Our new leaders
Ready for a big year ahead

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Calendar

Term 1, Week 2
2 February P&C meeting 6:30 pm
3 February Canteen re-opens
4 February Kinder Best Start Assessments
5 February Kinder Best Start Assessments
5 February Badge presentation assembly @ 2:30 pm – SRC/ House Captains

Term 1, Week 3
12 February JNPS Swimming Carnival
12 February No assembly

Term 1, Week 4
15 February Parent Info sessions
16 February Parent Info sessions
17 February Parent Info Sessions
19 February PSSA Swimming Carnival @ Murrumburah
19 February Assembly @ 2:30 pm

Term 1, Week 5
23 February P&C AGM
26 February Assembly 2:30 pm

Term 1, Week 6
2 March School Photos
2-4 March Life Education Van
4 March Clean Up Australia Day
4 March Assembly 2:30 pm

Week 2 assembly: Badge presentations
Week 3 assembly: 5/6B

Feature Photo

Our 2016 school & vice captains: Tahlia, Jake, Matilda & Kye
Principal’s report

Welcome back

Welcome back to our past students and families and a big welcome to our new students and their families. Once again we have a very busy term and year ahead but one filled with lots of wonderful opportunities for our students.

Kindergarten 2016

A very special welcome to our new Kindergarten children. This year we have formed 2 smaller kindergarten classes – KM with Mrs McDevitt & KW with Mrs White. In doing this we have kept our numbers small ensuring lots of individualised attention and support for these children, getting them off to the very best possible start. They have settled in beautifully and have been made very welcome by our other wonderful students.

Our new Kinders settled straight into their learning!

Parent Information sessions

During Week 4 teachers will be holding information sessions to provide parents with details on classroom programs and procedures, as well as any special events or excursions coming up during the year. This is an opportunity to meet your child’s teacher and to see how you can get involved in their education. Notes will be sent home soon detailing days/times. Parent-Teacher interviews will be conducted later in the term during Week 8.

School Captains

Welcome to our 2016 school captains – Captains: Jake Vanzanten and Tahlia White; Vice Captains: Kye Wright and Matilda McDevitt. Whilst these 4 were announced at our 2015 Presentation night, they are now able to officially wear their badges. I look forward to working with this lovely group of leaders and I know they will do a fantastic job.

Tahlia, Jake, Matilda & Kye are ready for a big year of leadership.
Sporting House Captains

Congratulations to our newly elected House Captains for 2016:

**Slater** (Yellow): Riley Hackett, Lilly-May Sutherland

![Slater House Captains](image)

**Floyd** (Green): Zach Diggins, Tenaya Gerhard

![Floyd House Captains](image)

**Latham** (Red): Joel Crowder, Natalia Shimpf

![Latham House Captains](image)

Student Representative Council

Congratulations also to our newly elected Student Representative Councillors (SRC). These students have a busy year ahead. Not only will they be coming up with suggestions for improving our school, but they will soon be planning many fund-raising and other fun student events which will occur throughout the year.

KM: Jacob Davis, Charlotte Asmus

KW: Isabella Dargin, Nate Wooden

1/2D: Claire O’Rafferty, Kaden Shaw

1/2W: Riley Dobson, Katelin Heir

3/4M: Jaxson Allen, Kiralee Hogarth

3/4D: Maggie Hawke, Deegan Wooden

5/6S: Grace Robertson, Ryley Dietrich

5/6B: Dru Brodin, Chelsea O’Rafferty

These students along with our House Captains will receive their badges at this Friday’s assembly.

Merit & Behaviour Systems

Attached to today’s newsletter is a copy for parents of our updated Merit & Behaviour systems. This year we have streamlined our award system. Our school expectations centre around 3 key values: Respectful, Responsible & Safe – leading to successful learners. Parents will receive more information about our system at upcoming Parent Information sessions and as our term progresses.

Our Skoolbag app

This phone app was introduced as an extra communication device and has been extremely popular with our parents. For our new parents, or those who do not yet have this app, I would strongly encourage you to utilise it. Regular reminders, newsletters and copies of notes are sent out using the app. Just go to your Iphone or Android app stores and search for Junee North Skoolbag and download it for free.
Newsletter on-line

Last year we moved toward a paper-less newsletter system. This week’s newsletter is the only paper copy we will be sending home of our newsletters. Parents are able to receive the newsletter either using our Skoolbag app; via our school website or parents are welcome to receive our newsletter via email. Simply fill in the email advice slip at the back of this newsletter and drop it into our office so you can be added to our list. We do keep several paper copies at the office if parents wish to drop in and collect one.

Looking forward to a great term!

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Reminders

Swimming Carnival

Next Friday 12 February – please ensure permission notes & money are returned.

No Hat Play in the Shade

School hats must be worn during break, PE and sport times. Please ensure hats (& other items) are clearly labelled with your child’s name.

School Banking

Starting again next Thursday. Dollarmite information packs will be distributed to our new students.

New hats!

As part of our sun safety policy, the school now sells a more protective, wider-brimmed hat. This was endorsed by our P&C last year and the new hats are now in stock. Cost of the new hat is $11. We have limited supplies of the older style bucket hat – these will not be reordered.

