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16 November 2018

## Principal's Address

#### 2018 P&C Executive

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the 2018 Executive team and P&C members. Thank you to all those parents and members who get involved whether it be running or volunteering at events, cooking BBQs, helping out at working bees, counting cash donations or running the café during Orientation, your ongoing support contributes to the fantastic culture at Jasper Rd. To those that have held an Executive position or been involved in one of the Sub-committees, I must give special thanks for making my first year at Jasper Rd such a rewarding experience. I know some of you are moving on and I would like to personally thank you for the time you have taken in ensuring that the P&C continues to play a very active role in supporting the school.

#### President's Report Jasper Road Public School P&C Association Annual General Meeting – 12 November 2018

This is my final year on the P&C as my youngest son, Jackson is moving on to high school. I joined the P&C 4 years ago and served just this last year as President after two years as Vice President under the previous President, Karen Titterton - thanks to Karen for her leadership.

It has been an honour & a privilege to lead the team of tireless workers that make up our P&C. Many thanks must go to all the members of the P&C Executive Committee, the Fundraising Committee, the Band Committee and all the parent volunteers that make all our activities such a success. Thanks to Evelyn for stepping into the vacant Secretary's role and keeping us all organised, to Karen for her continuing commitment to the school – this year as Vice President, to Deryck (Deck) our second Vice President for his sound advice and to Nicole for her financial management.

Special recognition should also go to Shontelle as the leader of our Fundraising subcommittee. She has been a tireless worker and has adapted to new ideas and should feel very relaxed in moving on from her role as Fundraising Coordinator leaving behind some very well documented procedures that will make her successor's role an easier one. And thanks also to Wiebke who helped with this documentation.

This year's fundraising income was over \$52,000, boosted in large part by the very successful Colour Run. In addition, we received the grant funding of \$70,000 that we were awarded last year for the All-Abilities Sensory Playground project, and we added to this \$39,000 that had been raised in prior years resulting in a total payment from the P&C to the school of \$109,000. The school paid \$33,000 for the remainder of the project cost with a total cost of approximately \$142,000. I attended the formal opening on 19 October and it was a joy to see the smiles on the happy faces of the kids.

I was lucky to be part of the selection panel that chose our Principal, Craig Warner. I trust he will give us many years of stable long-term leadership, something we have sorely needed for some time.

Thank you to Craig and to our deputies Debby and Vanessa for your leadership this year; and to all our teachers, office staff and support staff for your dedication to our school, to our children and to our community.

I have found it very rewarding to give back to the community by being part of the P&C and I would encourage every parent to participate in some way; either by donating their time to a fundraising effort or by joining a committee.

I know that I am richer for the experience of my time on the P&C at Jasper Road. I hope I have left the school and the P&C a little better than when I started this journey.

Thanks for the memories

Mark Highfield President – Jasper Road Public School P&C Association

#### SCHOOL IMPROVEMENTS

It is with great excitement that I 'unveiled' two large projects over the past week. After numerous conversations, artificial grass was laid behind E Block to the huge relief of our students. The selected grass is 'premium' with optimal drainage and no heat retention. Students have already begun playing on the surface and smiles have been prominent on their faces. This grounds improvement will have so many physical and health benefits for our students. I have also this week unveiled the new front entrance to the school. This upgrade was sourced through DoE funding and allows for students with a disability to access the office area whilst creating a welcoming space. I hope to unveil many more upgrades around the school in the coming weeks. As I have previously written, our students deserve a first class education with state of the art facilities.



#### **CLASSES**

Three years ago the decision was made to move students into stage classes. As the new Principal, I have been evaluating this decision using data on academic and social progress including Tell Them from Me survey results, NAPLAN data, internal school testing and LST referrals. I would like to thank the large percentage of parents that also took the survey voicing their opinions on the positive and/or negative effects that have seen in their children.

After an intensive evaluative process, I have made the decision that the majority of classes will be <u>grade based</u> next year. Due to school numbers there is still a likelihood that 1-2 composite classes may exist and students will be selected for these

classes on a number of factors including academic progress, social skills and independence. No parent requests will be taken for or against their child being in a composite class.

#### HILLS LEARNING HUB

Last week I was invited to attend the Learning in the Hills Drop In morning tea. Learning in the Hills has been assisting the community for 50 years and fortnightly for the rest of the year they will be offering a drop in service to the community with a coffee van available along with the Staples Bag pop up shop. All community members and parents are invited to attend.

