

What's On

3 Dec Yoga recommences
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10 Dec CFA online Community Safety Webinar
14 Dec JP School concert
15 Dec Yr 6 Farewell Dinner
18 Dec Clean-up day JPS till 1:30 pm (last day for 2020)
24 Dec Christmas Eve service at St James
26 Jan Australia Day Celebrations



Jindivick
NEWSLETTER

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DECEMBER 2020

Jindivick Primary School has a very hectic last few weeks before the end of the school year. The children have just completed the annual 'Fun Run'. This is a fitness and fund-raising event held at the beautiful Jindivick Cricket

grounds. All monies raised this year will go towards safety padding for the basketball towers on our multi-purpose court.

The children are all excitedly practising their concert items. Even though we can't hold our concert in the Jindivick Hall this year, we are hoping to hold it at school with a limited outdoor family audience on Monday 14th December.

Our current Grade 6's are involved in transition sessions to their Secondary Colleges, either on-line or face-to-face. They are all ready to take the next step in their education.

The Grade 6's are also preparing for their Grade 6 Farewell Dinner which will be held in the Jindi Café with an outdoor family audience on the lawn.

All of our end of year preparations are constantly changing due to the changes in Covid19 restrictions so we all need to be incredibly flexible!

We are also looking forward to welcoming our 8 new Foundation students for 2021. We are able to have an on-site Transition morning with our New Foundies in early December.

The Christmas Raffle Our annual Christmas raffle will be drawn at the school concert (Dec 14th). There are some great prizes/hampers to be won. Tickets can be purchased at the Jindi Café.

Almost Back to Regular Events

Jindi Craft Group has recommenced and all are welcome to join on Thursdays from 11am at the hall. For more information contact Nikki 0447776178

The Jindivick Hall is **now open** to 35 people in the hall, and 10 in the meeting (supper) room (see p.4 for details)

Jindivick Walking Group walks each Thursday, starting at 9am. Special walk in Nangara Reserve on Thursday December 10th, with local naturalist and newsletter correspondent Peter Ware (see p. 5)

The **Jindivick Yoga Group** **recommences** on the 3rd Dec. at 9:30am All welcome. For further information contact Janet on 0499 248 302.

Jindivick Cricket Club has commenced training and playing

PLEASE NOTE **The Jindi Caf'** will close at 4pm on Thurs 24 Dec and reopen at 8am on Mon 28th Dec *Editor: Plan ahead for bread, milk etc over those 3 days*



The Jindi Jems, after being unable to meet since March, enjoyed a catch up at the Jindi Caf' on Mon 2nd Nov. For December, we've decided to go to The Duck Inn out at Willow Grove for lunch. This will be on Wed, 9th Dec, table booked for midday. We will car share. Details will be confirmed. Call Maz on 0447491502 (Photo: Shadow, exhausted after toppling the Christmas tree, takes a nap underneath)

Photos below, from left: Madison runs on the beautiful Jindivick Cricket Ground, Junior Fun Run Champions: Ada and Hunter, and Senior Fun Run Champions: Jada and Lewis



Thank you to our entire Jindivick Community for your constant support throughout this very difficult year. A very happy Christmas and New Year to everyone, from all of the staff and students at **Jindivick Primary School.**

Lucky Clucker's 12 Days of Christmas on the Farm.

Hello to you all. My Christmas gift to you is my talent, as displayed in this little ditty.
Clear your throats and let's get a-singin'. Ready in three. Two, three, four.....

On the first day of Xmas my Clucker gave to me: **a tractor with a flat tyre.**

On the second day of Xmas my Clucker gave to me: **2 stalking wedgies**, and a tractor with a flat tyre.

On the third day of Xmas my Clucker gave to me: **3 bogged trailers**, 2 stalking wedgies and a tractor with a flat tyre.

On the fourth day of Xmas my Clucker gave to me: **4 clucky hens**, 3 bogged trailers: etc

On the fifth day of Xmas my Clucker gave to me: **5 SCOTCH THISTLES**

On the sixth day of Xmas my Clucker gave to me: **6 bailers passing**

On the seventh day of Xmas my Clucker gave to me: **7 wombats wandering**

On the eighth day of Xmas my Clucker gave to me: **8 plovers bickering**

On the ninth day of Xmas my Clucker gave to me: **9 magpies swooping**

On the tenth day of Xmas my Clucker gave to me: **10 beagles barking**

On the eleventh day of Xmas my Clucker gave to me: **11 lambs aleaping**

On the twelfth day of Xmas my Clucker gave to me **12 double yolkers,**

11 lambs a leaping,

10 beagles barking,

9 magpies swooping,

8 plovers bickering,

7 wombats wandering,

6 bailers passing,

5 SCOTCH THISTLES,

4 clucky hens,

3 bogged trailers,

2 stalking wedgies

AND A TRACTOR- WITH- A- FLAT- TYRE!

