



Jasper Road
Baulkham Hills NSW 2153
Subscribe: <https://jasperdps.schoolzineplus.com/subscribe>

Email: jasperroad-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au

Phone: 02 9639 6801

Fax: 02 9639 4487



1 June 2018

Principal's Address

It has certainly been another busy fortnight at Jasper Rd PS. This week we hosted 7 other schools in the Regional Chess Tournament. Our students maneuvered their way through the competition and represented our school with true 'team player' star values. I am proud to announce that our school placed 2nd and we now be sending 5 students onto the next level to represent the school. This is just another way that we are providing opportunities for our students and I thank Mrs. Duarte for organising this event.

The school has recently completed a thorough school analysis and vision planning of where we want Jasper Rd PS to be in 2020. This has consisted of writing new whole school targets, an updated school vision and significant 5 week milestones. The plan is very broad as it covers a three year cycle and works towards improving students outcomes in a valued, supported and safe environment. The document has been endorsed by the Director Educational Leadership and will be shortly published on the school website. The document is based around three key strategic directions being **Learn, Teach and Partner**. These Strategic Directions will be evaluated through the Department of Education's School Excellence Framework, which underpins future directions of the school.

Our updated vision which will be in the office and around the school is:

Jasper Rd Public School is committed to creating a quality learning environment in which all students, staff and community members feel valued, supported and safe.

Students will be resilient, confident and future-focussed, equipped with the knowledge and skills to become empowered life-long learners.

We are committed to providing inclusive, differentiated and innovative learning experiences, setting high expectations for every student.

Attendance

The school is in the process of implementing an updated attendance policy. Student attendance at school is not a Jasper Rd policy but rather NSW law. It is imperative that the community continues to support student attendance through the provision of notes when their child is absent. Under the new policy, teachers will make a courtesy call to parents if a child is absent for multiple days without warning. A child with multiple unexplained absences will be issued a letter outlining the policy and further consequences of non-attendance. The school will continue to support parents in regards to student attendance and promote the importance of arriving on time each and every day.

Recess

As recently indicated in the newsletter, the school has begun trialling a 5 minute eating break at the start of recess. This break involves supervised eating by the teacher allowing for supervision, promotion of healthy eating and a litter free environment. The trial period will take place for 6 weeks before being evaluated. We continue to encourage families to provide nutritious snacks for their children.

Student Reports

Our teachers have been very busy writing student reports which will be sent home to all parents on in week 8 of this term. These reports are based on extensive and thorough assessment processes. Parent/Teacher interviews will take in the last two weeks of this term which I encourage all parents to attend. A 'save the date' is included in this newsletter. Remember, it is very important to keep communication lines open to ensure the best possible education for your child.

Site Maintenance

Recently the senior executive of the school completed a full site inspection highlighted over 8 pages of issues to be addressed. Many of these were minor and listed for immediate repair while others will result in more significant repair. Health and Safety issues will be immediately addressed to ensure student and staff safety. Throughout 2018, apart from the planned Support Unit playground, it has been decided that no future areas will be developed and all efforts will be concentrated on repairing and updating current spaces. The planned artificial turf has been delayed with the school working with DoE Assets Directorate on this project.

2019 Kindergarten

Kindergarten enrolment forms for 2019 are available for collection from the office for students who are in the schools local area. Please enrol your child early so that you don't miss out on important upcoming Orientation Days.

Mr. Craig Warner
Principal

From the Deputy Principals

Growing our brains as well as good health!

"I don't have time to exercise" is a common statement, yet there is a growing body of research showing us that exercise helps us to learn. "Physical exercise helps build a brain with increased cognitive abilities, i.e. your brain's ability to adapt and grow new brain cells" Neurology February 10, 2016



NAIDOC Celebration

At Jasper Road Public School "Because of her, we can!" students and teachers will be participating in a NAIDOC celebration on Monday 18 June. This celebration has been organised to support students' awareness and understanding of Aboriginal people and culture. This year's theme is 'Because of her, we can!' We aim to celebrate the invaluable contributions that Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander women have made – and continue to make - to our communities, our families, our rich history and to our nation. All students (K-6) will participate in a group workshop. These include an opportunity to hear Aboriginal stories and paint a rock. In learning about cultures, students develop understandings about themselves, both as individuals and as members of groups.

