Our new Kindy Kids!
Welcome to Junee North

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Calendar

Term 1, Week 1
- 29 January: Staff Development Day
- 30 January: Year 1-6 students return
- 31 January: 2013 Kinders commence

Term 1, Week 2
- 5 February: P&C Meeting 6:30 pm
- 8 February: Assembly at 2:30 pm

Term 1, Week 3
- 12 February: Junee North Swimming Carnival
- 15 February: Assembly at 2:30 pm

Term 1, Week 4
- 18 February: Parent Information sessions commence – details next week, Active After-School commences for K-2 students
- 19 February: Active After-school commences for Year 3-6 students
- 22 February: Junee District PSSA Swimming Carnival
  Assembly at 2:30 pm

Term 1, Week 5
- 25 February: Active After-School K-2
- 26 February: Active After-School 3-6
- 28 February: AFL clinics K-6
- 1 March: Clean Up Australia day
  Assembly at 2:30 pm

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Feature Photo

Our 2013 Kindergarten children excited and ready for a big year of learning.

Week 2 Assembly – Students from 4D 2012 will share their special projects
Principals report

Welcome back!

How lovely to see all of our students back with big smiles and looking forward to the year ahead. We were able to sort the children straight into their new classes to ensure a very settled start to the term. Classes for this year are: Kindergarten: Mrs McDevitt; K/1: Mrs White; Year 1: Miss Walters (welcome to Junee North Miss Walters!); Year 2: Mrs Shephard; Year 3: Mrs Bostock; Year 4: Mrs Davis; 5/6G: Mrs Gleeson; 5/6B: Mrs Baldock. Mrs Commins will continue in her role as release from face-to-face teacher for years 3-6 and our school librarian. We welcome back Mrs Joanna Kimber who will be the release from face-to-face teacher for K-2. A special welcome to the 9 new students who started with us yesterday: Benjamin, Samuel, Bailey, Atticus, Malakye, Lachlan, Sidney, Caitlin, Jacob, Marcus and Blaire. A very special welcome also to our new Kindergarten students who started with us today. We know that you will all have a wonderful time this year and we welcome you and your families to Junee North.

Changes this year

This year there will be several changes to some of our policies and procedures. Many of these have been in response to lengthy staff discussion and from responses from staff, students and parents to our surveys last year. Below I have outlined several of these – more details will be provided at parent information sessions to be held during Week 4 and via our newsletter, school website and at P&C meetings.

Assemblies in 2013

This year our weekly assemblies will now be held in the hall at 2:30 pm on Fridays. Tuesdays in the past had become quite disrupted with scripture, assemblies and release time. It is important that our children have the best start to their week with as little disruption as possible to their learning. Assemblies will commence next week, Friday 8 February.

Sport days in 2013

Sport day will continue to be held on Fridays for all classes. Please note that Fridays are the only day when sports uniform is to be worn. Classes will hold their sports sessions at coordinated times throughout the morning and middle sessions on Fridays.

Library sessions

This year all classes will have their library lessons on Mondays. Students are reminded to bring along their library bags each Monday for borrowing and to return any books on Mondays.

Welfare & Merit Award systems

This year we will be trialling 2 new award systems – Merit (classroom academic and application) and Welfare (behaviour). We have been refining our system over several years with the aim this year of ensuring that we have a transparent and consistent system which gives all of our students the opportunity to achieve recognition and rewards for their efforts and behaviour. The key expectations of our behaviour system is on ensuring our students are RESPECTFUL, RESPONSIBLE AND SAFE – as the term progresses we will be sending home copies of our expectations. Going home with today’s newsletter is a booklet outlining what our procedures look like and how it will operate. Please note that this will be a trial year and I welcome parental feedback on any aspects of our new systems. Certainly the children were very excited when they discussed these with their teachers. These procedures will be outlined in more detail in coming weeks.

Term calendar

I have attached a copy of this term’s calendar with the many events happening (please note there may be more as the term progresses)! A couple of notable events which involve all students include our Swimming Carnival – being held Tuesday 12 February; Parent Information sessions during Week 4; School Photos on Wednesday 6 March; the Life Education Van visits on 11 and 12 March (cost this year of $6); our Easter Extravaganza on Thursday 28 March and our school Athletics Carnival on Tuesday 9 April. Separate permission notes will be sent out prior to these events.

Newsletters

Our newsletters will continue to be sent out fortnightly. I know several parents requested we go back to our weekly newsletters but unfortunately our limited administrative time has made this very difficult to maintain. Rest assured we will endeavor to send our regular notes and updates as required – please remember that all of our newsletter and notes are put onto the school’s website for access by our parents.
**School Captains 2013**

We welcome this year our new school captains into their role. Our 2013 captains are Harrison Fahy and Johanna Evans; Vice captains are Bryce Flagg and Ruby Brodin. I know that we have four very capable students in this team and that they will do a wonderful job of representing our school and setting a positive example for their peers.

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**House Captains 2013**

Congratulations to the following students who were elected as our Sporting House captains for 2013:

Slater: Jack Dietrich, Joshua Hogarth

Floyd: Bryton Parkhurst, Tallarna Parkhurst

Latham: Dylan Crowley, Erin-Lily Clarke

These students will receive their badges at next Friday’s assembly. Their first job will be to assist with our upcoming swimming carnival to be held on Tuesday 12 February.

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**P&C NEWS**

Our first P&C meeting for this term will be held next Tuesday 5 February commencing at 6:30 pm in the staffroom. Welcome to all of our new families. Please come along and be a part of your child’s education at Junee North.

Canteen Volunteers will be needed for 2013. The canteen will reopen tomorrow 1st February.

Contact Jannette on phone 6924 1839 or Mobile 0438 281 802

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**REMINDER: No hat – play in the shade**