Merry Cluckmas Jindivick, and have a cool Yule, Lucky Clucker 500.

Jindi Free Range Eggs ph 0402 981 478



Advent services at St James Your own little church in Jindivick, is pleased to announce that it will be business as usual for the December services. We hope you will join us to celebrate the season of ADVENT on the first Sunday of the month (6th) and the third Sunday of the month (20th) at 11.30am. We are also happy to announce that we will be hosting our Annual Christmas Eve service on the 24th December (well... obviously!) at 7.00pm. However this year there will be no popping of champagne corks, so you will be able to go straight home to catch Carols by Candlelight. For further information on any of these services, contact Faye ph: 0400014226
While St James is an Anglican church, we humbly welcome all faith traditions through our doors



Red Tree Gallery will continue to exhibit **Cathy Smith's Construct** show of recent work until 29th December. This colourful exhibition includes painting and sculptures based around some of the conspiracy theories which have multiplied during lockdown.

Cathy has also placed a number of brightly coloured, variously shaped hebel blocks in the gallery for visitors to build their own sculpture /construction.

The **Red Tree Sculpture Garden** is looking its best at this time of year—enjoy a stroll through the trees to discover a sample of Laurie's larger works

For further information phone Red Tree Gallery 56 285224

Jindivick Progress Association would like your feedback on any issues in our district. Send any suggestions, comments and complaints about our beautiful area to jpa@jindivick.org.au

Musker's at Broughton Hall The nursery and garden are open from Thursdays to Sundays 10 am till 4 pm. The garden will close after Christmas until April when it will re open for the autumn season. It has been wonderful to have so many regional visitors over the last months, now Melbourne visitors are enjoying the garden and nursery as well.

From all of us here at Broughton Hall, we wish everyone a safe and happy Christmas season. Cheers David and Philip



Jindivick Cricket Club has reemerged from Covid slumber and adapted to the restrictions. We are running less sides than usual, but are still quite healthy despite the pressures. We are fielding three senior sides, an under 12 team and a joint under 16 team with Neerim. There is still room for players to get on board if they are interested. We are also mindful that the big upgrade is not too far off.

Under 12's games are on Wednesdays starting at 5pm and training is on Thursdays from 4.20.

Under 16's alternate training venues and arrangements with Neerim.

Seniors train on Tuesday and Thursdays, from 6.00 p.m. Player enquiries can go to Anthony Keogh 0439678158 (juniors) or Mark Braddick 0401161144 (juniors and seniors).

The club was saddened to hear about the passing of Lionel Salmon in recent times. He played during one of the golden eras of the club, at the time when greats like John Kydd were carving up opposition. Lionel played in the 1967 premiership side and a photo of that side is still proudly occupying a spot in the clubrooms. Players like Lionel helped to define and influence Jindivick cricket for decades afterward; its commitment to hard but fair cricket. We extend good wishes to his family.

In other news, we were genuinely touched when the SRC at Jindivick Primary School made a donation to the club after their Halloween Dress-up Day. Everyone looks forward to the Halloween function, run by the cricket club; it was sad that Covid prevented this in 2020. It was great to see the school dressing up and having their Covid -safe activities during the school day. (see photo below) Thanks Jindi Primary! The club will be sending a special letter of appreciation to you shortly.

For your diary: **Australia Day Celebrations in Jindivick** on Tuesday 26th January from 6pm at Kydd Parke Reserve. A chance to catch up with friends. Free BBQ and dessert. Bring a salad to share. Enquiries to Nikki 0447776178

The Strzelecki Gum Stump Saga

The Jindivick Progress Association has received a few responses to the question of what to do with the Strzelecki stump in the main street, mostly supportive of using it for a chainsaw sculpture. There were a couple of negative responses, but those living in the immediate area are strongly supportive.

The JPA has suggested that those residents in the immediate vicinity of the tree contact the shire about how to proceed.



FREE TO A GOOD HOME . Agapanthus plants If you have a yen for a lovely green leafy plant, with the advantage of gorgeous jacaranda-blue flowers in December, you can have your wish fulfilled by calling into Faye's place (opposite Stolls Road) and beside her driveway you can choose to hack apart one of the clutches of plants, or you can take them all. (PLEASE - take them all!) Phone Faye if you wish on 0400014226.



Chainsaw Safety Course

By the time you read this quite a number of Jindivick residents will have completed a chainsaw safety course in Drouin.

