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## Principal's Address

On Monday morning I parked in the staff car park, hopped out of my car and stood marvelling at the back oval. It had already been a week since Super Saturday but the memories will last forever. Last week was a fantastic representation of how we continue to 'Communicate', Educate' and 'Celebrate' as a school community.

## CELEBRATE

Last week started with Super Saturday which was an incredible celebration of the Jasper Rd community. Throughout the week, my phone has continued to ring off the hook with messages of support and congratulations. When I started this project it was always my aim to provide the best possible grounds and facilities for our students. The media attention and visiting guests were just a bonus. I would like to thank all our sponsors for their work not only on the day but preparing the grounds in the lead up. We now have a state of the art irrigation system installed along with drainage and obviously new turf. This was only made possible due to the support of these amazing companies.

Thank you to:

- Dad and Dave's Turf
- Evergreen Turf
- Australian Turf Projects
- Toro Irrigation

As a community celebration, we certainly succeeded. A huge gallery of photos from the day has been uploaded to our website at:

<https://jasperroad-p.schools.nsw.gov.au/gallery/super-saturday-hogs-for-the-homeless-event.html>



After tallying up money on the day, this week I handed over \$3000 to Youth off the Streets. These funds will be used to directly to address youth homelessness and I thank the community for their donations on the day.

## EDUCATE

Our second event last week was our parent workshop led by Mr Justin Caban. It was lovely to meet so many new parents/carers and relatives at this event with incredible attendance of just under 100 parents spelling, sounding out and learning about our new phonics program. The feedback from the workshop has been overwhelming and we are already planning a second session for later in the year. This was just one planned workshop with many more already on the calendar. Our aim is to engage with our parents and through education, build strong partnerships that build upon the work we do in the classroom. It is not about the quantity of work they complete at home through homework, but rather the quality of discussion and support that is offered.



## CALENDAR

In the issue of the newsletter, we have included the school calendar for the whole year. This is another way that we are hope to better communicate school activities and provide families with time to plan upcoming events. There may be minimal additions to the calendar due to events that are planned externally but do not have a locked in date at time



of publishing. This year we have planned a number of parent workshops and coffee mornings. These are fantastic ways for us to engage with the community in an informal manner. We hope this calendar provides a fantastic resource for the community and finds a place 'on the fridge'.

## SUN SMART

School sunglasses are now available at the front office. These are on sale for \$12 and add extra protection from the sun. **Only school sunglasses may be worn.** Please remember that this time of year is a high risk time for sunburn. All school students are also required to bring and wear a school hat during outdoor times. **No hat, play in the shade under the hall COLA!** All students need to protect themselves from UV radiation. Until around May UV levels in NSW are high. Research shows that protecting skin and eyes from UV in the first 15 years of life significantly reduces skin cancer risk later on.

**Mr Craig Warner**  
**Principal**

## From the Deputy Principals

### Mobile Phones

Please note that mobile phones brought to school must be switched off before the child enters the school gates and only switched back on when they leave the school grounds. The following is from our current policy as mandated by the NSW Department of Education.

**Mobile Phone Policy**

If students need to contact their parents with a substantial reason then they may do so from the school office after they have provided a reason to the Deputy Principal.

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.
- The telephone must not be lent to any other student.
- If the student breaches any of the above restrictions then the mobile phone will be **confiscated** by school staff and left with the Principal. The student will then be responsible for collecting the phone at the end of the school day (3:00pm).
- The school **WILL NOT TAKE RESPONSIBILITY** nor **INVESTIGATE** any situation resulting in the damage or loss of a mobile phone brought to school by a student. Students who bring phones to school do so at their own risk.

When attending excursions or camps outside of school, the same restriction will apply.

### Extra-Curricular Opportunities

We are very fortunate at Jasper Road Public School to have such a broad range of extra-curricular opportunities on offer in academic, sporting, creative and performing arts and leadership areas. We are able to offer such opportunities due to the generosity and commitment of our teachers who devote their break times and their personal time to run auditions / selections, rehearse with and coach groups, attend performances and events and complete the considerable administrative tasks that many of these roles also entail. Over the last few years we have increased the extra-curricular opportunities available to our students, with examples being the addition of musical theatre, Kids Lit Quiz, the expansion of our dance program from one dance group to three, our extensive Arbors group and the establishment of a chess club. Ideally, we can have as many students as possible involved in extra-curricular programs. However, some activities require a selection process to take place as we are often limited by

student:teacher ratios and restrictions placed on us by organisations running competitions and events, where the total number of students who can perform or participate is limited by the organisers. Unfortunately this means in some cases students who attend trials / selections do miss out. Whilst missing out can be very disappointing for some children; modelling resilience and helping them recognise that feeling sad or disappointed at times is a normal human experience, as well as encouraging them to continue to look for other opportunities when they arise, can make a big difference.

