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24 September 2018

## Principal's Address

NAPLAN results were released to schools this week and reports were sent home to all parents. Over the next few weeks the school's executive team and staff will be analysing our student's results looking deeply into the achievements of our school as a whole and the achievements of each and every child in Years 3 and 5. This analysis along with all other school based data will drive the school's future directions and form a basis for our school milestones for 2019.

I have had the opportunity to have a very initial overview of the data. Our results are a confirmation of the excellent education our students receive, delivered by exemplary teachers. Outstanding teaching and learning programs and initiatives are embedded into each and every classroom, providing our children with an excellent education built on high expectations and explicit quality teaching. Our school continues to display results above the state average in all areas but we will not rest on our laurels. As previously indicated, we are already planning our 2019 Literacy programs against areas for improvement.

## Coffee and Conversation

A part of our efforts to 'open the gates' and continue to build partnerships with the community, we held a Coffee and Conversation morning yesterday. Thank you to the many parents that attended as it was a great opportunity to just 'chat'. We will continue to hold these sessions throughout Term 4 providing an informal opportunity to meet, talk and create a close community culture.

## Buy a Bale

Last week I received an email from the National Buy a Bale program. The email read:

Dear Hills Schools Involved in Buy a Bale,  
Thank you so much for your contributions to our combined appeal for the farmers.

To date our combined schools have donated  
\$14,760.70.

Please pass on our thanks to your wider school communities for this marvellous total. It is truly remarkable when we all combine together.

This is an amazing effort from seven schools and clearly highlights how the community can come together to support a worthy cause. My congratulations and thanks once again to the SRC for coordinating our school fundraiser.

## School Run 4 Fun Colour Explosion

We are now only days away from the P&C Colour Explosion. I thank the P&C in advance for their organisation of this event and I know the teachers and students are looking forward to a great event. On the day, students will participate in a Walkathon/Olympic style afternoon where they will be completing a range of activities whilst having fun being covered in non-toxic colour powder. Students are also encouraged to wear a white shirt on the day to showcase all the colours. There are a multitude of prizes to be earned so please start collecting your sponsors in support of this great event. Parents are welcome to volunteer on the day.

## Mobile Phones

Last week the Terms of Reference for the Minister's review into the use of mobile digital devices, primarily smartphones, in NSW schools was announced. The review will assess the risks and benefits associated with the use of mobile digital devices in NSW schools. Once this review is handed down, individual NSW school mobile phone policies will be mandated by its findings.

The review will examine the policies, practices and views of both government and non-government schools in NSW, including schools for specific purposes and central schools.

A reviewer, Dr Michael Carr-Gregg, has been appointed to conduct the review with the support of the NSW Department of Education. Other independent experts may also be commissioned to assist in the review.

The review will be informed by public consultation and the views of students, parents, teachers, principals, experts (in the field of child development, cyberbullying, mental health and technology) and other interested community members.

Parents are invited to make a submission to the review at the website below.

<https://education.nsw.gov.au/about-us/strategies-and-reports/our-reports-and-reviews/mobile-devices-in-schools>

## Tell Them From Me

Our school participates in the "Tell Them From Me" surveys every year. We are once again inviting all parents to complete the survey. Individual responses from parents are anonymous. We invite you to take part in this survey by using the following link below. If you haven't already completed the survey it should take you no more than 15 minutes. The surveys focus on wellbeing, engagement and effective teaching practice and are valuable tools to improve student outcomes. In houses with multiple children, we recommend that parents/carers complete the survey with only one child in mind. However, if you feel the school experiences of your children differ you are welcome to complete one survey for each child. We encourage you to complete the "Tell Them From Me" survey.

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

**Craig Warner**  
**Principal**

## From the Deputy Principals

### Premier's Spelling Bee

Last week four of our students represented our school at the district finals of the Premier's Spelling Bee. Elijah W and Aisha K competed in the junior division, Jennifer W and Dhaani B competed in the senior division. All four students did well when faced with some extremely difficult words to spell.

### Weather warming up

The weather is beginning to warm up and we are having lovely sunny days. Unfortunately this means that children take their jumpers off in the playground and we often find them lying on

the ground. Please make sure that you have named your child's clothing so we can return it to you. Just a reminder that children are encouraged to arrive after 8.30am as they are unsupervised before this time. Should your child be at school before 8.30am, they must sit down in the top quad area and wait for the bell to ring. They should not play with balls or run around. Likewise in the afternoon, children should leave the school grounds as soon as possible.

