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What’s on at JCS

Sept 18  Year 12 Final Assembly at 1.30pm
          K-6 Assembly (KS hosting)
          Snowsports for Years 5-10
Oct 5    Public Holiday
Oct 6    All students return to school
Oct 12   HSC exams commence
Oct 14   K-6 Concert - 12.30pm + 6pm
Oct 15   K-6 Concert -12.30pm
Oct 16   K-6 Assembly (3/4K Hosting)
          Grandparents / Grandfriends Day
Oct 19-21 Year Five Camp
Oct 19   Scholastic Book Fair
Oct 21-23 Year Four Camp
Oct 21   P&C Meeting—7pm in Library
Oct 22   Kindy Start 1
          Secondary Immunisation Day - Year 7
          Secondary Formal Assembly

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Retiring TAS Teacher Mrs Linda Millington received a medal for 30 years service to the Department of Education. We’ll miss you Mrs Millington!

JCS inducted Tim Draxl (absent), Kirsten Farmer (left), Peter Brulisauer (middle) and Manuela Berchtold (right) into the Hall of Fame.
Principal’s Message

Year 12 final assembly
I would like to wish Year 12 the best for their HSC and the future. As a group they have had many achievements and successes across their 13 years of schooling and have made a significant contribution to the development of the history, culture and tradition of Jindabyne Central School. The commitment of the students to academic excellence and participation in the many sporting and cultural opportunities afforded to them has been truly commendable. And beyond academic and sporting achievements, I personally and our society in general, places a far greater importance on the contributions they have made to the community. Each year when Year 12 graduate, it means the end of an era for some of our families. Many of these families have contributed to our community over many years and we wish to thank these families and acknowledge their service to our community.

Celebrating Local Heroes
Celebrating local heroes was the theme for this years’ Education Week. I would like to thank all of the volunteer organisations that joined with us in celebrating the contributions made as part of our Education Week activities. Special mention must be made to the recipients of our inaugural Alumni Hall of Fame - Tim Draxl, Manuela Berchtold, Peter Brulisauer and Kirsten Farmer. It was a privilege and honour to have these past students recognised for their achievements.

Australian Interschools Championships at Mt Buller
The National Interschools Competition was once again on the sporting calendar for Jindabyne Central School students. I commend the commitment and dedication of all participants. We as a school are immensely proud of the sportsmanship and conduct of the Jindabyne Central School students and congratulate all medal winners. Of particular mention are the students who contributed to our Overall Primary School CoEd Championship and as runner up in the Secondary School CoEd Championship.

New appointment at JCS
Congratulations to Olivia Belshaw who will commence teaching at Jindabyne Central School in 2016 as the Head Teacher Science/TAS. I know that Ms Belshaw is looking forward to commencing in her position at JCS.
Farewell Mrs Millington

It was my pleasure to acknowledge the work and commitment of Mrs Linda Millington at this weeks’ Education Week assembly and present her with the Department of Education Service medal. After over 30 years of work with the Department of Education, Mrs Millington is looking forward to retirement. I wish both Linda and Chris the best of retirement on the South Coast. Congratulations on your achievements. I know that many students will miss you and your classes.

Education Week celebrations

Thank you to all of the parents that visited classrooms and stayed for the lunchtime concert. It is so great to share all that we do here at JCS with you and your children. Some feedback I received about the assembly was that one person was “blown away” by the nature of the assembly and loved attending. He was impressed by the student-led nature of the assembly and “the general lovely, friendly vibe of the students and the school”. As always I am very aware of how great the students and staff of JCS are.

Farewell Mr McKellar

To Mr McKellar I send the warmest wishes for his upcoming nuptials and wish him well in his position at Amaroo Senior School in the ACT. Mr McKellar has made a number of significant contributions to Jindabyne Central School with the most recent being his work as Student Adviser to the current Year 12 students.

Express Off and Premier’s Spelling Bee

Congratulations to the students who have recently participated in Express Off and the Spelling Bee conducted via the Video Conferencing facilities. Both Mia and Matthew were brilliant in their performance and well done to Owen and Ariella for their efforts. What a great way to engage in spelling across the state. I know that I thoroughly enjoyed the entertaining speeches given by all of the Express Off winners.

Autobahn

Thank you to Frau Turner and the staff of the German Goethe Institute for the “Autobahn” conducted this week. I know that all students were very much engaged in all of the activities, puzzles and games.

End of Term 3

I wish you a lovely spring break and look forward to seeing everyone back for Term 4. For those winter students, I wish you well back at your home school and will welcome you back next winter. For the Year 12 Class of 2015, it is not goodbye but see you soon. Study and prepare well for the HSC so that you can give it your best efforts. Remember the best is yet to come.
JCS wins Australian Championship

Jindabyne Central School has defeated every other school in the nation to be crowned Australia’s overall snowsports primary school champion.

JCS also had the honour of being the runner-up in the secondary schools division at the 2015 Interschools Snowsports Championships held at Mt Buller in Victoria.

JCS finished way ahead of its nearest rival to be awarded the coveted title of 2015 Interschools Snowsports Co-ed Primary Champion at the national titles.

Jindabyne entered this year’s Australian titles as the incumbent primary school champion and there was no disputing the winner of the prestigious award, with JCS finishing 23 points ahead of second-placed Geelong Grammar School.

In the high school division, JCS was second to Snowy Mountains Grammar School.

In total, JCS won 21 team medals – including six national championships – and 16 individual medals, with five of those students now the official Australian Interschools Champions.

JCS kicked off the national interschool titles, held from September 9-13, when Year Five student Zana Evans won the division four (for students in Years Five and Six) cross country classic and led her team to the silver medal in the same event.

JCS dominated snowboard events, with the brother and sister duo of Adam and Sarah Lambert winning their respective divisions in snowboard giant slalom, ensuring they are both Australian champions.

Sarah joined Christina Taylor and Charli Hasler to bring home the team gold medals in division two (for students in Years Nine and 10) in snowboard cross and snowboard giant slalom while Zephyr Ashe, Kaleb Vagne and Fletcher Thew teamed up to win the division four snowboard giant slalom.

The mogul competition ended in more success for JCS when Cooper Woods took out the division two competition and Jackson Harvey won the division three (for students in Years Seven and Eight) national titles.

Cooper and Ethan Topalovic teamed up to win the moguls national title while Cooper’s younger brother Nate collected an individual medal in moguls when he came second in division five (for students in Kindergarten to Year Four) ahead of fellow JCS student Mac Livissianos in third place.

Mac joined Joey Ellis and Tomas Brulisauer to win the division five skier cross national title while Sarah Lambert and Benjamin Wynn claimed individual silver medals in skier cross.

