It’s fun with our buddies!
Kinder students love Buddy time
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Feature Photo

Taylah and Joanna share a story with Alexa during buddy time.
Principal’s report

AFL Clinics

All classes participated in AFL skill clinics today. Two representatives from the AFL Development association provided lots of fun activities to our students. This year we are endeavouring to offer lots of skill sessions in a variety of sports. In week seven we have hockey skills, in week eight the rugby league development officers will visit and in Term 2 we have netball clinics. Along with our focused PE program and involvement in gala days we are aiming to work on the skill level of our students and hopefully increase their participation in sports. I am always appreciative of any parental assistance with our sporting and other programs – if you have skills (or contacts!) and would like to help out please let me know.

PSSA Swimming

Congratulations to our representative team who competed at last Friday’s PSSA carnival. Once again our students competed with great enthusiasm and team spirit. Special congratulations to Ella Fitzgerald who won her 8 years freestyle event. Also to Lachlan Payne who swam in both the Junior and Senior relay events due to an illness of one of our senior swimmers.

Cricket success

Huge congratulations to Ben Turner who has once again been selected as part of the district PSSA cricket team to trial for the Riverina squad. Ben will travel to Deniliquin on March 4 and we wish him the very best of luck.

Clean-Up Australia day

A reminder to all parents that tomorrow is Clean Up Australia Day at Junee North. As with past years, the Kinder to Year 4 students will stay within the school grounds and the Years 5 and 6 students will venture out onto the side streets around the school (no students will be allowed to go onto the Olympic Way to collect papers).

Student illnesses

Attached to this week’s newsletter is advice from the Department of Health regarding common illnesses and steps parents should take. We have had several reports of head lice, school sores and conjunctivitis this term.

Story telling time

Tomorrow we are very fortunate to have visiting storyteller, Mrs Barbara Castledine coming to Junee North. We are very much looking forward to her visit and to hearing her well-renowned tales. Our Stage 3 students have their own story-telling time each week with the Kindergarten and K/1 classes. The children just love hearing stories read to them by their big buddies! They also enjoy learning how to use the computers and some of the fun activities their big buddies share with them.

Seth gets some handy computer tips from his big buddies Lincoln, Ben and Riley

Alex and Jonathan share a book together

Green Level Reward

Thank you to our students who have displayed fantastic behaviour since the start of this term. As a special treat, on Friday we will be providing an ice block to all students who are currently on green level.

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| Joshua Boyton | James Rogers |
| Kye Wright | Caleb Gustowski |
| Tenaya Gerhard | Ella Crozier |
| Zach Diggins | Mikayla Parkhurst |
| Year 4 | 5/6B |
| Mathew Hindmarsh | Mathew Hindmarsh |
| Jacob Stapleton | Jacob Stapleton |
| Maddison Howard-Kroker | Maddison Howard-Kroker |
| Courtney Cameron | Courtney Cameron |
| Isaiah Field | Isaiah Field |
| Angus Bull | Angus Bull |
| 5/6G | 5/6G |
| Tayla O’Rafferty | Tayla O’Rafferty |
| Ben Turner | Ben Turner |
| Jonathan Blackburn | Jonathan Blackburn |
| Riley Makeham | Riley Makeham |
| Savi Arico | Savi Arico |
| Joanna Doran-Hume | Joanna Doran-Hume |

**School Photos**

Next Wednesday all students will have their photographs taken. Photo envelopes were sent home with all students on Monday. A reminder, that we expect all students to wear their correct summer school uniform. For girls this is either the royal blue dress, white socks and black shoes (no jiffies please!!); or their royal blue dress shorts with white cotton shirt. For the boys they should wear grey shorts, blue cotton shirt, grey sock and black school shoes. Hair should be neat and tidy, and no jewellery please! Family photo order forms may be obtained from the office. Please contact Mrs Thurston if you need any assistance with providing correct uniform.
Friendly creatures visiting

We regularly spot some interesting creatures around our beautiful playground. Unfortunately we have had our share of brown snakes lately, but a welcome visitor this week was a bearded dragon lizard.

Jamie and William spotted our visiting lizard and were keen to remind children about the importance of not harming these beautiful creatures.

Earn & Learn Prizes

Great excitement this week as our Woolworth’s Earn & Learn prizes arrived. Through the fantastic support of our families last year we were able to achieve over 8000 points. This enabled us to receive 25 new board games and a large Mobilo kit – these will be great for rainy days and special lunch time library fun days.

Captains and Vice Captains Ruby, Johanna, Harrison and Bryce were excited to be the first to see our fantastic new games – thank you to our families for your support!

Lunch time cricket

Our boys and girls have been very fortunate to have had lots of lunch time cricket skill coaching this term. My thanks to Mr Baldock who regularly gives up his lunch time to enable our students to practise these skills. Mr Baldock was very pleased to hear the news that we will soon have a new synthetic cricket pitch surface installed. This is thanks to the fundraising efforts of our 2011 Year 6 students (it has been a while coming!)

Nick tries out his bowling skills

Lincoln and Ben practice their batting and wicket keeping skills

P&C Welcome BBQ – postponed

Our Welcome BBQ set down for this Friday 1 March has been postponed as a mark of respect for the McDevitt family on the loss of their brother in-law Joe Howard. Our deepest sympathies to Mrs McDevitt and her family.
Some reminders ........