#### REMEMBERANCE DAY

Last Friday I was overwhelmed by the heartfelt Remembrance ceremony run during the 3-6 Assembly. Prior to recess at 11am, all students in the school observed a 1 minute silence to remember the soldiers that fought for our country and honour 100 years since the guns fell silent. I would like to thank Mrs Whyte, Mrs Keast and Mr Gosper for their organisation of the service and congratulate the students for the respect they showed throughout.



#### **NATIONALS!**

Congratulations to Lucie F in Year 6 for another amazing achievement. Lucie has been successful in winning through to the National Athletics Championships to be held in Melbourne. Lucie set a personal goal at the start of the year to make the championships and she has certainly achieved. In my many years on teaching, this is the first time a student at one of my schools has made the National championships and for Lucie to achieve this feat twice in one year in Cross Country and Athletics is a massive triumph. Congratulations and good luck!

#### SYDNEY KINGS

The Sydney Kings have teamed up with select schools to become 'Game Changers'. Throughout the season they will be offering Jasper Rd families, discount tickets to select games. Using the password supplied, families can access \$15 Silver Tickets via Ticketek.com.au. Get along and support our state basketball team!



Mr Craig Warner Principal

## From the Deputy Principals

#### **Presentation Assemblies**

Diary Dates - Please note in your diaries that the Presentation Assembly for Years K-2 will be held on Monday 10 December, 2018 from 9:30am in the Model Farms School Hall and the Presentation Day for Years 3 to 6 will be on the same day (10/ 12/18) from 11:15am- 1:00 in the Model Farms School Hall

#### Weather Warning

With the change in weather, and an increase in pollen being blown through the sky, it reminds me of how the weather can affect our senses, and how we need regular check-ups for these. Some children develop hay fever or runny noses, which can affect a child's hearing. Others eyes get scratchy, dry and uncomfortable.

So here is a brief note about the importance of regular eyesight and hearing check-ups. Just as adult eyesight and hearing abilities change as we get older (unfortunately), so too do those of our children. Recommendations have changed recently for how often these should be checked.

As a general rule, with the increase of screen-time for children, it is recommended that eyesight be checked at critical phases in a child's life, particularly when there is change. An eye examination every 2 years if no vision correction is required, or annually if glasses are recommended. With 80% of what is taught in schools being presented visually, it is crucial that we regularly check their eyesight. It is recommended for children to have their first eye test by age 3 (many children also get them tested whilst at preschool). Conditions such as squinting and lazy eye can often be treated more effectively if picked up earlier.

Hearing is another sense which changes as you grow. Younger children are more prone to glue eye and fluctuating hearing loss. As children grow, the shape of their head changes, which allows the fluid from their noses to drain better. As they develop the ability to blow their noses independently, and hold their nose whilst blowing to unblock their ears, there is an increased ability to regulate their hearing. They also begin to realise when they miss out on hearing things, although children with a hearing loss will often be able to develop compensatory strategies to assist them coping in life. Some children also find that they are unable to hear certain frequencies. Others are able to hear frequencies which adults are unable to, which results in them being over-sensitive and over-stimulated by noise.

An audiologist is the person to test your child's hearing. Not all hearing centres / audiology clinics test children, so it is important to enquire as to whether they are suitable for your child. A referral from a GP may assist in a rebate for the cost of the hearing assessment. Although all newborns undergo screening at the hospital. For children, it is recommended to get their hearing tested before they start school, before Year 1, and any other time you are concerned about your child's hearing or learning/attention. When people reach 18, it is recommended hearing be checked every 3 years as it often occurs gradually.

Once children are at school, things may often also be picked up that are not apparent whilst at home or preschool. If you do have any information or reports it can be useful for teachers to have these.

If you would like any further information about hearing and eyesight do not hesitate to talk to your local GP.

#### Staff car parks

Please be reminded there is no parking for parents in the Jasper Road staff car park between 7:30am and 4:30pm for safety reasons. We do not have sufficient car spots for all staff members, meaning the car park is very full with cars often needing to double park. As such, we cannot accommodate parents/carers driving into this car park during these hours. Please make use of the pick-up / drop-off zone on Jasper Road.

#### Staffing 2019

Forming classes is a complex process.

Due to an unknown number of new enrolments and student departures, a definite class structure will be provided next year. As with many schools, class numbers are changing constantly. Staffing in schools is determined by a staffing formula dependent on the number of students enrolled in each grade in the school. This is why we regularly request that you to let us know what your plans are for the following year.

We will not know the exact number of students or classes until our kindergarten students arrive for their first day in 2019.

2019 class teacher allocation for Years 1 to 6 will be revealed next year after the final numbers are confirmed. Therefore, please don't inquire about the allocation of teachers are as we do not know at this stage. All staff across the school are trained to teach all grades K-6.