### An Impatient Generation

In one of Simon Sinek's most famous talks, he speaks about the current generation of children growing up in a world that gratifies them. He speaks of children who can post a picture and receive digital praise within seconds, he speaks of children not needing to look up a movie time and instead they stream it straight away and of kids who cannot persist with tasks long enough to learn the valuable life skills that come with it. We can all agree these are very real issues and are creating a generation that through no fault of their own are impatient. But, what I want to highlight is an emerging issue we've seen with parents that has stemmed from the issues raised above. Children have not been challenged with enough alternatives to the instant gratification model and therefore parents are buying into it themselves. We want to be great parents/carers but we're giving children more 'things' more often, in fact more often than any other generation in history but, and here's the real issue, we're doing it without teaching them the value of money or the persistent effort it took to generate it. Children want things now and therefore the life skill of patience and persistence are dying but the real detrimental thought process is coming from parents who are now assessing tasks that their child would or wouldn't do based on the amount of effort their child could handle. "Oh that's too much effort, she'll never do it." This is now a common subconscious thought or outspoken message from parents when their child is presented with a task that we deem 'too much for them'. We haven't seen the issue of impatience and looked for ways in which to reverse it, we've unfortunately not noticed it was there at all and hence have instead been asking the world on behalf of our children to provide easier, shorter and less problematic tasks for our children (consciously or subconsciously). We need to make sure that a task that asks for sustained persistence or the ability for a child to keep coming back to the problem to find a solution have not been removed from the table of ideas completely. Children need to be challenged with tasks that are beyond their attention span if they are ever to be extended and grow in attention span, skills and intellect.

### Talking to your child about school

We all want to see how our child's day has been but many times when we ask questions we get limited response from our child/ren. Do you ask your child "So how was school today?"..... And you get an answer like "fine" or "good," which doesn't tell you a whole lot..... AND YOU WANT TO KNOW A WHOLE LOT MORE!!!!

If you want to ask your child one thing about their day how about you try one of these questions:



1. What was the best thing that happened at school today?
2. Tell me something that made you think today.
3. If you could choose from what you did today, what would you like to learn more about?
4. Where is the coolest place at the school?
5. Tell me a weird word that you heard today. (Or something weird that someone said.)
6. If I called your teacher tonight, what would she tell me about you?
7. How did you help somebody today?
8. How did somebody help you today?
9. Tell me one thing that you learned today.
10. When were you the happiest today?

## Moving into Year 7 in a NSW Government school

On Monday we will be sending home with students in Year 6 a "Moving into Year 7 in a NSW Government school" information guide. It is available from the link below in a range of different languages with the English form an interactive one.

<https://education.nsw.gov.au/public-schools/going-to-a-public-school/translated-documents/enrolment-eoi-yr7>



You can fill one of the electronic versions or the paper one sent home but the electronic one must be printed and sent back to the school. If you fill in an electronic version you will need to go the NSW Public School Finder for the high school that the Department of Education has indicated is your local high school. Click on the red box High School Student and then type your address. This will let you know which school to put on your form. **However** JRPS staff have already filled this in for you on the form sent home, for your convenience. All our local high schools are outstanding educational facilities.



If you wish to be **considered** for a school that is not your local school **don't** sign the box in Part B. On Page 6 do not complete the "Primary school principal use only" box but directly underneath it is this box

Only complete the information below if you are applying for placement at non-local schools. You do not need to complete this section if you are applying for specialist schools, a specific program in a school or a support class. If necessary, please attach additional information in support of your request for placement at non-local schools. Refer to pages 2 and 3 for further information.

Name of Choice 1 school:

Please outline your reasons for seeking placement at this school (refer to the school's specific enrolment criteria):

Complete these boxes to be considered. If you are seeking other placements please list up to three schools in order of preference in Section C.

If you are considering other placement most schools have specific placement criteria for non-local enrolments. **If you are unsure if you need to complete any additional forms, please make direct contact with the school that you are interested in.** You will need to provide reasons for seeking non-local placement, for example:

- proximity or access to the school
- brothers or sisters already enrolled at the school
- access to a single-sex or co-educational school
- disability or medical-related reasons
- safety and supervision of your child before and after school
- availability of subjects or combinations of subjects at the school
- your child's special interests and abilities
- compassionate circumstances
- the structure and organisation of the school.

