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Principal's Address

We are in the midst of an extremely busy term. Already this term we have had Education Week, Book Week, Spelling Bee's, Parent Workshops, Excursions, Camps and this is just the tip of the iceberg. I thank the community for continuing to support the school through your attendance at these events. These days have all been tremendous celebrations of the wonderful students and community at Jasper Road Public School. Before the end of term, we still have Hills Performing Arts, Summer PSSA and the P&C Colour Explosion to look forward to. Keep an eye out in our newsletter for information regarding these events as we continue to celebrate student success.

Tell Them From Me

As indicated in the past newsletter, the school executive have started planning for 2019 and beyond. School planning and reporting will continue to be underpinned by the School Excellence Framework, which provides a clear description of effective school practice through Learning, Teaching and Leading. As a school, we will engage in discussion and consultation with our community, students and with the staff. This begins with the 'Tell Them From Me' survey. This survey provides parents with a direct form of communicating what they like about Jasper Rd and where we can further improve. A large and important component of this consultation is also looking at where we would like our school to be, what we want our school to look like in 10 years, 5 years and in three years' time. Parent voice is vital in a collaborative planning model and I invite all parents, carers and family members to participate in this survey.

The survey can be found at:

<https://nsw.tellthemfromme.com/jasperroad>

SASS Recognition Week

This week is School Administrative Staff National Recognition Week. This is a time for schools to say thank you to our SAS staff for the amazing, hard work that they carry out each and every day. Jasper Road Public School is extremely lucky to have wonderful SAS staff working right across the school. All the staff continually provide invaluable support to the staff, students and parents of our beautiful school. It is an absolute pleasure to be working with these genuinely lovely and very dedicated ladies who really do provide a 'service with a smile.'

As Principal, I am also so extremely lucky to be supported by such talented, efficient office staff who always go above and beyond the call of duty to provide for a school community. On behalf of the students, parents and staff, thank you for the magnificent work that you do every single day.

Coffee and Conversation

A part of our efforts to 'open the gates' and form partnerships with the community, we will be holding our next Coffee and Conversation morning on Thursday 20 September. Many parents at Education Week commented on how important it was to provide informal opportunities to meet, talk and create a close community culture. By hosting this event, we aim to better connect with community members whilst informally getting feedback on what we do well and how we can improve. Senior Executive members will be in attendance and all parents and community members are invited to attend. Come for a coffee and stay for a chat!



Jasper Rd Public School
Coffee and Conversation

All parents, carers and community members are invited to an informal Coffee Morning. This is a chance to meet other parents, talk with staff and discuss current programs and happenings around the school. Come for a coffee and stay for a chat!

When: Thursday 20 September
Time: 9am – 10am
Where: School Hall





Sensory All Abilities Playground

This week, work resumed on the Sensory All Abilities' Playground. We are extremely excited to see the final product which is growing closer by the day. The official opening for this playground has been set for **Friday 19 October**. More information will be sent home by the end of the term for parents with students attending.

Craig Warner
Principal

From the Deputy Principals

The arrival of Mack Truck

We were delighted to welcome the Big Mack truck from CARS as a new play area down near the butterfly garden. It was enthusiastically received. Students will spend many happy play times using their imaginations. Thank you to Mr and Mrs Scollay for its donation and Mr Salfus and Mr Goodchild for its installation (with help from Mr Warner).



Safely Exiting the School Using the Gates.

Parents/carers we would like to say thank you for following our recommendations and not walking on the pink driveway to enter/exit the school. Following the path behind the fence is so much safer! Could we now ask you to enter/exit the school from the gate that is closest to where you want to go? For example if you are travelling over to Balcombe Heights exit through the gate near the library or on Seven Hills Road. This may mean a bit of a longer walk through the school but it also means that you and your child are not crossing the pink driveways. Again if you are travelling towards to Hilda or Coronation Street exit down near the crossing (not the carpark though!) and again you aren't crossing the pink driveways.

We have had a number of near misses over the last few weeks as the driveway is difficult to negotiate. It is steep and has limited vision of small people. This way we have less pedestrians crossing to minimise the risk.



