Calendar – Term 4 2015

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Kindy Orientation Dates
Tuesday: Dec 1, 8
Thursday: Dec 3

Welcome to Week 8
It was lovely to drive back into the valley after my four week long service leave break. My husband and I had a great trip.
Thank you to Karen for the fabulous work she did in setting up programs with the students that will be continued last year.
We met on Saturday and she was very sad to leave and also very pleased to be home with her family. Karen could not speak highly enough of the wonderful experience she had here with the students, staff, families and wider community. She can’t wait to come down for a weekend next year.
This week the students showed off their new skills working with the SOLE program and Mrs Chapman commented on how it has impacted positively when researching in science and history. It is great to see learning in one area being transferred to other subjects. Well done students!
Regards
Jeanette Grinham

Late arrivals and early leavers
It is a departmental requirement that all students arriving late or leaving early from school are signed in and out at the office. There is now a sheet in the office/ library so please complete these when required. Absences also need to be reported as soon as possible and a medical certificate provided for absences of two days and over. We thank you for your cooperation.

MS Office 2016 for home use
As part of the department’s Enterprise Agreement with Microsoft, MS Office 2016 is now available under work-at-home rights for DoE staff and students. Under this agreement, a single copy for use on a single computer is provided to NSW public school students for free and to staff for under $25. More licences of Office 2016 will be made available for free to all students and staff during Term 1 next year under our MS Office 365 agreement.
Please follow this link:
https://nsw-students.onthehub.com/WebStore/ProductsByMajorVersionList.

Student Leaders
In 2016 Student Leaders will be introduced to the school. The majority of schools in NSW have Captains or Leaders and our students have voted, after discussions in class, to begin this tradition at Wee Jasper Public School.
Year 5 students will prepare and present a speech to the class, outlining what a good leader does, why they want to be a leader, and what contribution they will make as leader of Wee Jasper PS.
Students will vote for the school leader and the 2016 leader will be announced on presentation night.
To assist all Year 5 students in their leadership journey we will be attending the Grip Student Leadership Conference in Goulburn on April 1 2016. I wish each Year 5 student the best of luck. Should you wish to discuss leadership with me please organise a time to chat.

**Rewards Day**
Tuesday 8 December will be a fun day to celebrate the hard work students have done this year.
Mrs Chapman will be joining us and we will be playing games; the jumping castle will be up, table tennis table and bikes out for students to enjoy.
We will also spend some time under the sprinkler if it is a hot day so bring your cosies and a towel as well as rubber thongs to wear in case of bindies and lots of sunscreen.
At 2 o’clock we will be going to the hall.
Please see Mrs Grinham for more details.

**Ice Blocks For Sale**
Ice blocks are for sale every lunch and recess for 50c. Money raised will support student learning.

**Lunches**
Although whole lunchboxes will not fit in the fridge due to fruit; sandwiches, salads and any other food requiring refrigeration may be placed in the fridge.
On arrival at school, bring items requiring refrigeration to the kitchen and a staff member will ensure it is placed in the fridge. Students are responsible for remembering to bring food to the kitchen before school.

**Swim Camp**
Notes will go home early week nine with final details for Swim Camp.

**New Casual Teachers**
During the next two weeks three casual teachers will be at the school. I will be watching them teach and assessing if they will be suitable to employ at Wee Jasper PS.
As a teaching principal it is important that a group of casual teachers are available as it is a requirement to attend network meetings, professional development courses and conferences in this role.
Rest assured only quality teachers with appropriate qualifications will be employed at the school and although Mrs Chapman is unavailable for a regular teaching commitment she is happy to do day-to-day work if she isn’t already committed elsewhere.
It is educationally sound practice for students to be exposed to a variety of teachers and teaching styles and helps to prepare them for secondary school.
Thank you for your cooperation and understanding.