

Hi families!

Student Free day on Tuesday of week 7 was a success. As a staff we developed the beginnings of a whole school literacy agreement. The literacy agreement will cover what is expected across classrooms and ensure that as a site we have consistency. Close Reading, as it is part of our SIP, will continue to be embedded within the literacy block as well as ensuring teachers have an oral language component as oral language is an essential foundation skill for lifelong literacy learners.

In the lead up to Sports Day the students have been busy practicing at break times. Harmony Day was celebrated and the children wore something orange with the aim of celebrating tolerance, fostering inclusivity, and that people from different cultures can all contribute in a positive way. These are also the values that we consider important at Jervois. A place where everyone belongs and feels valued.

Please also remind your children to be snake aware as we had an incident last Friday with a small brown snake outside the library.

Wishing you a Happy Easter break with your families,

Thanks.

Elissa



**YOUTH ENVIRONMENT LEADERS**

Richard



**CANTEEN**

Please remember to get those Friday Fresh Order forms in on THURSDAY mornings otherwise your child WILL MISS OUT! We take the orders from the forms returned. We CANNOT accommodate for late orders anymore, and doing an EFT transfer DOES NOT replace the order form.



Today we went to Bow Hill for a YEL forum. We built a big rock wall to stop cars from going off into the bushland. In a National Park, 60% of the threat to the park is from Humans. Other threats are fire, over population of some animals, pests, development and weeds. We were also lucky enough to have time to build a teepee, we found snake eggs on the scat hunt. We celebrated Harmony Day while we were there with an Orange Fruit Box. I enjoyed looking at the old ruined hut because it only had its chimney left and you could stick your head up it.



## SPORTS DAY

Sports day is fast approaching on Friday 5<sup>th</sup> April. We caught up with our Captains and got some insight into how their preparation for the big day is going. We look forward to seeing many of you join us for the day. Programs will be sent home to families, but extra copies will be there on the day.

### MURRAY

*Scarlett and Saxon*



We are proud to be the Murray Captains and we are confident that we will win this year. Trainings have been going well, we know we will come together and do amazing when we all try our best. We might not be the fastest but we're definitely the strongest!



### STURT

*Elise and Hunter*

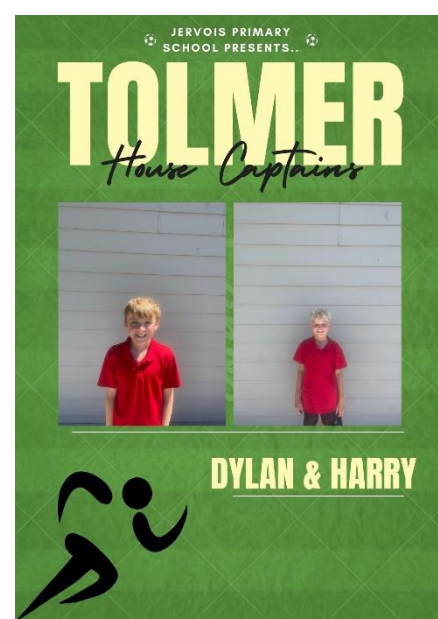
We have been practicing tunnel ball and baton relay. We want all our team to come along and try their best because the more people that come the more points we get. We think we've got the baton relay, come along and check us out!

### TOLMER

*Dylan and Harry*



Practice has been going well because we've been working hard and working together. Everyone will come together as a team on the day, just like our team song says. Look out for our speed and positioning, we are scared of nothing and we've got nothing to lose!



## NEWSLETTERS

We are no longer using schoolstream for communicating to parents. Electronic copies of newsletters will now come via email and are always available from the website. If you now need a printed copy, please let us know.

Preferred communication for all student absences is to TEXT the school phone (0419 618 309). If there is an alert we will communicate through various channels (email, text, seesaw).

## SCHOOL FEES

Statements outlining the 2024 Material & Service charges (school fees) were sent home in week 2. It may appear complicated as it includes the government rebate – if you are unsure of what you actually owe, please speak with Jo or Michelle.

Apply for School Card **NOW** – it's easy, it can be done online and it will cover your whole 2024 School M&S charges! It's worth jumping online to see if you're eligible: <https://www.sa.gov.au/topics/education-and-learning/financial-help-scholarships-and-grants/school-card-scheme>

## TEACHING AWARDS

Applications and nominations are now invited for the 2024 Commonwealth Bank Teaching Awards presented by Schools Plus.



Each year, national education non-profit Schools Plus with the support of some of Australia's leading philanthropists chaired by David Gonski AC, and in partnership with Commonwealth Bank celebrates inspirational teachers who are making a transformative impact on children and school communities around Australia.

