



# JOE

## JOURNAL OF EDUCATION

About the people

For the people

# JOE needs you!

JOE is about the people

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JOE shares insightful stories about the people

JOE shares the things that matter to the people

JOE is you

JOE is us

JOE is a concept conceived by the year 9/10 English class at Swan Reach Area School. JOE is an acronym for JOURNAL Of EDUCATION. JOE is about the students interviewing the people of our district and writing their backstories - stories of achievement, stories of pain and the plethora of emotions between the two.

JOE provides the platform for the class to write about authentic individual and group experiences and personalising them through the power, grace and inspiration of words. Communicating with compassion, care and coherency, to share the life moments that matter to you, and to capture your perspective is an important ambition of JOE.

JOE allows students to use conventional, unconventional and experimental writing techniques and genres. JOE is a learning platform for the students to develop their writing and Literacy skills. It won't be perfect. It is a real-life application continually improving and most of all - JOE needs you!

# Snatch a JOE!

Get a copy of JOE. Yes, it's the journal that you and your community, everyone is searching for, the 'Journal Of Education (JOE). JOE is full of stories about our and your community. What's happening in the news? Joe is about the people, by the people and for the people.

Nothing else matters other than you and our community. Our stories will move and motivate you. If you're having a bad day, the journal of education is here for you. We have the willingness to write stories from your perspective. Welcome to JOE.

The students believe that everyone's stories matter and want to make sure everyone's story is heard. Small communities have wonderful people with amazing stories so every story in JOE is about a person in your community who has – well - an amazing story.

**Kai Williams and Alli Harris**

## Introducing the JOE Team

Hello SRAS community,

Welcome to the second Issue of JOE (Journal of Education). It is with pride that we have the honour and pleasure to introduce the year 9/10 JOE Team. They continue striving to draft, edit and publish engaging backstories about our community members for your reading delight. This is mostly new learning for them, as writers and authors, to experience the full writing process, from drafting interview questions through to publishing – their skills and craft will improve with practice and your backstories.

### THE JOE TEAM

**Naomi (Nemo)** is a dynamic and passionate writer who hails from Cambrai. She is head-strong, determined, competitive and driven. Naomi is passionate about her music, fashion designing and

keeping active with sport. She loves hanging out with her family and second family – Lochlan’s family.

**Harley** is a talented and gifted author, who with extra effort will be an exceptional scribe. He is outgoing, comedic and calm. He is passionate about video games and music. Harley is from Cambrai.

**Ryan** is thoughtful and clever journalist who resides in Nildottie. He is friendly, relaxed and calm. Ryan is passionate about music, games and metacognition (deep-thinking).

**Lucy** is a funny, caring and an expressive student whose home is now Nildottie. She is a selective writer who wants to communicate ideas, thoughts and happenings clearly for the reader. She is passionate about making her family and friends better.

**Lina (Weena)**, is a conscientious author who wants to portray the ‘real’ character in her articles. She is funny, kind and caring and is passionate about cooking. She lives in Nildottie.

**Charlie**, from Cambrai, is a highly selective scribe, wishing to ensure minor details are correct. He is friendly, nice and a chatterbox. He enjoys games and conversations with a range of people and ages.

**Teija** is cautious author who, with confidence, has the ability to reveal the essence of a character to her readers. She is brave, peeper, intimidating to those who don’t know her, dyslexic and kind. She is passionate about Lil Peep (singer) and is from Nildottie.

**Allisandra** is a creative and detailed reporter who is able to articulate and convey interviewee’s perspectives and inner thoughts with class. She is passionate about sports and music, especially Stray Kids (boy band). From Swan Reach, she is smart, caring and kind.

**Whyatte** is from Cambrai and is passionate about learning new things (like ex WWII or how a computer works). He writes with honesty and projecting the best qualities of his characters. He is humorous, ambitious and enthusiastic and loves playin X Box or watching You Tube. He also enjoys learning about motors, helping his dad with motors and looking after animals (pigs at the moment).

**Jayde** is considerate columnist who underrates her writing expertise. She is crazy, kind and knowledgeable. Jayde is passionate about animals, cars, bikes and drawing. She resides in Swan Reach.

**Kai** has a commanding repertoire of language tools that he applies to his journal articles. He resides in Swan Reach and is a leader, punctual and awesome. He is passionate about basketball, technology and games.

If you missed the first issue, a copy is saved on our web page. If you’d like to know more about JOE and have your story published, contact me on 8570 2053. JOE needs you!

Kind regards

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JOE Co-facilitator

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## AC/DC Grand Rocker!

Meet Ricky....

