

#### Dear Jervois Primary School Community,

As the sun sets on another school year, we reflect on everything JPS. School life is ALWAYS super busy and this year has been no exception! It was great to have the AFL Max CAMP for our Yr 3-6 students, we've had some excursions, incursions, fun days (colour run was awesome) and lots and lots of learning along the way!

This week we say farewell to our Year & students as they complete their Primary School education and move onto Murray Bridge High: Good Luck, strive high, do your best, and be kind! We also have a few staff members who are leaving and some moving on to a new challenge for 2025 and beyond! You have

all been part of our JPS family, and we THANK YOU for all you have contributed VV

We look forward to welcoming our newbies: our 7 little reception students (+ a Year 1/2 and a Year 4 student), who will be eager to start school after their long holiday break! They have had a little taste of school life over the past four weeks with their transition visits; school will soon be in full swing for them (and all of us) before we know it!



So sit, back, relax and take it all in as we present our final newsletter for the year: chock full of fond memories and best wishes as we celebrate all that is and was our JPS of 2024.....

HUGE THANKS to the wonderful people who support our staff and students in many different ways; whether it's in class, the canteen, excursions, school events & special days and any other way....we truly appreciate the time and effort you give.

THANK YOU to our Governing Councilors: Catherine, Bianca, Craig, Elyse, Jo, Maria, Zoey, Ashlea, Maddy & Renae (& Tam for Finance): for the time and effort you have provided to support leadership and staff with decisions and discussions based around what we do at JPS. It's always a learning curve for us all and we appreciate your commitment to our school.

Thank you to our helpers who have been able to support our fundraising events this year: your efforts are very much appreciated! And the continued efforts of P&F has been great and we hope this will continue to grow and become a stronger and well-supported group. Thanks to Ashlea and Bianca for driving this and encouraging others to be involved.

And THANKS to all our volunteers who help out in so many different ways - parents, grandparents, aunties, uncles, friends, community members & others outside our community

**Final reminder:** Admin Staff will be onsite next week: Tues  $17^{th}$  – Fri 20<sup>th</sup> Dec if you need to collect reports or anything else. Reminder to return your BUS permission forms for 2025.



2025: Term 1 starts TUESDAY 28<sup>th</sup> January

All Staff will be back at school on Thursday 23rd & Friday 24th of January

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### Principal's Final Piece for 2024

(from Ann – Acting Principal)

"Merry Christmas & Happy Holidays." As we approach the festive season, we want to take a moment to express our heartfelt gratitude to everyone who has been part of our school community this year. We say "Good-bye" to 3 staff members. To Mr Bruce, who has been a positive role model to all our

students, teaching in our classrooms and taking the Wellbeing Leader role this year: you have had a profound effect on our children, and we are grateful for the time you have spent with us. To Mrs Gazzola, who has supported our ATSI students this year and involved all our students with some of our special days ie Harmony Day, NAIDOC Week. To the dynamic Peta (SSO) who has supported the learning in Room 1 as well as Choir instructor for our Year 5/6's. We wish you all the best for your adventures in 2025.

To our incredible staff, thank you for your tireless efforts, dedication, and passion. You have put in that extra effort for our students as well as our school community, we are so grateful to have you all as part of our team.

To our parents and volunteers, thank you for finding the time and energy supporting our school needs. To our committee members, a big thank you for showing care and concerns for our school community and going about those ongoing jobs that are required during the long school year.

To our students who have done a remarkable job representing our school both on and off site, participating in the learning and all extra-curricular activities. It has been a joy watching you interact with other students and teachers over the last few weeks, we are so proud of the people you are becoming.

May you carry positive memories of Jervois Primary School in 2024, and use the holidays to prepare yourselves and children, ready for a dynamic start in Term 1.

May your Christmas be filled with giggles and sincere embraces and time to spend with those special family and friends. I wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a restful, fun, healthy and safe holiday.

🕊 Ann Cracknell 🖤

#### **School Reports**

Today your child will bring home their School Report for Semester 2. Teachers spend many hours compiling information from Term 3 and 4 learning across all subjects to give you a snapshot of how your child is progressing as a learner.

YOU ARE BEING ELF-TA(VLAR!

