

Jamieson Primary School Newsletter #16
16th October 2025

Welcome back to term 4.

Sun Smart

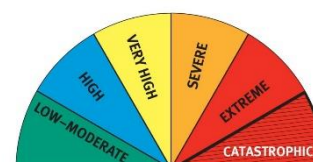
As we move into Term 4, our Sun Smart policies are back in place. All students are required to wear a Sun Smart hat (no baseball caps) when outside for play and activities during terms 1 and 4. Hats are available for purchase through the school for \$9.00 if needed. Please also remember to pack a drink bottle each day and apply sunscreen before school to help keep everyone safe in the sun.



School preparations for the bushfire season

Jamieson Primary School is classified as a Category 2 school on the bushfire at risk register (BARR). As a result, the school follows strict safety procedures during the fire danger period, including regular emergency drills, ongoing maintenance of vegetation and potential closure on Code Red days to ensure the safety of all students and staff. As part of our safety procedures, we ask families to ensure that their current contact details and phone numbers are up to date with the school. **Please refer to the attached information sheet for more details.** If you have any questions, please get in touch with the school.

FIRE DANGER RATING



Horse Riding – Senior Students

On Monday, 20th October, our senior students will set off on an exciting overnight horse-riding adventure with Watson's Trail Rides. They will spend the night in rustic, purpose-built hut accommodation and enjoy a spit roast dinner under the stars. We can't wait to hear all about their amazing experiences and trail stories when they return!

Head lice

A reminder that students' hair should be checked regularly, as there has been some activity of lice. If lice are found, please treat the hair and notify the school. Students with long hair must wear their hair tied up.



Scholastic Book Club

The latest Scholastic Book Club brochure is attached! It's a great opportunity to encourage a love of reading and explore a fantastic range of books for all ages and interests. Every order also helps support our school by earning rewards for new classroom resources. Have a browse through the brochure and place your order by the due date.

Homework and Readers

Homework plays a crucial role in reinforcing classroom learning. Both junior and senior students have weekly homework that is due on Wednesday morning. Senior students will be taking work that has not been completed in class home to be finished and returned.



Wellbeing

If your child is feeling unwell, please keep them at home to rest and recover. This helps prevent the spread of illness and keeps our school community healthy.



Senior Room Update

What a fantastic start to the final term of 2025! The boys have returned with enthusiasm and are already working hard across all learning areas.

One exciting opportunity this term is the **Mansfield Show Writing Competition**. The boys have already completed their first entry—a persuasive piece titled “Year 5 and 6 students require a mobile phone.” A couple of their persuasive texts are included in this newsletter for you to enjoy. Their next task will be to write a **short story**, which will also be submitted to the competition.

Our **Integrated Topic** this term is **States of Matter**. The boys have been busy exploring:

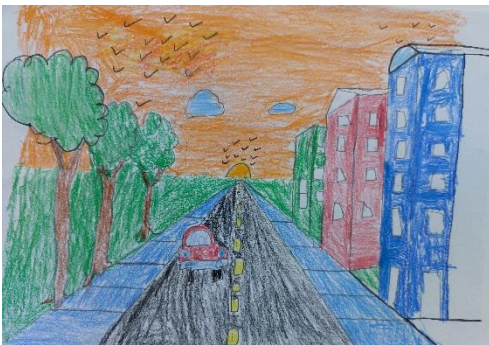
- The three states of matter: **solid, liquid and gas**
- How **changes in temperature** can cause matter to change state
- How the **distance between particles** varies depending on the state

It might sound a little complicated, but the boys have shown great understanding—so feel free to test them with a few questions at home!

In **Art**, we have begun the term by diving into **perspective drawing**. The boys successfully completed a **one-point perspective drawing** using a template, and their artwork is included in this newsletter for you to see. They are now taking on a new challenge—creating a second perspective drawing **by choosing and placing their own vanishing point**. This requires careful thinking and creativity, and they are doing a great job.

It’s shaping up to be a productive and exciting term—I am very proud of their effort and growth!

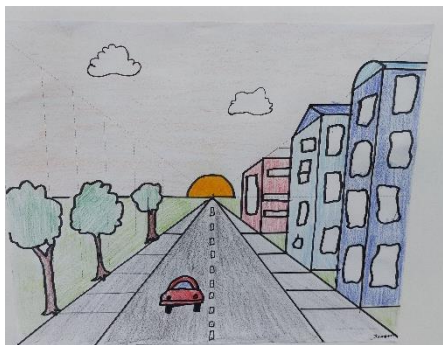
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By Foster



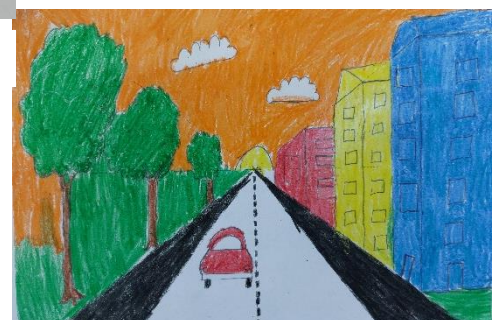
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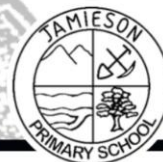


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Year 5 and 6 students require a mobile phone!

One of the controversial issues in this time period, is the discussion if year 5 and 6 students require a mobile phone! Research has proven over and over again that owning a mobile phone, has a significant adverse impact on year 5 and 6 children! Despite this, children throughout year 5 and 6 may feel that they require a mobile phone just like an adult.

Two concerning reasons why year 5 and 6 students do not require a mobile phone are: Firstly, students of this age are extremely vulnerable to peer pressure. I have seen this personally with my friend who purchased a bike. Lastly, a mobile phone opens doors for personal hackers, to steal money and personal details.

On the other hand, year 5 and 6 students require a mobile phone: Mobile phones grant easy access to informative tutorials. This is how I learnt to whip crack. Additionally, health apps, such as those that track heart rate can be lifesaving!

Granting year 5 and 6 students a mobile phone is a complex decision. If taught how to use responsibly, mobile phones may be beneficial in enhancing their lives. Further research would assist in making a more informed decision. 208 words

By Micah.

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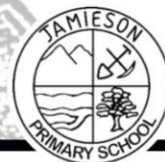
One of the most notorious issues in education is whether year 5 and 6 students need mobile phones. Some say yes others say no.

Having a mobile phone can result in negative thoughts and not going outside and bonding with people in the real world. They become too reliant and stop going outside altogether, becoming isolated and possibly depressed. Furthermore, students can get scammed, brain washed and lied into spending money.

Students can look up tutorials on apps such as Google and YouTube. This is good because the students are learning things. In addition, apps can track heartbeat, diabetes and step count which help look after your health.

Apart from the bad things there are some good things as to why year 5 and 6s require a phone. I personally believe they do require a phone.

By Foster



Dates to remember.

20 th October	Senior overnight camp
21 st October	2 nd day of senior camp.
28 th October	Prep transition day
30 th October	MARC Van
3 rd November	Pupil-free day
4 th November	Melbourne Cup – public holiday
10 th November	School Council Meeting.
11 th November	Remembrance Day
11 th November	Prep transition day
13 th November	MARC van
17 th November	Rugby Day at Alexandra – Senior students
25 th November	Prep transition day
27 th November	MARC Van - last visit for the year.
9 th December	Statewide transition day (primary and secondary school)
11 th December	Graduation
17 th December	Fun fields
18 th December	Pupil Free
19 th December	Pupil Free – last day of the year.

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