

# Johns River Public School

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A message from the Principal

## Ms Sheree Quinlivan



Dear parents and carers,  
NAPLAN is over for another year!  
Congratulations to Ellie, Tyler and Ruby for demonstrating such a mature attitude towards the standardised testing over the past couple of weeks.

The school's 2016 Annual Report has been published and is available for viewing on the school website for anyone interested. A big thank you to Mr Graham Small for his assistance with this last week. I regret that Miss Craig and I had to miss a school assembly to complete this task, but I'm thrilled with the work we produced.

Have a wonderful weekend everyone and don't forget to spoil the special mothers in your life on Sunday!

**Sheree Quinlivan**  
Teaching Principal  
Johns River Public School

*A mother's love for her  
child is like nothing else  
in the world.*

*- Agatha Christie*

## Coming Events

### Week 4

Friday 19 May	Walk Safely to School Day Ms Q – Meeting with Director Public Schools NSW Assembly 2.30pm
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### Week 5

Tuesday 23 May	3MAPS Athletics lunch orders due
Wednesday 24 May	Community Craft 10am
Thursday 25 May	The Big Vegie Crunch
Friday 26 May	3MAPS Athletics Carnival – Johns River PS

### Week 6

Wednesday 31 May	GRIP Leadership Conference
Thursday 1 June	Mr T – LDPSSA Meeting 3pm Moorland PS

### Week 7

Wednesday 7 June	P&C Meeting 9am Year 6 High School taster lessons
Thursday 8 June	Ms Q – 3MAPS Principals Meeting 9.30am – 3.30pm Ms Q & Mr T – 3MAPS Staff Meeting 4pm – 5pm

## 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.**

## GRIP Leadership

Liam and Ruby will be heading to Port Panthers with Mr T on Wednesday 31 May to participate in the 2017 GRIP Leadership Conference. Student leaders from many local schools will be gathering to participate in a series of leadership discussions and skill-building tasks.

## 3MAPS Athletics Carnival

It's our turn to host the Three Mountains Athletics Carnival this year!

Hannam Vale and Herons Creek Public Schools will be joining us on Friday 26 May for this exciting annual event. Johns River PS has retained the trophy for two years in a row – can we make this one lucky number three?

The P&C Association will be catering for this event. Students will receive an order form for canteen items next week that needs to be completed and returned to the school office with full payment by Tuesday 23 May. Some items are available to be purchased on the day, but all meal deals must be ordered in advance. Any parents or carers who will be available to volunteer in the canteen for the day are asked to see Margaret as soon as possible so that she can draft up a roster. We will be hosting approximately 70 students plus their families on the day, so the P&C Association really does need all the help they can get!

### Next P&C Meeting:

**Wednesday  
7 June 9am**

## NSW Premier's Sporting Challenge

Year 3-6 students have begun tracking their physical activity for the 2017 Premier's Sporting Challenge. Upon completion of the Challenge, students will receive either a Bronze, Silver, Gold or Diamond award based on their performance. Many students were amazed to discover just how much physical activity they experience in a single school day. It looks like everyone is on track to receive a Gold award at least – if not Diamond!

Students, remember to keep a record of 20 minute blocks of physical activity you do at home so that we can add it to your log book and Liam can enter it onto the online tracker.



### Stressed about back to school costs?

**Would \$500 help pay for uniforms, books, excursions, tutoring, a laptop or tablet?**

Saver Plus matches your savings for school costs, dollar for dollar, up to \$500!

You may eligible if:

- you have a Health Care or a Pensioner Concession card,
- you or your partner have some regular income from work such as full-time, part-time, casual or seasonal work, and
- you have internet access and can be contacted by email.

**Contact Kristiana Darling  
your local Saver Plus Coordinator:**

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# Walk Safely to School Day

Students are reminded to return completed permission notes for Walk Safely to School Day by next Wednesday 17 May. Any students who are unable to meet Mr T at the playground and walk to school next Friday may be dropped at school as usual.

All parents and carers are very welcome to join Mr T and the students on their journey from Johns River Hall to the school on Friday morning.

## Good for Kids good for life

### INCIDENTAL PHYSICAL ACTIVITY

It all adds up! Physical activity doesn't just mean team sports. There are simple and cheap ways to get your kids active.

Children should be getting at least 60 minutes of moderate to vigorous activity (that is activity that makes them "huff and puff") across the day. Whether it be walking, riding a scooter, cycling or even playing hide and seek! It all adds up.

Here are some ideas to keep your kids entertained during those cold winter months:

- Playing games like 'Simon Says', and 'Hide and Seek' in the backyard
- Walking or cycling to and from the local park, shops or school
- Taking the dog for a walk
- Playing games with siblings such as skipping, hopscotch or handball

These activities don't require any uniforms, expensive sporting equipment or registrations.

Check out this activity diary to keep track of how much physical activity your kids are getting: <https://www.healthkids.nsw.gov.au/kids-teens/kids-activities/activity-diary.aspx>



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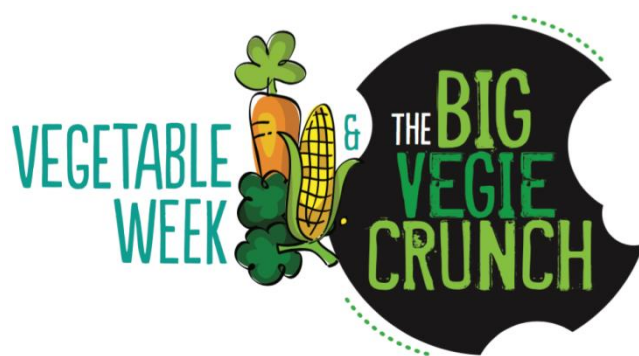


# From the classroom

## Choose your own homework week



Ellie & Tyler demonstrating what happens when you mix bi carb soda with vinegar.



**Thursday 25 May!**

Don't forget to pack vegetables for Crunch & Sip instead of fruit on this day!

## Week 3 Assembly

### Award Winners

**Jai & Austin** – presented for enthusiastic participation in dancing.

**Sunny** – presented for achievement in Mr T's spelling test.

**Next School Assembly:**

**Friday 19 May 2.30pm**



## LET'S START A NEW PLAYGROUP?

## ARE YOU INTERESTED?

Interested families are sought to form a playgroup for babies, toddlers and pre-school aged children in the Moorland/Hannam Vale/Johns River area. If interested, please visit [playgroupnsw.org.au](http://playgroupnsw.org.au) for information on starting a playgroup, and then email Chris Ellingham at [cfjellingham@googlemail.com](mailto:cfjellingham@googlemail.com) to exchange contact information.