Time is taken to give comments to support their progress, also highlighting areas of strength and those which need further development. Please take the time to read your child's report and discuss it with them – it gives you and also your child the tools to build a plan to support them to become a deeper and more independent learner, whatever their level. As always, if you would like to discuss any aspect of your child's report, or their learning – including social skills; please contact your child's teacher (seesaw message or email is best) or contact the school office and we will pass on any messages.

### Staffing for 2025



Principal Teachers

SSO support PCW support Admin & Finance Elissa Hunter Tam McGavin, Ann Cracknell, Chloe Shaefer, Jayde Kennedy, & Patriz kerkenaar Elyse & Samantha Sylvia Michelle & Jo

We will have more staffing announcements, which are being finalised as we speak and over the holiday period. We will keep you informed! 0

#### School Concert USB

Each family will have a goodie pack sent home today, including school reports, newsletter, copy of ordered school concert performance & other bits & pieces. If you think you are missing something, please let us know Huge shout out to JO for all of her concert awesomeness:

YOU ARE AMAZING!!







which will be here before we know it! The office elves xo





### A little Thank You for our Volunteers

Shout out to our volunteers! Thank you so much for your support in 2024. Whether you've done a little or a lot, we appreciate it!

You make a difference to our JPS family and we are truly grateful

We'd like to extend a huge thank you to the clever members of The Men's Shed for their donation of special handmade wooden toys, organised through Sylvia and her connections.

We did a 'pop stick' pick for families to receive these. Hope our lucky recipients enjoy!

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Please come along and help us welcome our new JPS families; meet staff and give our 'newbie' parents/carers a positive and welcoming start to their JPS journey

Morning tea kindly provided by JPS Parents & Friends (thank you  $\textcircled{\mbox{\sc only}}$  )





#### 2025 Coming Events (some things to keep in mind for the coming school year)

SWIMMING has been booked in for Week 3 of Term 1 (Feb 10<sup>th</sup> – 14<sup>th</sup>) when the weather should be nice and warm! This includes ALL Reception to Year 5 students. Year 6 students will participate in Aquatics later in the year. There is a cost to families for swimming, which we have kept to a minimum with school subsidies. This year it was \$15 per student and we envisage it will possibly be something similar for next year. Information and permission forms will be sent home to all participating students in Week 1.

YEAR 6 UNIFORM will be organised first thing back in Week 1 of the new school year. We have a large cohort of Yr 6s next year (11 at this stage), so will wait until we have confirmed numbers and then get order info out. Approximate costs at this stage: polos \$40 and hoodies \$55, maybe a little more with allowing for increased costs.....just to give you an idea.

SCHOOL FEES are set for 2025 and the process remains the same: invoices will be issued early in Term 1 including payment options and information about applying for School Card.

HATS & READER FOLDERS will be sent home with your child today.

Please wash your child's hat over the holidays and return with then on the first day back at school. We will have a stockpile of legionnaire and bucket hats on hand (\$9 gst incl each), so if you will need a new one, send along some cash or do a bank transfer and we can organise whatever you need.

MEDICATION which will be past its due date over the holidays will be sent home with your child today. Please renew any medication plans and replace any medication your child will need while at school, remembering it MUST be prescription labelled and we MUST have an appropriate authority for it to be used at school. If you have any questions, please speak to Michelle or Jo.