JCS picked up three team medals in the most contested division of the championships – alpine giant slalom, while Year 11 student Charlotte Murphy collected a bronze medal in division one girls.

“I was so surprised when they called out Jindabyne Central School as the overall champion,” said Year Five student Sophie Paske. “We were all so excited, it was a bit overwhelming.”
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The JCS team at the 2015 Australian Interschools Championships at Mt Buller.

More Interschools photos later in the newsletter.
JCS launches Hall of Fame

A renowned businessman, an Olympic mogul skier, a famous actor and a woman who has dedicated her life to helping others are the inaugural inductees into Jindabyne Central School’s (JCS) Hall of Fame. Perisher Chief Operating Officer Peter Brulisauer, two-time Winter Olympian and owner of High Country Fitness Manuela Berchtold, award-winning singer and actor Tim Draxl and Snowy Relay for Life Chairperson Kirsten Farmer are the first members of JCS’s Hall of Fame. The four are former Jindabyne Public School students and have been recognised to inspire current and future students to greatness.

Mr Brulisauer, Ms Berchtold and Ms Farmer attended JCS’s Celebrating Local Heroes assembly on Monday where they were inducted into the Hall of Fame. Mr Draxl, a Logie Award nominee for Most Outstanding Actor in a Drama Series, sent his apologies as he was performing in “Mother and Sons” in Sydney.

Mr Brulisauer, who attended Jindabyne Public School from Kindergarten to Year Six between 1981 and 1987, said he was truly honoured to be recognised. He had a word of advice for JCS’s current students, including his own sons Tomas and Zac. “My advice to you is to set big goals, work towards them and most of all have fun,” he said.

Ms Berchtold, who prides herself on helping others achieve their fitness goals and runs a Future Olympian’s Scholarship program, told the 756 students crammed into the JCS gymnasium she loves Jindabyne and feels incredibly fortunate to have grown up in the town. She said she had travelled the world through her sport but she still called Australia home. “And I still want to call Jindabyne home,” Ms Berchtold told the students. “I think you are at an advantage living in Jindabyne and living in the Snowy Mountains and having these amazing people around you.”

Ms Farmer has raised more than $200,000 for charities since she returned home to Jindabyne as an adult in 1997. Even so, she said she couldn’t believe it when she was included in her former school’s Hall of Fame. “It’s very humbling to be honoured in such a way,” she said. “I have raised over $200,000 over the past 15 years in this tiny little town. “We raise more money than some of the big towns and it shows what a wonderful, generous community we are.”

The JCS Hall of Fame was established as a collaboration between the school and the School Council to create a lasting tribute to those who have brought honour to themselves, the school, the Jindabyne community and the community in which they belong. It is also hoped JCS can utilise the alumni to inspire current students to set goals and work hard to achieve them, realising that anything is possible.
Local Heroes celebrated at JCS

The Snowy Mountains’ local heroes have been honoured and celebrated at Jindabyne Central School - everyone from the neighbour who checks mail when you’re away to pioneers who built the Snowy Scheme and the police who keep us safe.

JCS’s focal point of Education Week was to celebrate the town’s local heroes, with dozens of heroes attending a special assembly recognising the selfless commitment so many people have made to the Jindabyne community.

All 750-plus students crammed into the JCS gym on Monday to acknowledge the important role that parents, carers, grandparents and community members play in supporting the school.

Some of the organisations honoured include the Snowy Mountains Scheme, Ski Patrol, NSW Police, NSW Fire and Rescue, the Ambulance Service, Snowy Hydro, CWA, State Emergency Service, the Jindabyne Bushpigs, the Uniting Church, Marine Rescue, the RSL and Lions Club.

Year Six students spoke about what a hero was to them.

“Heroes don’t have to possess laser-type eyes or webs that shoot from their wrists,” said Kahli Henley. “They just are simply the people that make a difference in their community.”

Fellow student Indi Mayhew said there were everyday heroes at school – Susie Milliken who helps maintain the grounds, Anne Foster who runs the canteen, Machelle Grant who voluntarily runs the uniform shop and the P&C.

One local hero JCS Principal Debbie-Lee Hughes honoured at the assembly was retiring Technical and Applied Studies (TAS) teacher Linda Millington.

Mrs Millington, who is retiring to the NSW South Coast, was presented with a medal for 30 years service with the NSW Department of Education.

Outside the school gym, students had created a people-scape celebrating the contributions of Jindabyne people from all walks of life.

JSC also inducted four inaugural local heroes into its Hall of Fame. Perisher Chief Operating Officer Peter Brulisauer, two-time Winter Olympian and owner of High Country Fitness Manuela Berchtold, award-winning singer and actor Tim Draxl and Snowy Relay for Life Chairperson Kirsten Farmer were the first members of JCS’s Hall of Fame.

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The Celebrating Local Heroes assembly kicked off a week of Education Week activities at JCS, which also included open classrooms, a performing arts open air concert, a public speaking assembly, International Talk Like a Pirate Day, the Premier’s Spelling Bee Challenge, a high school dance and the Year 12 Presentation Day.
Perisher joins JCS to provide jobs for students

Perisher and Jindabyne Central School have teamed up to offer local teenagers a springboard to launch their careers.
Perisher approached JCS prior to winter looking for students who wanted to gain employment skills by working for one of the world's biggest snow resort companies – and earn their first pay cheque.
The lucky two candidates were 16-year-old Georgie Nikora and 17-year-old Michael Brandon.
The JCS students begin each Saturday and Sunday morning working at the ticket office at the Perisher Centre and later move upstairs to work at the Ski Rock Café in food and beverage handling.
Georgie said she had already learned so much – independence and how to deal with customers, including the odd compliant.
“It teaches you how to be patient and how to work well with others,” she said, adding that this was her first paid work.
Georgie knows exactly where her future career lies.
She wants to be a Logistics Officer in the Royal Australian Navy after studying at the Australian Defence Force Academy and she says the skills she is learning at Perisher will hold her in good stead.
“Working at Perisher is helping me with management skills which is what I need to go into the navy,” said Georgie.
Georgie and Michael completed face-to-face and online training before starting in their new roles with Perisher.
JSC careers advisor Rayna Green said the skills the students were learning would help with future employment including customer service, cash handling, computer skills and hospitality experience.
“It’s a great initiative to provide students with valuable employability skills while they are at school,” Ms Green said.

