A message from the principal

Ms Sheree Quinlivan

Dear parents and friends,

What a busy first week of Term 3 we’ve had! And it looks like it’s only going to get busier, as you can see from our Coming Events column.

I would like to extend my personal congratulations to our LDPSSA Athletics reps for a great performance last Thursday. I am so pleased to see the percentage score shield return to Johns River after such an extensive absence. It’s wonderful to know that our small school is regaining its notable sporting reputation once again.

I would also like to extend congratulations to the P&C Association for such a successful Bunnings BBQ fundraiser during the holidays. Our school is so lucky to have such a supportive P&C.

Fortnightly school assemblies will commence this Friday 24 July. This first assembly of the term will commence at 2.00pm instead of the usual time of 2.30pm to allow time for Schools Tree Day celebrations afterwards. Future fortnightly assemblies will continue to commence at 2.30pm unless otherwise advised. We hope you can all join us to celebrate student effort and achievement.

Finally, for those who may have missed the news sent out last week, Mr Anderson has moved on from Johns River Public School since his appointment to Singleton Heights Public School. I would like to thank Mr Anderson for his contributions to our school over the past 18 months and wish him the very best of luck in his future teaching career.

Thank you

Sheree Quinlivan

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### Coming Events

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#### Week 3 – Education Week!

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Extraordinary Meeting

Thank you to those who were able to attend the extraordinary meeting last Wednesday. For those who couldn’t, we discussed a number of implications for the school due to Mr Anderson’s sudden departure.

The most urgent agenda item was CHAFFS. As students did not have a routine already organised, we have regrettably had to withdraw a school item from CHAFFS. Students however, are still very welcome to participate in the Massed Choir. We understand that many students are quite enthusiastic about this year’s Massed Choir, but we leave the decision to parents.

If you would still like for your child to be a part of CHAFFS, please inform a member of staff by Thursday morning so that Ms Quinlivan can inform other principals of the outcome during the Camden Haven Community of Schools meeting on Thursday afternoon. Please be aware that three of the Massed Choir songs are performed at the beginning of the concert, followed by individual school items before closing with the remaining three Massed Choir songs. Students have the option to participate in just the first three Massed Choir songs and then leave if they do not wish to stay and watch the individual school items before participating in the final three songs. Starting at 7.00pm, it does end up being quite a late evening. We understand if parents of younger students in particular, would prefer to leave after the first Massed Choir performance.

Please inform a member of staff of your decision as soon as possible so that the program (which includes names of student performers) can be developed by the organising school in a timely manner.

Safe Travels Mr Tomasone

As some of you already know, Mr Tomasone will be heading off on a Trip to New Zealand and will be absent during Weeks 4 and 5.

Ms Quinlivan will be covering K – 6 teaching during this time, with the assistance of Mrs Wade where required.

Sport Report

Congratulations to all students who represented the school at the Lansdowne District PSSA Athletics Carnival last Thursday. Your efforts were definitely rewarded as our school was the awarded overall percentage score shield! This is the first time in many years that Johns River PS has won the shield and we are very proud of our representatives.

Caleb, Ruby and Austin have all qualified to represent the LDPSSA at the Manning Zone PSSA Athletics Carnival on Friday 7 August at South Street Oval in Tuncurry. Permission notes will be sent home this week. Congratulations to those students and good luck!

Those parents who have not yet paid the $4.00 per competitor PSSA levy for the carnival last week are asked to do so by the end of the week.

Thank you
Mr Tomasone
P&C News

Our Bunnings BBQ was a tremendous success over the school holidays. The combined efforts of generous volunteers resulted in over $600.00 in profits!

A very big thank you to Margaret, Beth, Amanda, Skye, Tracey, Walter, Hannah and Rhonda for volunteering their time to assist on Sunday. An extra special thank you is extended to Tabatha for volunteering to undertake two shifts, as well as to Phoenix’s father Pat who made the trip from Sydney on Sunday morning to volunteer, before returning to Sydney on Sunday night. Thanks also goes to those who spent the day babysitting children of volunteers to free them up for the event. The willingness of our kind volunteers to spend their time assisting at events such as this is what makes our P&C Association such a success.