Student Safety Walking To and From School

We have been informed by concerned parents that there have been reports on social media of strangers approaching children as they move around the local area. While we have discussed this with our Police Local Area Command, we have not been able to confirm these reports. We would like to remind parents/carers that talking to your children about how to safely travel to and from school is always relevant. Below are some discussion points provided by the Education Department's Safety and Response Unit. As a school, we will also continue to reinforce these messages.

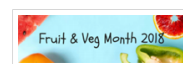
Safe People Safe Places - Points to Discuss with your Children

- Make sure your parents or another adult you know is aware of where you are at all times.
- Always walk straight home or to the required destination. Walk near busier roads and streets, or use paths where there are a lot of other people.
- Know where safe places are – a shop, service station, police station, library or school. If you are frightened, you should go to one of these places and ask them to call the police.
- Learn about safe adults you can look for and talk to if you need help – police officers, teachers at school, adults you know and trust.
- Don't talk to people you don't know and never get into a car with someone you don't know. If a car stops on the side of the road and you don't know the person inside, do not stop.
- If you are scared and can use a phone, call Triple Zero (000) and tell them you are scared.
- If someone tries to grab you, yell out, 'Go away, I don't know you!'. This lets other people know you have been approached by someone you don't know.



Healthy Kids Initiative

Our school will participate in this year's celebration of Fruit & Veg Month 2018. This will be held over the month of September - from Monday 3rd to Friday 28th September. We currently run the 'Crunch and Sip' initiative. Teachers recently reminded students that fruit and vegies such as apples, carrots etc.



should be cut up into manageable pieces. This enables students to finish eating within a short timeframe, whilst continuing with their learning.

Monitoring Electronic Devices

Our last parent/carer workshop was delivered by Senior Constable Rob Paterson from our Local Area Command. We were very grateful he came and delivered a new workshop around a very serious message concerning cyberbullying. We know that limiting the use of electronic devices is a challenge for all families. We thought you might be interested to hear from Brendan Hyndman and Noella Mackenzie from Charles Sturt University who have compiled a list of guidelines for the use of electronic devices based on research and common sense principles.

Eight recommendations for students' use of electronic devices

1. Turn electronic devices off at least one hour before bedtime to improve a student's ability to fall asleep, and help them sleep longer. This can help improve students' daily health and, subsequently, their learning.
2. Administer a 20-7-20 rule to break up unavoidable and prolonged periods of screen engagement. Advising students to look away from screens a maximum of every 20 minutes and looking 6 or 7 metres away for at least 20 seconds. This can allow a shift in focus and allow the muscles around the eyes to be exercised.
3. Ensure a "30cm and 60cm rule" for smart phones to be 30 cm and computer monitors/tablet screens to be between 50-63 cm away from the head. The eyes can be strained from focusing on objects less than 30cm away.
4. Placement of mobile devices should be around eye level when reading/viewing to avoid low gaze angles which can impact on neck and head posture.
5. Evaluate whether an electronic device is essential for students' engagement in a set task. There is evidence students prefer reading off paper during set tasks.
6. Provide a screen intensity scale for students to showcase the different intensities of electronics during their screen-based learning activities. The more intensity, the more regular breaks are required. Different types of screen use (interactional, recreational or passive entertainment) and different devices require varying levels of engagement intensity.
7. Replace the term "seated games" in your discussions with "passive games". There are some seated games that could be healthy for students. This includes active cycling games that may help meet recommended activity guidelines.
8. Ensure text on your childrens' screens is three times larger than the smallest size they can read from a normal viewing position. Device sizes vary

significantly, so students should be advised on the size of the text on the screen to reduce eye strain.