Perisher’s Human Resources Manager Gavin Girling said the resort was thrilled to be able to provide local children with an employment platform.
“It’s great to be working with JCS and giving local children an opportunity to gain skills by working with Perisher through our busy winter period,” he said.
“The first year of the program has been successful and generated a lot of interest from students at JCS and other schools in the Snowy Mountains region.
“We are committed to the program and expect numbers to increase in the 2016 winter.”
The Perisher work program runs for 14 weeks over the winter season.
JCS film on phishing selected as regional finalist

Jindabyne Central School commerce students are in with a chance to win a share of $16,000 in prize money in a Money Stuff Challenge run by NSW Fair Trading. Year 10 students Lachlan Harrigan, Austin Percy, Kai Johnson, Rohan Milliken and Cameron Waddell scripted, filmed and produced an instructional video about phishing scams and how to avoid them. The four boys then entered their video into the Money Stuff Challenge, a competition run by NSW Fair Trading to alert consumers to current issues. The JCS students decided to make an informative, albeit humorous, video about phishing scams – an attempt to acquire sensitive information such as usernames, passwords and credit card details by masquerading as a trustworthy entity in an electronic communication such as email.

It was a topic Year 10 Commerce students had been studying and the boys had just completed an assignment on phishing so they said it seemed a logical choice. “We had to come up with the idea of a scam so we came up with phishing,” Rowan said. The boys put together a storyboard and then kicked off their acting and directing careers.

“We went to the lake and filmed some scenes we had scripted then we did the animations in class,” Austin said. The boys filmed their video on the foreshore of Lake Jindabyne and in JCS classrooms using their mobile phones. They then edited the film, included some Powerpoint screen shots and added music to the sound track. To their surprise, the JCS video was selected among hundreds of entries as one of only eight regional finalists. Now the boys are hoping their film wins. “We’d be surprised if it wins but the $1000 prize would be nice,” Lachlan said.

Students help raise $3,000 for Legacy

Jindabyne Central School students have helped raise more than $3,000 for Legacy. Three JCS students helped man a stall on Legacy Day on Friday September 4 at Nugget’s Crossing where they sold badges, pens, wrist bands and bears. “The three students that assisted were a credit to the school as they were polite and willing to assist where needed,” Legatee Brian Farmer said.
Spelling champions face-off across the state

Jindabyne Central School’s Matthew Hansen has been crowned runner-up in the Premier’s Spelling Bee remote schools video conference final. 12-year-old Matthew challenged spelling champions from across the state in places as far away as Broken Hill, Quambone in central northern NSW and nearby Gwabegar and Tocumwal in the state’s south. Of the 37 finalists in the video conference senior final, Matthew finished second to Millie Fisher from Bourke-Walgett School of Distance Education. It was the word “camaraderie” which eventually tripped JCS’s Year Six student, but not before a whopping eight rounds of spell-offs. Millie will now travel from her western NSW home to the ABC Centre in Sydney in November for the state final of the Premier’s Spelling Bee. JCS was also represented by the school’s Year Five finalist Mia Byron, who successfully made it through to round five to have only six students continue on ahead of her. Year Three JCS student Owen Patjamol and Ariella Guttridge in Year Four participated in the junior session of the final after misspelling “calendar” and “thunderstruck” respectively. The students participated in the Premier’s Spelling Bee via video conferencing in the school’s connected classroom, which has video conferencing facilities.

Autobahn - presented by the German Goethe Institute

About 300 JCS students from Years 3-8 participated in “Autobahn” - an informative, interactive game that provides facts about German-speaking countries, their culture and people. Between 12 and 16 stations were set up in the JCS Library where students solved puzzles, completed orders and independently acquired facts.
JCS dads spoilt on Father’s Day

Dads across Jindabyne were spoilt with presents on their special day thanks to Jindabyne Central School’s P&C. The P&C held its annual Father’s Day Stall on Tuesday where all students from Kindergarten to Year Six could buy a present for their dad, with prices ranging from $2 to $5. Most students browsed what was on offer before making the big decision on what to buy their dad for Father’s Day. Items for sale included travel mugs, drink holders, solar-powered dancing monkeys, bendable clocks and even man-bands, otherwise known as bracelets for men. Kindergarten student Eva Archer bought her dad a toothbrush holder. “It sticks on the wall and dad can put his toothbrush in it,” Eva said. “Dad thought it was really good and I thought it was fun to shop at school.” Fellow kindergarten student David Hume opted for a necklace for his dad. “He likes it,” David said. The JCS P&C raised about $700 at the Father’s Day Stall - money which will be donated back to the school.

JCS students excel in international exams

Students from Jindabyne Central School have achieved outstanding results in this year’s International Competitions and Assessments for Schools (ICAS). Year Four JCS student Finlay Bylett was awarded with a certificate of distinction after sitting the Science and Spelling exams while certificates of credit were awarded to Year Three students Jack Piontek in the same subjects. Fellow Year Three student Angus O’Brien, Angus Kite in Year Four along with Tamzyn Davies and Jasmine Langdon in Year Five also received credit certificates in Science while Year Six student Madeline Ross received a certificate of merit.

In the Spelling exams, in which 27 JCS students participated, credit certificates were awarded to Joshua Dyball in Year Three, Year Four students Ruby Smith, Olivia Henley and Archie Craig along with Byron Thake in Year Five. Year Three student Flynn Wilmot collected a merit certificate.

A further 32 students sat an ICAS exam on Digital Technologies, with eight credit and two merit certificates awarded. Credit certificates were awarded to Year Three students Archer Borchards, Joshua Dyball, Angus O’Brien and Jack Pointek, Abbey Evans in Year Four and Jasmine Kangdon in Year Five. Year Four students Jimmy Batson and Jack Harmer received merit certificates. Each ICAS test is designed to assess students’ academic ability in aspects of Digital Technologies, English, Mathematics, Science, Spelling and Writing. The ICAS tests are independent evaluations of students’ skills and knowledge in core learning areas and provide insight into students’ understanding.

JCS principal Debbie-Lee Hughes said she was proud of her students’ achievements in the ICAS tests. “Congratulations to all the students who received certificates, along with those who entered,” she said.
Olympian put through the grinder at JCS

Olympian Nicole Parks has undergone one of the most intense grillings of her life – quizzed by a class full of 11 and 12-year-olds on every aspect of her life.

Jindabyne Central School’s (JCS) Year Six students spent about an hour last week questioning Parks on everything from her diet, to her worst stack, to how she spends every minute of her day.

Parks told the 32 students in class 6B her major goal was to podium at the 2018 Winter Olympics at PyeongChang in South Korea but explained she had been off skis since January when she caught an edge after doing a 360 jump. Parks twisted her knee on landing, injuring the anterior cruciate ligament which required surgery. It wasn’t one of Parks’ big stacks though.

Her scariest accident was in training just before the 2014 Sochi Olympics when Parks performed a spectacular crash, landing on her head and then face planting into the snow. Thankfully, she walked away from the stack with only broken goggles and went on to finish in 15th place at her debut Olympics.