#### Thanks Ann!

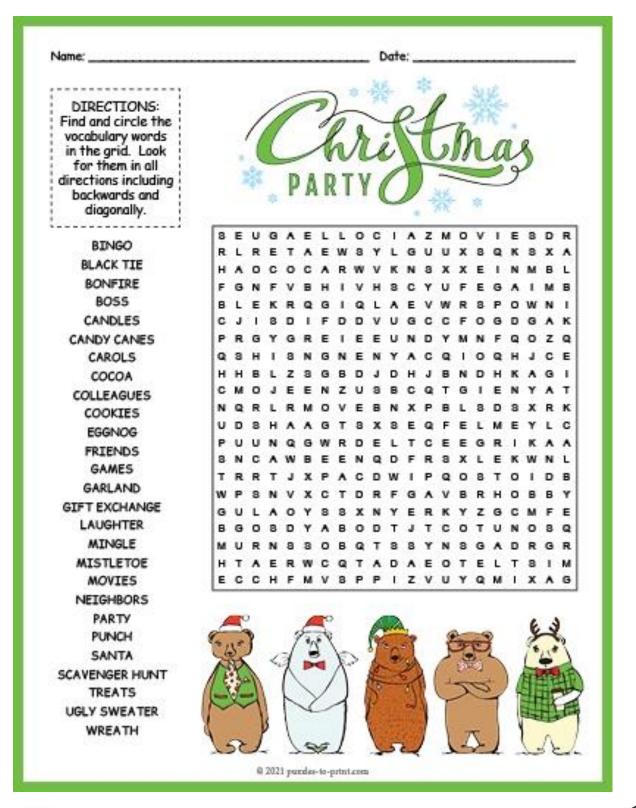
Huge thanks to Ann for stepping up to cover Elissa while she took some leave at the end of this term. She has been super supportive to make sure we all get through the last couple of weeks of school without too much stress; providing support, encouragement and chocolate!! Thanks heaps Ann – you've done a 'cracker' of a job!



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Shout out to these amazing businesses who donated to our Concert Hamper Raffle: you are all amazing 🙂 Sabai Dee Bridge Play Café **Terry White Chemist** Railway Café Foodland Tailem Bend Sandra Gates Sports & **Raw Beauty Brows** Tailem Newsagency **Remedial Massage** The Play Space **Tailem Bend Bakery** Hang With Me **McCues Bakery Tailem Bend Hardware McDonalds Tailem Bend Pharmacy** Lovell's Bakery **Monteith Meats** THANK YOU SO VERY MUCH FOR Drakes Farm Fresh **Pop Nutrition** YOUR GENEROUS DONATION AND Serenity Garden Centre The Meraki Element SUPPORT FOR OUR HAMPERS!



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### **Term 4 Terrific Kids:**

R/I: Ares F-G 1/2: Hudson C

3/4: Liryc C 5/6: James S

Presented by Jan from the Murray Bridge Kiwanis Club (Thanks for all your support Kiwanis & your regular TK awards each term!)

## Young Environmental Leaders (YEL)

Semester 1 & 2: Richard, Hunter, Archer G, James, Shaylah, Matilda, Marcus

Thanks to our students who have represented JPS, we know you have grown from the experience and we are proud of how you have taken on the challenge and shared your knowledge & ideas with us all! Many thanks to Samantha for providing adult support for YEL, to guide and mentor our students in their roles.

# End of Year Class Awards

With support of a generous donation from the Tailem Bend Rotary Club and our JPS Governing Council, four class awards were given out today to recognise excellence in a variety of areas over the whole 2024 year, highlighted by class teachers. We thank the Rotary Club of Tailem Bend and our Gov Council for these awards: each student was presented with a \$25 gift card and certificate.

Congratulations to:

- R/1: Archer A for making huge social/emotional progress throughout the year and consistently having a go at his learning
- 1/2: Haylee H for showing consistent, persistence throughout the year with her learning
- 3/4: Chloe K for consistently being kind, helpful and persistent through the year
- 5/6: Dylan F for being a consistent positive role model for his peers all year









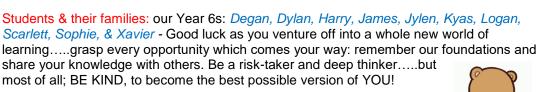




### And now it's time for the sad bits.....saying goodbye!

#### Farewells

To our families, students and staff who are leaving our JPS community, we say a huge thank you for your contribution and support of our school. Good luck for whatever lies ahead, may your future journey be filled with risk taking, kindness and deep learning!



Staff leaving JPS: It's always sad to say goodbye: some of our staff leaving us have been around for a little while and you will all be sadly missed! Here's a little snapshot of them and their departing message: ......

#### Henry (our PE & HaSS teacher)

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Henry has been the one teacher everyone LOVES to have out on yard duty: 'kick the footy with us Mr Bruce!!' It's been great to sway the balance of staff gender a little and for our boys to have someone they can go to if needed. We know the AFL Max camp was a hit this year, with lots of organising by Henry involved.