Twelve outstanding teachers or school leaders will receive a prestigious \$40,000 Teaching Fellowship, including funds for a strategic school project and participation in a unique 12-month professional learning program. In addition, ten early career teachers with the passion and potential to make an increasing impact in education will receive \$10,000 for professional development and an exclusive learning and mentoring program.

The Awards are open to teachers and school leaders working in government, independent and Catholic schools across Australia. This is a great opportunity to recognise outstanding educators who are transforming outcomes for their students and school communities, including those working with First Nations communities, in regional, rural and remote schools and across the areas of wellbeing and core learning skills - literacy, numeracy and STEM.

**APPLICATIONS CLOSE 8/4/24.** For more information, visit [www.schoolsplus.org.au/awards](http://www.schoolsplus.org.au/awards) or contact us on [awards@schoolsplus.org.au](mailto:awards@schoolsplus.org.au).

From experienced school leaders to up-and-coming teachers making a real difference in the lives of our children, we look forward to celebrating these amazing educators with you.

## HARMONY DAY

Frankie, Liryc, Mack, Chloe

"We did some colouring in with some of our buddies this morning, which meant we could make friends with some of the littler people."



"We got an orange juice box from Mr Bruce and it was really good. Harmony Day is fun."  
 "Harmony Day means to me that everyone wears orange, and it's a good colour for people to wear. "

"Today I learnt about what Harmony Day means, it means we celebrate all the different people who came to and live in Australia and in the community."



## SWIMMING

Flossie

We went swimming, we went on the swimming bus. I did tornado. We were learning to swim on top of the water. We went on our backs and our tummy. It was fun and the end of the lesson was fun and we went under the water.



## GLORIOUS GARDENING

Floyd and Isabella



When we're in the garden we rake the leaves up. We pull out some weeds. The strawberries are my favourite thing to eat from the garden.

I like it when you put the dirt in the shakey thing and it shakes out all the good dirt and the rocks get dumped into a bucket. We put the good dirt back into the garden bed.

We take out the plants out of their container by tipping them over in your hand and the plant is between your fingers. Then we put the plant in the hole we made and you bury it.

I like eating the strawberries.

## BUS SAFE VISIT

William and Mack



Bus Safe came and taught us how to be safe around and on any buses.

You can't put your feet on the chairs because if the bus crashes you might break your legs. I actually drove the bus which was made out of cardboard, and its name was Gus. We had to stand 2 metres from the bus because it would run over you if you were too close.

I got to pretend to get hit and hurt by the bus when Mack was driving. I fell over dramatically. After that I pretended that all of me was hurt and I fainted.

I didn't know that you needed to stay 2 metres away from the bus, and when you get stuck in the bus there is a safety button above or beside the doors and you flip the switch and that will open the door on it's own and make an air sound.



COMMUNITY NOTICES

**JERVOIS HALL**

The Jervois Hall would like to invite you to the JERVOIS HALL OPEN DAY on Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> May. All family and friends are welcome. Event runs from 11am to 2pm. There will be indoor and outdoor games, and a Free BBQ for members.



Not a member? Sign up for a \$5 yearly membership fee. This gives you voting rights at the AGM and access to some free functions, discounts on Hall Hire and Market Fees. RSVP via the Facebook Page or ring Mal on 0401043382 for more information. We encourage our families to support our local Hall and protect and ensure longevity for this important community asset.



**We are looking for some LARGE (400g) Moccona Jars with lids,**

**if you have any space can you please send them our way, for use in the canteen. Thank you.**



FOR FURTHER INFORMATION, PLEASE CALL MURRAY BRIDGE POLICE ON 8535 6345



**CALENDAR****TERM 1**

25/3 Parent/Teacher Interviews	26/3 Parent/Teacher Interviews	27/3 Parent/Teacher Interviews	28/3	29/3 Public Holiday
1/4 Public Holiday	2/4	3/4	5/4	6/4 Sports Day
8/4	9/4	10/4 RAA visit	11/4	12/4 Wheel-a-thon Early Dismissal

**TERM 2**

29/4	30/4	1/5	2/5 School Photos	3/5
6/5	7/5 5/6 Rugby Tackle	8/5 R1 Dentist Visit	9/5	10/5 PJ Dress Up day
13/5 SAPSASA X Country	14/5	15/5	16/5	17/5
20/5	21/5	22/5	23/5	24/5
27/5	28/5 Grug Performance	29/5	30/5	31/5
3/6	4/6 Life Ed	5/6 Life Ed YEL	6/6 Oakbank X Country	7/6 Student Free Day
10/6 Public Holiday	11/6	12/6	13/6	14/6
17/6	18/6	19/6	20/6	21/6