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Principal's Address

Wow, what an amazing fortnight we have had at Jasper Rd. Last week I was extremely fortunate in attending my first 3-6 Athletics Carnival. I have heard nothing but positivity around the new format with competitive students allowed to strive towards 'personal bests' and all other students participating and engaged throughout the day. Thanks to the fundraising committee and the many parents that helped at the 3-6 Athletics Carnival. It is great that parents are willing to help out and contribute towards a great community event. My thanks also to the organising teachers that made the day so successful.

A gallery of photos from the day can be found on our new website.

<https://jasperroad-p.schools.nsw.gov.au/gallery/3-6-athletics-carnival.html>

This week I also had the chance to attend my first Book Week Character Parade at Jasper Rd. My apologies to parents for any miscommunication prior to the event but judging by the smiles of student's faces, it was an incredible parade. Between the many princesses, pirates and Harry Potters, it was a great opportunity to showcase our love of books. Thanks to our amazing librarians for their organisation.

Student Privacy

An ongoing question at school events is, "Can I take photos?"

Photographs, video or digital images of a student are considered "personal information" and therefore their use and disclosure are governed by the **Information Privacy Act**. Photographs, video and digital images of students may also contain copyright, and therefore may also be governed by the **Copyright Act 1968**.

The school allows for the collection of photos, video, film and digital images for **personal use** at events. This limits the posting of such files to social media. Under social media

regulations, please ensure that you personally have permission to publish such media online for each child pictured. We thank the community for supporting these guidelines.

Buy A Bale

On Tuesday we held a Buy a Bale campaign to support the many farmers that are struggling through one of the worst droughts in history. We are still collecting donations at the front office but so far we have raised a little over \$3000. This is a tremendous achievement and I thank the community for supporting the SRC. Nine local schools have combined to 'buy in bulk'. All funds will go directly to the Hills Schools Buy a Bale campaign which to date has raised just under \$10,000.



Playgrounds

This week the school started the improvement of playground facilities. New seating arrived Tuesday which was placed outside S2S. These will be used to create an outdoor quiet area for students during recess and lunch. This was made possible through the Art Auction and we thank the community for supporting this event. New seating has also been ordered for under the COLA thanks to the P&C which should arrive in the coming weeks. The laying of artificial grass around the coloured tree boxes also began this week creating a seating area for students.

As the new Principal, I was immediately made aware of the poor state of our school grounds and have been working 'behind the scenes' on major improvements. I hope to be able to provide further details in an upcoming newsletter on the exciting developments that are planned. Please be aware, that during

high wind, the library is open for students with allergies and we continue to provide other areas of the playground for students to play.

Literacy

Planning is well advanced for the implementation of new and updated literacy programs in 2019. A literacy consultant from 'Educational Dynamics' has already visited the school and completed demonstration lessons in Early Stage 1 and Stage 1 rooms with executive team members observing. After considerable analysis of data and observations of current practices, it has been decided that the school will be focusing on reading practices. This will include the implementation of a new scope and sequence with a strong early learning phonics focus. Teachers will begin training and development next term in preparation.

Craig Warner
Principal

From the Deputy Principals

Staying informed

The school puts a great deal of effort and time into providing regular updates on what's happening at JRPS through our Schoolzine newsletter, app and new website. In each edition there are also articles that classes put together to celebrate great learning and achievement of our students. This is the main method of communication from the school to parents. Our fortnightly school newsletter is issued in a paperless format and emailed to every family. There is also the option to subscribe through the Schoolzine app for automatic delivery of the newsletter and other notifications which are sent out from the school. The calendar function provides families with information about upcoming events at the school and should be referred to as part of preparation for the school week. In the interest of effective communication between school and home, it's necessary for every JRPS family to regularly access this application. If you have friends or families of other students who do not regularly read our newsletter could you please support us and let them know of the value of our regular communications.