Overall, guidelines should provide more comprehensive recommendations of screen use for school-aged students, in addition to those in early childhood. There are other areas of electronic media use that are important to consider. This includes using glasses designed to protect eyes from screen-based blue light and the importance of physically connecting with other people and nature. Engagement with nature has been shown to develop restorative benefits including reduced stress, increased attention span and overall wellbeing. Modelling the recommended behaviours for electronic device use are also important for teachers and parents. Technology is important, but so is student health, so we need more comprehensive guidelines

Father's Day Stall

A big thank you to Wiebke, Evelyn, Shontelle and the P & C team for another successful Father's Day Stall. A big thank you also to the parents and family members who came along and helped on the day. We hope all our fathers enjoyed their gifts!

Before and After School Supervision of the Play Equipment

Our play equipment, for supervision reasons is only open for student use under specific teacher direction. Our students are only allowed to play on the fixed equipment under direct teacher supervision for safety reasons. Many students are playing on the fixed equipment after school. This is an unsafe practice and not encouraged by the school. Please support us and remind your children that they should not be playing on the fixed equipment after school even if their parents are nearby.



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

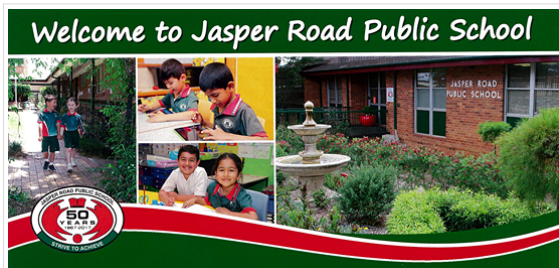
Morning Arrival

Arrive for our 8.55 Morning Assembly and Be On Time as Every minute counts

8:45am	Your child has arrived in time to settle well and has the best possible start
8:55am	The bell goes and students line up ready to start learning.
9:01am	Your child has probably arrived just after most children as learning often starts at 8:55am
9:05am	Your child is late and has missed the beginning of the school day. Being a few minutes late often unsettles children. 5 minutes late daily means 3 days lost a year
9:10am	10 minutes late daily means 6 days lost a year
9:15am	15 minutes late daily means 9 days lost a year
	Arriving after the rolls are closed is recorded as an unauthorised absence

Debby Bezzina and Vanessa Rogers
Deputy Principals

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:

<https://jasperroad-p.schools.nsw.gov.au/about-our-school/enrolment.html>

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

Arbors spent a lunchtime sewing 2000 native flower seeds into tube pots. We will be growing these out and transplanting them into bigger pots. Arbors are learning to grow plants on a large scale and how to care for them so the survival rate is high. Once the weather warms up, Arbors will undertake their annual StreamWatch testing down at Quarry Creek. We look forward to gathering data on the health of the creek which is part of the Parramatta River Catchment.

Return and Earn is a great way to recycle your glass, aluminium and plastic bottles while making some cash back. Many students have spoken to me about their collection efforts and how they use the cash they receive in return.

Stage 1 students each presented a prepared speech last week. Stage 1 staff and students enjoyed hearing about the sustainable initiatives that take place in many homes across Baulkham Hills. Students also spoke about ways their families can reduce their environmental footprint. Ideas such as installing water tanks, taking shorter showers, returning crunchy plastic to Coles and Woolworths return stations, walking instead of driving and donating clothes that no longer fit.

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

Mrs Jennifer Franks

Library News

Book Character Parade

Students and teachers had a ball parading their Book Week costumes last Thursday under the hall Cola and what a great turnout we saw from the school community. It is encouraging to see that books are still read and loved by young and old.

A huge thank you to everyone for your support, from the Mad Hatter, to teachers who inspired their classes by joining in the fun and frivolity, to the students, and families who came to watch, and especially to my fellow blind mice who were there every step of the way to assist with the smooth running of both the K-2 and 3-6 parades.

Take some time to look through the great photos taken by Mrs Hastings. Perhaps set your children the challenge of identifying 10 book characters in the photos OR read the books represented by the characters!



A gallery of photos will be uploaded on our website shortly.

Book Fair

The Book Fair was a great success with sales higher than ever before at close to \$8000. Thank you to all the families who supported us. A special thank you to Mrs Kylie Liston who stepped in during our busy period to assist with sales.