He is a hardworking, motivated and caring person. He is an amazing grandfather. He tries to treat everyone fairly, even though he sometimes cannot help out. Ricky cares about others. He has 11 grandkids and five children he loves dearly.

He also works with sheep and sometimes gets kicked. One day, when Ricky was working, a long metal connection piece for his sheering tool was kicked into his face. It nearly knocked out his tooth. He had to get stitches for his lip, because the tool bit cut it open. I saw how much it hurt him when he came home.

Ricky was crushed when he found out one of his grandsons didn't survive during birth. He was sad that he couldn't watch him grow up into a man; Ricky was so upset at the funeral of his grandson that he started to cry. He was there to comfort his daughter Wella because it was her son that had passed away. Ricky has

always looked out for his kids and his grand kids.

Ricky was the happiest when one of his granddaughters, decided to live with her auntie; Wella. The name of the granddaughter that moved in with Wella was Lina. Ricky loves his eldest granddaughter Lina; Ricky has always looked out for her. There are three more things that make Ricky happy. When he takes out his boat and pulls the tube on the back and that his grandkids and kids have fun while on the river. Ricky also loves AC/DC and rock and roll.

In summary, Ricky is an amazing person and loves to help out. He loves the work he does and the people he hangs out with. I am glad he is my grandfather, because he makes me laugh and is very nice; he loves to look out for his family and friends. Ricky is the best grandpa ever and I love him to bits.

## First a Student; Now a Teacher

Mr Cool-man (Coleman) started his adventure at Swan Reach Area School (SRAS) as a student. Now, at the age of 24, he finds himself teaching at the very same school he attended as a child. Mr Coleman likes to help people and put other people before himself; that is probably why he became a teacher.

Mr Coleman describes his years studying at Flinders University as some of the most challenging times in his life. As he lived in the country and wasn't used to the city, it was a confronting time in his life. When he was studying, he wasn't able to get help like when he was back in school. He was on his own. In the first 3 weeks, he was catching the bus to get to uni, which was a 1 ½ hour trip there. He

would have considered quitting 3 to 4 times in the first couple of weeks at uni, but he is

really happy he didn't. He doesn't know where he would be now if he did.

This made him realize that when you do face a challenging time, often your first instinct is to quit. He realised that when things get tough, you should keep going and give things a fair go. He wanted to become a teacher; so he got what he wanted.

At school, people saw him as a leader, which is why he got to be a school captain. It was more of his caring nature. Always trying to

make people happy, but it doesn't always get you where you want.

He always wants to see other people's ways of thinking; to understand them. He always found Nelson Mandela's story quite fascinating, so he would love to sit next to him and find out his perspective of life. He thinks he would have a really good story to tell. Mandela was an inspirational person and he offered a lot of good things to the world that was needed. He would love to go back and speak to him when he became the president of South Africa. Mr. Coleman would ask him

what he thinks the world needs more of. He always had advice on what we need to do more of. Mandela would probably say education.

His most enjoyable time was in year 11 and 12, because he had good friends that he could count on along with having fun with them. The teachers were a big part of this as well, due to how friendly and helpful they were. That is what mostly motivated him to become a teacher. It was always a good time to look back on.

## **Wildman Whyatte**

Whyatte is an outgoing and energetic person to be around is highly knowledgeable about the topics he's interested in. Whyatte also has a funny side to himself when around his friends but when in a one on one he can be very serious and professional

### **What parts of your life do you really love?**

Having the freedom to enjoy my life without limits and people holding me back. Going out hunting with my dad. I love the ability that I can travel Australia and see all the sights there are to see. Having friends who I can rely on in my life and being able to enjoy their company.

### **Why were you interested in Rollin' Landscaping**

Because its hands on, and easy to do. It's also good for my dad's boss so I enjoy helping him a lot. It was also a great opportunity for me to learn new skills and techniques that I'll use in throughout all my life.

### **What work achievement are you most proud of?**

I'm able to help around the farm and operate the machinery such as a 57 tonne loader and 27 tonne excavator. My biggest sport achievement would have to be my trophy for runner up in the 100m race for swimming carnival in 2019, at Swan Reach.

### **What parts of life frustrate you?**

Typical young kids who act annoying and don't stop when asked. People who push me to points I dislike. When something I do which I think is good, but it turns out to be off or wrong, an example of this is when I sight my rifle, but it doesn't line up properly.

### **What does being successful in life look like**

Being wealthy in my adult hood, having kids and living in a home without the worry of daily struggles which people have. Having a sustainable job which I enjoy and want to come to work everyday. Being remembered in history as a famous person.

