

# JILLIBY

## news



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MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SAT/SUN
March 4	March 5	March 6	March 7	March 8	March 9/10
Rumbalara Energy Trailer	Parent Teacher Interviews Zone Swimming Carnival			Long Assembly 2.15pm	
March 11	March 12	March 13	March 14	March 15	March 16/17
P&C Meeting		Eureka Science program	Eureka Science program	Short Assembly 2.45pm	
March 18	March 19	March 20	March 21	March 22	March 23/24
			Grandparents & Harmony Day celebration	Short Assembly 2.45pm	

## PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

### Working Bee - POSTPONED

I have had to postpone our working bee as there are a number of issues around attendance on this date. I have proposed the 30th March instead. Please let the office know if you are available on the 30th so we can organise catering.



### Welcome BBQ

Thank you to everyone who came along to the P & C Welcome BBQ. It was fantastic to see so many parents enjoying a snack and meeting each other. There were lovely work displays showing off our student's art works and information booths set up about our school under the COLA. A big thank you to those parents who gave up their time to assist with the displays.



### Grandparents Morning Tea

On the 21st March we are hosting a morning tea for our Grandparents and special people in our student's lives. From 9:30 to 10:30 visitors are invited to work alongside the students in their classrooms. If you have more than one child at the school in different classrooms this will allow time for you to visit them all. From 10:30 until 11:30 there will be a lovely morning tea of scones and pikelets available. Students and special visitors can share this morning tea together outside.

Please ensure all guests sign-in at the office before entering the grounds. (This is just a safety precaution and meets OHS requirements)

Please let the office know as soon as possible how many people are attending to assist us in catering appropriately.

### Lost Keys

This week one of our parents lost her car keys while at school. She was barely on site for more than 20 minutes before discovering they were gone. We are hoping they will turn up and would appreciate it if parents could keep an eye out for them in case a child has accidentally brought them home thinking they are a toy. They had a bright pink "I love MUM" tag attached to them at the time.





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### Attendance

Attendance is a very important aspect of school which is monitored closely to help ensure the safety and wellbeing of students. It is surprising how arriving even 15 minutes late on a regular basis can affect a student's learning. Students miss important curriculum areas which can impact the continuity of learning around the concepts being taught.

This table highlights the impact of time off school over the period from Kindergarten to Year 6.

A STUDENT MISSES	IMPACT KINDERGARTEN TO YEAR 6
1 hour per week	Almost 1 term
½ and hour per day	2 Terms of school
1 hour per day	1 Year of school
1 day per week	1 ½ Years of school
2 days per week	3 Years of schooling

There are always circumstances where leave is necessary. Justified reasons include:

- sickness or communicable diseases
- having an unavoidable medical appointment
- being required to attend a recognised religious holiday
- exceptional or urgent family circumstances eg. attending a funeral

Parents must supply an explanation of absence to the school within 7 days from the first day of any absence. Where an absence has not been received within the 7-day timeframe, the school is required to record the absence as unjustified on the student's record. When an explanation is received after the 7 days the absence can not be changed from unjustified. Patterns of absences are monitored each week and a report is sent to the Home School Liaison Officer as part of the school's regular Attendance Procedures.

Further information around attendance can be found at:

[https://education.nsw.gov.au/student-wellbeing/media/documents/attendance-behaviour-engagement/attendance/attendance\\_parents.pdf](https://education.nsw.gov.au/student-wellbeing/media/documents/attendance-behaviour-engagement/attendance/attendance_parents.pdf)

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### Bookpacks

Part of the book-pack charges this year included contributions toward some online programs to support student engagement and learning. Students currently have access to a Spelling program called Spellingcity (<https://www.spellingcity.com>) and we are in the process of choosing an online Mathematics Program called Matific. (<https://www.matific.com/au/en-au/home/>). We appreciate your payment of the book packs and the opportunity to provide students with engaging learning activities to be used in class and at home. Both of these programs are set up to provide individualised practice of concepts.

Bookpack fees can be paid at the school office or online through the school website.



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### CARPARK SAFETY

There have been a number of students who are walking to the carpark unsupervised in the afternoon. Please support all children's safety by asking your child to wait under the COLA for you at pick up time. We require children to be escorted by an adult when going to the carpark so please park and come up to the COLA to pick up students. It is disappointing to hear students tell me they have been told to 'look out for their car and head down when they see it'. Carparks are extremely dangerous places for any child and especially during afternoon pickup. Let's not wait for a tragedy to occur before we sit up and take notice of this very important request.

### CARPARK UPGRADE

I am currently following up a plan to upgrade our carpark and put in a drop-off zone with a guard rail. I should have more precise information on this in the ensuing weeks and will keep you all posted. It will be a relief when this work is completed!

### Year 7 Selective High School Test

The Selective High School Placement Test will be held on Thursday 14 March 2019 from 9.00am to 1.30pm.

Unless parents have made special arrangements with the High Performing Students Team to attend an individually allocated test centre candidates from this school have been sent to:

#### Wyong High School

Alison Rd, Wyong

Go to <https://education.nsw.gov.au/public-schools/selective-high-schools-and-opportunity-classes/year-7> to find:

- Test centre allocations by public school.
- A map of test centre addresses under the heading 'The test'.
- The bulletin, Test information for parents and students. The bulletin contains very important information about the test and should be read carefully.

### Small Schools Swimming Carnival

The Small School Swimming Carnival was held on Thursday 28th of February and was a great success. Congratulations to all of the students who participated in events on the day.



## P&C NEWS



### Helpers Needed!

We have many events organised throughout the year and we are looking for people who can help out with organisation and running of these events. If you are able to volunteer some of your time, even an hour or two, it would be greatly appreciated.

We need helpers for the following events -

- Grandparents day on Thursday 21st March serving scones and pikelets
- Election Day bbq Saturday 23rd March at JPS
- Father's Day breakfast: tbc date in September 7am-9am

We are also looking for some great fundraising ideas this year, so if you have any suggestions please email me ([tiana774@hotmail.com](mailto:tiana774@hotmail.com)) or the school.

We currently have the following fundraisers in the pipe line:

First aid kits

Thompson's pies

Bunnings BBQ

Personalised picture plates

School fete (fun day) 130 year school celebrations

We would love to recruit more parents and families to our committee. Please come along to the next P&C meeting held on Monday 11th March in the staffroom.





## Election Day Fundraiser

NSW State Election Day is the 23rd of March this year and as always the Jilliby PS P&C will be fundraising for our school. This election we will have a cake stall and a BBQ running.

We would appreciate any one who can help out on the day to leave their name and contact details at the office and we will be in touch. We would love everyone to either volunteer their time on the day, make a donation or at least visit us and support us on Election Day, when you vote.

The cake stall will need any and all bakers to please make a donation of home created foods that we can sell on the day. The BBQ is easier with many helpers so if you can spare some time on the day we would appreciate the help. Start time is approx. 8am and pack up by 2pm.

Please look out for more details in the next newsletter.



### ASSEMBLY AWARD RECIPIENTS

TERM 1, WEEK 4 & 5		
K/1	Sebastian	Levi
	Hannah	Asher
2/3/4	Lisa	Grace
	Tannen	Wilson
	Jack	Ilsha
4/5/6	Sophie	Savanah
	Ellie	Jaimie
	Ryan	Ashlee

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- \* School newsletters
- \* Notices
- \* Events
- \* Cancellations
- \* Reminders
- \* ...and more!

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