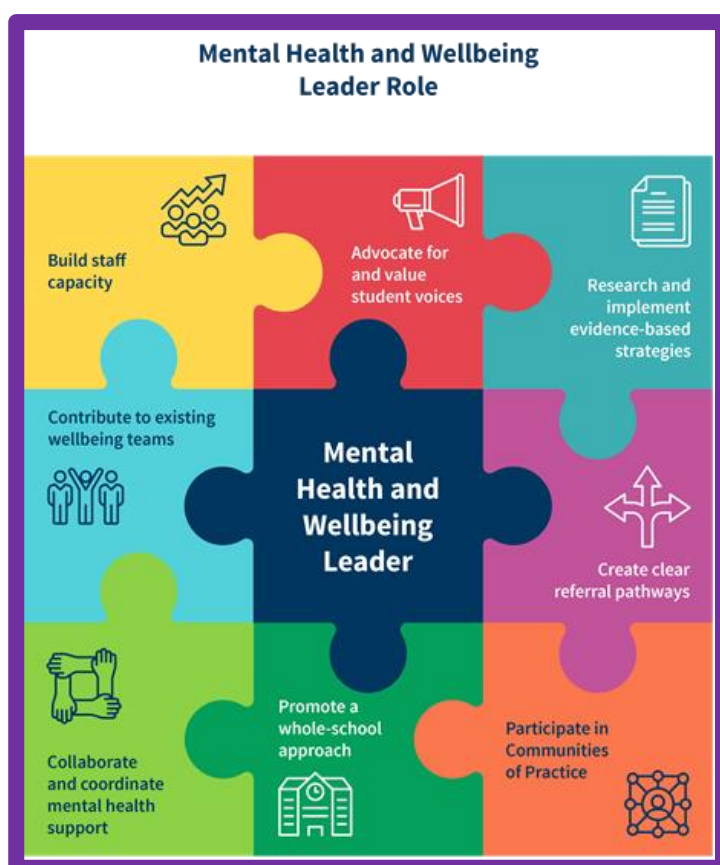
Skiing scheduled for August 30th has been cancelled. Please stay tuned for updates regarding the sessions on September 6th and 13th.

Line Dancing

The students will commence line dancing on the 2nd of September. Going forward, line dancing will take place each fortnight.

Mental Health and Wellbeing

Genevieve De Santis is our school's Mental Health and Wellbeing Leader. Her role involves building the capability of the whole school community around mental health and wellbeing (identification, promotion and prevention), providing support to staff to better identify and support the mental health needs of students, establishing clear pathways for referral for students requiring assessment and intervention, and monitoring the mental health and wellbeing progress of students. Genevieve works extensively with service providers in the Mansfield Shire and Northeast region to understand the services available to our students.



Dept of Education Survey.

If you have already participated in the survey, thank you. The Dept has extended the deadline for this survey to the end of Term 3, Friday 20th September. Please use this extension to participate in the survey. The survey provides important data and information on how well the school community is meeting the needs of the students.

The Dept of Education is conducting the annual Parent / Guardian Opinion [Survey](#) offered by the Department of Education and is seeking your feedback. The survey is designed to assist schools in gaining an understanding of families' perceptions of school climate, student behaviour, and student engagement. The survey is optional, but we encourage and appreciate your participation. The survey will be conducted online, will take only 20 minutes to complete and can be accessed at any time convenient on desktop computers, laptops, tablets, or smartphones. Jamieson Primary School will use the survey results to assist in identifying areas for improvement and professional development needs in the school, to target school planning and improvement strategies. You would also have had an email from the school regarding a survey about the school reports. Your participation in both surveys is greatly appreciated.


The Parent /Guardian Opinion [survey](#) is open online **until Friday 30 August 2024**.

Use the code 262969 to access the survey. Please feel free to speak with your child's teacher for more information. Thank you for your time and valuable input.

Kids' Corner

Joke of the Week:

“I went on an almond diet.....
but it was nuts!”



by: *Beau, Grade 4.*



Student Photo of the Week:

“I like this snow bell flower because it has dots around it. The colour is beautiful.”

Chase, Grade 2.

Highlights in Junior Room:

“I liked cooking on Wellbeing Day and showing the mayor around our school. I have liked writing in class and playing outside.” *Franki, Prep.*

“My best part of school is doing homework and reading my book. I liked making plans to hide flowers outside because no one can find them!” *Mahalia, Prep.*

Highlights in Senior Room:

“The highlight of my week has been watching a video of how to draw a dinosaur and copying it on Wellbeing Day. Also, making a plan with the Mayor for a petition to get a skate park with a pump track in Jamieson.” *Mason, Grade 4.*

“I really enjoyed playing in the playground with all of the other students. I really liked taking the mayor on a tour around the school and the arboretum.” *Charli, Grade 3.*

TERM 3 IMPORTANT DATES

Friday 30 th August	Skiing – Cancelled
Monday 3 rd September	Line Dancing
Thursday 5 th September	MARC Van
Friday 6 th September	Skiing or District Athletics for senior students
Wednesday 11 th September	Soup Day (Mansfield Shire initiative) and School Council Meeting
Friday 13 th September	Skiing
Monday 16 th September	Line Dancing
Wednesday 18 th September	Parent /teacher interviews
Thursday 19 th September	MARC Van
Thursday 19 th September	Pyjama Day and Pancake Day
Friday 20 th September	Last day of term. Finish at 2.30 pm