Celebrating Education Week 2018

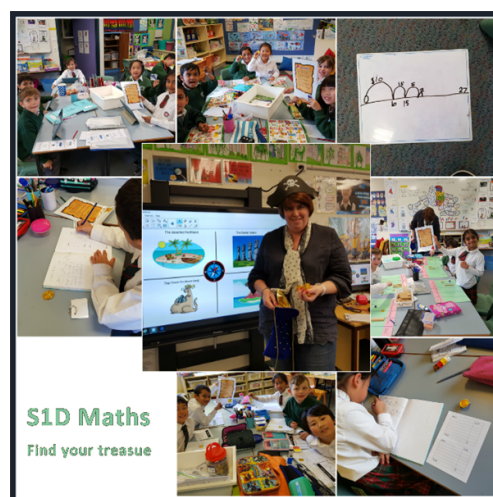
During the Tuesday of Week 3 JRPS held it's 'Open Day' as part of our Education Week celebrations. It was fantastic to see so many parents and grandparents in attendance; we had a huge turnout. As we circulated between classrooms K-6, it was apparent how thrilled children were to have a family member attend their school and see them in their school environment. Equally, parents, carers, grandparents and other family members were sharing in the children's joy and pride for their class and their school. The performances in the hall were spectacular and showcased the wonderfully talented students and teachers we have here at JRPS. We'd like to thank all those family members who attended our Open Day and shared in celebrating Education Week with us. We'd like to also thank our teachers and staff for generously opening up their classrooms and our school so that the children could share their classrooms with their parents/carers and family members.

Our school community provides opportunities for students to succeed across academic, social and emotional domains. They develop skills, attitudes and dispositions to better prepare them for the future challenges as active, engaged and responsible global citizens. That is why learning at JRPS focuses on developing things like:

- Strong foundations in literacy and numeracy
- STEM capabilities
- Positive Behaviour for Learning
- Growth mindset
- Critical thinking
- Collaboration
- Goal setting
- Emotion coaching
- Environmental Sustainability
- Physical fitness and healthy lifestyles
- Cultural understandings that promote respect, reconciliation and cooperation with others.

Our students also enjoy many opportunities to engage in appreciating and using the creative process across all artistic domains. This year thanks to the expertise of our teachers we have outstanding teaching/learning and enrichment programs in Visual Arts: Music, Dance and Drama. This was clearly evident during these Open Day performances, our **recent successes in Band Eisteddfods** and at the performances in Castle Towers.

The continual triumph of JRPS and Public Education is that all this and more is available to every young citizen. Our students are particularly lucky because of our unique setting, quality teaching and community engagement and support.



Visitors to the school

A reminder that all parents (or other visitors) who visit the school during school hours must report to the front office, including parent helpers. All visitors are to sign into the Visitors Book in the front office when attending the school during school hours. If you need to drop something off to your child during the school day (lunch, sports shoes, etc) please report to the front office in order to minimise disruption to classes and the office staff will ensure that your child receives the item. These procedures are in place for the safety of students, staff and visitors. Also, please

note that our student toilets are ONLY for children's use. If you need to use a toilet on school grounds the toilets in the office and library are for adults only.

Absences

On occasion, your child may need to be absent from school. We ask that should your child be absent from school, please notify the class teacher or the school as soon as possible. You are able to notify the school either by a written note, email or a phone call. For any travel for 5 days or more an application for leave-travel form must be completed prior to the travel commencing. You are able to collect a copy of this form from the front office.

Illnesses

Just a reminder that if your child has vomited or has diarrhoea they are excluded from school for a minimum of 24 hours from the last bout. As it is common in the cooler months, there are many colds and sickness about. Generally if your child feels unwell, please keep them home from school and consult your doctor. If you are unsure about exclusion periods, please refer to the parent handbook and the link below for more information.

<http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/wellbeing/health/too-sick-to-go-to-school>

Late Arrivals

Our school day commences at 8.55am and teachers are on duty from 8.30am. It is really important that all students arrive to school on-time, but if for some reason you are running late, it is important that you sign your child in before he/she goes to class. Children are not to sign themselves in. If you are running late in the mornings, you (as parents/carers) are required to register the lateness at the office. We thank you for your support and understanding in this matter.

Father's Day 2018

We would like to wish all our 'Dads' a very happy day on Sunday 2nd of September. Thank you from all of us to you for all the hard work involved in being a



Positive Behaviour for Learning

Term 3 Week 6

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At home and as a family try to think of some answers to the questions over the next fortnight.