We have a few spaces available on Fri 11th December. If you would like to complete the 4-5 hour training, then please email Peter Ronalds (secretary) at peter@wpcln.org.au ASAP as places are strictly limited. The course normally costs \$250 but will be subsidised by the Landcare group. If you are not a member, but wish to participate in the training, then you can join the Landcare group for \$30.

The Committee members wish everyone a very happy Christmas celebrating with family and friends. We look forward to catching up with you all in 2021 and to also sharing the results of the creek eDNA monitoring program with the community

The Jindi Caf' welcomes new staff members Micheal, Tara and Jodi to our busy premises.

The Caf' has been kept very busy with changes to COVID-19 restrictions as visitors from the city explore our beautiful countryside. The number of people attending at any one time has changed in line with Covid safe rules, so we suggest that you book a table before visiting, to ensure a place when you arrive

The Caf' has recently transferred its BYO licence to the new location. At this stage we are only open for Take away food on Friday and Saturday nights, but will be reviewing this in 2021.

PLEASE NOTE: The Caf' will close at 4pm on the 24th December and reopen at 8am on December 28 to allow the staff to have a rest and catch up with family at Christmas. If you usually wander into The Caf' for a chat, and your bread and/or milk please plan ahead. Postal service The last mail delivery before Christmas will be made on 24th December. The postie will re-sume deliveries on December 29th

Australia Post advises the following cut-off dates for pre-Christmas delivery:

Ordinary parcels to be posted by 12 December

Express parcels to be posted by 19 December

International parcels—too late now

Letters, cards etc Send as soon as possible and the posties will do their best.

The Jindi Caf' wishes all a safe and happy Christmas.



Jindivick Country Market—Special Christmas Market
Saturday December 5th from 9am-1pm We hope to see you there.

Nikki will have her amazing hampers, Christmas cooking and produce as well as lots of craft, plant, and other stalls to pick up some fabulous presents for family and friends. Please wear a mask and observe COVID Safe guidelines. Enquiries to Don 0427 968 503



FIRE AWARENESS WEBINAR



JOIN YOUR LOCAL FIRE BRIGADE FOR THIS SPECIAL ON-LINE INFORMATION SESSION.

Hear about the seasonal outlook and what to do NOW to stay safe. Experts will answer your questions and help you, your pets, and farm animals to be better prepared for the coming fire season

Thursday 10th December, 7:30-8:30 pm

Online via ZOOM with members of Drouin West Fire Brigade
Register for the link at:

- secretary@dwrfb.org.au
- Facebook <https://www.facebook.com/drouinwestfirebrigadecfa>

Jindivick Walking Group continues to meet and walk for an hour or two in the Jindivick area on Thursday mornings. On Thursday 10th December we will again be joining Peter Ware for a nature walk in Nangara, at 9 am. Bring binoculars if you have them.
Ph: Graham on 0417 434 464 for more information.

Anita's Magical Mango Cheesecake

Christmas day weather can often be a challenge, being either a tad chilly, or a scorcher here in Jindivick. Come December, 2 weeks out from the 25th, we ask that question "Do we go with tradition and all the trimmings or make a change, maybe seafood or even a bbq"? Whatever you decide to do, it's always going to be a winner amongst family and friends. We love a cold dessert and I often make an ice-cream Christmas cake or this mango and passionfruit cheesecake. Mangoes really are magical this time of year, so let's enjoy them as the season is short.

From my family to yours A Very Happy Christmas.

Base

1 cup sweet biscuit crumbs (I like Digestives for this)
½ cup desiccated coconut
100g. melted butter

Filling

2 x 250g cream cheese, softened at room temperature
½ cup caster sugar
grated rind and juice of 2 limes or one lemon
3 teaspoons gelatine dissolved in ¼ cup boiling water, cooled
½ cup passionfruit pulp or the same using Barossa Valley Passionfruit Couli (available at Lean and Green Warra-gul)
2 chopped mangoes and 1 extra for garnish
300 mls. Cream, lightly whipped
2 egg whites, beaten to soft peaks
Garnish

Extra whipped cream, more chopped mango and passionfruit pulp or couli

Combine biscuit crumbs, coconut and melted butter. Press into a buttered and lined 22cm springform pan. Chill.

Beat cream cheese, sugar, lime rind and juice until smooth.

Add the gelatine mixture and passionfruit pulp or couli.

Fold in the whipped cream and beaten egg whites.

Pour into prepared crust and refrigerate until set.

Top with extra cream, mangoes and passionfruit pulp.

You can make this the day before for a stress free Christmas dessert.



Nangara News Butterflies

As the daily temperatures start to climb, we begin to see a range of butterfly species in Nangara Reserve.

