Hanging around the playground together is all part of getting to know each other in the important first weeks of school. Pictured are the new students in Kim Kavanagh’s Kindergarten class.
Welcome all parents, students and teachers to the new school year. I am very excited to be your principal for the fourth year at Jindabyne and it is my hope that as the year progresses you will get to know the staff, the programs and policies in addition to the unique and exciting experiences that we have to offer at Jindabyne Central School.

Education is a joint venture between school and home. As we work with our students to help them learn about the world around them through the innovative curriculum, we very much appreciate the support that parents give their children at home as they strive to achieve their learning goals.

Our school values are aimed at developing resilient individuals who confidently, actively and in a socially responsible manner; participate positively in society, valuing lifelong learning. Our purpose is to deliver a quality learning experience through a student centred learning environment which fosters life skills and a passion for learning. Our school motto is Leadership and Citizenship and the school banner statement is ‘Educating the Future’. Jindabyne Central School will develop leadership systems and practices that focus on enabling conditions for improved learning outcomes so as to ensure our students become successful learners, confident and creative individuals and active and informed citizens.

Our strategic directions are:

- Creating a high performing and dynamic learning community
- Personalising teaching and learning
- Building leadership

As a school we will be focusing on a number of K-12 programs to enhance procedures, practices and ultimately the outcomes for students including:

**Positive Behaviour For Learning**

Our K-12 Wellbeing Program- Positive Behaviour for Learning is an evidence-based whole school process to improve learning outcomes for all students. This framework will equip us as a school to support students at each stage of their development and to do this through quality teaching, learning and engagement with an emphasis on RESPECT, RESPONSIBILITY AND PERSONAL BEST as our core values.

Our students will be actively connected to their learning, have positive and respectful relationships and experience a sense of belonging to their school and community. Our students will be respected, valued, encouraged, supported and empowered to succeed. Our students will grow and flourish, do well and prosper.

The foundation of a successful school is the cooperation between staff, students, parents and community.

I look forward to working with you and developing a relationship that will assist in the growth of your child or children.
Our How2Learn team will lead the professional learning for staff and in return staff will embed the principals, habits and dispositions that build students’ capacity to learn.

**How2Learn is a strategy focused on building students’ capacity to learn.**

This is achieved by explicitly teaching dispositions and habits within the existing programs and practices at JCS to develop a learning culture that enables everyone to:

- Be self-aware in their learning
- Use the language and dispositions of successful learners
- Share a belief that intelligence is learnable and expandable

The Guiding Tenets of the HOW2Learn strategy

We know that young people need to build the emotional, social and mental resources to enjoy challenges and cope with uncertainty and it is obvious that things need to change in order for schools to be more in step with the needs of society. The following principles frame all further thinking:

Principles that underpin the strategy

1. REAL LIFE LEARNING- education is about enabling young people to take their place in the world confidently, actively and successfully.

2. SUCCESS AT SCHOOL- students can utilise powerful learning skills in order to embrace the specific content demands in various subject areas.

3. LITERACY AND NUMERACY- all students deserve the right to access strategies that will enable them to become more literate and numerate citizens as they are the fundamental building blocks that predict life success.

4. MENTAL WELLBEING- all students deserve the right to become more resourceful and resilient when faced with adversity.

5. EXPANDABLE INTELLIGENCE all learners can behave more intelligently through developing a repertoire of learning dispositions and habits.

6. COMPLEX BUT VITAL- it will take consistent focus and collective will over time to develop a growth culture but it is a path we need to travel.

The HOW2Learn strategy empowers learners by developing 5 dispositions and 22 habits that improve all round learning fitness.

Using a vast body of research we have developed a regional strategy that is underpinned by the explicit teaching of five dispositions and twenty two habits which improve all-round learning fitness.
A Message to Kindergarten

We have welcomed our new Kindergarten students and parents to the Jindabyne Central School community. I have included a brief outline of some tips from me in order to achieve success and create a great connection with the school.

K Kindle excitement about Kindergarten. Visit the school and meet your child’s teacher. Keep in contact with the teacher.

I Invite new school friends home to play and help your child build strong friendships.

N Never forget safety. Teach your child safety rules.

D Discuss what your child will be learning in school.

E Explore your neighbourhood together. Talk about the world you live in.

R Review the good behaviour expected of your child, such as following rules and taking turns.

G Get involved in the school. Join the P&C. Become a volunteer in the canteen.

A Answer your child’s questions about school. Reassure your child that school is fun!

R Read to your child daily. Visit the library together.

T Turn every day into a learning experience. Let your child help with everyday chores.