"Make Me" Children

Talking this week our senior staff recalled our early teaching careers. There was always a student who was particularly

defiant, placing their feet on the desk or other noncompliant behaviours and giving us that "what are you going to do about it" look. We remember asking the student to do the right thing and the student then replied "Make me". A confrontation in front of the class was clearly something we couldn't win as the student was determined not to lose face in front of their peers. Fortunately this occurs quite infrequently at JRPS but some children may be somewhat different at home.

Most families will have at least one child who insists on getting their way and doesn't like to be told what to do. Michael Grose calls them 'Make me' children because everything about their demeanour at times wants you to 'Make them' do what they're told. These children value power and don't shy away from a fight.

Some children refuse to cooperate when the tone and language of coercion is used. These children value control and want autonomy, so you need to communicate in a way that doesn't trigger their need to wrest control from you. Sometimes the issue can evaporate from sight when the struggle becomes "Do as I say and do it now!"

Tell them what you will do: Most of us tell children what to do, which they promptly ignore. It's far better to tell them what action YOU will take. This subtle shift in language has a huge impact in terms of getting some cooperation from 'Make me' children. Next time you want to tell your child what to do, catch yourself. Instead, tell them what you are going to do. Here's some examples: "I'll serve ice cream when you are seated at the table." "I'll listen to you when you have calmed down." "I'll drive when you are quiet." Get into the habit of focusing on what you will do, rather than on what they should do and you'll start to see a shift in terms of getting cooperative behaviour almost immediately.

Let consequences work their magic: Of course, you need to stop nagging children about their behaviours and allow them to experience the consequences of some of their poor choices. This removes you from the power struggle and lets experience be their teacher. Children, who are bossy, might be referred to as stubborn, disobedient, pig-headed and argumentative. The flip side and what we use at JRPS is that they can be strong-willed, assertive and determined individuals which are qualities that can be an advantage in life when faced with challenges that they are likely to encounter in the future. At JRPS we are working hard to develop teaching and learning that reflects and consistently demonstrates this way forward.

Bullying is an ongoing misuse of power in relationships through repeated verbal, physical and/or social behaviour that causes physical and/or psychological harm. It can involve an individual or a group misusing their power over one or more persons. Bullying can happen in person or online, and it can be obvious (overt) or hidden (covert). Bullying of any form or for any reason can have long-term effects on those involved, including bystanders. Single incidents and conflict or fights between equals, whether in person or online, are not defined as bullying.



Bullying then can be interpreted as involving a misuse of power in a relationship, is ongoing and repeated, and it involves behaviours that can cause harm. The Anti bullying Website has

some great information for parents, schools and community which can be found at the link below/

<https://antibullying.nsw.gov.au/>

Active Travel

Active Travel is an active form of getting around. It could be walking, riding, scootering, or even catching public transport (because you have to walk to and from the bus stop/ train station). It can reduce traffic congestion, improving Road Safety AND help us all reach our daily physical activity needs.

'Park-and-stride'

Perhaps you can't leave the car at home, it just isn't practical, but a park and stride is possible. Consider parking a few streets away from school in a safe place and walking in the rest of the way.

Promote the benefits - here are 5!

1/ Healthier hearts and toned muscles. 2/ Stronger bones and better balance 3/ More alert and ready for the school day 4/ Higher academic performance 5/ A chance to socialise with friends



Playground activities

Thank you to the working bee parents/carers and our wonderful GAs Mr G and Mr J who have added to the list of activities our children can engage with during lunch with our fabulous containers for our large chess pieces. It was amazing to watch the players and audience involvement in the lunchtime games!



Debby Bezzina and Vanessa Rogers
Deputy Principals

Father's Day Stall – Wednesday 29 August

DON'T FORGET:

FATHER'S DAY STALL

Kindy, Stage 2 & 3 - Wednesday 29 August 2018
Stage 1 - Thursday 30 August 2018

My Dad is the
BEST.DAD.EVER.
PERIOD. END OF STORY.

Buy a special gift for the best dad (and/or grandad) of all!
Gifts range from \$1 - \$6
Please remember to bring a bag to hide your gift in...

