

Thursday Notice

Jiggi Public School

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Term 1 – Week 1

Learning for Life

Thursday, 8 February 2018



Students of the Week



Darcy – for settling into the Opals room in a mature manner.



Coco – being a mature leader in the Diamond's room.

Calendar

Week 2 – Term 1 - 2018

Friday 9th February 2018 - Swimming Carnival

Week 3

Wednesday 14th February - P&C 5pm

Thursday 15th February Waste Audit 11.30

Friday 16th February 2018 - School Swimming
Summit 1 - 2pm

Week 4

Wednesday 21st February - Excursion to the tip

Friday 23rd February 2018 - School Swimming
Summit 1 - 2pm

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to school! I hope everyone had a restful and enjoyable holiday. It's so nice to see all the smiling faces of our Gems who have grown taller and have fabulous summer tans. Welcome to our new students and their families. We hope you enjoy your time at our great school. Welcome kindergarten- Chiron, Amalie, Lucinda and Natalie. Welcome Tobi to year 3 and Alice, who spent a short time with us last year, to year 6.

Terania Swimming Carnival

Friday 9th February

All students from year 3 to 6 are to attend the Terania District Swimming carnival to be held **NEXT FRIDAY 9th February** at the **Lismore Memorial outdoor pool**. All students in year 2 who turn 8 this year are welcome to attend. Mrs Stroud-Watts

will be attending the carnival and Mrs Toniello will be at school for kindergarten to year 2 students. Parents will need to transport their child/children to and from the carnival. There will be no bus to the pool.

The carnival will commence at 9.30am and will finish by 1pm. Once your child has completed you may take them home. There will be no supervision for them at school.

If dropping off and leaving at the pool, please let me know.

Students will need- Hat, school uniform, towel, sunscreen, drink bottle, food or money for the canteen, swimmers and goggles.

I will have a job on the day and whilst I endeavour to remind students to apply and reapply sunscreen, they will need to practise their independent skills and be responsible for their own sun safety and hydration. Please discuss this expectation with your children at home.

Cost of pool is \$4.40 for competitors and \$3 for spectators

Staffing:

Every Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday morning session-Mrs Stroud-Watts and Mrs Close teach the Diamonds literacy. Mrs Toniello teaches the Opals literacy.

Every Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday middle session- the whole school (33 students) split into 3 groups for maths. Mrs Close - K/1. Mrs T – 3/4 and Mrs S-W- 5/6.

These literacy and numeracy sessions are very intensive and tailored for individual learning.

Mrs Brito will be coming in on Monday and Tuesday to teach ESL, History and Geography to the Diamonds, Science to the Opals and measurement to years 3/4.

Mrs Close takes the Diamonds on Thursday.

On Friday there is only Mrs S-W and Mrs Toniello.

Homework: The Diamonds will be getting a homework folder, which will have home readers for those learning to read and a homework contract book. The first contract will be due next Friday. Home readers will be changed regularly. For those with home readers, please keep reader in their bags so we can change if need be. Please

note, readers will be a familiar read and sometimes they will get the same one. This is to encourage fluency and a great opportunity for your child to show off their new skills. Spelling is individualised and sometimes students will bring home words to learn. If this is the case, I will contact you or leave a note in their homework folders. Please note- I'm not a great lover of homework for very young children. If it gets done, it gets done. If your child is learning responsibility in a positive way, then great. Please only do it if your child is happy to. Never make homework a battle to be fought at home. I think we have enough of those and down time is important too. The best thing to do with your child is to read *To Them*. Read for enjoyment and encourage that love of learning.

School swimming

16th February to 23rd March

This term we are having swimming lessons/coaching at the Summit for 6 Fridays. This will begin on Friday week 3. We will leave the school, on the bus, at 12.15pm and return by 3pm. Your child will need all their swimming gear on these days. They will get changed, here at school, in the toilets and will come back to school in their swimmers and towel. The P&C and our sporting grant are heavily subsidising this program. I will give you more details in next week's newsletter.

Facebook

Please ensure you are a member of our 'secret' school Facebook page. This is a way the school can communicate about what we've all been up to. We put videos and photos of the students at school and important reminders. Please note our Facebook site does not replace our Newsletter. Any important information will always be in this newsletter. We also have a P&C Facebook site so please make sure you're a member of that. This is a great way for parents to communicate with each other.