Henry's Holiday sharing (& a little bit more.....) This holidays I'm spending three weeks in Europe visiting the countries of Scotland, England, Germany and Holland. I'm looking forward to braving the cold over there and seeing an English Premier League soccer game and checking out Harry Potter studios! A highlight for this year has to be the AFL Max Camp. It was awesome to see students get out of their comfort zone and be challenged in a new environment. I've loved getting to know and building relationships with students and families this year, I look forward to teaching the now Year 6s at Murray Bridge High School in 2025 and popping in for a visit throughout the year. Happy holidays all!

#### Serenity (our Autism & Aboriginal Inclusion Support Teacher)

Serenity has popped in and out of JPS over the past couple of years, but will now be 'out' again. Thanks for sharing your time with us this year! The time you have spent to support groups of students to grow and become more confident is appreciated!

I'm hoping the school holidays will bring me some much-needed time to slow down (no mean feat with a busy toddler!), and a little family getaway (or two). I have loved being back at school stretching my brain again this year, a huge highlight being spending time with small groups of students and my days in the classroom. JPS will always hold a special place in my heart, and I could never really say goodbye, so I'm sure I will see you all around soon!

#### Peta (our amazing JP SSO)

It's been great having Peta on deck again, this time supporting our littlest people in the R/1 class and helping Mrs Tam with all things in JP-land. You've been a breath of fresh air, with lots of patience and cool ways to calm kids! Thanks for all your efforts with our kids and for your amazing support with CHOIR. We are so lucky to have someone with such passion and enthusiasm to share and encourage our choir kids!

Peta's parting piece: In the holidays I will be going to the beach to read a book and eat ice cream and play scrabble with my family and do lots of laying in the sun. A highlight from this year would have to be the school concert. Such a big exciting day and everyone did a cracking job. I'm super grateful for this short and sweet stint at JPS; it's been lovely getting to know the newbies and reconnecting with the oldies. Happy holidays everyone!















JPS staff wishes you a wonderful Christmas with your family. Thanks for sharing your special little people with us! Happy holidays!

Samantha: Holidays: I plans to do lots of cooking, and catching up with Friends and family. School highlight...... Going to Grug performance with R-2. Wishing Everyone a Happy, Fun filled, Safe set of holidays and look forward to seeing all your smiling face next year, Yr 6's I wish you the very best with your next chapter of your schooling life.

Tam: I am looking forward to having a lovely Christmas with family and spending some time at the beach. Hopefully the fish will be biting! A highlight from the year is definitely concert! I love that our students get the opportunity to perform on the BIG stage at the Town Hall. I am so proud of their efforts and looking forward to doing it all again next year Jayde: I have loved getting to know the students and families at JPS, and really appreciated the support they have shown me! I'm much looking forward to relaxing over the holidays & spending time with family. I hope that everyone has a very safe and enjoyable holiday period.

> Chloe: During the holidays, I'm looking forward to a trip to Bali for New Years! Reflecting on the 2024 school year, some highlights for me were seeing the incredible growth in our students, enjoying the energy of camp at AFL Max, and celebrating whole school events including Colour Run and Wheelathon. These moments really showcased our amazing school community. Wishing you all a Merry Christmas! I hope you can find time to relax with family and friends. See you all in 2025!

*Elyse:* Looking forward to some chill time around the house with the kids for Christmas and New Years. We are also lucky enough to head up to Cairns for 12 days in the early new year. A highlight for me this year would be seeing my eldest daughter Scarlett enjoy her last year at Jervois Primary School and being able to be a part of it. Hearing her graduation speech makes me so proud to be her Mum. A huge thank you too all our Jervois staff & families for an E-Mazing 2024. A "Big Thank You & Goodluck" to all those staff and families that are leaving us this year. It's been such a pleasure to know, grow, work and laugh with you all.

Wishing you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

In true Elyse fashion I better sign out with a joke. "What do you get when you combine a Christmas tree with an iPad?" Sylvia: This holiday l'look forward to spending time with my husband, our 21 year old son as well as his girlfriend and the extended family. On the 26<sup>th</sup> of December we have planned to escape the summer heat by traveling to the coast to spend time at the beach, relaxing and swimming. A highlight this year was getting to know all of the lovely children, & the staff of Jervois Primary School. I look forward to meeting more parents next year & wish everyone Merry Christmas.

