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Principal's Address

It is only Week 4 and probably one of the most exciting and busiest weeks in my time at Jasper Rd. All classes are now perfectly settled and have commenced a very positive and productive year of learning. Staff have established great relationships with students, creating wonderful classroom learning environments and setting high expectations for learning and behaviour. I would like to thank all the parents that joined us throughout the week at our Meet and Greet Mornings. It was a fantastic opportunity to meet staff and discuss your child's year ahead.

Grounds

Tomorrow is the big day. Throughout the week we have eagerly watched as the existing dirt and rock has been dug up and irrigation installed. The last piece of the puzzle is the turf. Tomorrow we will be holding 'Super Saturday' to finish the project. I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the companies that have contributed. This is a once in a lifetime project and hopefully we can repay the favour by raising as much money as possible for Youth off the Streets. We will have a full wrap up next issue of all the festivities.

Grass will be greener

Gary Hamilton-Irvine

JASPER Road Public School at Baulkham Hills has set its sights on a state record to lay 3000sq m of turf in just over an hour.

NSW Origin coach Brad Fittler and former NRL stars Nathan Hindmarsh and Danny Buderus will get their hands dirty and join the project on Saturday.

Members of the public are invited to come along and help break the record which stands at 96 minutes.

The turf laying, at 2pm, is part of a Super Saturday event which raises money for Youth Off The Streets.

The event will run from 11am to 4pm and feature a car show, meet and greet with current and former NRL players, barbecue, raffle, games, face painting, and a visit from Fire and Rescue Baulkham Hills.

It is free to attend but there will be plenty of opportuni-



Nathan Hindmarsh.

ties to donate to Youth Off The Streets.

Fittler and Hindmarsh are getting involved as part of their 2019 Hogs for The Homeless Tour which raises support and awareness for homeless people.

Principal Craig Warner said the school was in dire need of new turf - its back oval resembled a dust bowl.

"We have no grass at the moment, it is just dirt and rocks," he said.

He said the cost of providing and laying new turf had been donated by sponsors, freeing them up to raise money for charity.



Sarah Esmaili Khanki, Zachariah Azzi and Jacob Lackas with principal Craig Warner. Picture: Tim Pascoe

Due to the laying of the grass, the back oval will be closed for the remainder of the term. I have negotiated with council for older students to play across the road at Balcombe Estate providing room for them to run and play. Students will be closely monitored by teachers and toilet facilities will be opened and checked prior to students accessing them. Students will return to the back oval in Term 2.

Mobile Phones

Over the holiday break a review into mobile phone use was released by the government. This review stated:

"Reflecting the current practice of the vast majority of primary schools in NSW, the review team recommends that a state-wide restriction be placed on the use of smartphones for students in primary school in NSW."

From Monday a new mobile phone policy will be implemented. With consideration to the review, Jasper Road Public School considers that mobile telephones are not required for use by students while they are in the school grounds and in the care of school staff between the hours of 8:30am and 3:00pm. They do not assist with communication during these hours, may cause disruption to classes and may be an attraction to thieves. The school acknowledges that parents may consider a mobile phone to be a necessary communication device outside the school hours for students who do not immediately go home at the conclusion of the school day. If this is the case and parents require students to have mobile phones with them for after school hours then the following restrictions apply:

- The telephone must not be on show at any time during the school day.
- The telephone must be switched off between the hours of 8:30am and 3:00pm.
- When attending excursions or camps outside of school, the same restriction will apply whilst in the care of staff.

A full copy of this policy can be obtained at the front office.

Programs – Parent WorkSHOP

On Monday afternoon we will be holding our first parent workshop for the year. Mr Justin Caban; an expert in Synthetic Phonics; will be presenting to parents on a new program we have introduced this year K-6. He will be discussing the major steps in reading, what Synthetic Phonics involves and how you can help your child at home. All parents are invited to attend starting at 4.30pm.

Jasper Rd Public School Parent Reading Workshop

Presented by literacy expert and consultant Justin Caban. Justin has worked extensively with schools throughout New South Wales improving teacher quality. His expertise is in the authentic assessment of teaching and learning in school structures, implementation and analysis of student data and the development of effective practices within teachers. He is also an expert in Synthetic Phonics after leading numerous schools in its implementation. He is currently working as an educational consultant in a range of schools throughout Sydney. His primary focus is on improving the literacy performance of all students, with Synthetic Phonics at the core.