## Summer Uniforms

The official changeover date for summer uniforms is from the start of Term 4. However, where there are days of warm weather over the next few weeks, students are welcome to wear their summer uniform.

## RUOK day

At JRPS we encourage our students to ask the question Are you OK? We have a lovely process called "you can sit with me". Please ask your children to let you know what this means and how we can encourage this in all our homes as well.

We can all be there for each other, stay connected and have meaningful conversations. You don't need to be an expert - just a good friend and a good listener. So, if you notice someone who might be struggling - start a conversation.

Got a niggling feeling that someone you know or care about it isn't behaving as they normally would? Perhaps they seem out of sorts? More agitated or withdrawn? Or they're just not themselves. Trust that gut instinct and act on it.

<https://www.ruok.org.au/>



**Live Life Well @ School**  
R-E-D-U-C-E recreational screen time!

**There is no app for this.....**



**More information and tips to switch off:**  
Search 'turn off the TV' at [www.healthykids.nsw.gov.au](http://www.healthykids.nsw.gov.au)

**NSW** **Health**  
Northern Sydney Local Health District



#### NO STOPPING

You must not STOP at any time.

Stopping includes when the vehicle is not moving but the engine is still running.

#### SCHOOL ZONE

Penalty from \$337 and 2 demerit points

The number of children riding bikes and scooters to school has increased. There are many benefits to being active and in the fresh air. Although given the traffic conditions in the immediate vicinity of the school the decision to allow your child to travel to school by this mode of transport should be a carefully considered parent/carer decision taking all factors into consideration. Observations of certain children's skills and behaviour when riding scooters and their bikes after they have left the school playground and school crossing does give us some concern. Parents/carers are requested to emphasise to their children that bike or scooter riding in the school grounds and on the crossing is prohibited and to ensure they are a school registered rider.



**Positive Behaviour for Learning**

Term 3 Week 10

## Kiss and Drop

Please be aware that the Kiss and Drop area in Jasper Road is only to be used as a quick pick up or drop off zone. In the afternoons this area sometimes becomes quite congested as some parents are parking and waiting for their children to arrive. If you are in the Kiss and Drop zone and your children have not arrived, you need to leave the area and drive back around. This will allow the traffic to flow more freely. Your cooperation with this is appreciated. A reminder that NO STOPPING means no stopping. Unfortunately some parents are putting your child at risk because they are dropping off their children in the NO STOPPING area near the school gates both on Jasper Road and Seven Hills Road. Also parents are doing 3 point turns in Jasper Road to jump the queue. These are both dangerous and illegal.



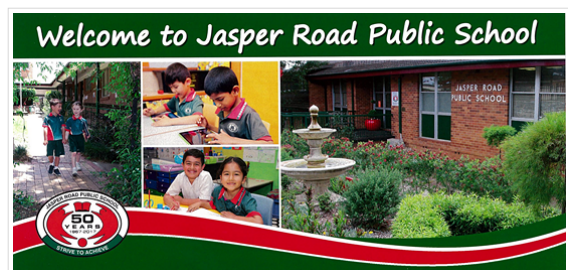
Our STAR focus this week is being an all-round

**STAR**

What does a STAR student look like in your class?

**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 the link below.

<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

The strawberries in the hydroponics are now in flower. These were transplanted by Arbors during the last working bee. Mr W dug up some of the strawberries Arbors have been growing near the cottage. We rinsed off the dirt and took them to the K-2 Sustainable Garden. Here we potted them in perlite. It is exciting to see our hard work paying off and we can't wait to taste them. Some Arbors worked with Mr W and have been cloning plants through the use of cuttings and we are watching them 'take off'. At our last meeting, Arbors planted our spring vegetable seeds into small pots, along with adding more seeds to our green hydroponics. (Check out the size of our lettuce.) We are very proud of our hard work. Arbors are also trying our hands at growing sugar cane and you can see from the picture below that they are doing well. Thank you to the Arbors who spend a lot of time work with Mr W and I during your breaks.



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

**Mrs Jennifer Franks**

## Band News

It's the time of year when we not only celebrate our band's achievements so far, but also start thinking about what the Jasper Road Band Program will look like in 2019. This means families of Year 2 students get excited about the prospect of playing with the school band, and start thinking about what instrument they would like to learn. It's the time where Performing Band students enjoy their bittersweet last term with the JRPS band and start thinking about their musical opportunities for high school. Here are some achievements so far this term, and some upcoming events we have to look forward to in band over the coming months.