After conducting my interview with Whyatte it really opened my eyes to Whyatte as a person and what he enjoys to do. Whyatte gave me great insight to his personal life and how much he really enjoys helping his dad and handling machinery.

## She Makes Me Laugh

My 'crazy' friend Angelina, you can't believe what she did the other day...

Angelina and her cousin came over to my dad and Aunty's house with me, the three of us were in the same room like usual and I wanted to know what she was reading on her phone, so her cousin and I pinned her to the bed as her cousin grabbed the phone and ran out with it, she got up and I fell on the ground still holding onto her.

Angelina got up and I got up as I pinned her back on the bed, she eventually showed us what she was reading so we let her go and during the little play we were laughing, we had so much fun together.

Angelina is a 16-year-old girl who gets motivated by K-pop and her friends. She likes K-pop because they are inspiring singers and dancers, she likes her friends because they help her and make her happy and laugh.

She is a funny person who is also brutally honest, she is also 'crazy' at times but in a funny way. Her favourite staff member is Mrs Maxwell because she is nice and caring. Mrs Maxwell is the person for us to talk to with personal things, because Angelina feels safe to speak to Mrs Maxwell. She likes to sing when alone and she likes quiet places, she truly dislikes certain sports because it tires her out and doesn't suit her. She can also find it boring.

I can bribe her with certain foods like salad and sushi; mainly sushi. After that, she will hate me for it. I once bribed her with Caramel Chocolate, she chased after me when I wouldn't give her the chocolate right away.

Her favourite pet is Ash who is a cat, he is very cuddly and he will cuddle up to you and climb onto your shoulders. He is like a scarf and a bird; wraps around your neck or sits on your shoulder. Recently, Ash tried to get into her school bag for her blanket to cuddle in and keep warm. If he succeeded, he might have found himself on the bus, heading to school.

Angelina has 4 sisters, 1 older sister and 3 younger sisters. Her youngest sister is annoying towards Angelina whenever she sees her sisters and mum, or when her sister comes over. Her sister annoys her by not leaving her alone sometimes.

Angelina is a great friend - she is a fruit loop at times, but has a heart of gold. I love her for who she is, not what her appearance is; she has a great personality that makes me laugh and smile. She is a very kind person and protective over who is close to her, like her family and friends. I'm glad that she is my friend and family; one of the best I could ever ask for.



## Elie: ER Nurse

Who are you?

My name is Elie I am an ER nurse who works at Angaston and district Hospital I am 27 and love hiking and exercise.

What do you do to destress yourself after work?

As an ER nurse, I find that going outside, rain or shine is the perfect place for me to de-stress when I am not operating. I've always been a enthusiastic hiker, wildlife enthusiast and trout fishermen, and one of my favourite things to do is work for the U.S .. Forest Service and community protect nearby salmon habitat. I even lead party hiking on some of the more difficult trails on Mt. Baker. That's it.

What was your biggest struggle in your journey to get where you are today and why?

My greatest weakness used to be procrastination. Friends who knew my work style would tease me, saying, "Panic precipitates performance." In UNI, I was the person who pulled all-nighters to finish their essay right before deadline. This isn't as irresponsible as it sounds—from the moment I'm assigned a project, I'm thinking about it.

Most of my first and second drafts get composed mentally, so it's only a matter of writing down the final draft. And, since I have an excellent command of grammar, I don't have to spend much time proofreading or revising.

In what way and how do you cope with high intense situations as a nurse? If you have had any.

I'm not one who thrives in stressful situations or is energised either. The first step in handling tension is trying to overcome it by keeping the job processes very structured, and my positive approach. When customers or associates come to me with issues, I try to look at things from their perspective, and initiate a collaborative problem-solving approach to keep the situation from escalating. I find that maintaining an efficient, congenial office with open lines of communication automatically reduces a lot of workplace stress. Of course, sometimes unanticipated stressors will arise. When this happens, I just take a deep breath, remembering that the person I'm dealing with is frustrated with a situation, not with me. I then actively listen to their concerns and make a plan and stick to it.

## Mrs O'Shaughnessy

Introduction:

Mrs O'Shaughnessy has been an SSO at swan reach area school since I was in primary school, she has been a helpful member of the community for a long time.

Where do you see yourself doing in 5 years?

I want to be in the education industry, just not sure where and what I will be doing. I will still be carting around the kids still as they will be 13 and 16. I am hoping to do some more

study but I'm not sure what to do yet, hopefully something in education.

If you could live anywhere in the world where would you live and why?

I would live in Noosa, Queensland, I love the climate and the warm weather, the humidity is also nice. I love holidaying there, I'm not

sure If living there would be the same but I would like to give it a go.