School Photos

School Photos will be taken on Wednesday 6 March. Envelopes were sent home on Monday 25th, please read the instructions on the envelope. All children need to bring their envelopes to school on Wednesday 6th to hand to the photographer as they have their photo taken. Please note: the school does not handle any of the money for the photos and does not carry change.

Car Parking

A reminder to our parents that they cannot park in the bus zone before or after school. No student or parents are to use the staff car park as a short cut.

Parenting tips

2013 homework planner

Kids and families run more smoothly when there's a plan. The 2013 homework and study calendar includes key dates and school holidays. You can print it out month by month, or by the whole year.

Find out more

Smart foods to boost learning

Mother Nature is full of foods that help us think and feel better. What do you give your child to help them think more clearly, and enhance concentration and memory?

Find out more:

Canteen News

During weeks 6 and 7 we are offering salad boxes:

- Salad with egg (no meat) $3.50
- Salad with ham or diced chicken $4.00
- Salad includes: lettuce, carrot, cheese, tomato and cucumber

Hope you all enjoy!

Jannette

Rugby League/ League tag

“Come and Try” day – March 8

A reminder to parents of those children in Years 3-6 that the ‘Come and Try’ day is being held next Friday 8 March. My thanks to those parents who have offered their assistance with transport. Of the 42 children attending, we have 28 needing transport to and from the oval. I would ask all parents assisting with transport to meet at school by 9:30 am. These children will also need to be transported back to school at 2:00.
Infectious diseases – facts for parents

**Chicken Pox**

**Time from exposure to illness**
10 to 21 days, usually 14 to 16 days.

**Symptoms:**
Slight fever, runny nose, and a rash that begins as raised pink spots that blister and scab.

**Do I need to keep my child home?**
Yes, for 5 days from the onset of the rash and the blisters have dried.

**How can I help prevent spread?**
Immunise your child at 18 months of age. Immunisation is recommended for children at 12 years if they are not immune.

**Conjunctivitis**

**Time from exposure to illness**
1-3 days.

**Symptoms:**
The eye feels scratchy, is red and may water. Lids may stick together on waking.

**Do I need to keep my child home?**
Yes, while there is discharge from the eye.

**How can I help prevent spread?**
Careful hand washing; avoid sharing towels. Antibiotics may be needed.

**Gastroenteritis**

**Time from exposure to illness**
Depends on the cause: several hours to several days.

**Symptoms:**
A combination of frequent loose or watery stools, vomiting, fever, stomach cramps, headaches.

**Do I need to keep my child home?**
Yes, at least for 24 hours after diarrhoea stops.

**How can I prevent spread?**
Careful hand washing with soap and water after using the toilet or handling nappies and before touching food.

**Head Lice**

**Time from infestation to eggs hatching**
Usually 7 to 10 days.

**Symptoms:**
Itchy scalp, white specks stuck near the base of the hairs; lice may be found on the scalp.

**Do I need to keep my child home?**
No, as long as head lice management is ongoing.

**How can I prevent spread?**
Family, friends and classroom contacts should be examined and treated if infested. Clothing and bedding should be washed in hot water.

**Impetigo (school sores)**

**Time from exposure to illness**
1 to 3 days.

**Symptoms:**
Small red spots change into blisters that fill up with pus and become crusted; usually on the face, hands or scalp.

**Do I need to keep my child home?**
Yes, until antibiotic treatment starts. Sores should be covered with watertight dressings.

**How can I prevent spread?**
Careful hand washing.

**Measles**

**Time from exposure**
About 10 to 12 days until first symptoms, and 14 days until the rash develops.

**Symptoms:**
Fever, tiredness, runny nose, cough and sore red eyes for a few days followed by a red blotchy rash that starts on the face and spreads down the body and lasts 4 to 7 days.

**Do I need to keep my child home?**
Yes, for at least 4 days after the rash appears.

**How can I prevent spread?**
Immunisation (MMR) at 12 months and 4 years. Childcare/school attendees who are not immune may be excluded for 14 days after onset in the last case at the facility.

**Mumps**

**Time from exposure to illness**
Usually 16 to 18 days (can range from 12 to 25 days).

**Symptoms:**
Fever, swollen and tender glands around the jaw.

**Do I need to keep my child home?**
Yes, for 9 days after onset of swelling.

**How can I prevent spread?**
Immunisation (MMR) at 12 months and 4 years of age.

**Ringworm**

**Time from exposure to till illness**
Varies (may be several days).

**Symptoms:**
Small scaly patch on the skin surrounded by a pink ring.

**Do I need to keep my child home?**
Yes, until the day after fungal treatment has begun.

**How can I help prevent spread?**
Careful hand washing.

**Whooping Cough**

**Time from exposure to illness**
Usually 9 to 10 days (can range from 6 to 20 days).

**Symptoms:**
Starts with a running nose, followed by persistent cough that comes in bouts. Bouts may be followed by vomiting and a whooping sound as the child gasps for air.

**Do I need to keep my child home?**
Yes, until the first 5 days of a special antibiotic have been taken.

**How can I help prevent spread?**
Immunisation at 2, 4, 6 months and 4 years of age. A particular antibiotic can be given for the patient and those that have been in close contact. The infected child should be excluded from childcare and school until 5 days after treatment begins. Unimmunised childcare attendees may be excluded from childcare unless they take the antibiotics.