We have recently welcomed Ezekiel and Ashlyn into our JP class. It is great to have two new students in the class and they are settling in really well and we are enjoying them attending our site.

This is a good time of year to remind parents about their children and medication. If your child has allergies, asthma or other health concerns that require medical treatment, please come in and let us know. Some children for example require medication for asthma maybe only when they have a cold or during bad weather, but we still need to be aware of this just in case they have an attack whilst in our care. Please speak to any of the staff here if this concerns your child.

The low numbers attending Occasional Care and also in the Pre-School are becoming a real concern. Currently this Term we have two Pre-Schoolers and one - three children using Occasional Care, (one on a regular basis). With numbers like this it will not be long before the Government starts questioning the financial viability of running this service. I have said it before but will repeat myself now...If you know anyone in the Community with Pre-School or Occasional Care aged children that are NOT using the service, please encourage them to come along so that we can continue to offer this service..

It has been disappointing this week to find trash and broken beer bottle glass in the front playground. Your children have every right to have a safe place to play and although we do or best to keep these areas clean it only takes a tiny shard of glass to cause major injury.

We ask that if you see anyone disrespecting your children’s school that you let us, a family member or the police know. We thank the Community members that already do help us in this manner.

Nukkin ya  Ron Watson

GREAT ATTENDANCE: WELL DONE TO THE FOLLOWING STUDENTS

Week 1 : Aaliyah, Ian, Aaron, Izzabella, Kuliah, Tiaysha, Ezekiel, Ashlyn

Week 3:  Jareth, Kirene, Aaron, Izzabella, Kuliah, Tiaysha, Ashlyn

Dates to remember

JP Swimming Lessons:  12th February
                      19th February

Splash Carnival JP:   20th February
Fun in the sun while it's still cool enough in the mornings

Lots of work happening in the JP
PPAS BUSHFIRE ACTION PLAN

The Point Pearce Aboriginal School Reception Office/Resource Centre is the nominated Bushfire Ready Building (formerly named Safe Refuge) for members of the local Community during a bushfire. When a bushfire is threatening the town students, staff visitors and local community members will move to the Reception Office.

If the Bureau of Meteorology and the Country Fire Service issue a forecast of catastrophic (code red) bushfire weather conditions within the Fire Ban District, the Pt Pearce Aboriginal School and CPC will be closed and Maitland Area School bus will not run.

*If there is a school closure day— we will endeavour to contact all parents/carers to inform them that normal classes will not re run. *This is one reason that we need your CURRENT contact details

Bushfire in the immediate vicinity of threatening Point Pearce.

If there is occasion that the Bushfire Ready Building is to be used as a refuge during a bushfire you are asked to park vehicles on the adjacent basketball courts in an orderly manner. This has been deemed the safest spot for your vehicle due to the distance from any vegetation.

As an alternative for people unable to walk any distance the gates on the northern side will be opened onto the lawn for vehicle access for the disabled.

A first aid kit, water, lanterns, towels and a radio is kept in the Front Office for use during a bushfire for the Bushfire Ready building. Toilet facilities are available. Please bring any medication required with you.

In the event of a bushfire in the immediate vicinity or impacting on site the principal will sound the gas powered siren continuously. All staff, students, visitors and *Community members wishing to take refuge, will move in an orderly fashion to the Front Office. Staff will try to contact all parents to make them aware the fact that we are moving to the refuge area.
A new children’s dental benefits schedule for 2 – 17 year olds started in January 2014. It is called the Child Dental Benefits Schedule.

The School Dental Service is a Child Dental Benefits Schedule provider and welcomes babies, children and young people under 18 years.

**Dental care is FREE for most children** and the School Dental Service will bulk-bill Medicare.

Children who do not qualify for the Child Dental Benefits Schedule can still attend – a small fee may apply for each course of general dental care provided.

There are no waiting times at the School Dental Service. To keep your children’s teeth and gums healthy we encourage them to attend the School Dental Service.

The **Maitland School Dental Service** is open Tuesday from 8:30 am to 4:30 pm for school dental clients. Please phone on 8332 2254 to make an appointment.


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**Miss Kerry: 15th February   Gabriella: 2nd February   Tyreese: 16th February**