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Principal's Address

I would like to start by thanking the staff, students and our parent community for the warm and friendly welcome which is so very much appreciated. As Principal, I will be highly visible in the school classrooms, playground and assemblies. I am in constant contact with parents and seen on the playground every day by our students. Throughout my time at Jasper Rd Public School, it is my aim to ensure a positive school culture and climate while implementing positive welfare and academic programs that are critical for life long success.

I would also like to take this opportunity to encourage parents and community members to become actively involved in the school life. Your contributions are welcome, and can range from helping in classrooms through to becoming involved in school organisations such as the P&C. Your contributions are all welcome.

Parents, families, and carers are a child's first and most important teachers. Parent engagement in education is about parents and carers, schools and communities working together to ensure that everyone can play a positive role in children's learning, school community, sport, and social life.

Parents and families play an important role in supporting their child's education. Research has shown that when schools and families work together, children do better, stay in school longer, are more engaged with their school work, go to school more regularly, behave better, and have better social skills.

Over the coming weeks, the school will be investigating ways to better "Communicate", "Educate" and "Celebrate" with our community.

Kiss and Drop

Over the past fortnight I have noticed a significant number of cars parking in the 'Kiss and Drop' area each afternoon. Under road laws, this area is not permitted for parking and cars are allowed a maximum of 2 minutes during which you must stay within 3 metres of your vehicle to collect your child. Last

week the school had local rangers on two separate occasions with multiple fines issued. I ask that all parents remember the road rules around the school and ensure that our students are dropped off and collected safely each and every day. The school and local rangers will continue to monitor this area.

Walk to School Safely Day

Today is National Walk to School Safely Day, however, at Jasper Rd PS we like to think that every day is an important day to take care when walking to school. It is imperative that students know the route they should take and how to cross the road safely. If your child walks to school, please make sure that you take the time to discuss their safety with them. A few minutes now, could save significant harm in the future

Recess Changes

Starting from next week, the school will be trialling a 5 minute eating break at the start of recess. This break would involve supervised eating outside the classroom allowing for better supervision, promotion of healthy eating and a litter free environment. The trial period will run throughout Term 2 after which an evaluation will take place that will look at whether the break should become a permanent fixture of the school day.

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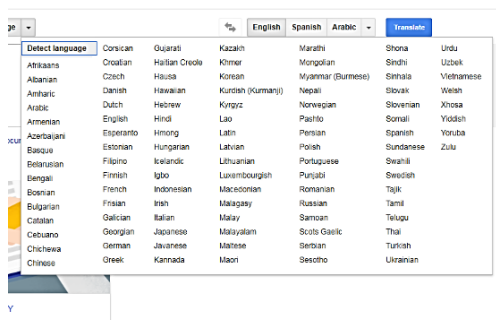
The on-site before and after school providers are currently looking into expanding the number of places that are offered. This has been assessed by external providers and permitted within the existing facilities. We hope that this will provide before and after school relief for many parents that are struggling to find support at other centres. The provider will provide full details once full approval has been reached.

Have a great fortnight,

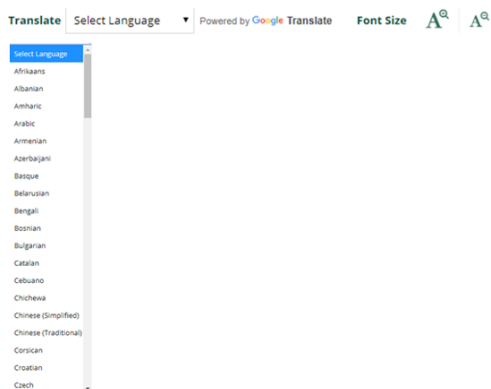
Craig Warner
Principal

From the Deputy Principals

Are you aware that you can click the link at the top of our newsletter and it will translate it into your required language through two ways? The first is the button that once you click will turn blue as it is here. You will then get this drop down box to select your language.



OR secondly click the translate button as below and scroll down to the required language:



Mother's Day Stall

Mother's Day is a celebration honouring the mother/carer of the family, as well as motherhood, maternal bonds, and the influence of mothers in society. Our mums do so much for us and this is the one day each year that's all about them. Thank you to all who helped, organised and worked hard for the annual Mother's Day stall. Thank you to the parent/carer helpers who assisted in making the stall possible. The children put in a great deal of thought picking the 'perfect gift' to take home. We hope all our mothers, grandmother's and carers had a very Happy Mother's Day on Sunday.

Updating Family Details

It is vitally important that the school has current contacts and addresses for every student. This includes having the most current emergency contact persons and their details. In the event of an emergency, parents/carers will always be contacted first. Emergency persons will be contacted if the school cannot reach parents/carers. If you have a new mobile number, have moved recently, changed jobs or need to update your emergency contact persons, please send these details to the school office.

