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Principal's Address

It's been my great pleasure last fortnight to continue visiting classrooms every morning. It is always my aim to be able to spend lots of time interacting with students and teachers in classrooms. I've been so impressed with how visually exciting, positive, warm and welcoming all our classrooms are and how happy and confident our students are to share their knowledge and learning with me when I visit.

KIDS LIT QUIZ

Last Wednesday 8 March very excited students from Stage 3 attended the Kids' Lit Quiz championships at Cerdon College, Merrylands. The Kids' Lit Quiz is an annual literature quiz for students aged 10 - 13 years with over 48 schools competing on the day from both private and public schools across Western Sydney. Teams of four students are asked to answer 100 questions on children's literature which are divided into ten categories, which vary each year. It is with great excitement that I can announce that Jasper Rd Public School were the overall winners of the championships and will now go on to represent Western Sydney at the National Final to be held at the NSW State Library next term. This is a massive accomplishment for the students and I know that the community will pass on their congratulations to all the students that attended. As current state debating champions and now Kids' Lit Quiz champions, Jasper Rd students are certainly showcasing their talents throughout the state.



HARMONY DAY

Last fortnight we held our Harmony Day celebrations beginning with a parent coffee and conversation morning. Unfortunately I had to give my apologies but the morning was extremely well attended with over 80 parents dropping by for a cuppa and a chat. Our coffee and conversation mornings are a great opportunity to meet other parents, talk to staff and hear about the amazing things in the community. Our next coffee morning will be a special celebration for Mothers Day next term.

Jasper Rd Public School

Muffins with Mum

Thursday 9 May
8.15am - Hall COLA

All mothers, nanna's and carers are invited to a special Coffee Morning to celebrate Mothers Day. Students are invited to stay until the bell sounds and spend a morning with their loved one. Come for coffee, stay for a chat!

Later in the day we held our Harmony Day celebrations in all classroom. Each year Harmony Day celebrates Australian multiculturalism. Australia is one of the most successful multicultural countries in the world and we should celebrate this and work to maintain it. Harmony Week is about inclusiveness, respect and belonging for all Australians, regardless of culture.

The day finished with the creation of a mural which is now proudly on display outside the office.



PSSA KNOCKOUTS & CHESS

This year we will be participating in a number of Knockout championships across the year. Last week our Boys Cricket team played their second round match against Riverbank Public School winning convincingly. This was followed up by a forfeit this week meaning that the team proceeds to the State Semi Finals to be held next term. Congratulations to the boys and good luck in future matches.

This week we also competed in the Regional Chess Championships. One hundred and forty two students from nineteen schools across Western Sydney participated with Jasper Rd placing third. This is the second year running that we have placed in the competition and we now proceed to the State Semi Finals later in the year. Congratulations to our winning team.

The PSSA and Chess championship are another way that we are providing opportunities not only in the classroom but outside through artistic fields, academic competitions or on the sporting paddock

K-2 EASTER HAT PARADE

The K-2 (ES1 and Stage 1) Easter Hat Parade will be held on Tuesday, April 9 at 11:30am around the primary COLA. Children will need to make an Easter hat at home and bring it to school on the morning of the parade. Easter hats should be the children's work, fostering their creativity and design skills. The hats do not need to be elaborate. Please ensure that your child's Easter hat is clearly labelled with their name. Please note, that full school uniform must be worn on the day. Parents and visitors are welcome to attend. We look forward to seeing you there.

ICAS

After discussion with neighbouring schools, Jasper Road PS along with our community of schools will not be hosting ICAS assessments in 2019. This year, the University of New South

Wales has changed its ICAS assessments to an online only format. We are unable to support these tests with the technology they require. These assessments are also traditionally completed outside of class hours with significant 'man hours' required for setup and supervision. The assessments impose an administrative strain on our office and teaching staff, with no remuneration from the UNSW nor value to our school learning programs. As a school, we do not value nor use the data obtained from these assessments to inform our teaching and learning. Should you wish your child to complete the ICAS assessments, visit the ICAS website to enquire about the nearest testing centre.