Find Your Treasure in Books Cushions

The winners of the Find Your Treasure in Books cushions raffle were announced last Friday. The cushions went home with Max B from S1P and Elizabeth W from S2Z. The raffle raised \$93 which covered the cost of the cushions and some, allowing us to purchase multiple copies of Weirdo 11 by Anh Do and 104-Storey Treehouse by Andy Griffiths. These should be ready for students to borrow by the end of the week.



Premier's Reading Challenge

The Premier's Reading Challenge has now closed. All completed student reading records have been validated. This year 344 students completed the challenge. Certificates will be ready to give to students in Term 4. The 2019 challenge will be open for registration in March 2019. The website is still live and great to refer to for fabulous book title suggestions.



Book Week Find Your Treasure in Books Poster and Book Cover Competitions

	Early Stage 1	Stage 1	Stage 2	Stage 3
First prize \$20 book voucher	James N - KB	Maddie E - S1B	Amanda C - S2G	Janavika H - S3C
Second prize \$15 book voucher	Alex B - KD	Kahroba M - S1R	Ronak M - S2D	Rozana E G - S3V
Third prize \$10 book voucher	Tanish D - KB	Valeria W - S1D	Manognya P - S2H	Macey Y - S3G
Commendable			Tana G - S2D Stasha A - S2L	Robyn M - S3G Olivia Z - S3V

Happy Reading

Mrs Tokatlian, Mrs Stammers and Mrs Bugeja

Sports News

JASPER ROAD SPORTING SUPERSTARS

Congratulations to Lucie F on her outstanding efforts at the National Cross Country Carnival.

9th in Australia – amazing!!!!



Congratulations to the Senior B1 netball team and Miss Godfrey on their grand final victory. Defeating Winston Heights 11-9 to claim the patch.

Please return ZONE ATHLETICS representative shirts to Mrs Neagle this week.



Renae Neagle and Tom Gosper
PSSA Coordinators

From the Office

In the front office we have a number of non-clothing items of lost property. If you have lost anything please check with Mrs Kirkness.

School Events / Updates

Early Stage 1 - Calmsley Hill City Farm

On Wednesday morning Early Stage 1 excitedly headed off to Calmsley Hill City Farm on their very first excursion. It was a fun-filled, hands on day with students given the opportunity to use their senses to explore the farm, seeing, touching, smelling and hearing the native and farmyard animals. It was very interesting to learn more about where the food on our plate comes from as well as every day farm life. Highlights included; clever 'Billie' the kelpie, rounding up the sheep, Miss Baker, 'The Whip Cracker', and some brave students cracking the whip, and; 'Baa-baa-ra' the sheep being shorn. A favourite part of the day for many students was their visit to the nursery where they got to pat baby goats, lambs, a bunny and even a chick that was just one day old!

Everyone had a wonderful day and the students are to be congratulated on their impeccable behaviour, what Super S.T.A.R.s!

Early Stage 1 Teachers



A gallery of photos will be uploaded on our website shortly.

Stage 3– Canberra Camp

On Monday 3 September 2018 at 5:45am, 194 students and 14 teachers boarded the coaches bound for Canberra. What an adventure we have had! Over three days students were able to experience rich learning outside the classroom. Highlights of the trip included:

- Viewing a range of artefacts about our history at the National Museum of Australia.
- Taking in the night lights from Telstra Tower.
- Learning more about the history of our country's democratic election processes at the Australian Electoral Commission.
- A walk through Old Parliament House and Parliament House, with the opportunity sit in the House of Representative and the Senate, role playing significant events related to creating and amending laws.
- Discovering more about what our elite athletes endure through their training programs with a trip to the Australian Institute of Sport.
- Exploring facts about Dinosaurs at the National Dinosaur Museum.
- Fun and exciting practical experimentation with the hands on learning at Questacon.

During the three days student made new friendships, learnt about independence and ways to care for themselves and others. They laughed and smiled their way through Canberra, despite at times being tired. As is always the way with Jasper Road students, they were extremely respectful and safe. These attributes made the teachers very proud to be a part of this amazing camp.

We arrived back at school at 6:45pm on Wednesday evening exhausted but with the best of memories and fabulous stories to share.