School Photographs

School Photography days are coming up very soon.

Wednesday 20 June and Thursday 21 June

- All students are expected to wear formal school uniform on photo day– including correct footwear and ties. The Uniform shop Ozfashions currently has a range of white long sleeved shirts for both boys and girls that have the JRPS logo embroidered on the pocket for the same price as a plain white one.
- Class photos, Band, Arbor, Junior and Senior Choirs, Student leaders, Public Speakers, Debaters and **family photos** will be on Wednesday, 20 June 2018 – (Term 2, Week 8)
- The second photo day will require full sports uniform. All other photos will be held the following day Thursday, 21 June 2018 – Sports Day (Term 2, Week 8)
- Envelopes will come home Monday 4 June. **Please only return these to the class teacher on the day of the photos.**
- School photos purchased online require the School Photographer Envelopes to be returned to school with the receipt number in the space provided on the front of the envelope.
- Photos ordered through the envelope **can only be paid by cash, no cheques- online orders can be paid for with a credit card.**
- A photo of every child is taken regardless of whether a photo is ordered.
- Photos will be returned to Jasper Road Public School for distribution - approximately 6 weeks after the final photos are taken



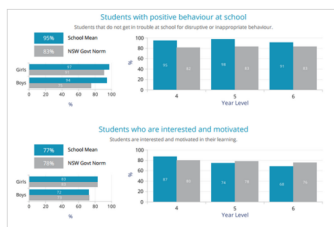
Boy Winter Uniform



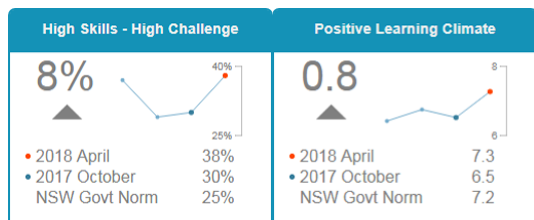
Girls Winter Uniform

Tell Them From Me Surveys

During Term 1 "The Tell Them From Me Survey" asked students in Years 4, 5 and 6 completed the Tell Them From Me Survey. Here is a snap shot of the results. It shows the difference between our students' responses (blue) and state norms (grey).



Teachers have worked hard over the last 12 months to develop, refine and deliver improved lessons that are both challenging and require skill building. We are consistently higher than the State figures and much improved over our 2017 results. Our positive learning climate is also steadily improving.



MultiLit Reading Program

We need parent, grandparent or community volunteers! At Jasper Road Public School we are enriching our literacy programs to include MultiLit. This program is for students in Years 2 to 6. How can you help? As part of this program we require volunteers to read with individual students for 20 minutes per day, on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday. We will provide training for all volunteers in best practice strategies for assisting readers. If you are a confident user of English and have an understanding of the required reading skills such as phonics and word analysis we would love to hear from you. If you are interested in volunteering please contact Mrs Kelly Boulatsakos or Mrs Robyn Todd. Students will be carefully selected with very specific criteria and directed by the Learning and Support Team.

Bounce Back News

Jasper Road Public School will begin introducing the Bounce Back program into our school this term and across the school in Term 3, as part of our Positive Behaviour for Learning. The program supports teachers in their efforts to promote positive mental health, wellbeing and resilience for our students and assist in building safe and supportive learning environments. All students will participate in weekly lessons that focus on a specific concept. Over the next two terms we will be discussing concepts such as honesty, fairness, responsibility and how we can bounce back. We look forward to beginning this new program and welcome any feedback. This process is aimed at keeping children healthy and happy and involves looking after their mental health as well as their physical health. Mental health is how we think or feel about ourselves and what is going on around us, and how we cope with the ups and downs of life. Good mental health helps us to form positive relationships with others, handle challenges and be able to generally enjoy life. With good mental health, children think positively about themselves and learn and achieve better results at school. Good mental health in childhood lays the foundations for positive mental health and wellbeing, now and into the future. Having a general understanding of mental health in early childhood will help guide parents, carers, staff and educators in

how to respond to children who may be experiencing mental health difficulties. This includes understanding both how mental health difficulties affect young and older children, as well as understanding how hardship and grief can affect children. Finally, knowing when to get help is pivotal in supporting the wellbeing of young people.

If you would like more information on how to support your own family and their mental health please visit the website below and scroll to the bottom of the page.