Parks told her mini-interviewers her favourite trick off the moguls jumps was a backflip with an iron cross, her favourite snow was at Park City, Utah, her favourite subjects at school were PE and English and her favourite school was JCS (she also attended Berridale Public, St Patrick’s in Cooma and Snowy Mountains Grammar School).

The now 23-year-old was just seven when she decided moguls was the discipline for her and she had always wanted to be a professional skier.

“Yes, ever since I can remember I’ve wanted to be a professional skier,” said Parks, who said she was a little bit nervous before her Olympic run. “But not as nervous as I was expecting. I had prepared my whole life for that moment. “I was more excited than anything.”

The JCS students got a scoop of their own from their Olympic hero when Parks revealed she would like to pursue a career in halfpipe and slopestyle after the 2018 Olympics. “If my body can hold up I’d like it give it a go,” she said.

Parks visited JCS after she learned 6B had chosen her as their local hero as part of Education Week, the theme of which was “Celebrating Local Heroes.” 6B made a “mini Nicole” model which was part of a peoplescape displayed at JCS during Education Week.

Parks’ parting words to 6B was to remind them to; “Believe in Yourself.” “That’s one thing I need to do more of,” she said.
Open classrooms across JCS

Jindabyne Central School opened its doors to the public on Monday, inviting family and friends into the classrooms to see teaching first-hand.

Some high school students were reluctant to allow their mums and dads into their classroom but most primary students couldn’t wait to show off their book work and classroom achievements.

Wayne Grixti joined his son Lachlan in his Year One class and was soon gluing bark to make a bush hut piece of art, in honour of K/1B’s local hero – the Man from Snowy River.

“I haven’t had a chance to do the reading groups this year so it’s nice to be able to come into the classroom and join in,” Mr Grixti said.

Chellie Olijnyk also enjoyed being in her son Thomas’ classroom.

“It good to see the kids in class and see what they are doing,” she said.
International Talk Like A Pirate Day

Jindabyne Central School was inundated with pirates on Wednesday as the school recognised International Talk Like a Pirate Day. Students made a gold coin donation for the privilege of dressing like a pirate for the day. In total, students raised $607.35 on the day, money which will be donated to charity.
Primary School News

Absence notes
A reminder to please send a note to school with your child the day after they are absent.
On average, about 20 students each week fail to return to school with an absence note. It is a legal requirement for parents to contact the school if their child is absent. By not doing so, the school must contact parents which takes time and resources.

Express Off Competition
Congratulations to our Express Off winners and finalists!

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The special “Express Off” assembly was held on Tuesday 15th September where certificates and medallions were presented to all our class and year level winners. All students were very entertaining as they shred their presentations with us using very expressive, engaging voices.

Karen Mugridge

Express Off winners (left) and finalists (right).

Please be aware that there are students in our school with allergies to nuts. We ask that you give consideration to voluntarily agreeing not to send nut products, in particular peanuts and peanut butter, to school.
4M assembly

4M entertained the junior school when they spoke about the life cycle of a seed and performed a crowd-pleasing song and dance when they hosted assembly on September 4.

Earn & Learn

The Woolworths Earn & Learn promotion has now finished.
JCS would like to thank all who supported out school.
Watch this space to see what JCS earns from the program.

Winter students

JCS would like to farewell our winter students for 2015. We look forward to your return next year and we thank you for the wonderful element you bring to our classrooms. Please remember to complete your exit survey before leaving JCS and please keep in touch.

Volunteer painters wanted

JCS needs the help of professional painters to revamp the primary COLA area. Year Six students have raised money to buy paint and materials, now we need just need some experts to brighten the area. If we can organise a few professional painters we hope to have the job completed in a few hours.
Please contact Miss Perry if you can donate your time to help paint the COLA. Thank you!
K-2 Skiing

K-2 School Skiing was a success once again. Natasha Murray from Thredboland ensured our students were appropriately grouped with suitable instructors, to enable further development of their skills. We had a record number of students participating, from first timers to those more experienced. All students were most resilient and coped with changes in the weather and snow conditions. Three days on the mountain as a school group, learning whilst embracing the environment is such a worthwhile experience.

Karen Mugridge K-2 AP
Heidi Shvetsoff Relieving AP ES1
K-2 Alternate Program

Students in K-2 who were not skiing had a great time back at school and were involved in some fantastic activities. We made fish from fruit and talked about the types of food that we can eat lots of - some that should be sometimes foods and others that are treats or occasional foods.

On Wednesday there was dancing with Mrs Grixti and art with Mrs Thornton. Thursday was a cold and cloudy day and we were glad to be at school where we made music, built with blocks and boxes and did some more art.

Friday was a beautiful and sunny day. We spent the morning outside doing some tabloid activities; skipping, hoops, quoits, stilts, throwing and - everyone’s favourite - the scooter boards. During the afternoon we watched a movie and enjoyed some fruit and popcorn.

More photos from International Talk Like A Pirate Day, Open Classrooms and Celebrating Local Heroes Assembly
Secondary School News

Big Science Competition

Last term the JCS Year 7 and 8 Self Select Science class, along with approximately 46,500 students from 582 schools across Australia and Asia, participated in the 2015 Big Science Competition. The competition, organised by Australian Science Innovations, was a one-hour competition of 30 multiple-choice questions which challenged students to think critically and solve scientific problems using everyday examples. It covered the core concepts relating to Biological, Chemical, Earth and Space Sciences, and Physical Sciences. To correctly answer the questions, students were required to draw on their data interpretation, analysis and evaluation skills as well as identifying and formulating questions and hypotheses for testing; making predictions and drawing valid conclusions.

As part of Science Week, we were proud to award certificates of participation to all students in the Self Select class. Most excitedly, four students - Aiden Gibbs, Hamish Greenwood, Andrew Greenwood and Samson Old - received High Distinction certificates. Three students were awarded Distinction certificates. We would like to congratulate all students who eagerly participated in such a mentally challenging competition. It is hoped that this competition will be offered to the wider school community in the coming years.

Ms S. Heath

HSC Lectures held locally for Year 12 Mathematics students

Year 12 Mathematics students have recently attended a HSC revision day held in Cooma. In the past, regional students have had to travel to the University of NSW in Sydney for these lectures, which provide vital advice for the upcoming exams. The lectures were run by Nicky Vanderhault, an experienced HSC marker and supervisor, and Stuart Palmer from the Mathematics Association of NSW and respected author of a number of Mathematics books. More than 60 students from our region attended the day. Students from Jindabyne Central School proved they had been revising hard, winning the multiple-choice quiz held with the Mathematics General group. The day was such a success that organisers are planning to make this a regular event for Year 12 students in our region.