### Hawkesbury Eisteddfod results

Both Performing Band and Beginner Band competed at the Eisteddfod earlier this term and we had resounding success at both levels. Performing band were pipped at the post for first place by less than 1%, taking out second place. Beginner band (at their very first competition) played their very best and were awarded first place. We're so very proud of both bands. Teachers attending the competition said that the students' behaviour was exemplary, representing the school in a positive way of which they can all be proud.

### State Band Championships results

Performing Band competed in this state-wide competition which took place at the Joan Sutherland Performing Arts Centre last month. They gave up their Sunday morning to represent JRPS proudly, and took out third place in a tough field! Well done and thank you to all the families involved in getting their children to Penrith so early that day.

### Fundraising Efforts

Thanks to the generosity of families and volunteers at the Band Camp BBQ, the money raised will be spent to purchase two clarinets for the band. The decision was also made to purchase a large GONG and stand to really hit the spot (pardon the pun) for our percussionists with previously raised funds. To add to the very generously donated Xylophone from P&C, we also have a new Glockenspiel on our shopping list. Stay tuned to hear all about the new instruments as they arrive.

We would also like to thank the P&C for their very generous donation of \$960 towards buying our very smart band shirts. All our students looked a felt a million dollars in them at the recent competitions and we're very grateful to have such an active and thoughtful P&C supporting our band program.

Beginner Band for 2019 - Come and Try Night for Year 2 students coming soon!

If you are the parent of a Year 2 student who is into music, you'll love what we have on for you in Term 4.

First of all, Year 2 students get to attend a special Performing Band Concert during the school day, on Thursday of Week 1, October 18, 2018. They'll hear how exciting concert band music is and see students they may know from school playing skilfully on their instruments, as well as hearing from the conductor to introduce each section of the band.

Then, it's parents and carers turn. Come along to the information and try-out sessions to register your interest in joining our Beginner Band for 2019. Held across two Mondays, these evening sessions will give you and your child all the information you need to decide whether band is for them... and which instrument they'd like to learn, as well as an opportunity to try them and see which ones they might have an aptitude for.

The first information session is for parents only, to learn about the requirements regarding commitment and expectation for band students, and answer any questions you may have. This information session takes place on Monday 22 October, 2018, from 6-7pm.

The second session is a Come and Try night, where students can come with their parents to see and hear each instrument and have a toot or a strum or a strike on them to find their perfect fit. The Come and Try session is on Monday 29 October, 2018 from 6-7.30pm. Notes will come home about these sessions soon.

## Dates to remember

- All bands will perform at the school's end of year Soiree on Sunday 2 December, 2018. Save the date, more information to follow.
- Concert Band will compete at the Hornsby North Band Festival, on Sunday 4 November, 2018. Families are responsible for transporting their children to and from this competition, which is held at Hornsby North Public School, 52 Ida St, Hornsby NSW 2077. Times to be confirmed as we are advised.
- Next Committee Meeting - First day of Term 4, Monday 15 October in The Cottage at 7.15pm. Come along and have your say!

## Sports News

### Jasper Road Sporting Superstars

On Wednesday, 20 September, 7 Jasper Road students represented the Castle Hill Zone at the Sydney West Athletics Carnival: Ashlyn K, Oliver G, Tana G, Jasmine W, Lucie F, Sionseni L, Finlay T

We had some fantastic results with all the students giving their best and they should be proud of their achievements.

Congratulations to Lucie F who finished 1st in the Senior Girls 800m event and will be representing Sydney West at the State Athletics Carnival.



## Summer PSSA

Term 3, Week 9 sees the re commencement of Summer PSSA. Playing times will remain in the afternoon time slot and will return to Friday mornings beginning Week 1 of Term 4.

Good luck to all our Summer PSSA Teams.