When: Monday 25th February

Time: 4.30pm–5.30pm

Where: Library

Join us for an inside look into Synthetic Phonics. At this workshop you will hear from an expert and learn about how we teach reading. This is a fantastic opportunity to understand how phonics is used to teach learners to read and spell whilst exploring our new 2019 Phonics program at Jasper Rd.

- What is Phonics?
- How can you help your child?
- What will my child be learning at school?



Assemblies

In 2019, it is our goal to continue building upon our practises to Communicate, Educate and Celebrate with our community. One way of achieving this is by providing opportunities for parents to attend assemblies. This year, assemblies will be held fortnightly. By cutting back on assemblies, we have given back 20 hours a year to the classroom. In an already jammed back curriculum, we are not only still celebrating student success but also providing time back in the rooms for essential learning. All assemblies will be held on Thursday afternoons from 2pm.

Early Stage 1 and Stage 1 – Odd Weeks
Stage 2 and Stage 3 – Even Weeks

Parents are invited to attend but we ask that you are respectful throughout and acknowledge the time and effort students have taken in their organisation and preparation.

Mr Craig Warner
Principal

Parent Information mornings

Thank you to all of the parents and carers who attended our Information mornings this week and to the teachers for leading these sessions. We can best meet the needs of your child when there is a positive and productive partnership between school and home so it was pleasing to see such a good turnout for these sessions.

At Jasper Road PS, we strive for every student to achieve his or her own 'personal best'. Teachers work hard to motivate and engage all their students in learning. Sometimes it is through discovery, with the teacher structuring the learning to suit. On other occasions, it may require the teacher to teach in a more direct way. Students learn on their own as well as with and from, others.

The last few weeks has been an exciting time for both our students and teachers as they get to know each other as individuals and as a class. We welcomed the Kindergarten students to their first year of primary school as we welcome all our students to another wonderful year of learning.

Special Religious Education / Special Ethics Education

Our SRE and SEE programs commenced this week. Placements were based on information provided at enrolment and groups from previous years. If your child is not in the group in which you wish them placed, please put this in a note / email and send it to our Admin Office.

Staff Car Park

This is strictly a no parking area.

Please park in the appropriate street spaces, not in the staff car park. Also, a reminder that parents should not park in the 'no stopping' and bus zones areas around the school and across neighbours driveways (which is a real safety issue in an emergency situation).

Just a reminder if you are parking in the kiss and drop zone out the front of the school please stay with your vehicle so cars can move forward as one leaves.

Pedestrian Crossing Safety

Most days of the week we have a crossing supervisor on the Jasper Road crossing. Please wait to be directed to cross the road before crossing. Please walk along the footpath and keep mobile phones in pockets or bags to help keep everyone safe.

Attendance and absences

Parents/carers of children from Kindergarten to Year 12 must ensure their children attend school every day. On occasion, your child may need to be absent from school. Justified reasons for student absences may include:

- being sick or having an infectious disease
- having an unavoidable medical appointment
- being required to attend a recognised religious holiday exceptional or urgent family circumstances e.g. attending a funeral.

Parents need to provide an explanation for absences to the school within 2 days from the first day of any period of absence. You will be contacted by the school if there has been no notification within 2 days. Where an explanation has not been received within a 7-day timeframe, the school will record the absence as unjustified on the student's record. This is the Department of Education's protocols and are planned to keep all students safe.

Change of Details

At this time of year the office constructs the class email lists for the distribution of important school information and events. Often the family email provided on the enrolment form has changed and needs to be updated. Please email the office if you would like us to check your email address for school correspondence. It is also imperative that if you have changed your mobile phone number or any details for school hour's contact please advise the office immediately. These important details are used in the event of accidents and sickness.

Switching onto strengths

Dr Martin Seligman who leads the Positive Psychology movement talks about the three elements to unlocking our children's' strengths. He talks about performance (being good at something); energy (feeling good doing it) and high use (choosing to do it). He says that if children are displaying these three elements, there is a good chance that they have found their strength and encouraging this pursuit we will focus on what they can do. Very often parents/carers and teachers are focussed on what children cannot do. It is as if as adults we have been hard wired into picking up poor behaviours and highlighting errors with a view to eliminating faults. If we are on the lookout for the elements that show our children's' strengths we can have a positive impact on their engagement and progress.