E Encourage your child to eat well, get enough sleep, bathe daily, and brush his/her teeth twice daily.

N Notice new things your child is learning to do. Reinforce your child’s progress with praise.

Student Success

2015 HSC Results

Students received 11 Band 6s and 24 Band 5s with a cohort of 23 students, this is certainly a solid performance. Zoe Bradbury scored Band 6 in Ancient History, Business Studies and Personal Development, Health and Physical Education and Band 5 in Advanced English and Mathematics General.

Zoe wants to study Journalism at University of Wollongong.

Zoe Bradbury was the recipient of the Jindabyne Central School, High Achiever Award for 2015 and received an ATAR of 94.85

Michaela Molloy scored Band 6 in Drama and Society and Culture and Band 5 in Advanced English and Visual Arts with Band 4 in Ancient History. Michaela will head to either University of Wollongong or University of Canberra and with an ATAR of 89.2 and is sure to have access to a range of preferences and courses.

Kristian Blackmore-Lee achieved Band 6 in Food Technology, Band 5’s in Ancient History, Industrial Technology Timber and Mathematics General with Band 4 in Advanced English and Physics.

Dan Truscott achieved Band 6 in Mathematics General, with Band 5 in Business Studies, Music, Personal Development, Health and Physical Activity, Information and Digital Technology with Band 4 in Standard English. He achieved an ATAR of 84.35. I believe that he is hoping to forge a career in the Navy but this is yet to be confirmed.
Emily Fullick achieved an ATAR of 75.35 with Band 6 in Drama, Band 5 in Mathematics General and Music and Band 4 in English and Legal Studies and is interesting in pursuing a career in the Performing Arts. Nakiya Nuridin is accepting a traineeship with Snowy Hydro and considering her options for Tertiary Studies. She is pleased with her ATAR of 79.2.

Ruby Philpott achieved Band 6 in Drama, Band 5 in Advanced English and Music and Band 4 in Business Studies and Entertainment Industry.

Once again the Drama class at JCS outperformed with all students receiving either Band 6 or 5, continuing a strong tradition of academic excellence in this course. Mathematics General is also another area of strength with the students performing above state average. JCS has performed above the state average in 11 out of the 19 courses offered at the school. Congratulations to all of the staff and students for their continued commitment to a high performing and dynamic learning community at Jindabyne Central School.

**Youth Olympics at Lillehammer**

Team selections have been finalised for the 2016 Australian Youth Olympic Team across 8 disciplines set to compete in the winter wonderland of Lillehammer, Norway from 5-21 February. The Jindabyne Central School Community wish to congratulate Cameron Waddell, a current student, along with Liam Burton, a previous student the best of luck.

**CROSS COUNTRY SKIING: Liam Burton (17, Jindabyne East, NSW, 2627)** – When not on the snow, Liam competes at a high level in triathlon which has ensured he has kept fit in the lead-up to Lillehammer.

**FREESTYLE SKIING: Cameron Waddell (16, Jindabyne, NSW, 2627)** – Camerson will be following the footsteps of older brother Thomas who competed at the Innsbruck 2012 Winter Youth Olympic Games in ski halfpipe. He will also contest the slopestyle in Lillehammer. Cameron has been training and competing in Colorado in the lead up to the Olympics.

**Youth Group- Friday Evenings from 6-9pm**

Peter Richards from Mountain Life Church will be conducting a Youth Group at the Jindabyne Central School Gym on Friday 12 February commencing at 6pm. I would encourage all Secondary students to head along to see what it is all about.
Year 7 Meet and Greet

Thank you to the parents and students who attended the meet and greet on Wednesday evening. The informal occasion provided an opportunity for students to introduce their teachers to their parents.

New Staff for 2016

Olivia Belshaw- Head Teacher- Science and TAS
Kathleen Platts- Science Faculty
Leonie Paton- TAS Faculty
Simon Rudd-TAS Faculty
Nardeen Hayden- Mathematics Faculty
Melissa Kowalewski- PDHPE Faculty
Marion Thorne- English Faculty

Matthew Stanger- Assistant Principal and Year 4/5 teacher
Julia Cane- returning from Leave

Mr O’Sullivan- TAS will be taking leave for the remainder of the 2016 school year.
**Communication**

I would ask that all parents make contact with their child’s teacher as the first point of call in relation to any questions or concerns via email or by making an appointment at the Main Office.

Our website and newsletter provide a range of information in addition to the JCS Facebook Page and the number of Facebook Groups, Class Blogs and Class Newsletters we distribute.

I am only too happy to meet with parents about the progress of their child.