N.B. Ideally no more than \$10 per student

We are also looking for volunteers for
Tuesday, 28 August 2018 (8.30 – 11 am)
to help pack class boxes

and to sell the gifts on
Wednesday, 29 August 2018
(8.30am set up – 2pm)
Thursday, 30 August 2018
(8.30am set up – 11am)

So if you can help at any time on these days please email
iaffatjasperoad@hotmail.com
for more information

TELL THEM FROM ME

This term, our school is taking part in the *Tell Them From Me* survey for students in **Years 4-6**. The survey will provide us with valuable feedback on what our students think about school life, how engaged they are with school and the different ways that teachers interact with them. Schools in Australia and around the world have used the *Tell Them From Me* survey to help them improve. The survey is completed on-line and is run by an independent research company, The Learning Bar, which specialises in school-based surveys.

Staff in schools will **not** be able to identify individual students from their responses. To ensure confidentiality, participating students will receive a unique username and password. Where fewer than five students respond to a question, the results will be suppressed. The survey typically takes 30 minutes or less to complete and will be administered by the school during normal school hours. Once the surveys are completed by students, reports are prepared and in most cases are available to schools within three business days.

This survey will help our school better understand how to improve student wellbeing and engagement. It will help the school identify what works to improve student outcomes.

Participating in the survey is entirely voluntary. Your child will not take part if either you or your child do not wish. If, during the survey, your child is uncomfortable, he/she can choose to stop the survey at any time. The majority of questions in the survey can be skipped.

If you **do not want** your child to take part in the survey, please let your child's teacher know by 31 August.

More information about the survey and the research is available on the CESE website:

<http://surveys.cese.nsw.gov.au/information-for-parents>

How to Order Sports / Special Photographs

These Photos can be viewed both online at the link below or on the display board in the school library.

<http://www.theschoolphotographer.com.au/>

Online Order Code: 18S1030EL38JR

If you wish to order please either:

- collect an order envelope, fill out/enclose payment and return to school.
- visit our website and order/pay online.

The photo prices are: **\$16.00 each, 2 for \$30.00, 3 for \$42.00, 4 for \$52.00 or 5 for \$60.00.**

Any additional photographs are \$10.00 each. This discount is only available per family order.

Payment options:

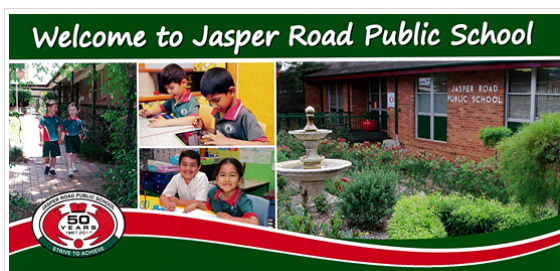
- Cash or Money Order payments enclosed in the order envelope.
- ONLINE Payment by credit card - Envelope NOT required The photos will be available to view and purchase online

All Orders to be made by 31 August 2018

**Please note if payments are not received before photos are sent to the school,*

*a late fee of \$5 will be incurred**

2019 Kindergarten Enrolments



We are taking enrolments for Kindergarten 2019, if you have a child or know of anyone living in the JRPS catchment area whose child turns 5 by July 31 2019 please come to the office to collect an Application to Enrol Form or download from our website.

<http://www.jasperroad-p.schoolwebsites.com.au/notes-and-forms.aspx>

The following documents will be required when submitting your application.

- your child's birth certificate or identity documents
- proof of student's address – originals of different documents such as your council rates notice or residential lease and electricity bill
- Immunisation history statement based on the Australian Childhood Immunisation Register (ACIR)
- family law or other relevant court orders (if applicable).

If your child is not a permanent resident you will also need to provide:

- passport or travel documents
- current visa and previous visas (if applicable).

We are happy to help with any questions you have about your enrolment, please call the school office between the hours of 9:30am – 2pm, Monday to Friday.

Enrolling your child in Term 3 assists the school to plan Kindergarten numbers for next year as well as informing you of our Orientation Program. If parents/carers believe their child will need additional support to successfully transition to Kindergarten please contact Mrs Vanessa Rogers, Deputy Principal, to organise an enrolment interview.