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Ann: Holiday plans: Pilates in the mornings, visiting as many beaches as I can and catching up with friends. 2024 highlight: Being Loud and Proud at our school concert and loving children wearing their Elton John glasses to school the day after concert. Merry Christmas to all, May you have a very special Christmas and your kindness bring a smile and a sense of importance to someone less fortunate than ourselves.

Love and Hugs to all 🖤



Thanks to our Bus Drivers, Sam & Geoff for getting us safely to school & home again each day! Huge thanks to Sam for giving us all an ice cream — you are very generous  $\bigcirc$ 

Thanks Andrew, Craig & crew for keeping our lawns mowed and all the big and little jobs you do around the place!

Many thanks to Margaret who cleans for us every day — we really appreciate your effort and we are really sorry when things are a bit messy in classrooms sometimes! (And we really need to be better at keeping the toilets not so messy so Margaret doesn't have to deal with the walky stuff!)

the yucky stuff!)



Bus for 2025 Have you returned your bus permission form yet? We need your completed form before students can access the bus for the start of the 2025 school year. Permission forms have important details for the drivers and us: emergency contacts/drop off instructions etc. Forms can be returned via email, or text a photo to the school mobile; but we MUST have the form <u>BEFORE</u> your children can use the

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Thanks so much for the ice-creams Sam! They went down a treat.....what a great way to finish up a Thursday!



FINAL WRAP UP FROM GOVERNING COUNCIL. Wasn't that the fastest flying term ever! Students (and staff!) have handled the busy final 9 weeks incredibly: you should all be very proud of yourself.

Highlights of course including the amazing school concert and best pool day ever! Being part of both days was a pleasure. Next year, we'd love to welcome more of our school family members onto governing council, parents and friends and into volunteer helper roles.

If interested, please feel free to get in touch. On behalf of Governing Council, I wish everyone at Jervois Primary a happy Christmas, and a safe and relaxing start to the New Year. Enjoy the holiday break and see you back in 2025! Catherine, Chairperson, JPS Gov Council



It's almost holidays.....yay!

Make sure you spend your holidays doing lots of fun stuff: spend lots of time outdoors, breathe the fresh air, turn off the play stations & switches and GET OUTSIDE! Play some backyard cricket, catch some bugs, fly a kite, make sand castles, mud pies and cakes, go for a hike or run, find a nature trail to explore, go swimming or surfing, camp out (even if its just in your backyard!); and if you're lucky enough to go away on holidays somewhere....have an amazing time!



### **Graduation: Year 6**

Our Yr & Graduation was traditionally held at the Wellington Hotel on Monday evening. We had a large group of family & friends celebrate our graduating students, with JPS staff. Each graduate made a great speech, with Jayde speaking about each student, and Ann giving a nice little wrap up and thanks to those who have helped our graduates along their JPS journey. Slideshows of students' time at JPS were shown while speeches were made, and then all graduates were presented with their gift and certificate by P&F Rep Elyse. Awards sponsored by Murray Bridge Kiwanis for Graduating Terrific Kids; and Murray Bridge Interchurch Council for Encouragement & Creative Arts were all presented by Jan & Helen (representing Murray Bridge Kiwanis), and Sylvia, our PCW. It was a great night shared by students, staff & families! And at the end there was the traditional 'jumping in the river' by most students, at least this year the weather was much warmer!

### **Graduation Awards**

### MB Interchurch Council (PCW) awards

Encouragement award: Creative arts award: **KIWANIS** Graduation awards: Logan Smith Scarlett F-G Sophie Sharrock Kyas Fabbian

(presented by Sylvia - JPS PCW) (presented by Sylvia – JPS PCW) (presented by Jan & Helen) (presented by Jan & Helen)





Graduation was a great night with great speeches and brave Year & students standing up to deliver them in front of their guests! It was lovely to hear about their personal highlights and things they valued in their time at JPS. They all did a super job, with some very proud parents & family (& staff) sharing their final Primary School special evening!