**JCS Music Program and Tuition**

All students in Primary and Secondary have received notes this week concerning the JCS Music Program which includes band and tuition. We ask that all students interested in learning an instrument and playing in the band return the notes as soon as possible so that tuition timetables can be created. Mrs Dixon (Primary) and Mrs Blazey (Secondary) are available to provide further information where necessary.

**Primary News**

**CONFIDENT KINDY KIDS START SCHOOL**

Starting primary school is one huge milestone for kids however there was not a tear in sight amongst the 51 children who started Kindy for 2016. This can be attributed to the successful kindy start 5 week program held during term 4 last year. Talking with a few of the students over the past couple weeks: “It’s getting harder and harder,” Jacob Kennedy (KK) “I want to be a scientist when I grow up,” Addyson Hall “I want to be a dirt biker,” Jenson Pasalich.
Primary News ...cont

MOUNTAIN BIKING CHAMPS PODIUM AT THE NATIONAL SERIES

Jackson Connelly and Angus Falconer were the fastest two riders in the third round of the downhill round of the Subaru National Mountain Bike Series Under 13’s held on the weekend in Thredbo. Jackson is currently leading the Victorian State Series and has won all three rounds of the National Series.

MUFTI DAY FEBRUARY 18 2016

Thursday February 18 is the first MUFTI day for 2016. Wear blue and green and bring a gold coin donation in support of Snowy Hydro Southcare. In 2015 over $1000 was raised throughout the year from all MUFTI days.

SPORTS CAPTAINS ANNOUNCED FOR 2016

Junior School Sports Captains work on their tactics and plans for their first official jobs for the year, House Meetings, in readiness for the Annual Swimming Carnival where war cries are learnt and practiced in preparation for severe cases of laryngitis, students swap swimming caps with each other to indicate house colours and a high energy day will be had.

This is where the friendly rivalry begins between Sports Houses which lasts all year!

Pictured from left are 2016’s Primary Sport Captains Thomas Old and Letitia Murphy (Bogong) Lily Wallis (Strezlecki) Zana Evans and Patrick Broe (Townsend) Tori Flanagan and Brock Freeburn (Northcote)

Pictured from left Angus Falconer and Jackson Connelly  
Jackson on his way to winning!
Here are 5 ways to develop healthy, strong study skills that will serve your young person well this year and throughout their lives.

1. **Establish a thorough homework process**

   Doing the homework is one thing, but there are many steps in the process before handing an assignment in. Encourage your young person to:

   - Write down an assignment when it's given orally
   - Ask the teacher clarifying questions if he doesn’t understand anything
   - Use a planner or some other organiser to plan his or her time
   - Place his homework in a designated place as soon as its finished

2. **Establish a Study Zone at home**

   Choose a consistent study or homework space that’s conducive to working. Some young people need absolute quiet when doing homework, while others work better with soft music. Contrary to the opinions of many teens, studies consistently show that loud music and/or TV are highly distracting to students. Keep work and sleep spaces separate.

3. **Establish a regular study time**

   The establishment of a consistent and specific time to do homework has been linked to academic success. Help your young person work out the best time for him or her to crack the books – before or after dinner, or both. Encourage your young person to take regular breaks to keep their brain alert. Every hour – or whenever she feels frustrated or angry – she should get up and walk around, get a snack and let her brain recover.

4. **Establish a way to stay organised**

   Getting organised reduces stress levels and improves the chance of success. Consider a colour-coding system to keep assignments organised by selecting a single colour for each class (like science or history). Use that colour for that subject’s folder, highlighters, sticky notes, etc. The colours will not only keep your teen organised but will also enhance his or her recall of the subject.

5. **Establish good time management skills**

   The best way to help your young person organise their time is to use a large wall calendar so they can jot down study, leisure, family and other activities. The visual nature of the wall calendar will enable you as a parent to help them stay on track as well.
SPORTS NEWS by Paul Livissianos

The 2016 elections have been held to vote in new House Captains and Vice-Captains for this year. Congratulations to the new leadership teams and now let the games begin!

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AWARD FOR SARAH!

Congratulations to Year 11 student Sarah Lambert, who is the recipient of the 2015 Eurobodalla Secondary Schools Sports Association (ESSSA) 'Senior Sports Person Of the Year' Award. Sarah had a fantastic year in snowsports representing JCS at Regional, State and National Interschools competitions, in both skiing and snowboarding. At the Australian Interschools Championships, held at Mt Buller, Sarah won an individual Gold medal in Snowboard GS, a Silver medal in SkiX and a Bronze medal in Snowboard X. Sarah also won Gold Medals in the teams event for SnowboardX and Snowboard GS.