### **What would you say inspires you?**

The responsibility of being a mum inspires me to be a better and more accountable person. I love to learn, learning new things can be scary to me but It doesn't stop me loving to learn new information. I love playing basketball, I noticed whenever I play, I realise how much I miss it. It inspires me on a fitness level

### **Who are some individuals that inspire you?**

I would say Michael Jordon inspires me, he's an amazing basketball player but his professionalism and dedication to the sport is what makes me interested in him. Aside from that I'd say I'm inspired by individual qualities in people, rather than the person as a whole. The teachers are an example.

### **If you were to win the lottery what would you spend your money on?**

I would build a new house on our block of land at Monarto, I would also buy a new car and go on holiday.

What would you say is a challenge you have had to overcome?

Having a husband who works in the police force comes with a lot of challenges. He works really long hours; we live at the station so he rarely gets a break. Some people don't mind if you're a cop or a cop's wife but some people

hate the police officers and you find that out pretty quickly. If filters down to who the kids want to play with outside side of school, based on their personal life choices, it's harder because it's a small community.

### **What's something you look forward too?**

On a small scale I look forward to seeing my family, I don't see them very often because of our lifestyle and the fact that they live in Adelaide with the Covid-19 restrictions, this makes me look forward to seeing them. On the long scale I look forward to building my house at Monarto and seeing which path my kids take in life.

### **How and why did you become an SSO**

After having had Cora and Isaac I realised that I had a passion for children and how they learn. I became involved in the kindy and a committee member. Then president, then finance officer. I was also volunteering at the school reading with the primary students. The kindy teachers at the time noticed how well I engaged with the children and approached me to look after a special child that would need a little care while at kindy. I really enjoyed working with and looking after this child with all of their challenges. This all led to working with more students at the school and now I work almost every day helping children, parents and staff of all ages and backgrounds.

## **Mrs Maxwell Story**

### **Introduction**

Mrs. Maxwell is the pastoral care worker at SRAS. She has worked at SRAS for three years, she really enjoys working here and taking care of staff and students while also getting to know people at the school. She's well liked among students and staff while looking after their wellbeing, providing basic counselling and a good listening ear. Mrs Maxwell was

working the same job here but at a different school. She heard through somebody at church that SRAS was looking for a PCW. She thought about it; deciding it'd be nice to work at a country school. She found out more about the position and applied for the job. She really likes working at SRAS and decided to stay.

## Tragedy

Mrs Maxwell's Husband had a bad accident at the start of the year, broke a few bones in his body. First thing she did was pray to God that he'd look after him and make sure he isn't too hurt and pray when the negative thoughts started creeping into her mind about how any long-term injuries may incur.

She kept on turning the negative thoughts into more positive thoughts. Thought about the best-case scenario rather than letting her thoughts wallow on the worst-case scenarios. Her faith in god and leaving it all in his hands helped her feel better as well.

## Which of Your Personality Traits Has Been The Most Useful?

Resilience, helping her get through tough times by getting up when she gets knocked down and moving on. Always having hope that things will get better, helping her move on and see the positive side of everything while also being grateful for what she does have rather than focusing on the problem. For example, she's married to a farmer which can often be stressful when it doesn't rain and they don't grow much grain to sell. At times like this, she tries to be grateful for the good things in her life such as her family and friends, her home and church.

## What are your Strengths/Weaknesses?

Strength – Resilience, can find best in bad situation.

Weakness – Can be critical of other people sometimes. Get tired easily if around other people a lot.

## What motivates you?

Knowing she's made a difference in a person's life and helping people overcome an adversity

in their life. Helping them also gain a positive and healthy mindset.

## Can you describe yourself using 3/5 words?

Quietly confident, caring and motivational. Can worry easily but turns negative thoughts to positive ones quickly.

## What advice would you give to your younger self?

Don't worry so much about what other people think of her, be brave and have the confidence to go and do what she wants to do.

## Goals and Aspirations

One goal is to help her husband to start and build a successful small business in the agricultural products industry. Another goal is to become a successful music teacher and another is to continue with her pastoral care work to help enhance people's lives.

- Overcoming adversities and changing people's lives.
- Mrs Maxwell tells people that gardening is a hobby but doesn't do gardening much, only when it's good weather.
- Strong, resilient, helpful, quiet and kind.

## Conclusion

In summary, I have found Mrs Maxwell to be a good, kind and caring person. She dedicates her life to being a good person in general and helping others with their problems. She's willing to help people's positive mindsets and support them by being a good listener. She enjoys helping people with negative mindsets and turning them positive.