Balancing extracurricular activities

We have had parents/carers tell us proudly that their children are doing something every day of the week after school from music lessons to sport to tutoring as well as weekend activities. There is a danger of overscheduling children's lives as the choice out there is mindboggling. Having so many options is wonderful but it does place a new set of pressures on parents/carers. Many complain that family life is like now living in a hamster wheel, always in constant motion, with hardly a time to catch their breath. The cost of loading children up with scheduled activities is that many do not get the chance for free play, or simply 'vegging out' on the couch. The benefits of all this activity in terms of children's skill development, personal growth and broadening social horizons is well-founded.

However finding a balance is tricky as every child, and every family is different.



Positive Behaviour for Learning

PBL

Focus on friendships

There has been a spate of movies where some of the characters are cast as "mean girls". They are purported to be popular and to attract followers but the reality is that no one likes people who say and do mean things. The children who are truly popular and have friends are the ones who know how to say a kind and appreciative word to others. They build others up or "fill their buckets". As parents/carers, we should be encouraging our children to be "builders and fillers". If they build others up or fill their buckets with kind and encouraging words, they are actually building a friendship base, which is likely to stay with them for a lifetime. We are sure you have friends whose company you delight in when you see them because you come away feeling uplifted and energised. These friendships are the ones that see us through the hard times.



Screen Time Tips for parents

- Before you switch on the TV or the computer for your children, stop and think – could they spend the time being active and have some 'small screen' time later on?
- Set limits on TV viewing. If there is a specific program that your child wants to watch, turn the TV off once it is finished. Alternatively, record the program and watch it together later on.
- Set limits for computer games and being online – no more than 2 hours a day and not during daylight hours when they could be outside and active.
- Don't allow a TV or computer in your child's bedroom. Keep them in a common area of the family home so you can monitor use.
- Have a list of active indoor and outdoor games or activities for your children, so you can suggest alternatives to watching TV or playing on the computer.

Environmental Education

Arbors held their Training Day this week. Students learnt more about our environmental initiatives such as worm farming, composting and garden maintenance. They also conducted waste, water and energy audits of their buddy classes. Data

collected will be used to guide mini lessons, Arbors will teach their buddy classes and to notify the school of any issues that may need special attention.

Clean Up Australia Day is on Sunday 3 March for community members. Why not get out and about with family and friends and clean up our local area. Not only does cleaning up our local area help beautify our spaces but stops this waste making its way into our waterways effecting both land and water animals.

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

Mrs Jennifer Franks

Clean up Australia Day

On Friday March 1, Jasper Road Public School students and staff will be participating in Clean Up Australia Day 2019. Students are encouraged to bring their own gloves, as we clean up the school grounds (K - 2), Masonic area (Yr 3 - 4) and surrounding streets (Yr 5 - 6). Students will be supervised by teachers and will be reminded not to pick up sharps. Participating in Schools Clean Up is a great way to inspire students to learn about the impact of rubbish on our local environment while playing an active role in our community.



Sports News

Summer PSSA

Congratulations to all students who successfully made a Summer PSSA team. The competition begins Friday 1 March. Notes have been sent home and are to be returned to the PSSA Coach ASAP.

Good luck to all our teams in their respective competitions.

Jasper Road PS Sport

3-6 Sport at Jasper Road will also commence on Friday 1 March. Information regarding this sport will be distributed to students in the coming week.

Mr Tom Gosper & Mrs Olga Parramon
Sports Coordinators

Library News

Welcome to all our 2019 families. Most students have already begun borrowing from the library. Teachers will be informing you of their class library day once timetables have been finalized. All students except Year 6 will need a library bag to be able to take books home. Students in Years 3-6 can borrow up to 4 books for a period of 2 weeks. Year 2 will begin the year borrowing three books, Year 1 two and Kindergarten one. K-2 are encouraged to return their books weekly and borrow new books. This will get them into a good habit of reading daily and being organized and responsible with the borrowing procedure.