ONE OF THE YOUNGEST TO COMPETE IN RALLY DRIVING

Kirra Penny is a Year 11 student, and one of the youngest people to ever compete in the Australian Rally Championships. Debuting in the Blue Rangers Rally sprint alongside her father Andrew Penny, an Australian Rally Driver, finishing with an overall first. Kirra has been offered a position to Co-Drive for High Country Motorsports Chris Higgs, in the Australian Rally Championships in 2016. Kirra looks forward to the challenging year that lies ahead and she hopes to be tested and pushed to her limits to achieve success within the sport. This is a massive opportunity and learning experience for Kirra, she looks forward to the chance to bring some decent results, home.
HAMISH’S CAMP RECOUNT
by Hamish Schwarz

On the first day of school, 28 Year 8 students went to camp at Bungarra Alpine Centre. On the first day we were split into 2 groups. I was in group 2.

Our first activity was raft building on Jindabyne Lake. We started off by playing a team work game where we had to stand on a tarp and fold it without falling off. I came up with lots of ideas and we folded the tarp 4 times. We went down to the shore and were taught some knots to build the raft then we came up with a plan to build. We used wood and barrels and tied it all together with ropes. Then we got life jackets, grabbed some paddles and carried our raft to the water. We had to row out to our ALI leader. We lost the first barrel quickly and by the end the whole front of the raft was in the water. I fell in the water. We had to get the raft back to shore. It was fun.

After lunch, at the Trout Hatchery, we put on wetsuits, life jackets and helmets then we grabbed river sleds and walked to the river. Going across the rapids was hard because we kept getting stuck on the rocks. In the middle we had a swimming race and tried to balance on the river sleds. Almost everyone fell off which was funny! Then we came to the last rapids which ended in a waterfall. I went first and I was so nervous but I did it and I was so thrilled!

Back at Bungarra we had dinner of soup, chicken schnitzel with a buffet of other food and ice-cream. Then we built a bonfire and we roasted marshmallows and apples. Our ALI leader told us a funny story and he was wearing lots of pairs of pants. We played Spotlight before going bed.

In the morning, after having breakfast and making our own lunch, we heading on a hike in the Snowy Mountains. On a break, our leader showed us a spicy plant and we got to taste it. As we switched to a different track it started to rain and lightning and thunder came with it. As we were halfway up a track we had to huddle up and get under a tarp to protect us. The weather improved and we headed back to the bus.

After lunch we went on another bushwalk to a waterfall and it was a magnificent sight to see. Then it started to rain and the rain just got heavier and heavier but it was fun. There were heaps of puddles in the track that we could jump and splash in. It was great!

Everyone thought it was a great camp and I think we will remember it forever. I can’t wait for the next camp!

Stay tuned for the Year 9 Camp recount in the next newsletter!
CHECK OUT WHAT HAPPENED ON YEAR 8 CAMP!
MATHEMATICS DEPARTMENT—Vanessa Gillroy

I would like to take this opportunity to introduce the 2016 Mathematics Faculty. We welcome both Ms Hayden and Mrs Kowalewski to the faculty. The teachers allocated for each year group include:

Year 7/8 Self Select – Mrs Wallis
Year 7 – Ms Hayden, Miss Paterson
Year 8 – Ms Hayden, Mrs Kowalewski
Year 9 – Mrs Wallis/Ms Hayden, Miss Paterson
Year 10 – Mrs Gillroy, Ms Hayden
Year 11 – Mrs Gillroy, Miss Paterson, Mrs Wallis
Year 12 – Mrs Gillroy, Miss Paterson, Ms Hayden

A note has recently been sent home with every Mathematics student from Years 7 – 12. If the note has been misplaced, you can find a digital copy on the school website at http://www.jindabyne-c.schools.nsw.edu.au/forms-to-download/secondary-school. The note outlines the specific requirements for 2016.

In summary, students will require:

7-9      Mathsmate homework program ($12), Mathletics ($10)
10-12    Mathsonline online tutoring program $20

Scientific calculators are a requirement of all Mathematics students and these can be purchased for $20 from the front office. Opportunities will also be available for students to purchase every Thursday, following Assembly, during Term 1.