The school enrolment panel will only consider the information on this form and other relevant documentation you provide.

Please read the rest of the guide if you are considering non-local placement. Otherwise please return your paperwork back to the school (the Expressions of Interest forms) on or before 19 March 2019

**Debby Bezzina and Vanessa Rogers**  
Deputy Principals

## 2019 Selective High School Placement Test

Applicants for Year 7 placement in a selective high school in 2020 are required to take the Selective High School Placement Test to be held from 9.00am to 1.30pm **on Thursday 14 March 2019.**

The test centre for JRPS students is:

Seven Hills High School  
Johnson Ave, SEVEN HILLS NSW 2147

Go to the link below to find:


- A map of test centre addresses under the heading 'The test'.
- The bulletin, Test information for parents and students. The bulletin contains very important information about the test and should be read carefully.

<https://education.nsw.gov.au/public-schools/selective-high-schools-and-opportunity-classes/year-7>



## Harmony Day – Wednesday 20 March

### HARMONY DAY



**Wednesday 20 March 2019**  
**Theme: Everyone Belongs**  
**We're going orange for Harmony Day!**

Students are invited to come to school wearing cultural dress or orange clothes to celebrate Harmony Day!




**Harmony Day Coffee & Conversation Morning!**

**When:** Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> March  
**Time:** 8.30am  
**Where:** JRPS Hall

All parents, carers and community members are also invited to an informal coffee morning. This is a great chance to come and meet other parents and staff to celebrate that everyone belongs. Come for a coffee and stay for a chat!



**EVERYONE BELONGS**  
[www.harmony.gov.au](http://www.harmony.gov.au)



## Sports News

Summer PSSA is now up and running and all teams have been training and playing with the amazing Jasper Road spirit.

### PSSA Summer Draw

Week 6 – Friday 8 March		
Sport	Opposition	Location
Cricket	Matthew Pearce	Francesco Crescent Reserve
Basketball		Fred Caterson
Touch football	Excelsior	Ted Horwood 4
Softball / T Ball	North Rocks	Eric Mobbs Reserve

Week 7 – Friday 15 March		
Sport	Opposition	Location
Cricket	Baulkham Hills	Eric Mobbs Reserve
Basketball		Fred Caterson
Touch football	Matthew Pearce	McCoy Park
Softball/T Ball	Winston Heights	Gooden Drive Reserve

Week 8 – Friday 22 March		
Sport	Opposition	Location

### Week 8 – Friday 22 March

Cricket	North Rocks	Eric Mobbs Reserve
Basketball	Kellyville	Fred Caterson
Touch football	Northmead	Ted Horwood 4
Softball/T Ball	Winston Hills	Eric Mobbs Reserve

## Swimming Carnival



On Friday 22 February, Jasper Road held their annual Swimming Carnival at Waves. The students and parents braved the ever changing weather to have a fantastic and successful day.

Congratulations to all our competitors on the day who swam with enthusiasm and gave it their all. You represented yourselves and your school with pride.

27 Jasper Road Students represented the school at the Castle Hill PSSA Zone Carnival on Thursday 7 March. We know you gave it your all and made our school proud.

**Mr Tom Gosper and Mrs Olga Parramon**  
**PSSA Coordinators**

## Library News

### Ebooks

Once again, we have subscribed to the Wheeler's eBook collection of over 1500 electronic books. There are three ways to access the titles in the collection:

1. Through the library catalogue, which can be accessed from anywhere online. Students need to log into their student portal page using their student username and password and follow the Oliver library link at the top of the page
2. By logging onto the Wheelers website below using the student username and password
3. By downloading the eplatform app from the app store onto your tablet or smartphone, selecting the Jasper Road Public School library and logging in using student username and password. This is the best method.

<https://jasperroad.wheelers.co/>



There has been much interest from the students to access the eBooks and students from Year 3 to Year 6 will be reminded how to do this.

Please encourage and support this interest by acknowledging that reading on any platform is still reading. What a great way to encourage reading for pleasure, connecting it to students' love of technology.

## Premiers Reading Challenge

The Premiers Reading Challenge (PRC) 2019 begins on Monday 4 March when the website will be live for recording students' reading and accessing book lists. In our library books from the PRC book lists have labels on the spine as follows:



Access the Premiers Reading Challenge website here:

<https://online.det.nsw.edu.au/prc/home.html>

On the home page you will notice the PRC student site. Please encourage your children to take charge of their own challenge by going through this site, especially older students.