Butterflies along with moths are members of the Lepidop-

tera order, a very large order of world-wide insects.

Butterflies generally rest with their wings shut, have clubbed antennae, are usually colourful and are diurnal. Moths usually rest with wings open, have 'feathery' antennae, mostly have muted colouration and are largely nocturnal. Careful – there are exceptions to every rule!

There are four stages in the life cycle of a butterfly; egg, larvae (caterpillar), pupa (chrysalis or cocoon) and adult (butterfly).

The female adult butterfly lays her eggs on a suitable plant for the hatched caterpillars to feed

on. Some species of butterfly have very specific host plants. Reputedly, the female butterfly can 'smell' her preferred host plant over more than a kilometre.

As many gardeners appreciate, caterpillars are eating machines. As it rapidly grows the caterpillar sheds its outer exoskeleton, sometimes several times. Finally, it attaches itself to a twig or leaf and spins a silk cocoon around itself. Inside the cocoon, the change from caterpillar to adult butterfly magically takes place in a process known as metamorphosis.

The best time to get a close view of the butterflies in Nangara Reserve is generally early to mid-morning.

Butterflies are cold-blooded and need to warm up a little each morning before flying. They often do this in a patch of morning sun on a piece of bare ground, tree trunk or log, resting with their wings open.

Many butterflies have completely different upper and under wing patterns. The colourful upper wing patterns are thought to be for attracting mates, or in some cases for warning predators. Most under wing patterns seem to be for camouflage when the butterfly lands on some leaf litter, bark or foliage.

World-wide there are several thousand species of the subfamily of brown butterflies. There are 34 species of 'brown' butterflies in Australia, Victoria has 15 or 16 and it is easy to find at least 4 or 5 different brown butterflies in Nangara Reserve.



Butterflies are nectar-eaters and so they act as pollinating vectors for many of our native wildflowers and shrubs and many reptiles and birds prey on butterflies. The humble butterfly is a huge contributor to the

biodiversity of Nangara Reserve.





Drouin West CFA Put the evening of 10th December in your diary now for our first-ever online Community Safety Webinar. From 7:30-8:30 pm we will be running an engaging and informative session to help you prepare for risky conditions this summer. We will support you to plan and prepare for the things you need to do to survive fire risks in this area that may impact your property. Register by either emailing the Brigade at secretary@dwrfb.org.au or through our Facebook event page at <https://www.facebook.com/drouinwestfirebrigadecfa/events>

Don't become complacent about fires this summer. We have had several turnouts lately to burn-offs that have got away. Our former Captain, Firefighter Graeme Higg has wise advice about fire risks for summer and warns **'the difference between a good day and a bad day is wind'**. While it may look green, hot wind can dry things out quickly to the point where conditions can change very quickly. So be prepared.

If you are doing a burn off remember:

*Register your burn off online or call 1800668511

*You must stay by your fire and monitor it

*Don't burn off on windy days

This year's DWCF "Firefighter of the Year" award (The Dale Award) recipient is Penny Jewell. Penny has been the Family Liaison Officer for many years. She gave her perspective on the impact of the fires, as a spouse and parent of CFA volunteers, to the 2009 Bushfire Royal Commission. Penny designed the station interior of the recent station extensions, and is Brigade Social Coordinator. She also cleans the station on a regular basis to ensure DWCF remains Coronavirus-free, and was responsible for our new Brigade Apparel. Penny supported her husband Bruce, when he was Captain for 6 years. Penny was congratulated and thanked on behalf of all the members of Drouin West Fire Brigade and the Drouin West & Jindivick communities. The Brigade also congratulates Captain Brendan Witt and his wonderful wife (and CFA member) Kimmy, on the safe arrival of our newest 'member' their baby Oscar Witt, born 9th November.

Photo: From left: Brendan Witt, Penny Jewell, Kevin Dale and Delwyn Carnegie



On the weekend of January 23 and 24, two Jindivick gardens will be open as part of Baw Baw Sustainability Network's Creative Harvest event, held annually throughout Baw Baw Shire.

Productive and inspirational food gardens in West Gippsland are open to the public, teaming up with local artists and food artisans.

15 Gardens will be open and locally Anita and Paul Day's 'Vue', and Marcus and Ginnie's off grid hobby farm will be open, with local artists present. Both gardens are in Stoll Rd. Further details can be found on Facebook at Creative Harvest Gippsland, and on Instagram @creativeharvestgippsland.

Council News.

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And last but not least:

a message from the Editor, and the Jindivick Progress Association.

May your festive season be welcoming, joyful, safe, and filled with family and friends. May it also be Covidless, and fire free, and employ a suitable number of Oxford commas.