#### Peer Support

This year all students from K-6 at Jasper Road Public School are participating in a five week, Peer Support Program. This program is a student-led multi age program which provides a fun and engaging environment for students to address social issues. It encourages peer connections throughout the school and assists students in developing practical skills to enhance social and emotional well-being, allowing students to form relationships as well as develop empathy and a sense of responsibility for students which they might not typically engage with. This process supports us to achieve and maintain a positive school culture. It empowers students to support each other and contribute positively to our school and community. It caters for student wellbeing, student leadership with teacher support and helps to develop a supportive learning environment.

All year 6 and some year 5 students undertook an intensive  $\frac{1}{2}$  day training course to enable them to lead their allocated group of up to 8 students through a series of sessions, which are based on our particular focus of developing resilience or the ability to "bounce back". The structure and content combined seek to build protective factors such as sense of self, sense of possibility, connectedness and resilience, as well as establish a shared language across the school community.

#### Student Transport Information for 2019

School student applications for 2019 open from Monday, 15 October 2018.

Students progressing to year 3 and year 7 do not need to re-apply if they:

- are continuing at the same school
- are residing at the same address
- have not been sent an expiry notification from Transport for NSW.

Where a student meets the new distance eligibility, the system will automatically update their entitlement. If they do not meet the new eligibility, they will receive an expiry notification. Students who have an entitlement approved under a medical condition which is due to expire will receive a notification advising them to re-apply.

Term Bus Pass holders will receive a notification to re-apply.

If students need to update their information or re-apply, they should go online to the link below.

https://apps.transport.nsw.gov.au/ssts/updateDetails

Applications need to be submitted before 31 December 2018 to ensure student entitlements are updated and their current entitlement/card is not cancelled. I f their application is submitted after 31 December 2018, the system will automatically cancel a card and a new one will need to be issued.

Students in the Opal network applying for a SSTS or Term Bus Pass entitlement for the first time will receive their card at their nominated postal address. Cards will be mailed out during December 2018 and January 2019.

Students residing in Rural and Regional (R&R) areas should receive their travel pass at the commencement of the new school year from their nominated operator. Note: some R&R operators do not issue travel passes. Students should check with their operator for more information.

Please see the attached information regarding printed school travel brochures.

Regards,

#### **Transport for NSW**

#### Information about applying for Year 7 entry to selective high schools in 2020

https://schoolsequella.det.nsw.edu.au/file/ eafa8804-3a28-4730-9fc0-0ee49dd90f83/1/SHS-applicationinformation.pdf



ephone: 1300 880 367 Fax: 02 9266 8435 is: Locked Bag 53, DARLINGHURST NSW 1300

nt, the High Performing Students Unit will be referred to as the Unit id under the Education Act 1990 as a 'guardian or other person ha

#### **Professional Learning**

Jasper Road hosted some professional learning that supported our own staff and those across the Hills network.

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## **PDHPE** vour **Network!** UPSKILLING TEACHERS



Lastly we ran two Let's Teach Dance session with Zoe Steele at Jasper Road Public School and our own Sarah Lancaster at Hassall Grove Public School. Both these sessions taught the teachers how to structure and deliver simple dance moves for their classes. The emphasis dance moves for their classes. The emphasis was on not being an expert but using simple progressions to allow children to enjoy dancing. Dance is always a popular topic and one we include each year for PDHPE Network so look out for the 2019 sessions. The teachers say "Great energy, fun + ideas" "Casty to follow, very informative" "Lots of practical ideas and activities to take awar"

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 link below.

https://jasperroad-p.schools.nsw.gov.au/about-our-school/enr olment.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.

## SRC - Ice Cream and Crazy Hair Day

The Student Representative Council (SRC) have decided to host an 'Ice Cream and Crazy Hair Day' as a school fundraiser this term.

When: Tuesday 20 November 2018.

**Cost:** \$2 for an ice cream cone with or without sprinkles. **Why:** To raise money for new hand dryers for the bathrooms.

Please note that there will be a gluten-free and a dairy-free option available.

We can't wait to see Jasper Road student's craziest hair styles while enjoying an ice cream at lunch. Please note, this is **NOT** a mufti day.

Money will be collected in the morning by the classroom teacher in exchange for a token to be redeemed for an ice-cream.

## **Environmental Education**

#### Happy National Recycling Week!

On Wednesday, Arbors visited all classes to educate their buddy classes on recycling. This included the paper recycling and what can and can not be placed in the school recycling boxes. Fruit break waste that can be used in both our worm farms and compost bins and why we should use them. We trialled a bottle/can collection point near the canteen on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday of this week. Results will be shared in the next newsletter, once we take the cans and bottles collected to Return and Earn.

