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NEWSLETTER—Term 4, Week 5 2021

UP COMING EVENTS

Week	Date	Event	Time
8	Tuesday 23 November	Year 6 to 7 Orientation	All Day
9	Monday 29 November to Friday 3 December	Intensive Swimming	9.30am to 12.30pm
11	Monday 13 December	Presentation Day	TBC

Principal's Desk

We are roughly halfway through the Term and the students are doing some great work. Our Kinder and Year 2's reading and writing is coming along incredibly well! You as parents can be extremely proud of what they're achieving at school. Years 4 and 6 have also been busy performing well in recent testing. These 'check-in' assessments are a way of tracking student academic achievement in reading and maths. I am pleased to say that each student has improved SIGNIFICANTLY since the last time the tests were conducted in Term 2 - Well done kids!

Resilience Talks

On Tuesday 9 November, Rob Schouten (Behaviour Support at Camden Haven High School) will be coming to Johns River Public School to speak with the Year 6 students from the 3MAPS schools. The purpose of this talk is to learn about resilience and where to go for help at the high school should the students need it. This will be a worthwhile experience for the students.

Coupled with this, Year 6 will also head to the Camden Haven High School for a full Orientation Day on the Tuesday 23 November. Notes will go home on Monday for this.

Attendance

It has been awesome to see such great attendance over the past few weeks! We love having each student here each day. They all form such an integral part of our school. Let's keep that going!

COVID Update

Several schools in the surrounding district have reported cases of COVID and have had to close for a few days. Each site has been shut for contact tracing and cleaning. We have a plan in place should this happen at our site. We will be guided by, and act on behalf of, the Department of Education and NSW Government should this become an issue at Johns River. All staff have been vaccinated to ensure the safety of themselves and your children. If you change your email address, could you please advise us as soon as possible so that we can update our system, to ensure that you receive any correspondence required.

End of Year events

As we look towards the end of the year, we are still a little uncertain about what Presentation Day, Fun Day and other events will look like. COVID certainly adds a layer of complexity! We are planning, at this point, on having the School Swimming Scheme in Week 9 (29 November to 3 December). This may not be possible but we are in negotiations. This would certainly be a nice way to finish off our year. We will wait to see what happens regarding people on site for our Presentation Day. It is currently planned for Monday 13 December – fingers crossed!

Enrolling for 2022

As our 3 amazing Year 6 students head off to high school next year, we would like to know if there are any other students that may be planning on attending Johns River next year. If you know of any students in the area planning to enrol at Johns River Public School for 2022, please tell them to get in touch with me as soon as possible.

Stay well,

Murray McGrath

Relieving Principal

NEW GARDEN BEDS

Our new garden beds have arrived and are ready to be filled with soil and veggies. Located right next to the canteen, they will help us create loads of fresh and healthy snacks and lunches.

Funds raised from the raffle of a quilt, generously donated by Ms Wendy Galvin, went towards this project. We know Wendy is a keen gardener herself, so she will be chuffed with this.



2022 school travel applications are now open

Applications for the School Student Transport Scheme (SSTS) open at the start of Term 4 2021 for travel in 2022, so parents/students can [apply](#) or [update](#) details early and be ready for the start of the new school year.



Our communities project and benefits

BACKGROUND

After extensive discussion with community hall groups, local RFS brigades, the SES and other emergency services, our 10 communities have come together to be proactive and assist in making a difference. In early 2021, we successfully sought funding from the Bushfire Community Recovery & Resilience Fund (BCRRF) to produce assets for residents within these communities, that we believe will assist ALL emergency services during times of crisis. Easily accessible information in a crisis saves lives, property and time and greatly assists emergency workers and volunteers while protecting them from potentially dangerous explorations.

ASSETS THAT YOU CAN RECEIVE

Signage

Each resident who chooses to participate will be provided with a double sided 3mm aluminum reflective sign and fireproof fixings that can be easily attached to your fence, near your property entrance. This sign would only ever be turned over if you choose to evacuate your property during catastrophic conditions. The rest of the time it can be hung advising Residents on the property. This will assist all emergency services identify whether residents are still on a property and may need assistance.

Information tubes

Each resident will also be provided with a 40cm, 100mm PVC information tube, capped at the bottom and with a screw top. Galvanized clips will be provided so the tube can be attached to a fence post, with reflective tape on the front to identify the property and property number. Within the tube will be vital information for each resident to complete with a few simple questions such as:

- How many people are on the property and are there any disabled or elderly residents
- Do you have accessible water on your property for the RFS to reach?
- Do you have storz fittings available on a water tank and what size? (25 or 38)
- Are there gas bottles on the property or fuel/ diesel?

You can enter your address on the website fireready.org.au under the Property Entry tab and a Google map pops up. You can pinpoint your house and water supplies such as tanks, a dam, pool or creek. If you choose, this can be printed and placed in the tube so out-of-area emergency services that are not familiar with this region will know where to go to help save your property, if there is access to water and if there are any hazards they should be aware of.

Your privacy is of the utmost importance and the information provided via the weblink will only be shared with emergency service providers.

BENEFITS

The assets, which will be produced by October 2021, will provide vital information efficiently to all emergency services trying to assist your family and property during emergency situations. After you register for these assets, Community coordinators will contact you in the coming months. They are worth \$90 to each household but are being provided at no charge due to the funding obtained.

[Please register at fireready.org.au](http://fireready.org.au) under the property entry tab.

This information is going out to all communities if you live in Elands, the Bulga Plateau, Kippax, Bobin, Marlee, Wherrol Flat, Caparra, Killabakh, Lansdowne, Upper Lansdowne or Johns River. We encourage all communities and property owners to participate in this community led initiative, supported by local emergency services.