

# Johns River Public School

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## A message from the Principal

### Ms Sheree Quinlivan



Dear parents and carers,

There are lots of exciting events on the horizon! The next four Fridays are all booked-up with some great experiences for our students.

Next Friday some of us will be having fun on our bikes at school to celebrate National Ride 2 School Day. Year 4 – 6 and Mr T won't be joining us though, because they'll be at Camden Haven High School participating in the Camden Haven Community of Schools Rotary Robotics orientation day. We can't wait to meet this year's robot as our team gets ready for Competition Day on Thursday 6 April!

The 3MAPS Cross Country and Harmony Day will follow on Friday 17 March, where all students will be travelling to Hannam Vale PS for the day. A permission note for this is included in this newsletter.

The following Friday 24 March we'll be back at Hannam Vale for the Life Education Van with Leanne and Happy Harold! Students will be grouped into four sessions and will not be required to spend the whole day at Hannam Vale. Once we have received confirmation of session times we will inform parents so that transport can be arranged. An information and permission note for this is also enclosed for families.

Selected students 8 years and older will then be off to participate in the Lansdowne District PSSA Cross Country on Friday 31 March, also at Hannam Vale!

Mrs Everingham must be delighted to see so much of our beautiful students!

After this there's just one week until the school holidays. Where has the term gone?

Remember to get all permission notes completed and returned to school by the due dates so that we can keep on top of these exciting events.

Thank you

**Sheree Quinlivan**

**Principal**

**Johns River Public School**

## Coming Events

### Week 7

Friday 10 March	Ride 2 School Day
	CHCOS Rotary Robotics Orientation Day CHHS

### Week 8

Thursday 16 March	3MAPS Principals Meeting
	3MAPS Staff Meeting
Friday 17 March	3MAPS Cross Country / Harmony Day HVPS

### Week 9

Friday 24 March	Life Education Van HVPS
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### Week 10

Friday 31 March	LDPSSA Cross Country HVPS
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### Week 11

Thursday 6 April	CHCOS Rotary Robotics Competition CHHS
Friday 7 April	Assembly 2.30pm
	Final day of Term 1

# Voluntary School Contributions

Parents and carers in all NSW Government Schools are asked to consider making a Voluntary School Contribution to their child's school each year. Any funds that are received are used to assist the school with the purchase of classroom consumables such as work books, pencils and rulers, as well as helping cover the cost of producing fortnightly newsletters.

Our school's contribution guide has been set as follows:

**Kindergarten:** \$20.00

**Year 1 – 2:** \$30.00

**Year 3 – 6:** \$35.00

Please remember that contributions are not mandatory, but are very much appreciated.

# National Ride 2 School Day

**Change of Date: Friday 10 March**

Students, parents and grandparents are invited to bring their bikes along to school next Friday 10 March for a morning of fun cycling activities.

A range of courses and activities will be on offer for you to master once we have had a bicycle safety demonstration.

If your child does not have a bike, or if you are concerned about getting your child's bike to school next Friday morning, please see a teacher by Wednesday at the latest and we will try and make the necessary arrangements. Bikes can be locked up in Kidspace overnight for those who would like to bring them in on Thursday afternoon.

## Every day counts at Johns River Public School

### What chance has your child got of being successful?

One or two days absent per week doesn't seem like much, but.....

He/She is only missing just....	That equals....	Which is....	And over 13 years of schooling, that's....
1 day per fortnight	20 days per year	4 weeks per year	Nearly 1 ½ years
1 day per week	40 days per year	8 weeks per year	Over 2 ½ years
2 days per week	80 days per year	16 weeks per year	Over 5 years
3 days per week	120 days per year	24 weeks per year	Nearly 8 years

**Ask us about help with getting your children to school every day.**

## School starts at 9.00am

### What sort of start is your child getting?

Just a little bit late doesn't seem like much, but.....