Well done students on exemplary behaviour and thank you teachers for being so generous with you time. Camp doesn't happen without your commitment to students and their learning! Thanks also to Mr Marshall for organising such a valuable experience,



A gallery of photos will be uploaded on our website shortly.

Time to return Perpetual Trophies!

If your child received a perpetual trophy at any of the 2017 Presentation assemblies, could we please ask that they are returned to the front office before the end of the term?



Book Club

Scholastic Book Club Issue 6 orders are due by Friday 7th September 2018. Please order online or place your order with the correct money in the Book Club box situated in the library.

Apologies, but no late orders can be accepted



All Things P&C



Many hands help our school grow

Trivia Night – Thank you

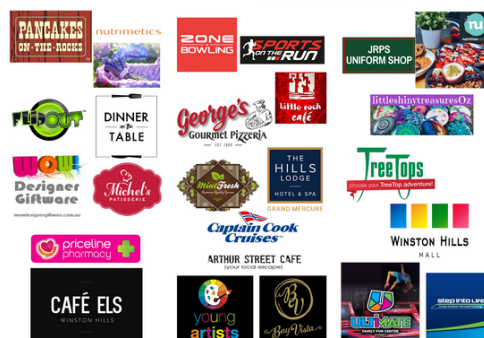
What a great night was had by all!!!

The Around the World theme was interpreted in many different ways – French, Mexican, Japanese Sushi, English High Tea, Where's Wally and The Amazing Race.



The games and coin slides were a hit and of course so was our raffle. All the prizes for these and table winners would not have been possible without the kind donations from both businesses and personal donations from our Jasper Road Community. We would like to thank all the businesses below that supported the schools trivia night, the following families and a special anonymous donator who gave us 8 x \$20 Coles Vouchers:

- Crowe/Salter Family
- Titterton Family
- Godfrey Family
- Pittman Family
- Waller Family
- Zhang/Geng Family
- Kennedy Family
- Kyprianou Family



The final round of guessing 'who is this celebrity?' is always one teams love or hate and can be a game changer, so at the end of the night everyone was excited to see who was going to be the eventual winner. After being the bridesmaid the past 2yrs The Amazing Race team finally claimed victory. Congratulations!! Best dressed table went to the English High Tea team who drew their inspiration from the movie Around the World in 80 Days...hot air balloon and all.



Thanks to the committee members who helped pick up donations or set up but a huge massive massive thank you goes to Linda Kyprianou who almost single handedly organised the event and hardly got to sit down on the night...we will definitely miss your contribution and tireless effort next year.

Father's Day – Thank you!

WORLD'S GREATEST DAD DAD DAD DAD DAD DAD DAD

BIG THANKS TO OUR AMAZING PARENT VOLUNTEERS WHO HELPED PREPARE AND RUN THE 2018 FATHER'S DAY STALL @ JRPS!

No matter if you helped for an hour OR for four days straight - every minute you spared to support the stall was appreciated.

And what a reward - to see the excitement, the smiles and the pride on the students' faces when they chose their special gift/s for their dad and/or grandad - PRICELESS!

WE HOPE YOU HAD A GREAT FATHER'S DAY & LIKED YOUR GIFTS, DADS!

Colour Explosion – Thursday 27th 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 20th October

Comedy for a Cause

Featuring comedians from Sydney & Melbourne International Comedy Festival

In Support of:
Jasper Road Public School

Saturday 20 October 2018
The Hills Club
6-18 Jenner St, Baulkham Hills

BOOK NOW! Tickets: \$35 at comedyforacause.net/JRPS
Doors: 7pm / Show: 8pm (18+ only)

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 12th September in the Cottage at 9:15am 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!



DO YOU HAVE A GREAT SCHOOL FUNDRAISING IDEA?



The P&C Fundraising Committee are currently looking at setting next years fundraising calendar, so it's the perfect time to send in those ideas.

We will also review proposals that came through this year but missed the cut off date.

All ideas welcome, if you can't make a meeting please send your idea to: jaffatjasperroad@hotmail.com