## PSSA Summer Draw

Round 7 – Friday 21 September 2018		
Sport	Opposition	Location
Cricket	Northmead	Masonic Oval
Basketball	Crestwood	Fred Caterson, Caterson Drive Castle Hill
Touch football	BYE	Ted Horwood, Renown Rd, Baulkham Hills
Softball / T Ball	Northmead	John Curtin, Dodson Cres, Winston Hills
Cricket	Northmead	Masonic Oval
Round 8 – Friday 28 September 2018		
Cricket	Baulkham Hills Nth	Eric Mobbs, Ferguson Ave, Castle Hill
Basketball	Samuel Gilbert	Fred Caterson, Caterson Drive Castle Hill
Touch football	North Rocks	Ted Horwood, Renown Rd, Baulkham Hills
Softball / T Ball	Matthew Pearce	Col Sutton, Baulkham Hills Rd, Baulkham Hills
Round 9 – Friday 19 October 2018		
Cricket	North Rocks	Eric Mobbs, Ferguson Ave, Castle Hill
Basketball	Excelsior	Fred Caterson, Caterson Drive Castle Hill
Touch football	Winston Heights	Ted Horwood, Renown Rd, Baulkham Hills
Softball / T Ball	BYE	BYE

### Round 10 – Friday 26 October 2018

Cricket	Winston Hills	Masonic Oval
Basketball	Castle Hill	Fred Caterson, Caterson Drive Castle Hill
Touch football	Excelsior	Ted Horwood, Renown Rd, Baulkham Hills
Softball / T Ball	Winston Heights	Gooden Reserve, Gooden Drive Baulkham Hills

**Renae Neagle and Tom Gosper**  
**PSSA Coordinator**

## Library News

### Help Needed in the Library

The school has just purchased a number of Comprehension Activity Kits that need to be processed quickly to get into students hands as soon as possible. It would be appreciated if any available parents could let the school know which days they could come in to help with this. Any assistance will be greatly appreciated.

## From the Office

With the implementation of the new website this term, many people have been having issues finding the canteen and uniform shop information. They can be found under “About our school” then “What we offer”.

<https://jasperoad-p.schools.nsw.gov.au/about-our-school/what-we-offer.html>

## Parliament and Civics Education Rebate program

Year 5 and 6 students from our school recently went to Canberra. They had a fantastic time on their education tour of the national capital. Students were given the opportunity to participate in a variety of educational programs with a focus on Australia’s history, culture, heritage and democracy.

The Australian Government recognises the importance of all young Australians being able to visit the national capital as part of their Civics and Citizenship education. To assist families in meeting the cost of the excursion the Australian Government has contributed funding of \$20 per student under the Parliament and Civics Education Rebate program towards those costs. The rebate was used to reduce the cost of the excursion for the students who attended.

## 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 top or the bottom of the home pge 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.

## Student School Banking

School Banking will not commence until the second Monday of Term 4, Monday 22 October.

**Thank you kindly**  
**Paulina, Banking Co-Ordinator**

## School Events / Updates

### Stage One Sydney Harbour Excursion

On 29 August, Stage One students went on an excursion around Sydney Harbour on a ferry through 'Lessons Afloat'. The excursion was a fantastic experience for students, as they were able to use their knowledge and understanding of content taught in History and Geography, to investigate the historical changes and significance of Australian landmarks. Students loved travelling around Sydney Harbour on a ferry, and getting to explore Shark Island!





## Crunch & Sip



### ABOUT CRUNCH&SIP

The **Crunch&Sip** program is an easy way to help kids stay healthy and happy!

**Crunch&Sip** is a set break to eat fruit or salad vegetables and drink water in the classroom. Students re-fuel with fruit or vegetables during the morning or afternoon, assisting physical and mental performance and concentration in the classroom. This gives kids a chance to refuel, a bit like putting petrol in a car.

Each day students bring fruit or salad vegetables to school to eat in the classroom at a set time. Each child has a small clear bottle of water in the classroom to drink throughout the day to prevent dehydration.

**YUMMY BEARS KIOSK** supports **Crunch&Sip** at your School

#### **CRUNCH & SIP MENU**

PIECE OF FRUIT and BOTTLE OF WATER	\$2.50
CARROT STICKS	\$0.20
FRUIT KEBAB STICK	\$1.00
APPLE SLINKY	\$1.00
FROZEN ORANGES	\$0.20
FRUIT SALAD	\$3.00

Note: if you have paid \$7 for a sausage and popper we have processed your order and will also be returning the over payment in an envelope via the class teacher.

Pre - order your lunch by 21/9

Free Sunnies and Headband

FUN

Mufti Day

More Donations = more prizes  
So register online NOW  
[www.myprofilepage.com.au](http://www.myprofilepage.com.au)

Thursday 27 September 2018

## Perpetual Trophies

### 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?



## All Things P&C



Many hands help our school grow

## School Run 4 Fun Colour Explosion – Thursday 27th September

Our first ever Colour Explosion is fast approaching with all funds raised going towards playground improvements. Not only will students receive prizes for their fundraising efforts but the class that raises the most money will be celebrating with an awesome pizza party. So don't forget to register online via the link below where you can pick out your prize wish list, share your profile to family and friends for online payments and log in any cash payments you have received.