<https://www.unswglobal.unsw.edu.au/educational-assessments/products/icas-assessments/>

WOOLWORTHS EARN AND LEARN

Our school will once again be participating in the Woolworths Earn & Learn promotion. Between **Wednesday 1 May and Tuesday 25 June 2019**, collect as many stickers as



you can. With every \$10 spent* at Woolworths, one sticker is collected. These can be placed onto the Earn & Learn sticker sheets and dropped into the collection box in the front office or at your local Woolworths. Last time, our school was able to raise 47,000 stickers - enough to earn lots of maths and PDHPE equipment. This year, we are aiming for 50,000 stickers. Keep an eye out for information promoting the program and thank you in advance for supporting our school.

SUNGLASSES

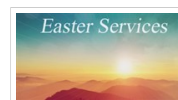
Thank you to the community for the amazing response to the introduction of sunglasses. Unfortunately we have 'sold out' on several occasions due to the fantastic uptake from families but all sizes are now back in stock at the front office. Last year the Department of the Education adjusted their sun safety policy to promote the optional 'sliding' on of shades. Children's eyes are unable to block as much UV radiation as adult's eyes, making children's eyes more susceptible to the damage caused by UV rays. By providing this option, we are aiming to provide a learning environment for shaping positive health choices while educating our students of the risks of UV rays and how to limit exposure via sun- safe strategies. I remind all parents that the wearing of sunglasses is optional and only Jasper Rd glasses may be worn.

Mr Craig Warner
Principal

From the Deputy Principals

Combined Easter service

The Easter Service will be held Tuesday April 9 in the hall for all students who attend Catholic and Protestant Scripture. A permission note has gone home with students who go to other scripture groups, ethics or non-scripture if you would like them to attend the service.



ANZAC Service



Time to return Perpetual Trophies

If your child received a perpetual trophy at any of the 2018 Presentation assemblies, could we please ask that they are returned to the front office before the end of the term 2.



Vanessa Rogers and Kirrily Dunn
(acting)
Deputy Principals

Environmental Education

Having a waste free recess and lunch is a great way to help the environment, save money and eat healthier. During a recent waste audit, we found that most of the rubbish in the playground was actually from recess type wrappers e.g., chip and biscuit packets, as well as plastic spoons and forks and straw slips.



For those families who already pack a waste free lunch box, we say a big THANK YOU.

Think GREEN because together we CAN make a difference.

Mrs Jennifer Franks

Sports News

Summer PSSA

Summer PSSA has now finished for Term 1 and will recommence at the end of Term 3.

Winter PSSA

Winter PSSA Trails will be held on Friday mornings in weeks 10 and 11.

- The Winter PSSA Sports are:
- Soccer (Boys and Girls)
- Rugby League (Mixed)
- Netball (Mixed)
- Newcombe Ball (Mixed)
- AFL (Mixed)

Students wanting to trial are to be in full sports uniform and have their hat and drink bottle.

Castle Hill PSSA

Jasper Road Public School is a member of the Castle Hill Zone PSSA. The Zone has now created a Facebook Page where all updates and information is posted. This includes cancellation of PSSA on Fridays.

Sport Representatives

Throughout the term Jasper Road, has had a number of students who have represented our Zone at Regional Carnivals.

In the Tennis Competition we had Liam P, Arya S, Alyx L and Ruhanni C. In the Girls Basketball we had Felicity E and Alice B.

Congratulations to these amazingly talented athletes and we look forward to congratulating more students throughout the year.



Tom Gosper and Olga Parramon
PSSA Coordinators

Band News

Notes from the Conductor

Wow, I can't believe this term is almost over!

All of our bands have done a superb job so far this year. Our Beginner Band has started rehearsing together and have already played over 15 pieces from the book together. Concert

Band are doing a fantastic job with their more difficult music - 'Nighthawk' and 'Very Cross Buns' are both quite challenging but everyone has worked hard and the music has come together. Our Performing Band have been working conscientiously on 'Overture Espanol', and we even played our piece 'Equinox' on the actual day of the equinox!

Keep up the great work, everyone, and as we start to approach term 2 and Band Camp, don't forget to 'Play Every Day'!

Mr Steve Clark

Library News

Access to ebooks

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

Premiers Reading Challenge

The Premiers Reading Challenge (PRC) 2019 has begun. Many students have already indicated that they are progressing well with their reading and record keeping.

Access the Premiers Reading Challenge website here for more information:

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

In our library books from the PRC book lists have labels on the spine as follows:



Please follow the instructions below to assist your children to participate in the Challenge through the Student Site, which makes searching for, and recording books read very simple:

You have until 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 in the library.