School photos 2018 For Your Information

Notes will come later in the term but here is an advance notification

Class photos, Band, Arbor, Junior and Senior Choir, Student leaders, Public Speakers, Debaters and **family photos** will be on Wednesday, 20 June 2018 – Day 1 (Term 2, Week 8)

All other photos will be held the following day Thursday, 21 June 2018 – Sports Day (Term 2, Week 8)

Macquarie University Practicum Students

This term we are welcoming two Pre Service teachers from the Teacher Education Program at Macquarie University. Having these Pre-Service teachers at JRPS not only helps to develop quality future educators, but also benefits our students by providing extra support and assistance in the classroom. We are very happy to welcome them to our school.

Winter Uniform

Traditionally the winter uniform is worn in Terms 2 & 3. However in recent years we have found that it is too hot in the first few weeks of Term 2. At this point in time we will aim for our students to wear their winter uniform from Monday 21 May, 2018. Until then, parents/carers may decide on a day to day basis, which uniform is appropriate to wear.

Reading this month

This month is NATIONAL FAMILY READING MONTH and you are encouraged to "Read More in May". May is an ideal time of the year to "snuggle up with a book" and read together. Are you able to spend any time reading as a family? Do you read to your children? Do they read to you? Can you spend 10 minutes more reading with/to your children? Any amount of time will make a difference!

Super Six Parent Reading Workshop

Thank you to the many parents/carers (around 60) who came to our first parent workshop for 2018 around reading. We were delighted with how hard every participant worked and how studious they were in gathering as much information around supporting their own child at home. If you were unable to attend while we really didn't have any handouts to give you we could try to make another date to rerun it. Let the office know if you might like this opportunity on either the 28 May or 18 June at 5:30pm



Helping your child with Mathematics

10 things you can do to help your child learn to do mathematics



PBL

This week we are focusing on being responsible for each other.



Our focus for keeping students hydrated is always about having fresh drinking water available. Here are some of the reasons why!



Today we took delivery of this most amazing resource. Thank you as one of our brilliant parents nominated us to be eligible and out of the many applicants we were one of 30 schools to be selected to receive a kit! Our kit included:

Little Mover Kits

Ages 7+

Get kids moving, building and coding with a wearable device.

(30 kits per Telstra Kids grant)

There are 15 mover kits for each grant recipient, which include:

- ✓ Mover board and mover case
- ✓ Micro controller board with mini-USB connection
- ✓ Lanyard, Snap band and USB cable
- ✓ Rainbow LED Lights with motion sensor
- ✓ Rechargeable battery
- ✓ Craft materials and 12 weeks of exploring

We are now developing a process to utilise them to their fullest potential!

Debby Bezzina and Vanessa Rogers
Deputy Principals

Thank you,

From the Office

Just a reminder voluntary contributions, technology levy and photocopy levy payments are still being accepted. Please remember if paying by POP to indicate what the payment is for.

Lost property

Sadly we have many articles belonging to your children in our lost property boxes. Please pop up to the trays on the seats outside the library and see if you can claim yours! After week 2 these will be donated to the uniform shop to be sold or given to a charitable institution. Naming your children's items certainly helps them be reunited to the owner!

Please remember if you inherit any school items from a past student, change the name on the item once again to make sure it is returned to it's new owner.

Environmental Education

Congratulations to Fatima and Taliya who were voted to be the Arbor Presidents and to Emma who was voted to be Secretary of Arbors. The role of the president is to help keep Arbors on track with their weekly responsibilities as well as to be advocate for the Environment here at Jasper Road. The secretary's role is to take notes from our meetings and disseminate information through Arbors. Well done girls. I look forward to working with you.

Upcoming dates:

Thursday, 24th May - Arbor Training Day

Wednesday, 6th June – Waste Free Lunch

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

Mrs Jennifer Franks

Library News

Student Overdues

Students will bring home overdue notes this week if applicable. Please assist them in searching for the books and returning them to the library to avoid charges. If there are any concerns you are welcome to send a note or come see Mrs Tokatlian to clarify.

What are the Stages borrowing?

Kindergarten classes will soon be borrowing from the shelves as they practice and refine the art of selecting books carefully from an abundance of books standing together.

Stage 1 are looking at the text features of information books so you may find them borrowing from the Non-Fiction section as well as story/picture books.

Stage 2 are being encouraged to borrow picture books as they will soon decide on their favourite illustrators. One is never too old for picture books, especially the rich, high quality array that is available today.

Stage 3 are looking at how historical facts are woven into narrative texts based on the newly released and shortlisted book by Carole Wilkinson and Liz Anelli Ten Pound Pom.

Premiers Reading Challenge

The years in each Stage are competing against each other to see which year has the highest number of students participating in the PRC in 2018. So make sure you have registered and entered the books you have read. Remember, in our library we label Kindy Year 1 and Year 2 books with an orange sticker, Year 3 and Year 4 books with a yellow sticker, and Year 5 and Year 6 books with a pink sticker to make them easier to locate.

eBooks

Students have given the following reasons for accessing and reading ebooks:

There are lots to choose from and multiple copies.	You can borrow them when our library is closed.
They have new releases and the latest in a series.	It's fun to read on a tablet.
You can search and see what there is.	There are books on there that we don't have in our library.
You can borrow them wherever you are.	You can return them yourself and then borrow new ones.
You can make the text bigger and be able to read them at night before you go to bed. (Mrs Tokatlian)	