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

We will also be providing a BBQ lunch with the option of either beef or chicken sausages for only \$3 and for an extra \$1 you can also have a popper. All lunch orders must be pre ordered and paid for by Friday 21 September.

## Comedy Night – Saturday 20th October

We have finally received the lineup for the school's comedy night and I can guarantee we are in for a funny night.

I was super excited to see that we have some locally raised talent in the form of Rebecca De Unamuno who attended both Winston Hills Public School and Model Farms High. I contacted Bec after seeing she was one of the acts and she informed me that she is super excited to be supporting a local Hills School.

In recent years I (Shontelle) have personally seen all her Sydney Comedy Festival Shows..she is amazingly talented in improv and her one woman show Kiss My Date about her adventures in dating was hilarious.

We are surely in for a great night so don't forget to book soon because you do not want to miss out!!!

<http://comedyforacause.net/tc-events/jrps/>

**Comedy for a Cause**

In support of:  
**Jasper Road Public School**

**Gary Eck**  
- Edinburgh, Melbourne and Sydney Comedy Festivals.  
- Rove, The Footy Show, Spicks & Specks  
- Trofest Winner, Aria Nominee, Writer of Happy Feet Two  
"Spellbinding charm, sharp-witted lines coupled with an out-of-the-world sense of humour" - Time Out  
"Totally original and clever...funny till it hurt" - Daily Telegraph

**Rebecca De Unamuno**  
- Edinburgh, Sydney & Melbourne International Comedy Festivals  
- The first woman in the history to be named Player of the Tournament at the 2001 Just For Laughs (Montreal, Canada) Improv World Cup.  
- The Glass House, Kath & Kim, Talkin' 'Bout Your Generation.  
- Thank God It's Friday (702 ABC Sydney), Triple M Breakfast  
"Rebecca De Unamuno is possibly the smartest, sharpest, most versatile performer I have ever known." - Jason Alexander (Seinfeld star).

**Mat Wakefield**  
- Sydney Comedy Festival - Sold Out  
- Sydney Fringe Festival - Sold Out  
"one of the rising stars of Australian Comedy" - The Laugh Garage  
"a genuine alternative way of thinking, reminiscent of comedy legend Doug Stanhope..." (Weekend Notes)

**Andrew Paskin**  
- Sydney Comedy Festival 2018  
- Sydney Fringe Festival (Sold Out)  
- Writer for Comedy Central Roasts of Justin Bieber & Bruce Willis  
"An absurd fusion of old school jocular and modern day wisecracking witticisms." - Mick Meredith

Saturday 20 October 2018  
Doors: 7pm / Show: 8pm  
The Hills Club  
6-18 Jenner St, Baulkham Hills

**BOOK NOW!**

Adults: \$35 at [comedyforacause.net/JRPS](http://comedyforacause.net/JRPS)  
(18+ Only)

**WORLD'S GREATEST DAD** WORLD'S GREATEST DAD WORLD'S GREATEST DAD WORLD'S GREATEST 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!**

Huge thanks go to: Sam K, Divya A with Zach, Wendy L, Kelly G, Ann-Marie McD, Emily C, Evelyn H, Irene H, Shontelle P, Jill W, Linda K, Shibani R, Katherine L, Maya K, Vikki J, Jane F, Lauren H, Nicole Z. **From Wiebke L and Kylie L (coordinators)**

## 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 22 October 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 24 October 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](mailto:pandcatjasperroad@hotmail.com)

**Fundraising Committee:** [jaffatjasperroad@hotmail.com](mailto: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!



## Coming Soon – 5c challenge:



**5c Challenge**  
**is back in 2018**  
**First 2wks of**  
**Term 4**

Collection Days:

Wk1 - Tues 16 & Thurs Oct 18

Wk2 - Tues 23 & Thurs Oct 25



## Father's Day apology

I would like to offer my sincere apologies to the Father's Day coordinators and all the volunteers for an error in last fortnight's newsletter where the names were accidentally omitted from the thank you post. We really do appreciate all our volunteers because without you the events would not be possible. Shontelle