P&C News

Annual General Meeting

Our first P&C meeting was held on Tuesday. How wonderful to see a great roll up and some new faces!

Meetings are generally held on the first Tuesday of each month at 6:30 pm in the staffroom.

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday 23 February and will be our Annual General Meeting. All positions will be declared vacant and we are keen to see some new faces take up these positions.

Come along with your ideas on fundraising and other ways we can continue to improve our wonderful school.

Canteen Lunch Order Bags

We have previously sold reusable bags at our canteen and are keen to see if parents are interested in purchasing them. A flyer is attached to this week's newsletter. Please do not send in money yet!

Behaviour Expectations

At Junee North we are proud learners who are:

Respectful – we treat ourselves and each other with respect, show care and regard for property

Responsible – we take responsibility for our learning and our actions. We own up to our mistakes so we can learn from them.

Safe – we always take care and act in a safe and appropriate manner.
What’s happening in our school?

Swimming Carnival

Our annual school swimming carnival is being held next **Friday 12 February** at the Junee Aquatic Centre. Our carnival is for all children K-6. Permission and information notes were sent home last week. A reminder to all parents that this year **all students will travel to and from the pool from school by bus.** Parents are most welcome to join us at the pool.

It's great to be back!

Already our students are back into their learning and enjoying every minute!

Thumbs Up!

A big thumbs up to all of our wonderful students for coming back with such a wonderful positive and enthusiastic attitude. We're going to have a great year!
Community News

Junee Rhythm & Rail Search for a Star

**Junee Rhythm n Rail Festival**
**2016 Search For a Star**

**AUDITION ONE**  
Friday 5th February @ 8.00pm  
Commercial Hotel Junee

**AUDITION TWO**  
Sunday 7th February @ 12.30pm  
Railway Cafe Junee

**AUDITION THREE**  
Sunday 21st February @ 4.00pm  
Ex-Services Club Junee

**GRAND FINAL**  
Saturday 12th March @ 5.00pm  
Commercial Hotel Junee

**WINNERS PERFORMANCE**  
Sunday 13th March @ 10.00am  
Memorial Park Main Stage

$10.00 one off entry fee applies
You are only required to attend one audition date
Grand Final judged by prominent local musicians

Prizes include: Recording time (for winner) plus cash and music vouchers for both winner and runner up

To register your interest/enquiries please contact:  
Emma McAuliffe  
E- e.mcauliffe@hotmail.com  
M- 0407059061

facebook.com/rhythmnrailfestival

Entry forms are available from our school office.

Junior Soccer Rego Day

**Burns Park**

**Wednesday 17 February**

**4 – 6 pm**

All age Soccer Rego Day/ Bowls/ Sausage sizzle from 2pm. Come and just sign up for soccer or enjoy a game of social bowls and a sausage sizzle.

$5 a head or $10 a family for bowls and a snag.

For enquiries: Lyn Puttock 0407786857

Junee Diesels Registration

**Junee Diesels**
**Junior Rugby League**
**Final Registration Day**

**Saturday 13th February**
**9am-11am Loftus Oval**
Some important school messages!

**Departing School**

**Early Departure**

Parents needing to collect their child early must come to the office to sign them out (this also applies to late arrivals).

**Afternoon collection**

Any child being collected by a parent in the afternoon must wait inside the school gate until their parent comes. **Students are not permitted to walk out of the front gate unattended.**

In order to ensure the safety of all students we ask that our **parents refrain from waiting on classroom verandahs** as this makes it very difficult for teachers to monitor children leaving at the end of the day, as well as being unsettling when children spot mum or dad out of the classroom window! Parents are welcome to wait near the playground equipment or basketball court.

No children (including preschoolers or toddlers) should be on the playground equipment at the end of the day.

**Walkers/ Riders**

Children walking or riding home are escorted out of the top gate by an executive. Children are not permitted to ride their bikes or scooters in the school grounds or across the crossing.

Please note that all children riding bikes/ scooters or skateboards **MUST** wear an Australian standard helmet.

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**OT & SPEECH AT JNPS**

Many of our families have sought the services of Occupational and Speech therapists over the years. We have sourced the services of both to work out of our school. Information flyers are attached for interested parents. Please contact Mrs Fitzgerald if you have any queries.

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**ATTENDANCE**

**GETTING TO SCHOOL ON TIME**

It is essential to establish a regular routine each morning and arriving at school on time is an important part of doing that.

It is important to be at school on time because:

- It sets up good habits for the future.
- It provides a range of social benefits – good play time and discussion among friends.

The school day usually begins with the teacher giving out information to students. For example – what’s happening today as well as any changes to school routines, coming events etc.

It is an opportunity for important teacher student interaction before school.

**ABSENCES**

If your child is absent from school parents must notify the school. This can be done by:

- sending in a note (please make sure it is signed & dated
- phoning the school
- sending a notification via our Skoolbag app

If notification is not received, teachers will send home an absence slip which must be returned by the end of the week of absence.

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**Newsletter email list**

Please add me to the Parent email list.

Name: ______________________________
Child’s name: _______________________
Email: ______________________________
Contact Number: ___________________

*Please return this slip to the office by next Friday 12 February*