NEW for 2016

I am excited to announce that we have secured an online tutoring program, Mathsonline, for our students. This program will be compulsory for all Year 10, 11 and 12 students studying Mathematics. It will replace the previous programs, Mathsmate and Mathletics. Students studying Mathematics in Years 7-9 will have the option to also purchase the program. This program is ideal for students who:

* Require additional assistance with Mathematics
* Are absent from school and miss a Mathematics lesson
* Would like to progress their skills at a faster rate

Students who purchase this program are able to review online lessons and assess their understanding. This program would normally cost individual students $197. However, we have been able to secure a licence for students at a subsidised school price of $20 per student. If you would like to trial the program, there is a Try It feature on the website. Click on the link to view http://www.mathsonline.com.au/students

Students have been provided with a program of topics and assessment schedule for Mathematics 2016. This should be pasted in the front of their Mathematics workbook for easy reference.
Social Media in Mathematics
We have a number of Social Media sites operating in Mathematics including Edmodo, Twitter and Facebook. Please note that Facebook is generally reserved for Years 10, 11 and 12 as we fully understand that not all students have Facebook. The purpose of these sites is to provide after hours help for challenging questions and to allow other students to collaborate their ideas. Parents are most welcome to join the groups. You can request to join any of the following classes:

Year 12 Mathematics and Mathematics Ext 1
https://www.facebook.com/groups/2016hscmathematics/
Year 12 Mathematics General 2
https://www.facebook.com/groups/784992191556157/
Year 11 Mathematics and Mathematics Ext 1
https://www.facebook.com/groups/2017HSCmathematics/
Year 11 Mathematics General 2
https://www.facebook.com/groups/2017HSCMG2/
Year 10 Mathematics
https://www.facebook.com/groups/Year10Maths/
Students who are not using social media sites have been advised to email their teacher direct if they require assistance with a question.

A note has recently gone home with students to outline the social media policy and purpose of the group.

If you have any concerns or questions regarding your child in Mathematics or the above requirements, please feel free to contact me either by phone or by email, Vanessa.taylor@det.nsw.edu.au

ENGLISH DEPARTMENT

The English Faculty are very low in some of their text book sets with not enough for all students to have a copy.

We need help with this!

If you have any copies of
• Macbeth
• To Kill a Mockingbird
• Z for Zachariah
• Animal Farm
• Hatchet
• Tomorrow When the War Began
• Briar Rose
• A Monster Calls
• Skate

Please return ASAP
Careers Corner

FREE LIVE ONLINE INFORMATION SESSION FOR Jindabyne Central School
STUDENTS AND SCHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE IN 2016

Student Exchange Australia New Zealand is a not-for-profit organisation that is registered with all state and territory Departments of Education around Australia and with the Ministry of Education in NZ. We are the first and only secondary exchange organisation in Australia and New Zealand to be certified to ISO 9001 (Quality Management System) and we ensure the highest standards of care and support to our participants.

We would like to invite your students and families to our next FREE Live Online Session on Thursday 18th February - 7.30pm - 8.30pm, AEDT Time.

The LIVE Online session gives students and families the opportunity to learn more about becoming an exchange student and the various scholarship options that are available in 2016.

UNI OF WOLLONGONG
DISCOVERY DAY PROGRAM

Year 12 travelled to Wollongong University on Feb 8 for an opportunity to experience a day in the life of a uni student! The program provides them with an insight into student life, including enrolment, subject selection and attending seminars and lectures. It also gave them an opportunity to see firsthand what life is like living on campus. Students attended seminars and lectures and got a taste of life as a university student. The students have returned with positive attitudes and are focused on their future.
The canteen is now online for parents wanting to use this method – OURONLINECANTEEN.COM.AU

ALL ORDERS MUST BE PLACED BY 10AM

The uniform shop will also be open on Wednesday 27/1/16 from 9am until 11am.

Uniform shop volunteers are always welcome!

Membership to the P&C is now due prior to the AGM on the 16th March 2016. The P&C welcomes all NEW members. Joining the P&C is a great way to partner with the school in your child’s learning.

COMMUNITY NOTICES

1st Kosciuszko Scout Group
The group meets weekly on Mondays in Term 1, 2 and 4 at the Scout Hall on the Barry Way

Cubs
Aged 8 to 11
4.00pm to 5.30pm
Scouts
Aged 11 to 15
6.30pm to 8.30pm

If you would like to see what Scouting is about, please come along on a Monday, or phone.
Cubs- Georgina 0412 969 091
Scouts- Michael 0417 571 433

Jindabyne Pony Club

Date Claimer!
First rally for 2016 to be held at 4pm Friday 12th February to practise games and sporting events.
Second rally will be held on Saturday 27th February.
We would love to see new faces come and join us!
Please RSVP to Helga Frolich helga@acr.net.au
Or Cathy Pratt cathypratt18@gmail.com
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