JCS students at the HSC revision day in Cooma.
ISER Regional Music Camp
Good luck to JCS Musicians James Hines, Cade Lette and Hamish Greenwood who are off to Regional Music Camp in Week 10. They will work in a range of ensembles throughout the week, made up of students from all over our region, culminating in a concert for friends and family on the Thursday Evening.

Year 8 Music Major Projects
Snow FM’s Clarie Humphery visited assembly in Week 8 to announce the ‘Best Radio Commercial’ produced by students in Year 8.
In this project, students had to write a persuasive script for a product or service, record a voice over, compose suitable music or jingle, add sound effects and mix the balance using Mixcraft Music Software.
Snow FM have given the winners, Ellie Pilkington & Emily Rowson, the opportunity to re-record their commercial in the station’s recording studio. They will play the commercial live on breakfast radio.
Hear the best of the student’s commercials at https://soundcloud.com/katie-blazey/sets/jcs-year-8-radio-commercial.

Year 12 Exams
Happy & Relieved Year 12 students after completing the HSC Music 1 Performance Exam on Monday. Each student presented an exciting program of four pieces, completing 70 per cent of their marks for the subject.

More photos from International Talk Like A Pirate Day, Open Classrooms and Local Heroes Assembly
Careers Corner

Boyce—Business Administration Traineeship

- Based in Cooma
  - Full-time position
- Industry qualification
- Variety
- Great team environment

Boyce Cooma is offering an enthusiastic and motivated person the opportunity to undertake a Business Administration Traineeship.

As a Boyce trainee you will primarily be responsible for carrying out the full range of administrative and clerical duties associated within a professional office. As a stepping stone into the workforce it will be your attitude, energy and “can-do” attitude that will be the key attributes to securing this role.

The days and tasks will vary from reception duties, through to scanning and binding a set of accounts, or organising social events and functions. As a member of the administration team it will be important that you are flexible and responsive to all the needs of the office and maintain a professional approach in all situations. A keen eye for detail and a willingness to undertake tasks enthusiastically will be highly regarded.

The traineeship will also enable completion of an industry qualification in business administration (Certificate III in Business Administration), with a requirement to attend TAFE (weekly) and complete all the necessary modules to satisfactorily complete the traineeship.

Interested?

Applications are to be submitted online at www.boyceca.com using the 'Submit Online Application' link by Monday 21 September 2015. Please refer to the Traineeship Guidelines documents to ensure your application is complete.

Early Entry to University program

As our Year 12 students prepare for their HSC exams they are also thinking about their futures, whether that is university, full or part time employment, apprenticeship/traineeships or further training. The world is their oyster.

Some Universities offer an early entry program and it is with great pleasure to announce that Zoe Bradbury, Emily Fullick, Ruby Philpot, Michaela Molloy and Brian Hukins were successful in gaining an interview at the University of Wollongong for their early entry program. Interviews will be held in November. Good Luck!

We wish all our Year 12s lots of success in whatever they choose to do.
Some events you might be interested in:

**School Holiday Courses & Summer School**

AFTRS run a wide variety of school holiday courses for both kids and teens throughout all of the school holidays. With a constantly evolving suite of courses in filmmaking, digital animation, stop motion, game design, screenwriting, screen acting, screen auditions and radio, you can give your kids and teens fun and creative experiences they'll never forget!

**Short Courses include:**

- Introduction to Game Design: 13-17 yrs
- The Real Filmmaking Workshop: 13-17 yrs
- HSC Video Skills Intensive: 15-17 yrs
- Teens Digi Animation: 13-17 yrs
- Filmmaking 101: 13 – 17 yrs
- Screenwriting 101: 13 – 17 yrs
- You're Skitting Me: Sketch Comedy 12-15 yrs
- Music for Film and TV: 14-17 yrs
- Teens Radio: Get Started Here 13-17 yrs
- And many more!

**AFTRS summer school**

**Film, TV & Radio Short Courses**

Learn new skills & invest in your future at the Australian Film Television and Radio School. AFTRS Open’s introductory and intermediate level film, TV and radio short courses offer practical and hands-on learning to extend your skill set. All courses are taught by industry professionals in the state-of-the-art facilities of Australia’s premier film school.

This season’s Summer School has been extended to run between November 2015 and February 2016. The new program includes the five-day favourites plus brand-new two, three and six week intensives. All courses are in Sydney and some include an online component.

Some of the courses being held include:

- The Three Week Film School
- The Six Week Film School – NEW
- The Six Week Doco School - NEW
- Feature Documentary Intensive (5 day) – NEW
- Radio Intensive (5 day)

For more information on the Holiday short courses and summer school please visit: [www.aftrs.edu.au/short-courses](http://www.aftrs.edu.au/short-courses)

**Do you like Photography? Enter the competition for a chance to win a Lomography Camera.**

We want you to share your best shot with us! There is no theme to this competition, so let your imagination run wild! Your photograph submission may be digital (mobile photography is accepted) or shot on film, and the photo should have been taken within the past six months (we want to encourage you to keep shooting!) Photo manipulation is permitted, but the original artwork must be your own.

**Examples:** travel, portrait, landscape, fashion, special moments, beauty, nature, black and white, time lapse, underwater, animals, panoramic, polaroid, food, fine art, etc.

**Spring Comp: September 1st to November 30th 2015**

The competition is free to enter!

**Prize:** A Lomography camera is up for grabs, so get snapping!

Enjoy the holidays and see you in Term 4.

*Rayna Green - Careers*
P&C News

Uniforms

Please be advised there is a new price list for uniforms and many items have had a price increase. Any questions regarding uniforms can be sent to jcsuniforms@gmail.com

Contacting the JCS P&C

P&C email: pandcjindabyne@gmail.com

Save the Date

Christmas Dinner Dance

Presented by the Jindabyne P&C

Saturday 21 November 2015

7pm @ Jindabyne Bowling Club

Buffet dinner and dance all night long!