[Click here to Read More](#)

Approaching the School

From time to time parents/carers or other members of the school community may need to approach the school in order to:

- Discuss the progress or welfare of their own child
- Express concern about actions of other students
- Enquire about school policy or practice
- Express concern about actions of staff. It is therefore necessary to have procedures that will help solve problems as soon as possible so that our safe and harmonious school environment is maintained. The best results usually flow from working together. Please direct all written communication to the school email address and not to staff personal emails. The school email address is jasperroad-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au

These guidelines aim to:

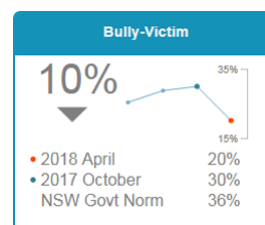
- provide a guide in order that concerns are dealt with in an open and fair manner.
- ensure that the rights of students, teachers and parents/carers are respected and upheld.
- support sensitivity and confidentiality.
- help reach an agreed solution. On occasion, concerns may cause frustration and anxiety.

At such times it is always important to organise a time to talk with school staff in an unhurried and confidential atmosphere.

NB: No parent/carer should directly approach another person's child. The school will deal with issues between students as part of the school's Discipline and Welfare policy.

CONCERN	APPROPRIATE ACTION
The academic progress of own child	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Directly contact the child's teacher either by email to the school, note or by phone to the office to arrange a suitable time to discuss any issues.
The welfare of own child	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • For minor issues directly contact your child's teacher to clarify information (as above). • For more serious concerns, contact office. State nature of concern and arrange a suitable time to talk with class teacher or appropriate staff member.

CONCERN	APPROPRIATE ACTION
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To convey information about change of address, telephone number, emergency contact, custody details, health issues etc. please contact the office.
Actions of other students	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Contact the class teacher (as above) for a classroom problem. Contact the Assistant Principal or Principal for playground problems (as above).
School policy or practice	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Contact office. State nature of concern and make an appointment to see the Principal and/or appropriate member of staff.
Actions of a staff member	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Contact the office and state concerns to the Principal. Arrange to meet directly with the Principal and staff member concerned.



We are continuing to teach our students to use the **RIP** understanding of what bullying is:

Repetition: Bullying is repetitive, especially after the bullied person has asked for it to stop; thus, the bully is aware that s/he is causing the bullied person(s) physical/emotional discomfort, and furthering the power dynamic. Additionally, bullying is often focused, repeatedly, on the same person, or groups of people.

Intent: In general, a bully (or group of bullies) is in a position of social, or physical power over the person(s) s/he is bullying. The misconception about bullying is that it's done only by (a) physically strong person(s), or a popular person(s).

Power: Bullying is done with the intent of hurting others. This can be physically, or emotionally. A bully is fully aware that they are hurting their targets, and do it anyway.

Environment

The best way to prevent bullying, of any kind, is to create an environment where bullying isn't tolerated or condoned. In an ideal world, this is easy. All students love one another, and everyone gets along. There's no gossip, everyone's a star athlete, plays in the school band, and gets straight A's. But, that's not how it works. So, StompOutBullying, makes these suggestions for "Stomping Out" Bullying that are encouraged in our school and can be empowering when supported and reinforced at home:

1. Don't laugh
2. Don't encourage the bully
3. Stay at a safe distance, and help the target get away
4. Don't become an "audience" for the bully
5. Reach out and become a friend to someone being bullied
6. Help the targeted student in any way that you can
7. Support the targeted student in private
8. If you notice someone being isolated, invite them to join you. Students who are being isolated can sit on the friendship seats where we encourage all students to become their friends
9. Include the targeted student in some of your activities
10. Tell an adult if you see bullying, or are being bullied. Don't approach the bully if you are at risk. Seek adult support immediately. Always be an "upstander" not a bystander.
11. We are starting a peer mentoring program at school in Term 4. Discuss supporting each other as a way of stamping out bullying.
12. Raise awareness of bullying and cyberbullying prevention in our community. We will be having a **cyber bullying workshop for both our Stages 2**

Your co-operation is sought in maintaining a safe and happy school. If we work together we will ensure that our children are safe and happy and that our own relationships are strong and productive.