The week, KB have been working on a recycled art project. I can't wait to see their masterpieces. KN and KY used recycled wrappers as part of their props for their assembly item. S1F discussed the reasons why we should recycle and learnt that our planet needs us to look after it for future generations.

Year 4 nomination forms for Arbors are due back on Friday 16 November so that Arbors can start the process of choosing the new 2019, Year 5 Arbors. There were 68 forms handed out to those Year 4 students that showed interest. There will be roughly 15 positions on offer for 2019.

S2G's vegetable garden has really taken off and students are enjoying caring for their plants and are eagerly awaiting the vegetables that will be produced. Well done S2G! Think GREEN because together we CAN make a difference.

#### **Mrs Jennifer Franks**

## **Sports News**

#### **PSSA Summer Draw**

Week 5 - Round 13 – Friday 16 November 2018		
Cricket	Winston Heights	Masonic Oval
Basketball	TBA – catch up	Fred Caterson
Touch football	Baulkham Hills North	Ted Horwood
Softball / T Ball	Baulkham Hills North	Eric Mobbs

- Week 6, Friday 23 November No PSSA due to School Spectacular
- Week 7, Friday 30 November PSSA semi finals
- Week 8, Friday 7 December PSSA finals

#### Renae Neagle and Tom Gosper PSSA Coordinator

## **Band News**

A HUGE congratulations to our concert band who competed at the Hornsby North Band Festival earlier this month and were awarded a DISTINCTION! This is the second highest honour in the eisteddfod and we're very proud of the effort they put in and their commitment to playing well on the day (which was a Sunday). Thank you to all the dedicated parents who made the effort to get their children to Hornsby on time and prepared to perform. Thank you also to Dr Clark the conductor, who led them to their success on the day.

Band agreements for Beginner band 2019 have been flooding in, so we're excited to begin allocating instruments and preparing for another huge year of the JRPS Band Program. We've also been collating the expressions of interest for those returning to concert or performance band next year, and will advise soon of audition dates for those students auditioning to join the Performance Band in 2019. If you have not yet returned your intention to return form (even if you're not returning!) please make sure it is received by the end of the week to Mrs Rose or into the band box. Spare copies can also be collected from Mrs Rose if needed.

#### Dates to Remember:

#### Soiree

Sunday 2nd December, 3pm at the school hall. All bands will perform for family and friends in a fabulous exhibition of the performing arts at Jasper Road Public School followed by light refreshments. School instruments and band shirts will be collected on this date also so please ensure all accessories remain with your instrument case for the Soiree event.

#### **Band Committee AGM**

Our AGM will take place in the cottage at 7:15pm on Monday December 8, 2018. Want to be part of a dynamic team of dedicated parents who keep the beat (metaphorically) for the band? Come along to the AGM and throw your hat in the ring.... We share jobs fairly and support each other, not to mention it is a lot of fun to work with this group of eager and enthusiastic volunteers.

## From the Office

#### **End of Year Activity Payments**

Information and Consent forms were sent home this week for the End of Year Activity. The cost of this excursion is \$25.00, which must be paid prior to the excursion. If your child is absent from school on the day and you have already returned the consent form, there will be no refunds as the school has to book the buses and activity in advance.

Any student who had any fees held in advance have had them applied to this excursion, a statement has been attached to your letter showing the amount you are required to pay for this activity. **Please only pay the amount on the statement which is highlighted.** 

## **School Events / Updates**

#### Northcott Swimming Canival Ribbons.

For the support unit students who participated at the Northcott Swimming Carnival, they will receive their ribbons during the week 6 assemblies - Year 2 students on Tuesday 20 November and Years 3-6 on Friday 23 November.

## **Book Club**

Issue 8, the last Scholastic Book Club for 2019, will be handed out by the teachers next week. The preferred way of ordering is online with Scholastic, but we also have a book club box situated in the library. Please ensure your order form has your name, class and book selection clearly noted and the envelope has the correct money. To ensure you receive your order before the end of the year, online and cash orders will close on **Monday 26 November 2018.** Apologies but no late orders can be accepted.

https://mybookclubs.scholastic.com.au/Parent.aspx

Don't forget, if you're looking for a last minute gift for your child, Scholastic have a 'gift function' when ordering online (LOOP). This doesn't come gift wrapped unfortunately, but the books will be left at the school office for you to pick up (the office will let you know when the order arrives) so the kids don't see them.