Environmental Education

Students from KW have been working very hard on their vegetable garden as part of learning within the classroom. I couldn't believe my eyes when I went and had a close look at the garden bed. Over the last few weeks the plants have really taken off and some are even producing vegetables or flowers. Students in KW have been watering and caring for their plants. I had a visit with the class to tell them how they must all have very green thumbs and the students eagerly pointed out their experiments with beans that were also growing successfully from zip lock bags taped to the window. Well done KW!

S2G, S1P, S1CN, S1F and S1MC will also be embarking on some gardening. These classes have now been allocated garden beds and will commence growing soon. It is always lovely to see outdoor learning taking place and we ask that as our plants produce their fruit and vegetables, could you please leave the picking to the classes or students involved.

Staff have started to collect our cans and bottles for recycling in the 10c scheme. Arbors will be looking into making this collection a school wide experience later within the year. Thank you to those who attended the 3-6 Sport Carnival and donated your bottles and cans to Arbors. The money raised will go into environmental purchases for students.

Think **GREEN** because together we **CAN** make a difference.

Mrs Jennifer Franks

Hills Performing Arts Festival – Thursday 6 September

Jasper Road HPAF Choir, Stage 1, 2 & Mrs Keasts' Stage 3 Dance Troupes are performing at the Hills Performing Arts Festival on Thursday the 6 September, Evans Theatre, Penrith.

The Children are required to attend an **ALL DAY FULL DRESS** rehearsal on Thursday 6 September at Evans Theatre from 9.15am, returning to school before 3pm. The bus will be leaving the school at **8.30am**. *Please have your child at school by 8.15am*. Please ensure the students arrive *wearing their dance costume underneath their sports uniform*. Pack a small bag with recess, lunch, snacks & water for the day.

Your child needs to return to Evans Theatre, Penrith at 6pm and can be collected at the completion of the entire performance evening. *Transporting your child to and from the performance evening is your responsibility.*

Tickets are on sale Now, Price: \$27.25. *No concession or children's prices. Babies 12months and under are free*

Tickets CAN be purchased from the box office or by phone and internet. The details are as follows:

1. Ticketek website: www.ticketek.com.au (booking fees will apply)
2. Ticketek call Centre Phone bookings 132 849 (booking fees will apply)
3. Penrith Panthers Reception Desk, In person only - 10am to 10pm daily

Sports News

Reminders

- Zone Athletics Carnival Monday 27 August, 2018 at Blacktown International Athletics Centre, Rooty Hill.
- Please return all PSSA team shirts to the coach.

Achievements

- Last week JRPS had 5 teams compete in the Winter PSSA semi-finals competition. We were lucky enough to have 2 of these teams win and progress through to their respective grand finals. We wish the Senior Rugby League team and the Senior B1 netball team the best of luck for Friday.
- This weekend Lucie F and her family will head to the Sunshine Coast for the National Cross Country

Carnival. We know she will do our school proud and we wish her all the best of luck in her race.

WINTER PSSA Draw - Grand Finals

GRAND FINAL - Friday 24 August, 2018

Senior B1 Netball	Winston Heights	Kellyville Netball Complex – Court 8
Senior Rugby League	Castle Hill	Crestwood Reserve

SUMMER PSSA

Summer PSSA competition will resume on 14 September.

For the remainder of Term 3 PSSA sport will continue in the afternoons and will revert to mornings as of Term 4.

Team draws will be published in the next school newsletter.

Renae Neagle and Tom Gosper
PSSA Coordinators

From the Office

Money Collection

JRPS' preferred payment method is online via Parent Online Payments (**POP**) the link is on the on our school website using either a **Visa / MasterCard** credit or debit card.

Click the Make a Payment button on the bottom of the home screen to enter the secure Westpac payment page for School Fees, Excursions, in-school performances, School Band Fees, Sport Fees etc. **Please return the signed permission form with the receipt number written clearly in the space provided to your child's teacher.**

Cash, Cheque payments as well as the signed permission note are to be **placed in a sealed envelope and dropped into the front office** with the student's name, class and what it is for clearly marked on the outside of the envelope. **Credit Card** payments are only accepted in person at the front office Monday to Thursdays between 8.30am – 2.30pm.