You have till the end of August to read the allocation of books which is 20 for 3-6 and 30 for K-2. If you can't find the answers to your questions on the website please feel free to see Mrs Tokatlian or Mrs Bugeja in the library.

## Overdue books

Thank you to the families who have already returned overdue books. Unlike public libraries, we do not charge for overdue books but we do expect that books loaned from the library be returned within a fair period to allow other students to borrow them. Unfortunately, there are still a number of books outstanding from 2018.

Although a thorough shelf check has been done for these books, if you believe that you already returned the books please let Mrs Tokatlian or Mrs Bugeja know so that we can make a note of this.

Also, please allow your children to continue borrowing even if you cannot locate previously borrowed books or pay for them at this moment. The skills they gain in doing so go beyond reading and include:

- being organised and responsible with school property
- collaborating with peers discussing and recommending books read
- developing skills of selection from a vast collection, and
- extending their reading interest beyond what a home library can offer.

We do not stop children from borrowing if they have overdue books.

## Happy reading

**Mrs Anni Tokatlian, Mrs Michelle Bugeja and Mrs Suzanne Martin**

## Hillsbus – Using Opal School Bus Pass

One of the requirements travelling on Hillsbus is the need for students to tap on and off when they travel to and from school.

Opal data gathered by tapping on and off is used to determine demand for bus services. If students don't tap on and tap off, services may be cancelled due the lack of recorded patronage.

Your assistance helps Hillsbus to ensure they are able to provide the appropriate level of service to students

## School Events / Updates

Nathan L recently competed in the ACT International Open Judo Championships 2019 winning a Bronze medal in the Junior Boys Category. This is his second time competing in an international Judo Championship.

Nathan has been a judoka in OKO Judo Club for almost three years his friend Lucas Z joined the club in February 2018. Both of them have benefited a lot from this wonderful Olympic Sport. They have become more confident and respectful. Besides the great value of friendship and respect, children also learn basic skills of self-protection to minimise potential physical injuries in Judo contest, such as lifting head when landing on the ground. This can be extremely useful in reality.

## Message from the P&C President

I would like to start by saying a massive thank you to you all for your support on Super Saturday. Whether it was cooking the bbq, serving or laying the turf, your support was amazing. The way our school community worked together with our staff and the wonderful donors shows how when we have a common goal, great things can be achieved. The grounds look amazing, and this is all thanks to Craig Warner. He has worked tirelessly for a long time to garner support for our children. Massive thanks also to our fantastic staff who supported Craig and our community before, during and after the event.

- Immense gratitude to:
- Dad & Dave Turf
- Evergreen Turf
- Elite Sand & Soil
- Australian Turf Project
- Richard Callander
- Toro Australia

These companies donated their time, labour and product, so please if you ever can support them, don't hesitate.



Huge thanks also to all the companies and individuals who donated prizes for the raffle. We are truly appreciative of your support.

Our next major event is the State Election. We need a lot of helpers on this day to assist with cooking and serving on the bbq and cake stall. If you can spare an hour or two please help us. This will be the first of 2 big bbqs this year. The second one will be in May?? when the Federal election is expected to be called. Many hands make light work, and all funds raised go back to our children...especially now that we have all this beautiful grass to maintain.

I'm also excited to announce that we have formed a partnership with Bakers Delight in Stockland Mall Baulkham Hills. You will soon receive a card to show every time you make a purchase. A percentage of your purchase will be donated to the school. We will also be having a dough raiser leading up to Easter selling hot cross buns. So please support the school and support Bakers Delight.

Thank you again for your continued support. Our meetings are held on Monday evenings at 7pm in Weeks 2, 5 and 8 in the staff room. I encourage you to try and make time to attend. It a great way to be informed of what is happening at Jasper Road and there are always members of the school executive in attendance. You are all most welcome to attend and have any questions answered.

So if I don't see you before hand, I'll see you at the State election BBQ on the 23rd March.

**Warm regards**  
**Karen Titterton**

## All Things P&C



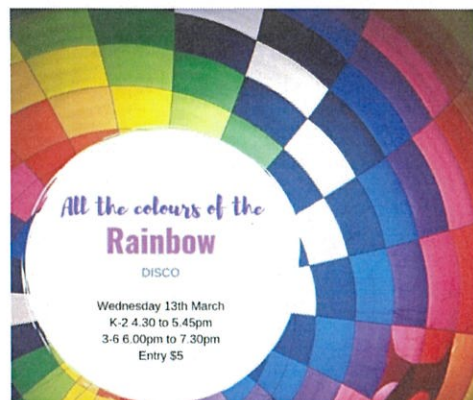
Many hands help our school grow

### MUFTI DAY - Wednesday 13 March

Mufti Day is Wednesday 13 March. This means children don't have to wear their school uniform on this day. If they do not wear their uniform, they must bring in a **gold coin donation**.