PBL



At JRPS good behaviour isn't the 'end game.' It is the means to an end- which is a happy productive and joy filled life. As our School Vision Statement says

Jasper Road Public School is committed to creating a quality learning environment in which all students, staff and community members feel valued, supported and safe.

Students will be resilient, confident and future-focussed, equipped with the knowledge and skills to become empowered life-long learners.

We are committed to providing inclusive, differentiated and innovative learning experiences, setting high standards for every student.

Our strategies for the reduction of 'bullying' behaviour is also moving us in the right direction as is indicated through the student answers from the Tell Them From Me survey.

and 3 children on July 30 next term and an afternoon parental/carer workshop on the 20 August (next term) at 5:30pm- 7:00pm.

13. Teach friends about being more tolerant of others, even if they are different.
14. Create bullying prevention awareness posters for your school
15. Stand up and do something when you hear someone making jokes or comments about: someone's sexual identity, family member(s), weight, clothing, skin colour, accent, or disability.

Super Star Assembly

This semester we will be holding our Super Star Assembly. Be sure to save the date: Thursday 5 July 2018 at 9:30am. This is a wonderful occasion where we gather in the school hall to celebrate our students who have been consistently meeting our PBL expectations. To help with the organisation of the Super Star Assembly, any student with five Shining Star Awards must hand these into the office by **Thursday 21 June 2018**. Any Shining Star Awards received after this date will be held over for the following Super Star Assembly in Semester Two. Parents will receive a formal invitation if their child is to receive a Super Star Award.



School Lunch

Choose some bread and cereal	Choose a protein food

Choose a fruit and a vegetable	Choose a drink

This resource was produced by the Association for Services to Schools and Resource Services (ASRS) and the East Metropolitan Foundation (Health Unit) Perth. Please see www.asrs.org.au for information on where to access 'Good Food for Your School' resources.

Debby Bezzina and Vanessa Rogers
Deputy Principals

SAVE THE DATE

You are invited to join us for parent teacher conferences to discuss your child's progress and achievements. We will once again be using an online sign-up system to schedule conference times. More details will be released shortly.

Early Stage 1 - Monday 2 July
 Stage 1 - Monday 2 July
 Stage 2 - Tuesday 3 July
 Stage 3 - Tuesday 3 July
 S2G, S3W - Tuesday 26 June
 S2B and S2K - Monday 30 July

We look forward to meeting. Thanks for supporting your child's success.

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.

School Events / Updates

SRC Update

On Thursday, 17 May, the SRC organised a 'Cupcake Day' to raise funds for the Cancer Council's 'Relay for Life'.

There was an assortment of cakes, lollies and cookies available at recess and lunch for students and staff to purchase. The total raised on this day was \$1118.60.

Thank you to everyone who contributed to this event whether it was by baking some cupcakes, purchasing a treat or walking with us on the weekend. It was great to see so many people supporting this cause. Jasper Road Public School is very lucky to have such generous students, families and staff.



Hills School Leaders' Afternoon Tea at Parliament House

On Wednesday, 23 May the School Leaders, Robert B, Lucie F, Kalinghaan R, Alina H, Joel T, Annabel H, Harley L, Jasmine W and Mr Marshall went to Parliament House in the city after school, at 4:00pm. When we arrived, we completed a bag check and entered Parliament House and quickly encountered our local member Mr David Elliot. When we found ourselves in the courtyard, we met a few other schools there. Mr Elliot made a speech about education and how important it is, then he handed over to Education Minister Mr Stokes who told us some interesting facts about education in Australia.

After that we took photos with both Mr Elliot and Mr Stokes, and the girls caught up with some of our friends from other schools. We also had some interesting conversations with some of the special guests who were at the afternoon tea. In the end we had a great time. Thank you Mr Marshall and Mr Warner for allowing us go on this excursion.

Written by Lucie.F



K-2 'Move and Groove' Athletics Carnival

Take Your Mark, Get Set Go

On Wednesday 13 June, K-2 Students will be having their Move and Groove Athletics Carnival. The carnival will commence at 10am, Balcombe Heights Masonic Oval, Baulkham Hills.



Parents and carers, please dust off your track shoes and come prepared for a super 'workout' session as well as watching our budding Olympic Athletes take to the field.