# Ann, as our Acting Principal added a little twist to Graduation, including students showcasing their Auslan talents:

Thinking as a parent, teacher and now a grandparent, my advise to our Yr Gers is to enjoy your educational journey, accumulate the skills along the way, learn to work with a variety of people, be brave and share your ideas even though they may not be the norm. pursue your dreams and know that your journey will have many paths and its up to you, to make the choices. We are proud of the learning you have shown, the leadership tasks you have taken on, and the empathy and kindness you have shown our younger students. We want you to continue to learn, have fun, laugh out loud, and enjoy as many experiences as possible and be the best person you can. The year Gs have gathered to show off some auslan skills and relay a special message to their family and friends. This is something I have done with them today, just a new thing to add to the traditional graduation dinner.



It takes a mixture of people in our school community to mould

these beautiful Years Gers and get them to here, the end of their primary school journey. We are looking back to acknowledge the help and support that goes into making our school a super nurturing environment. The Years Gs would like to **acknowledge** and **thank** people in our school community past and present.

TO **Jeff and Sam** our tolerant, tolerant bus drivers. Thanks for enduring our noisy trips, driving us to and from Jervois and any excursion, camps or school events we have had. Who would be a bus driver......We just want to say THANK YOU!

TO **Mrs G** for cleaning our rooms and keeping them schmick: we are sorry when we leave the rooms in a bit of a state. We will never forget the sugar Easter Eggs you prepared every year for us in our JP years. We are grateful for you tending to our outside gardens and keeping the colour flowing throughout the year. We are sorry for picking the flowers for our mud kitchen but they just look so good, we just want to say THANK YOU!

To our **volunteers, grandparents, uncles, aunties, friends**: thank you for picking us up and dropping us off at school, thanks for working in our canteen, at sports day, camps, excursions and offering to do those jobs, even though they are not the most exciting, but you do that for us anyway. We want to say... THANK YOU!



To **Michelle and Jo and the SSO's:** Thanks for being super patient, listening to our stories, working with us, fixing up our injuries over the years especially when we run in and say we have broken our ankles and then we run out 5 minutes later because we don't want to miss out on our play. Also showing great patience when you are chasing us, for signed forms that have been in our bags for 3 days. Everything that you do for us ....We want to say a BIG THANK YOU!

To our **teachers**, **past and present**: Thanks for caring 4 us, organising camps, fun excursions, sports days, fun days and much more. For keeping us safe when we push the boundaries. Finding time when we are tired, grumpy or sad & also Celebrating our successes and funny moments. To Ms Kennedy thank you for all your kindness, care and patience and treating us like the important individuals we are and listen to our stories whether they are short or long. We just want to say... THANK YOU!

To our very special parents/carers: We are grateful for the 100s of lunches you make, finding \$\$ for excursions, camps, canteen, book club and much much more. For hugging us when our tears were flowing, cheering us on at sprots day or concert or any of our fine moments. The list could go on and on but we just want to say loudly THANK YOU... AND MORE importantly we want to say "I love you"

I'm sorry if we have missed anyone, to those PEOPLE we say THANK YOU also.



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# A final word from our Yr 6 graduates:

We LOVE seeing how our Yr & have grown and changed over the years with us at JPS – just look at these cute photos of their first year at our school, compared to their final year (7 years apart for most)! This week it's all about them and their final year of Primary School.......enjoy! We've quizzed this bunch of graduates to find out their thoughts about JPS, what their ideal career is, who their hero is & a few other things. Here is a snapshot of their responses



Mr Bruce is my hero!

Ideal job: YOU TUBER

Favourite memory: COMING TO JPS (and we're glad you did!)







# Whole school pool day - it was a blast!

























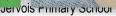


















# Concert, concert, concert!



You smashed it! Super effort everyone ..... really proud of our JPS kids & staff!





So it's finally time for farewell to this bunch of cool kids, most of who have been with us for 7 years! Good Luck, be kind, stay true to yourselves, take risks, grab opportunities, keep learning, laugh, enjoy life and always remember your time at JPS fondly (we hope!)



Back: Xavier Clark Harry Spry James Sewell **Kyas Fabbian** Logan Smith Jylen Wynen Degan Buckenara Front: Dylan Flett Scarlett Faehrmann-Gear Sophie Sharrock

"That

all folks!"

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# Merry Christmas & Happy holidays from us all at Jervois Primary xo



That's a wrap for 2024 from us..... Have a wonderful holiday break, enjoy your Christmas festivities and a well-earned rest! Here's to a super-dooper 2025! Love from all the students and staff at JPS xoxo