Happy reading
Mrs Tokatlian

School Events / Updates

Beatrice.L auditioned for a selective choir within the Australian Girls Choir and was accepted into the Beecroft Cantissimo specialist group for 2019. Only a small number of choristers were selected from hundreds of girls. Congratulations on her achievement.

All Things P&C



Many hands help our school grow

The Fundraising Committee are all working hard preparing for our upcoming events. Here is a taste for what is coming up.

Wednesday March 13 – Easter Raffle Mufti Day and DISCO

Wednesday March 13 is Mufti Day at JRPS. This means that students don't have to wear their school uniform for the day. If they do not wear their uniform, we are asking for a gold coin donation. Proceeds from the mufti day will be used to purchase prizes for our upcoming Easter Raffle.

Our first Disco of the year is also on Wednesday March 13 in the school hall. As always there are two discos held. Kindergarten to Year 2 are from 4:30pm to 5:45pm and then Years 3 to 6 from 6:00pm to 7:30pm. The disco is a highlight for the kids each term and we have no doubt that they will have a fantastic time.

Keep an eye around the school in the coming weeks for details of the theme – everyone loves a dress up!

Saturday 23 March – State Election BBQ and Cake Stall

Just a week later we have the state election BBQ and Cake Stall on Saturday 23 March. This is a great opportunity for the community to come together and help us raise some money for our school.

In order to make our events as successful as possible we greatly appreciate the help of our families. If you are available to help out at these events please email our Volunteer Co-ordinator Shontelle on jaffatjasperroad@hotmail.com

And don't forget donations are still open to support Team Jasper who have done such a great job supporting our school. To donate visit

<http://coleccion2019.everydayhero.com/au/team-jasper>

Entertainment Book Orders:

Every purchase contributes 20% back to the school for fundraising. Visit by click 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 25 February 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 27 February in the Cottage at 9:15am and we welcome all parents. Children are also welcome.

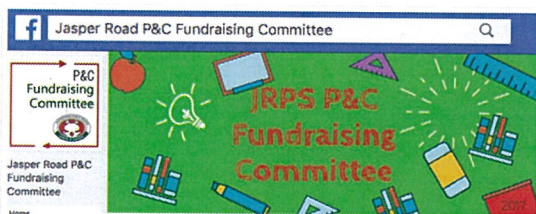
Contact the P&C Committees

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!



**MODEL FARMS
HIGH SCHOOL**

For Years 5 & 6
Students and Families

OPEN NIGHT

**Tuesday
5th March 2019
6.30pm School Hall**

**Information Performances
Displays Tours**

**Out of area applications
most welcome.**

Individual daytime tours and
interviews available.

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Community Notices

CRESTWOOD HIGH SCHOOL
Enrolment Enquiries 9639 - 7422

**OPEN NIGHT
26th February**

Enrolment Enquiries

Year 5-6 Enrolment	Year 7-8 Enrolment
Year 9-10 Enrolment	Year 11-12 Enrolment
Year 13-14 Enrolment	Year 15-16 Enrolment
Year 17-18 Enrolment	Year 19-20 Enrolment
Year 21-22 Enrolment	Year 23-24 Enrolment
Year 25-26 Enrolment	Year 27-28 Enrolment
Year 29-30 Enrolment	Year 31-32 Enrolment
Year 33-34 Enrolment	Year 35-36 Enrolment
Year 37-38 Enrolment	Year 39-40 Enrolment
Year 41-42 Enrolment	Year 43-44 Enrolment
Year 45-46 Enrolment	Year 47-48 Enrolment
Year 49-50 Enrolment	Year 51-52 Enrolment
Year 53-54 Enrolment	Year 55-56 Enrolment
Year 57-58 Enrolment	Year 59-60 Enrolment
Year 61-62 Enrolment	Year 63-64 Enrolment
Year 65-66 Enrolment	Year 67-68 Enrolment
Year 69-70 Enrolment	Year 71-72 Enrolment
Year 73-74 Enrolment	Year 75-76 Enrolment
Year 77-78 Enrolment	Year 79-80 Enrolment
Year 81-82 Enrolment	Year 83-84 Enrolment
Year 85-86 Enrolment	Year 87-88 Enrolment
Year 89-90 Enrolment	Year 91-92 Enrolment
Year 93-94 Enrolment	Year 95-96 Enrolment
Year 97-98 Enrolment	Year 99-100 Enrolment