He/She is only missing just....	That equals....	Which is....	And over 13 years of schooling, that's....
10 minutes per day	50 minutes per week	Nearly 1 ½ weeks per year	Nearly half a year
20 minutes per day	1 hour 40 minutes per week	Over 2 ½ weeks per year	Nearly 1 year
Half an hour per day	Half a day per week	4 weeks per year	Nearly 1 ½ years
1 hour per day	1 day per week	8 weeks per year	Over 2 ½ years

**Ask us about help with getting your children to school on time.**

# The role of your school counsellor

School counsellors are qualified teachers who have a degree in psychology and post graduate qualifications in school counselling. They complement and enhance the work of teachers by strengthening schools' student welfare provisions and providing counselling and psychological assessment of students with specific needs.

School counsellors:

- provide counselling to students, individually and in groups, including appropriate short term therapeutic interventions undertaken within the constraints of their training, experience and supervision
- work in consultation with the principal, school executive, staff and regional student support services to improve student learning and wellbeing outcomes and implement current departmental priorities
- work collaboratively with learning support teams, parents and caregivers, and other agencies, to develop appropriate school based support for students
- carry out cognitive, social, emotional and behavioural assessment of students referred by the learning support team, report the results of assessments and interventions to parents and teachers, and collaborate to improve learning and wellbeing outcomes
- contribute to the social, emotional, and academic development of students by participating in student welfare committees
- contribute to the development of and planning for students with special needs by assisting review committees in the design and or delivery of educational plans
- respond, as part of a team, to schools experiencing emergencies
- provide long suspension reports to principals with recommendations for future management
- assist and support parents and caregivers in addressing the social, emotional, and educational development of their children
- refer students and/or their families and caregivers to other agencies that will support the development of student health and wellbeing outcomes.

# CHCOS Rotary Robotics Competition

Students in Year 4 – 6 will represent Johns River PS in the 2017 Camden Haven Community of Schools Rotary Robotics Competition this year.

The event will begin with an orientation day next Friday 10 March at Camden Haven High School. Here, CHHS staff and students will mentor each team and assist them to begin construction of their robot. Students will also receive an introduction to coding, which they will refine over the coming weeks in preparation for Competition Day.

Year 4 – 6 students are reminded to return their completed permission notes to school ASAP. Good luck Team Johns River!

## Good for Kids good for life

### WINTER SPORTS REGISTRATIONS

Joining in team sports is a great way to increase your child's physical activity. Other benefits include:

- Teaching teamwork
- Increasing communication skills
- Gaining confidence through interaction with other children
- Teaching children it is ok to lose sometimes
- Making new friends
- And most importantly, having fun!



Registrations for winter team sports open in the first weeks of Term 1 so why not inquire today about what team sports are available in your community?



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# From the classroom

**The school is alive with  
the sound of music!**



## Week 5 Assembly Award Winners

**K,1,2 awards:**

**Shelby** – presented for always giving her best in all she attempts.

**Noah** – presented for an improved attitude towards learning.

**Year 3,4,5,6 award:**

**Liam** – presented for outstanding effort and achievement in spelling activities.

**Cross Country Training awards:**

Presented for a fantastic effort in cross country training.

**Indi**

**Tyler**

The assembly originally scheduled for next Friday 10 March has been postponed due to the CHCOS Rotary Robotics orientation. The next school assembly will be held **Friday 7 April at 2.30pm.**

## Mozzie Season

The mozzies are thick at Johns River PS after so much wonderful rain. Parents might like to consider applying repellent to their children's skin in the mornings before school.

## Gardeners Wanted



We'd love your help if you are able to volunteer some time in our school gardens. They've gotten out of hand over the school holidays! Any assistance is greatly appreciated.

## All enquiries to Mr T

We'd also love your old ceramic pots to liven up our classrooms. We have some new pot plants, but they're currently sitting in ice-cream containers! If you have some at home that you were planning to toss out, please bring them into school. Thanks!