Happy Reading

Mrs Tokatlian and Mrs Stammers

Sports News

Round 3 – Friday 18 May, 2018

Sport	Opposition	Location
AFL	Murray Farm	Kellyville Park
Netball	NO GAME	
Newcombe Ball	Matthew Pearce	Matthew Pearce Public School
Rugby League	Sherwood Ridge	Crestwood Oval 2

Soccer Boys & Girls	Matthew Pearce	Francesco Reserve
Round 4 – Friday 25 May, 2018		
Sport	Opposition	Location
AFL	Baulkham Hills North	Kellyville Park
Netball	TBA	Kellyville Netball Complex
Newcombe Ball	Winston Heights	Masonic Oval
Rugby League	Beaumont Hills	Torry Burn Reserve
Soccer Boys & Girls	Winston Heights	Masonic Oval
Round 5 – Friday 1 June, 2018		
Sport	Opposition	Location
AFL	Northmead	Kellyville Park
Netball	TBA	Kellyville Netball Complex
Newcombe Ball	Carlingford West	Felton Rd Carlingford West
Rugby League	Matthew Pearce	Crestwood Oval 1
Soccer Boys & Girls	Carlingford West	Cumberland High School
Round 6 – Friday 8 June, 2018		
Sport	Opposition	Location
AFL	Winston Heights	Kellyville Park
Netball	TBA	Kellyville Netball Complex
Newcombe Ball	Crestwood	Masonic Oval
Rugby League	Kellyville	Torry Burn Reserve
Soccer Boys & Girls	Crestwood	Masonic Oval

Rachel Zucchetti
PSSA Coordinator

Band News

Band Camp is fast approaching! We're very excited about this event on June 20-21, 2018, but there are still a lot of camp notes outstanding. If you have not returned your note, please complete it as soon as possible. If you have misplaced your note, please collect a new one from Mrs Rose.



"Band News" is a fortnightly email communication which is issued to band families in the opposite week to the school newsletter. If you are a band parent and have not been receiving it, please email bandatjasperroad@hotmail.com as there may be an error in your contact details on our file.

2017 - Year 6 DVD has arrived.

For those families who ordered a copy in 2017 and still have a child attending JRPS, we have sent your copy home with them. For families who do not have a child currently attending JRPS we sent out a notification via Schoolzine to come and collect their copy from the front office. If you are aware of any past students who are not receiving notifications could you please let them know.

All Things P&C

Everyday Hero Survey

The P&C has an opportunity to use the innovative Everyday Hero platform to allow the community to direct their fundraising efforts towards Jasper Road. We want to understand if this will work for us as well as for the families raising funds. Examples of these fundraising events include the Coles Classic or The City to Surf.

It would be most appreciated if the Everyday Hero expression of interest (EOI) survey below could be completed by all the school community to assist in our decision-making process. You do not have to participate in events to complete this SurveyMonkey and it is open to all Jasper Road families.

The survey only consists of 3 questions and will not take long to complete.

Thank you for your time in completing this survey, it is most appreciated.

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/R9MDYPT>

Next P&C Meeting

Our next meeting is on Monday 28 May at 7pm in the Staffroom and we welcome all parents. If you cannot make alternative arrangements for your kids, they are welcome.

Next Fundraising Meeting

Our next Fundraising meeting is on Wednesday, 30 May in the Cottage at 9:15 am and we welcome all parents. Children are also welcome.

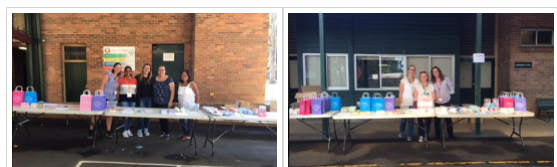
Disco Coordinator

We are still seeking a new Disco Coordinator for Term 2 and 3 Disco. If you're interested, please email jaffatjasperroad@hotmail.com.

Mother's Day Stall Thank You!

Big thanks to our amazing volunteers who helped prepare and run the 2018 Mother's Day Stall at JRPS. To see the excitement and the smiles on the students' faces when they choose their gifts for mum is wonderful.

We hope you liked your gifts, mums!



Huge thanks go to: Sarah B, Catherine, Karol C, Linda K, Evelyn H, Irene H, Shontelle P, Linda B, Clare D, Lourdes D'C, Sam K, Shibani R, Katherine L, Divya A with Zach, Siobhan J, Summer X, Brooke K, Clara McG. From Wiebke L and Kylie L (coordinators)

Coles Sports for School

Coles Sports for Schools program has finished so please bring in all your vouchers and place in the box in the front office as soon as possible to be included in the count.



Contact the P&C Committees:

P&C Committee: pandcatjasperroad@hotmail.com

Fundraising Committee: jaffatjasperroad@hotmail.com

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



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 email the Fundraising Committee and we'll add you to our volunteer list!

Save the Date

Wednesday 13 June	K-2 Move and Groove Sports Carnival, 10am -1pm, Balcombe Heights Oval (opposite JRPS)
Wednesday 27 June	School Disco
Saturday 18 August	Trivia Night
Thursday 28 June	3-6 Athletics Carnival

Community Notices