All proceeds raised will support our children at Jindabyne Central School

JCS Uniform Shop Opening Hours

Mondays: 8.50-9.10am
Wednesdays: 3-3.30pm
Thursdays: 8.50-9.15am

Uniform shop volunteers are always welcome!
Calendar

PRIMARY DIARY DATES—Terms 3 & 4

Term 3, Week 10 B
Friday 18th September—K-6 Assembly (KS hosting) / Snowsports for Years 5-10 / Last Day of Term

Term 4, Week 1 A
Monday 5th October—Public Holiday
Tuesday 6th October—All students return to school for start of Term 4
Wednesday 7th–Friday 9th October—Year 5 Camp

Week 2 B
Wednesday 14th–Thursday 15th October—Primary Concert at 12.30pm & 6pm on Wednesday only
Friday 16th October—K-6 Assembly (6BK hosting) / Grandparents’ Day

Week 3 A
Monday 19th–Wednesday 21st October—Year Five Camp
Monday 19th October—Scholastic Book Fair
Wednesday 21st–Friday 23rd October—Year Four Camp at Tathra
Wednesday 21st October—P&C Meeting 7pm in Library
Thursday 22nd October—Kindy Start
Friday 23rd October—K-6 Assembly (6BK hosting)

Week 4 B
Thursday 29th October—Kindy Start
Friday 30th October—K-6 Assembly (3O hosting)

Week 5 A
Thursday 29th October—Kindy Start
Friday 6th November—K-6 Assembly (KT hosting)

SECONDARY DIARY DATES—Terms 3 & 4

Term 3, Week 10 B
Friday 18th September—Year 12 Final Assembly at 1.30pm / Snowsports for Year 5-10 / Last day of Term

Term 4, Week 1 A
Monday 5th October—Public Holiday
Tuesday 6th October—All students return to school for start of Term 4
Wednesday 7th—No TAFE

Week 2 B
Monday 12th October—HSC Exams commence
Wednesday 14th October—No TAFE

Week 3 A
Wednesday 21st October—P&C Meeting 7pm in Library / No TAFE
Thursday 22nd October—Secondary Immunisation Day—Year 7 / Formal Assembly

Week 4 B
Wednesday 28th October—No TAFE

Week 5 B
Wednesday 4th November—No TAFE
Thursday 5th November—Year 12 Formal
Friday 6th November—HSC Exams conclude
2015 Australian National Interschools Championships
Jindabyne Central School’s Hall of Fame

A few years ago, a notion and concept of recognising outstanding alumni (ex-students) in order to inspire future students to greatness was discussed at a School Council level. The concept was formulated and has been implemented this year to recognise individuals who have become inspirational.

The Hall of Fame has been established to create a lasting tribute to those who have brought honour to themselves, our school, our community and the community in which they belong. Today we recognise four individuals as the inaugural inductees of the Jindabyne Central School Hall of Fame.

Our purpose is to:

- Honour those students who have accomplished extraordinary feats in extra curricula activities.
- Honour those Jindabyne Central School graduates who have distinguished themselves in life after school.
- To utilise these alumni to inspire our current students to set goals and work hard to achieve them, for anything is possible.

Our inaugural recipients are:

Tim Draxl  
Manuela Berchtold  
Peter Brulisauer  
Kirsten Farmer

Manuela with JCS students and the 2015 Australian Interschools Champion trophy.

Peter with his family—Lee, Tomas and Zac.

Manuela and her mother Ursula.
Manuela is a two-time Winter Olympian who represented Australia in Moguls at the 2002 and 2006 Winter Olympics as well as three World Championships.

Manuela placed 27th at the 2002 Olympics in Salt Lake City and finished 14th in the final of the 2006 Olympics in Torino.

Since retiring from competitive skiing, Manuela turned her focus to helping others. She established High Country Fitness where she prides herself on her ability to relate to people and get them to feel comfortable about themselves and the fitness goals they have.

Manuela founded The Future Olympian’s Scholarship Program in 2001, a not for profit fundraising organisation supporting local Snowy Mountains winter athletes.

Manuela has been a Ski and Snowboard Australia elected board member since 2007 as Chair of Athletes Commission.

Manuela’s passions and interests include skiing, living in beautiful Jindabyne, and helping people to feel as fit, healthy and happy as possible.

One of Manuela’s favourite sayings is; “In every day, there is a magic moment just waiting to be created.”
Peter was born in Cooma in 1975 and attended Jindabyne Public School from Kindergarten to Year Six between the years of 1981–1987. He then boarded at Canberra Grammar School until 1993.

Peter has Bachelor degrees in Commerce and in Law, a Masters degree in Environmental Law and has completed the General Management Program at Harvard Business School.

Peter became Chief Operating Officer at Perisher Ski Resort in 2006, where he employs 1100 people each winter. Deputy CEO from 2004 to 2006. He has been in senior executive roles since 2001 and has worked in most aspects of the resort since 1991, sometimes on a part time basis.

Peter was a ski racing coach at Mammoth Mountain, California from 1996 to 2001 during his Australian university summer holidays, following his love of skiing he developed growing up in Perisher Valley and Jindabyne.

Peter lives in East Jindabyne with his wife Lee and his sons Tomas and Zac, who attend Jindabyne Central School.
After finishing school Kirsten moved to Canberra where she did a traineeship as a visual merchandiser and then travelled to England for 18 months where she worked as a nanny. Upon returning to Australia, Kirsten lived in Sydney and worked in hospitality.

In 1997 Kirsten moved home to Jindabyne where she immediately began volunteering.

In 2005 Kirsten and her mother Wendy held their first Daffodil Day stall in Jindabyne. Kirsten has run a Daffodil Day stall every year since and raised about $25,000 over the past 10 years.

In 2006, Kirsten participated in the first Snowy Relay for Life held in Jindabyne and raised $60,000. She joined the committee and is now chairperson, having raised hundreds of thousands of dollars.

The NSW Cancer Council invited Kirsten to be a representative for the Relay for Life Task Force, which was formed to facilitate ideas for Relay on a national level.

Kirsten has also volunteered with Pink Ladies in the Snow, raising about $22,000, helped organise a Long Lunch for the 50 years celebration of the new town of Jindabyne and was heavily involved in the Strictly Musical fundraiser for the Monaro Committee for Cancer Research. She was also behind the Love Your Sister campaign when it travelled to Jindabyne, a campaign that raised $1.5 million for cancer research.

Kirsten said she loves volunteering because she loves the feeling she receives from giving back to the community.
Attending Jindabyne Public School from 1986-1993, and Seefeld School in Austria during Australian Christmas vacation and Term 1 each year due to his parents work within the ski industry, Tim then boarded at McDonald College of Performing Arts in Sydney where he was a recipient of The John Frost Scholarship.

Tim is an award-winning singer and actor. Recipient of the Sydney Theatre Award for Best Cabaret Production for “Back For Seconds”. A Logie Award nominee for Most Outstanding Actor in a Drama Series in 2004, along with a MO Award for Best Supporting Actor in a Musical for The Sound of Music along with an ASTRA nomination for Most Outstanding Performance by an Actor for Supernova. He was the youngest ever winner of the Manhattan Association of Cabaret & Clubs MAC Award at 17. He has starred in a host of feature films and TV series and has recorded four solo albums.

Tim has played a featured role in the film “Dirty Deeds” with Toni Collette and Sam Worthington, co-starred opposite Geoffrey Rush and Judy Davis in “Swimming Upstream”, and opposite Pia Miranda in “Travelling Light”. Other performances include the Australian comedy feature film “A Few Best Men” alongside Olivia Newton-John and Rebel Wilson and the ABC’s period drama “Serangoon Road”.