Please note that the school has a practice of **NO MONEY FRIDAYS** i.e. **no money transactions will be processed at the Office on Fridays**. You may however still use the on-line payment option. EFTPOS payment at the school office is unavailable after 2:30pm Monday to Thursday due to reconciliation processes.

School Events / Updates

S1CN and S1T - Sustainable Environment

In Terms 2 and 3, Stage One have been looking at the importance of creating and maintaining a sustainable environment. As part of our celebration of Education Week, S1CN and S1T joined together to create their very own sustainable Baulkham Hills during their STEM lessons. Using only shoe boxes and coloured paper, the two classes created a

school, shopping centres, houses, apartments and much more! To ensure their city was sustainable they included solar panels and windmills for generating electricity and veggie patches for sustainable living.



All Things P&C



Many hands help our school grow

3-6 Athletics - Thank you!

What a beautiful day we had for the Athletics Carnival. The new format meant the kids were always on the move...my child actually realised she had some hidden talents when given that little push to participate.

The carnival was a success as was the Canteen and BBQ. I would like to thank Wiebke Lackas for all her hard work in the preparation stage and the following parents who helped on the day to make the canteen and BBQ run so smoothly:

Linda K, Jodi A, Kathy P, Jon P, Michelle W, Kylie L and Deck S

Also a big thanks to the teachers on the organising committee who did an amazing job and Campbell's Cash and Carry at Northmead for their ongoing support of the school.

- Shontelle



Trivia Night - Saturday 25 August



Did you forget to book your spot and now have serious FOMO (fear of missing out)... never fear... send us a message NOW and we will find you a table. jaffatjasperroad@hotmail.com.

Colour Explosion – Thursday 27 September

Have you created your student profile page yet? If not, go to the link below and follow the instructions. You will find your children's unique code on page 5 of the brochure sent home. The sooner you setup your profile the sooner you can start fundraising and increase your chances of winning great prizes.

<http://www.myprofilepage.com.au/>

You will find all the necessary information on the note and brochure sent home but if you wish to ask any further questions that were not addressed please contact us via email - jaffatjasperroad@hotmail.com.

Everyday Hero

Jasper Road Public School are now officially registered.

Do you have an upcoming event or fun run? If so, why not also support the school at the same time. You can do this via online donations using Australia's favourite fundraising platform Everyday Hero.

Simply go to the Everyday Hero website to create your fundraising page and choose Jasper Road Public School P&C Association as your charity.

This is a great opportunity to help raise funds for the school. Any donation would be appreciated by the school community to better our children's schooling experience.

Comedy Night – Saturday 20 October



Coming Soon – 5c challenge



Start saving those 5 cent pieces as the challenge
will be back again this year



Entertainment Book Orders

Every purchase contributes 20% back to the school for fundraising. Visit the link below to securely pay online and pick up your 'hard copy' at school or download to your smartphone.

<http://www.entbook.com.au/2151c99>

Next P&C Meeting

Our next meeting is on Monday 10 September at 7pm in the Staffroom and we welcome all parents. If you cannot make alternative arrangements for your children, they are welcome.

Next Fundraising Meeting

Our next Fundraising meeting is on Wednesday 12 September in the Cottage at 9:15 am and we welcome all parents. Children are also welcome.

Contact the P&C Committees

P&C Committee: pandcatjasperroad@hotmail.com

Fundraising Committee: jaffatjasperroad@hotmail.com

If you're able to help out at any of the events during the year (disco, mothers/father's day stalls, BBQ's etc) please send us an email and we'll add you to our volunteer list!

We advertise upcoming events in the fortnightly newsletter and also on our Facebook Page so please add us if you haven't already!





We need more committee members and volunteers, but we understand that not everyone can volunteer their time.

You can still help us by attending our events and social functions or by sending your kids along to discos and mufti days.

We need your donations for raffles and we need you to buy raffle tickets.

You can also donate financially towards specific items via our P&C.

You can also raise money for our school via Everyday Hero.

If you need more information please send us an email at: jaffatjasperroad@hotmail.com