Mrs Walshaw

Environmental Education

Last Thursday was Arbor Training Day at school. Arbors continued to develop their skills with hydroponics, worm farming, and composting. They got their hands dirty by helping maintain the Arbor garden area, the K-6 Sustainable Garden and the Butterfly Garden. Arbors also conducted a whole school water, energy and waste audit. This will help them in planning what to teach their buddy classes about being sustainable. A great day was had by all.

Thank you Mr G and Mr K for helping us on our journey.

Waste Free Lunch Day – Wednesday, 6th June

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

Mrs Jennifer Franks

Sports News

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
Round 7 – Friday 15 June, 2018		
Sport	Opposition	Location
AFL	Crestwood	Kellyville Park
Netball	TBA	Kellyville Netball Complex
Newcombe Ball	Murray Farm	Masonic
Rugby League	Samuel Gilbert	Wrights Road Reserve
Soccer Boys & Girls	Murray Farm	Masonic
Round 8 – Friday 22 June, 2018		
Sport	Opposition	Location
AFL	Kellyville	Kellyville Park
Netball	TBA	Kellyville Netball Complex
Newcombe Ball	Northmead	Kleins Road, Northmead
Rugby League	Castle Hill	Wrights Road Reserve
Soccer Boys & Girls	Northmead	Northmead High School

Rachel Zucchetti
PSSA Coordinator

Band News

The band committee would like to apologise for the error in the last newsletter – the band camp is most definitely not midweek, and will be going ahead as previously notified on Saturday-Sunday June 23-24, 2018. Thank you to everyone who contacted us to let us know of the error.

A HUGE thank you to the P&C Committee who generously donated funds for the band to purchase a xylophone, a custom xylophone cover and a tenor saxophone. \$5000 for these instruments is an amazing contribution from our wonderful committee and we appreciate their support of the band program immensely. We have 5 percussion players in the Beginner Bands, and are extremely thankful for the additional instrument, which also provides musicians the opportunity to play tuned percussion. The tenor saxophone adds to the bass instruments in the band, and replaces an instrument that was retired at the end of last year.



Band important dates

- Band Camp at Crusaders, Galston- Term 2, week 8, June 23-24 June, 2018.
- Beginner Bands – Hawkesbury Eisteddfod – Friday August 17, 2018 during school hours (bus transport provided from school)
- Performing Band –
 - Hawkesbury Eisteddfod – Monday August 13, 2018 during school hours (bus transport provided from school)
 - State Band Championships Sunday August 26, 2018, Joan Sutherland Performing Arts Centre, Penrith (parents to transport students, more details to follow)

If you have any questions or comments for the band, or to update your contact details, please email bandatjasperroad@hotmail.com

All Things P&C

Upcoming events/Save the dates for Term 2 Disco

Term 2 Disco - Wednesday 27th June

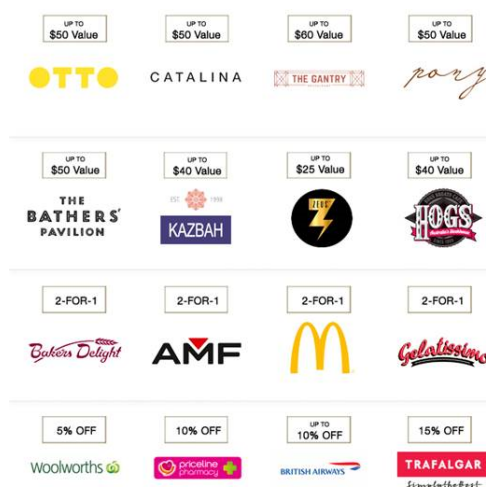
2018 Entertainment Book

Get your Entertainment Membership NOW to help Jasper Road Public School raise much needed funds!

Help us raise funds for our School by buying an Entertainment Membership from us. You'll receive hundreds of valuable offers for everything you love to do and help our fundraising the same time. Hurry, Entertainment Memberships sell out quickly.

<https://www.entertainmentbook.com.au/orderbooks/2151c99>

Use just a few of these offers and you'll more than cover the cost of your Membership!





Rebecca Godfrey
jaffatjasperroad@hotmail.com

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!

Next P&C Meeting

Our next meeting is on Monday 18 June 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 20th Jun in the Cottage at 9:15 am and we welcome all parents. Children are also welcome.

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 send us an email and we'll add you to our volunteer list!

Fundraising Committee: jaffatjasperroad@hotmail.com