We’ve had a terrific start to the year, and we’re hoping that this will only improve in Semester 2. We have the potential to make some great improvements to the school through fundraising and collaboration with school staff. Your contribution will increase that potential greatly. It would be wonderful to see some new faces at our July meeting tomorrow at 9.00am. I hope you can make it.

Trevor Clunes
President
Johns River Public School P&C Association

Student Emergency Information Update

Included in this newsletter is a printout of your child/children’s current emergency information as held by the school. If any changes are required, please make a note in red pen and return it to the school office by this Friday so that our system can be updated.

It is extremely important that this information is accurate to ensure the safety of your children.

This year we will be participating in the Woolworths Earn & Learn program. Through this program we will be able to get new educational resources for our school – and all we need you to do is shop for your groceries at Woolworths.

From Wednesday 15 July to Tuesday 8 September, we are collecting Woolworths Earn & Learn Stickers. You will get one Woolworths Earn & Learn Sticker for every $10 spent (excluding liquor, tobacco and gift cards). Place the Woolworths Earn & Learn Sticker onto a Woolworths Earn & Learn Sticker Sheet and when it’s complete, the Sticker Sheet can be dropped into the Collection Box here at the school or at your local Woolworths.

At the end of the promotion, we’ll be able to get some great new equipment. The range is extensive and offers lots of items ideal for our students – including resources for Maths, English, Science and some fantastic fun supplies for Arts & Craft, Sport and for our library. If you’d like to know more visit:

woolworths.com.au/earnandlearn

We would also like to extend another thank you to Woolworths for supporting our students’ health through the provision of free fruit each week. The students have been loving the fresh fruit that is supplied!
The Great Aussie Bush Camp

Only five more weeks until The Great Aussie Bush Camp for Year 3 – 5 students! Thank you to those parents who have already paid the balance for their child’s Bush Camp account.

Included in this newsletter are a number of forms for parents to complete and return to school, as well as further information about your child’s camp. Please read through everything carefully and return all completed forms by Friday 14 August.

As Mr Anderson is no longer available to accompany students to Bush Camp, Mr Tomasone will be going along. Our friend Mrs Everingham from Hannam Vale PS will also be attending. A meeting will be arranged for participating parents and students in the week leading up to camp to go through final preparations and requirements.

Parent-Teacher Interviews

All families have received a request for a parent-teacher interview today with a time nominated by the school. If this time does not suit you, please notify the school ASAP so that arrangements may be altered.

Staff would like to meet with every parent to discuss their child/children’s progress and possible accommodations that could be made to further support their learning. It will also be a great opportunity to gather parent/carer input for each student’s Individual Learning Plan (ILP).

Thank you for your cooperation. We understand that this is a busy time of year, but it is very important that we take the time to work together to ensure that the best teaching and learning program is delivered to your children.

School Routine

Normal school routines have resumed this week. The first week of homework has been sent home today for students to complete and return on Friday morning. New home readers have also been sent home. We cannot emphasise strongly enough the importance of regular participation in the home reading program. Students should be reading their home readers aloud to someone every night and returning their signed home reading record to school each morning, ready to collect a new reader.

Library lessons will commence this Thursday with Ms Quinlivan. Students are reminded to bring along their library bags and any books they borrowed over the holidays on Thursday morning. Students are also asked to bring their Premier’s Reading Challenge logs on Thursday so that Ms Quinlivan can begin entering books into students’ online reading records.

PVC Subsidy

Transport for NSW has been reviewing PVC Subsidy claims for accuracy because it has introduced a new computer system and this has caused a delay. This has also deferred for a short time, the attendance days collection process for all schools.

We understand that this overall will lead to a delay of several weeks compared to the usual processing time. Transport for NSW has advised us they are apologetic for the inconvenience.

Remember….. Electronic copies of our school newsletters as well as student notes are available on our school website – www.johnsriver-p.schools.nsw.edu.au