Television credits include the Channel 7 TV dramas “Mrs Biggs”, “A Place to Call Home” and “Molly” along with “Crownies” and the “The Shark Net” for ABC TV Australia.

Tim has written, produced and directed the highly acclaimed cabaret show "The Chet Baker Story."

In 2012, Tim initiated and continues to co-ordinate ‘The Tim Draxl Performing Arts Fund’ to support, encourage, provide performance opportunities and expert tuition utilising his worldwide links to Industry professionals to the youth of Jindabyne and surrounding areas on a regular basis.
Positions Vacant

Expression of Interest – Community Liaison Coordinator

Expressions of interest are invited for the casual position of Community Liaison Coordinator at Jindabyne Central School.

The position will initially involve two to three days per week (must be available on Mondays if required).

An expression of interest of no more than two pages in length should be submitted to Jindabyne-c.school@det.nsw.edu.au by 4pm Tuesday 6th October 2015.

An application form link has been posted on the school website page. Please find the application form linked to the school calendar on Tuesday October 6, 2015.

Statement of duties include but are not limited to:

Newsletter – coordinate and distribute.
Update and maintain school website, sign, foyer screen, school calendar, school Facebook site.
Media – liaise with local media to write and photograph stories promoting JCS, organise media interviews, promote school in media.
Create and maintain a style guide for all official school publications. Correct formats, letterheads etc.
Coordinate the school presentation day sponsorship program.
Coordinate presentation day programs, invite special guests.
Other duties as requested.

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Community Notices

Cooma Netball Association

2015 MONDAY NIGHT Mixed and Ladies Social Competition!

- The competition runs from Monday October 12th to Monday December 14th.

- Both team and individual nominations are accepted and must be emailed to coomannetball@hotmail.com by COB Wednesday October 7th.
  - 14yrs and under $20pp
  - 15yrs and over $30pp

- Divisions and game times are as follows:
  - Net Set Go (under 10’s) – 4pm
  - Under 12’s – 5pm
  - Under 15’s – 6pm or 7:20pm
  - Opens – 6pm or 7:20pm

SPORTS CAMPS AUSTRALIA

SCA Junior Mountain Biking Camp – Jindabyne

Co-Directors: Michael Brown & Michael Crummy
Location: Bungarra Trails, Jindabyne
Dates: 21-22 September 2015
Times: 9am-3pm
Fees: $160
Skill Level: Competent riding a bike un-assisted
Age Group: 7-16 Years
Gender: Co-ed

Sibling discount available for this camp please contact SCA head office to book!

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Jindabyne Sport and Recreation Centre

THE BEST HOLIDAYS HAPPEN AT CAMP

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Choose from a range of fun and exciting camps led by qualified instructors and text email knowing your kids are in safe hands.

We also offer accommodation programs and facilities to suit every budget:
- Self-contained accommodation
- Family camps
- School camps

Jindabyne Sport and Recreation Centre

Snow Play
21-25 Sep 7-12 years $358.50
Kids’ Club (day only)
28 Sep 5-12 years $47
29 Sep 5-12 years $47
30 Sep 5-12 years $47
1 Oct 5-12 years $47
2 Oct 5-12 years $47

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$600 JUDGES AWARD, $600 PEOPLE’S CHOICE AWARD
SATURDAY OCTOBER
AT THE JINDABYNE
OF $1500.00
AND $300 IN ENCOURAGEMENT AWARD(S)
3RD 2015 AT 6PM FOR 7PM
MEMORIAL HALL

Contestant entry/information forms are available at the following locations:
KNPWS Visitor Centre Jindabyne; Kosciuszko First National Real Estate Nugget’s Crossing Jindabyne; Design and Detail Town Centre Jindabyne; Snow Print Bookshop Snowy River Ave, Jindabyne; Cooma School of Music Sharp St Cooma; Cooma Visitor Centre Sharp St Cooma

Tickets are available at the Kosciuszko National Parks Visitor Centre Jindabyne and The Cooma Visitor Centre.
Adults..................................................$25
Child/student/concession..........................$12
Nibbles and supper included Champagne + soft drinks on arrival. Drinks can be purchased at the Bar:
Entering by Tim Neville

All proceeds go to the
TIM DRAXL PERFORMING ARTS FUND

Bendigo Bank
Perisher
Cooma Champs Tennis

SCHOOL HOLIDAY TENNIS CAMPS

Camp 2: Mon 28 Sept – Tues 29 Sept, 2015
9am – 4pm Jindabyne Bowling Club

2 Day Camp– $100.00 Discounted to $80.00
Discount given if booking and payment received 5 days prior to camp date.
Please call Tom: 0404838049

Cooma Champs Tennis also offers tennis lessons throughout the school Term.

We are enrolling now and we would love to hear from you!

TOM PEREA: ACCREDITED ATPCA / TENNIS AUSTRALIA CLUB PROFESSIONAL.
ACTIVE AFTER SCHOOL ACCREDITED.
Musical Theatre Workshop with Shaun Rennie

Date: Saturday 24th October
Place: Jindabyne Central School
Time: 9am till 3.30pm

Young aspiring singers and actors - another amazing workshop presented by the Tim Draxl Performing Arts Fund is on its way to Jindabyne!

Singer, actor and producer Shaun Rennie will be here for a one-day workshop to instruct students from age 12 to 18 in the skills involved in Musical Theatre.

Shaun trained at the National Institute of Dramatic Art, and for the last ten years, has produced and directed ‘Light The Night’, an annual benefit concert raising money for Leukaemia research. Shaun’s acting credits include Bert in ‘Mary Poppins’, Munkustrup in ‘Cats’, Fyedka in ‘Fiddler on the Roof’, Pepper in ‘Mamma Mia and Sir Lionel in ‘Camelot’.

Entry is $20.00 and includes lunch. The workshop will start at 9.30 sharp and end at 3.30. Entry forms will be available from local schools, dance studios and Cooma School of Music.

Each participant will be asked to prepare a song from a Musical, be it ‘Mary Poppins,’ ‘Annie’, ‘Matilda’, or any one of your favourites! This will be appraised by Shaun during the morning session. After lunch each student will be paired up to perform scenes from various Musical Theatre performances.
# VACATION CARE—OSHC

**21st SEPTEMBER to 5th OCTOBER 2015**

**SPECTACULAR SPRING!**

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**5th October**

**PUBLIC HOLIDAY**

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**Due to unforeseen circumstances, the above program may be changed at short notice.**

**HOURS 8 AM TO 5.15 PM**

FEES FOR VACATION CARE $57.70 per day

Bookings Essential - 02 6456 2369

FEES ARE DUE TO BE PAID EACH FORTNIGHT—Don’t forget to put your name as the reference.