P&C

Our first meeting will be at 5pm on Wednesday 14th February. Everyone is more than welcome to attend. It's a great way to help make important decision in the school.

Reminders

There are several things I like to remind parents of at the start of every year.

The 'Opals' are students in years 4 to 6. The 'Diamonds' are students in kindergarten to year 3. All students are our Jiggi Gems.

Tuckshop: Every Thursday. Students need to put their orders (on a brown paper bag) in the order box outside Mrs Mac's office in the morning.

Communication: Teachers encourage immediate communication if there is an issue you feel needs to be addressed. My philosophy is that nothing is too small. It may seem small to you and you may feel silly mentioning anything but believe me- everything matters and small things mean big things to children so please never hold back. Please come directly to us with any concerns, big or small. Our promise is we will follow up on everything.

Teachers are happy to communicate through Facebook messenger. This is easy and quick. We are also happy to receive text messages on our private mobiles and emails. If the matter is of particular concern, we will either phone you or ask to see you in person. Of course, you can phone us at school or come in in person. Please note that we cannot be disturbed during our teaching time so we will get back to you either after school or during lunch.

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Supervision: School supervision starts at 8.30am. Please don't drop your child off at school before a teacher is there. Teachers should be at school by 8.30am however, we are human and mornings can be hijacked so please be aware of this, particularly on a Friday when there is only myself and Mrs T. Supervision after school ends at 3.30pm. After-school destinations are listed each day in our bus folder. We know where every child goes so we know they are safe. Any changes to their normal routine will need to be communicated through the office. We will never let your child leave the school with another person unless you have contacted us. If you email please ensure we have replied as we

don't usually check emails while we are teaching and we have no mobile reception at school.

Library bags: All students will have library on a Friday and will need a library bag. Mrs Close will be making library bags with the Diamonds this term. (Could they please bring in a cotton bag/pillow slip that we will be printing. Thank you- Mrs Close)

Hats: All students need a broad brimmed hat and can only play under the cola if they don't have one. This rule is reviewed during the winter months.

Drink bottles: Water bottles are encouraged to be in the classroom to encourage hydration.

Fruit break: All students have fruit break, every day, after their morning fitness program.

Head lice: 'Nits' are common everywhere. We don't allow students to share hats to avoid the spreading of head lice. If we detect head lice in your child's hair we will notify you. If your child has head lice, they will need to be treated before they return to school.

Illness: Please keep your child at home if they have had diarrhoea, vomiting or a fever in the last 24 hours. We remind children about the importance of washing hands before eating and after toilet use and blowing of the nose. We also encourage the correct use of a tissue. If your child is absent, please notify the office via a phone call or a note.

Messages: Any changes to routine, notes or messages need to go through Mrs Mac in the office. We encourage students to take their own permission notes and place them in the 'dolphin' box outside Mrs Mac's office to gain independence and responsibility. Any medication needs to be given to Mrs Mac with a note of when it needs to be administered.

If you have any questions about anything in today's newsletter, please contact me.

Mrs Stroud-Watts
Principal

Opals News

It has been a perfect start to the term. All the Opals have settled into their new class and beginning to work as a team. We have a very exciting term ahead!

On Mondays the Opals will be doing robotics and coding with Mrs Close.

Tuesdays the Opals have Mrs Brito for science where they are focusing on horticulture with lots of hands on tasks.

Wednesdays we will be doing Project Based learning for our Geography unit. This will involve independent research and working in teams to produce an exhibition at the end of term.

Wednesday is also the day we do whole school singing.

Thursdays we will be participating in Rock and Water lessons, focussing on building resilience within ourselves.

Friday is our busy day (and exciting day!) On Friday we are having whole school music, looking at beat & rhythm this term. The Opals will also have Art on Fridays, looking at sculpture this term. Library is on Fridays as well as Sport.

Homework has been sent out and is not due until week 9. Each week students will receive a new timetables sheet to glue into their book and complete.

I look forward to working with the Opals and watching their confidence grow this year. If you have any questions or concerns please contact me at school.

Nadine Toniello

Tuckshop

Rostered for duty on Thursday 8th February 2018

Bake – Belinda

Serve – Angela/Scott