Thank you to everyone who has ordered this year. Your orders have helped the teachers buy resources for the class rooms and library!

Lastly, I would like to thank Linda Kyprianou who has coordinated Book Club for the school since 2011! This is a

massive achievement and we thank you on behalf of all the teachers and students for managing this for so many years!



## All Things P&C



Many hands help our school grow

# Fundraising Committee Opportunities – New structure!

Due to some of our key members moving interstate or overseas in the past 12 months and more sadly leaving us at the end of the year we are seeking new members to join the JRPS Fundraising Committee.

Currently meetings are held on Wednesday's (Weeks 2, 5 & 8 of each term) at 9:15am in the Cottage but we are considering changing days if we can get enough parents wanting to attend an alternative day. If you are keen on joining the committee next year please email jaffatjasperroad@hotmail.com or PM us on the Facebook Fundraising Page with your interest and preferred days.

If you are unable to attend meetings but would still love to help you can volunteer, however, next year we are also opening up the opportunity for any of the school community to co-ordinate events such as discos, Mothers/Fathers' Day stalls, Trivia Night, 5c Challenge, Comedy Night and Kindy Orientations without actually having to attend meetings.

Opening up events to the wider community allows us the opportunity to restructure how the events run and make sure that the work is shared out evenly... many hands make light work.

A fundraising co-ordinator will liaise with the P&C and oversee all the event organisers who themselves will have manual procedures or verbal assistance for all the help they need to run the event....so all the hard work has already been done for you.

In upcoming newsletters, we will publish the events for 2019 and all available positions for each event (some need several co-ordinators). If you see any you are interested in, we would love for you to put up your hand.

Due to personal reasons after 3 years I am stepping back from the current Fundraising President role but will still help co-ordinate some events. I would have been super keen with the restructure to take on the Fundraising Co-ordinator role with its lesser involvement but am unable to fully commit which means that key position on the Committee along with Secretary and Media/Communications

#### **Everyday Hero**

#### ATTENTION ALL SWIMMERS!!!

Fancy a beautiful ocean swim while raising much needed funds for our school?

I am once again swimming in the Cole Classic 2019 ocean swim and have chosen Jasper Rd Public School as my charity. I am hoping to entice other swimmers to join me in Team Jasper, or alternatively kindly ask you to donate to our worthy cause!! The



swim goes from Shelly Beach to Manly Beach and takes place on Sunday February 3, 2019. The options are a 1km, 2kms or 5kms (!!) swim, in age categories or a "back of the pack" option for the more leisurely swim! Plus this year they have options for our younger swimmers including a 100m, 200m and 300m swim. It is an extremely well organised and supported event and there are nearly as many life-savers in the water as there are swimmers! The atmosphere is fantastic and it is a very inclusive event, for both competitive and recreational swimmers. I am swimming in the 1km and 2km events.

If you or your child would like to join Team Jasper and take part in the swim, please email me at blackannie67@yahoo.com.au.

If you would like to donate, please cut and paste the link below, or contact me directly if you would prefer not to donate online. I am aiming for \$5000, but I think we can top this!

https://coleclassic2019.everydayhero.com/au/team-jasper

#### Annie Black

#### Kindy 2019 Orientation Thank you

Thank you to Shibani Ramesh and Linda Kyprianou who helped me organise the Kindy Orientation and Info night supper, ice blocks, morning teas and fruit platters....your help was extremely appreciated.



Thanks also to Samantha Kelly, Paulina Ibarra, Karol Castaneda Michelle Williamson and Junita Raj for their help on all or one of the days....more hands definitely makes for lighter work.



All the events went smoothly thanks to your help and all the kids and parents really loved and appreciated the effort to make them feel super welcome at Jasper Road.

How cute are the incoming Kindy kids! I'm very glad I got the opportunity to be part of this fun experience. This possibly could be my last time assisting with Kindy Orientation and sadly it definitely is the last for Shibani and Linda. I'm sure I can speak on their behalf when saying that this is one of the easiest but most fulfilling events on the calendar to be a part of. Thank you to you both for your help the past years making sure all the incoming Kindy and families feel so welcome to big school.

#### Join Us



#### **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**

There will be no Week 8 meeting on Monday 3 December at 7pm, however, the P&C will be meeting for Xmas celebrations at Northmead Bowling Club at 7pm. If you wish to attend please email the P&C Committee (address below) so we can book sufficient tables. If you cannot make alternative arrangements for your children, they are welcome.

#### Next Fundraising Meeting

Our next Fundraising meeting is on Wednesday 5 December 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!



## **Community Notices**

### Helen O'Grady Drama Academy