Check you have approval to claim CCB or CCOR for Vacation Care or you may be charged full fee.

FEES ARE DUE TO BE PAID EACH FORTNIGHT. You can pay via the internet.

Bank Details: Westpac - Snowy Mountains Care and Early Learning Centre BSB: 032728 A/C: 106808

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Is it a safe place for our kids?

A guide for parents.

As a parent or carer you play an important role in making sure your kids are spending time in places that are safe. This guide will help you look out for ‘child safe’ places.

What is a ‘child safe’ place?

Child safe means making sure the place where our kids spend time is safe from neglect, physical, sexual or emotional harm or abuse. A child safe place will have rules that are set up to make sure our kids are kept safe.

Parents have a right to know who is working with their children.

It is your business to know who is working with your children. Every day kids around NSW spend time with adults outside of their home. This can be at places like a sports club, youth group centre, or a drama studio. As a parent or guardian you need to understand what organisations should be doing to keep your child safe.

It is the law that people who work with your children including many tutors, nannies, coaches and counsellors have a current Working With Children Check. However, there is much more an organisation can do to keep kids safe.

Understanding the Working With Children Check.

In NSW all people who are working with your children (as well as a number of volunteers) need to have a current NSW Working With Children Check clearance number.

Some people don’t have to get a Working With Children Check number, such as a parent that volunteers in an activity that involves their own child e.g. a sports coach. The Check provides either a clearance or a bar to work with children.

It is a crime for a person with a bar to work or volunteer with children.

How do you know they have a Check?

Parents and guardians are now able to ‘verify’ if the person working with their child (under 18) has a Working With Children Check. When we say ‘verify’, we mean parents can check online.

By checking online you will instantly see if the person is allowed to work with your child. Also, if they become a ‘barred’ person we will let you know. You will however need to know their details, including their name, birth date, application or clearance number.

What parents can do.

Employers and organisations can check or verify online that their workers or volunteers have a current Working With Children Check clearance number. So you don’t need to check a person who is employed but if your child has a coach or tutor that you pay directly you can go online to verify a Working With Children Check.
How to verify a WWC online

To verify, follow these simple steps:

**STEP 1** Ask the person who works with your child for their surname, date of birth and WWC or APP number.

**STEP 2** Go to [www.kidsguardian.nsw.gov.au/check](http://www.kidsguardian.nsw.gov.au/check) and click on this blue button:

**STEP 3** Under Verify, click the Individuals (e.g. parents) Verify button.

**STEP 4** Complete the form, including the reason why you are checking the person (e.g. sports coach, dance teacher etc)

**STEP 5** Click Submit.

**STEP 5** You will receive the outcome by email.

What should I look for when choosing a safe program for my child?

It’s always good to become familiar with the places where your children spend time. A Working With Children Check is important but its only one part of what should be done to make a place ‘child safe’. When choosing a service or program for your child it’s important to ask questions of those in charge so they can tell you what they do to keep kids safe.

For example, do staff have the right qualifications and training? What type of training, ongoing support and advice do workers receive about creating a child safe environment? Does the organisation involve the parents and children in the decisions that affect them? How does the organisation respond if there is a complaint or allegation?

It’s also important to ask your children about their experiences and let them know you are interested in what they do. Talk about safe behaviours and teach them to talk to you so they can tell you if they ever feel scared, worried, upset or uncomfortable.

Some questions that may help to start the conversation include:

- What do you like most about the service?
- What don’t you like?
- Does anybody make you feel happy?
- Does anybody make you feel sad?
- What makes you feel safe?
- What makes you feel scared?

To find out more about child safe organisations go to:


or contact us on (02) 8219 3600
2015 NSW INTERSCHOOLS DOWNHILL MOUNTAIN BIKE CHAMPIONSHIPS

Greenvallys Mountain Bike Park (GV MTB PARK) is hosting the 2015 NSW Downhill Mountain Bike Championship

Date: 28th – 29th November, 2015
Cost: $40
Location: GV MTB PARK – Illawarra Hwy, Tongarra, NSW

Categories:
- Year 7 – 8
- Year 9 – 10
- Year 11 -12
- Leading School Points Trophy

You MUST be a member of MTB Australia to compete – GV MTB PARK recommends the Wollongong Mountain Bike Club for membership - [www.wmbc.asn.au/join-club.php](http://www.wmbc.asn.au/join-club.php)

Details on membership can be found at MTB Australia’s website – [www.mtba.asn.au/membership](http://www.mtba.asn.au/membership)

Day Licences will be available for $25

Registration is available here – [http://2015interschoolsdowhill.eventzilla.net](http://2015interschoolsdowhill.eventzilla.net)

All Participants MUST complete the legal waiver and site induction form signed by a legal guardian. These documents are available on the day at the registration booth.

For more information you can go to

Facebook: Greenvallys Mountain Bike Park
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Eventzilla: 2015InterschoolsDownhill

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See you in November!!
Managing Anger

Managing anger is the biggest emotional issue that most children face. Boys, in particular, seem so angry at the moment, and I'm not sure why.
Currently, our community is undecided about how to handle anger. In fact, anger is discouraged as we see no place for it in homes, schools or the community. 'People in a civil society don’t get angry' seems to be the conventional wisdom so we bottle it up rather than express it healthily. The trouble is anger handled in this way simmers away making a person unhappy and depressed or it bursts forth in awful, uncontrolled ways.

Here are five ways to help boys (and girls) manage anger in healthy ways:

1. **Recognise it**—The first step is to help kids recognise that they are angry. What are the signs? What are they thinking? We are all different but tension in the shoulders, restricted breathing and clenched teeth are common signs of anger. The Mood Meter offers a visual way for kids to recognise their emotions.

2. **Name it**—Developing a vocabulary around anger is important. The more nuanced kids' language is, the better. Annoyed, angry and enraged are very different emotions but are often described as the same.

3. **Choose it**—Help children recognise that they have a choice to stay in control or lose control when they get angry.

4. **Say it**—Encouraging children to express how they feel is okay unless no one is hurt. The use of 'I Statements' is one way of letting others know how they feel. “I feel really mad when you say nasty things about me...” is one way of being heard.

5. **Shift it**—Help children shift their anger to a more pleasant and less energised place. Kids can shift their moods by modifying their thinking or altering their physiology. They may go for a run, play a physical game or pour their anger into a protest letter to let their frustrations out.

The maxim of managing anger in healthy ways is: “There’s nothing so bad that we can’t talk about it. However, there are behaviours that we don’t engage in when we are angry.”