The proceeds from the mufti day will be a donation towards purchasing eggs for our Easter Raffle on Wednesday April 10. Please keep an eye out for our Easter Raffle tickets that will be sent home with students in the coming weeks.

## All the Colours of the Rainbow DISCO



The All the Colours of the Rainbow disco is next Wednesday. The discos are a highlight of the term for the students and we have no doubt that this one will be a fantastic event. We still need some parent helpers so if you are able to help out please email us at [jaffatjasperroad@hotmail.com](mailto:jaffatjasperroad@hotmail.com)

A copy of the Disco T&C's can be found below. We ask all parents to read them and discuss them with your children before the event.

### Election Day Event – Saturday 23 March

This is the first of our Election Day Events for 2019 and they are always very busy days. A note went home last week asking for volunteers to bake before the day and to help on the day. We really appreciate all your help and remember all monies raised on the day go directly to helping our school.

Please send the notes back to school with the times that you are available to help or email us at [jaffatjasperroad@hotmail.com](mailto:jaffatjasperroad@hotmail.com)

As a reminder if you will be volunteering at Jasper Road PS in any capacity which places you in contact with students that you are not related to, Department of Education requires you to complete a Working with Children Declaration form and identity check.

### Thank you

Thank you to all our brilliant volunteers who helped at the recent Super Saturday BBQ. The day was a roaring success and we appreciate the work that you all put into it.

Thanks you to parents Karen Titterton, Shontelle Prudames, Akanksha Agarwal, Deck Salfus, Dave Gilbert, Steve Walker, Evelyn Hall, Amber McPherson, Anitha Venkatraman, Mark McPherson, Clara McGinty, Kathy Piggot, Simone Jones, Bradley Jones, Garth Jones, David Gowanloch, Greig Latham.

A special thank you to students Rhys T, Connor T, Ben G, Darby P, Grace K, Brady P for all your help.

### Disco T&C's

Dear Parents and Carers

During the disco, children will be well supervised by teachers and assisted by P&C members who have registered to volunteer.



Below is a copy of the terms and conditions that will apply to this event. It is very important that you read these and explain them to your children if they are attending the event.

## TERMS AND CONDITIONS FOR JASPER ROAD SCHOOL DISCO

**K-2 DISCO:** Starts 4:30pm Concludes 5:45pm

**3-6 DISCO:** Starts 6:00pm Concludes 7:30pm

- Our disco is operating as a closed door policy. All students will be dropped off at the hall door and picked up from within the hall at the conclusion of the disco.
- Students are not permitted to leave the disco. Students require teacher supervision if they want to use the toilets.
- We ask that where possible, parents/carers leave the school grounds and return to pick up their children at the end of the disco.
- At the conclusion of the disco session, students **MUST** be collected from the hall by their parent/ designated carer. Older siblings must be 16 years or older to collect JRPS students.
- Only students, teachers, registered P&C volunteers and disco operator are permitted in the hall at any time.
- Students can only attend their own age group disco session.
- Any 3-6 students waiting for their session or remaining after the K-2 session must be under the direct supervision of their parents/carers.
- No pre-schoolers or relatives of students are permitted to participate in the disco, it is for Jasper Road PS students only. Preschoolers must be supervised at all times by parents/carers.
- Please ensure that your child wears appropriate clothing and footwear that is suitable for dancing.
- All teachers and P&C members that are supervising and helping on the night are there for your child's safety. If they are acting inappropriately they will be asked to stop that behaviour.
- Running, sliding or throwing items are not permitted.
- If your child behaves in an unsafe manner you will be phoned to collect them immediately.
- There is **NO SMOKING** whilst you are on the school grounds.
- Please **NO** photography or video inside the hall.
- Please be at the school hall promptly to pick up your children at the end of the school disco.

***We look forward to seeing everyone there!***

**P&C Fundraising Committee**

## Next P&C Meeting

Our next meeting is on Monday 18 March 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 20 March 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](mailto:pandcatjasperroad@hotmail.com)

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

If you're able to help out at any of the events during the year (disco, mothers/father's day stalls, BBQ's etc) please send us an email and we'll add you to our volunteer list!

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