Holiday Borrowing

With the holidays fast approaching, we have decided to allow students to borrow books to enjoy in their break. Remember that public libraries also are a great way to access books free. During holiday periods, they have interesting events at no charge. Specialist bookshops also hold events such as writing

workshops and author talks that can be accessed although charges apply.

Benefits of reading and borrowing from libraries



Many students borrow regularly from our library. Their passion for books is evident and applaudable. 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.

There are students, however, who very rarely or never borrow books. I will be informing teachers who these students are and I hope together with families' support we can have all students borrowing regularly in Term 2.

Just a reminder, we do not stop children from borrowing if they have overdue books.

Happy reading

Mrs Tokatlian, Mrs Michelle Bugeja and Mrs Suzanne Martin

From the Office

Lost Property

As a school, we are accumulating a large amount of lost property. To assist, could you please make sure that all items of school clothing, hats, lunch boxes etc are labelled with both your child's name and their class on the inside. Your assistance with this is greatly appreciated, particularly when sorting through the clothes and returning them to their owners.

There are also a number of non-clothing items of lost property eg watches, wallets, jewellery etc. If you have lost anything like that please check with Ms Kirkness in the front office.

Uniform Shop

Winter uniforms are now available for purchase.

The uniform shop is open every Tuesday 2:30 - 4:00pm and Saturday from 1:30 - 3:00pm until end of term. Please remember that full winter uniform includes a tie for the boys and tie tab for the girls. These should be purchased before the start of Term 2.

All online ordering needs to be via QKR APP. Orders placed on the QKR APP will be delivered to the school office on Tuesday afternoon and they will be distributed to the children.

Please organise your child's winter uniform before end of term to ensure you are ready for next term.

- Last day of trading for this term will be Tuesday 9 April 2:30-4:00pm.
- Return Tuesday 30 April 2.30-4.00pm.

The uniform shop will not be open during the school holidays.

Kind Regards

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Uniforms

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School Events / Updates

Stage One Excursion

Last week, students from Stage One went on an excursion to Rouse Hill House and Farm. The excursion was a fantastic experience for students, as they were able to use their knowledge and understanding of content taught in the History unit 'Past and Present Family Life', to investigate the changes of life on a farm over time. Students loved getting dressed up and travelling back to 1889, to experience what school life would have been like; participating in activities including sowing, and physical activity such as marching and maypole dancing!



Leukaemia Foundation, World's Greatest Shave

Heidi F, Elizabeth W and Tana G from year 5 are participating in this years World's Greatest Shave raising money for the Leukaemia Foundation. Luckily they've decided not to shave their heads but on Sunday 14 April, they'll be dying their hair blue! All donations will help raise money to give families facing blood cancer the emotional and practical support they need. It will also fund vital research to help more people survive blood cancers, while improving their quality of life.

No donation is too small! If you'd like to donate to this great cause, please click on the link below and help their team beat their target!

<https://secure.leukaemiafoundation.org.au/registant/TeamFundraisingPage.aspx?teamID=115469>



P&C President

Just a quick note to say thank you to all our wonderful volunteers who have helped out this term. Whether is be with the disco, Easter raffle or one of our BBQ's we really appreciate your help. Thank you to all our wonderful staff who have assisted with supervising or organising events, we really value the extra time you invest in our children and school.

Wishing you all a wonderful break.

Stay Safe and see you all next term

Karen Titterton

P&C President

All Things P&C



Many hands help our school grow

Here we are in week 10 already and what a first term it has been. Thank you to everyone who has taken part in our fundraising events this term.

In order for our events to be a success we rely on parent and carer volunteers. To help with planning for the rest of the year we will shortly be sending out a volunteer callout letter. The aim of the letter is to provide everyone with as much notice as

possible of volunteering opportunities that are coming up. If you are able to volunteer for even an hour or two this will be a great help in making the events successful.

We still have one more fundraiser for Term 1 and that is our Easter Raffle.

The Easter Raffle will be drawn next Tuesday following the K-2 Easter Hat Parade. Please return all sold and unsold tickets and money by Monday April 8.

Mother's Day Stall

To kickstart term 2 we have our much loved Mother's Day Stall taking place on Tuesday 7 and Wednesday 8 May. Our event co-ordinator has worked hard to curate a beautiful range of gifts for mums, grandmothers and carers.

Kids - bring your coins (the total amount should not exceed \$10 per student) and a bag to hide your gift, to give your mum a special surprise this Mother's Day!

Please keep an eye out for a reminder email next term which will advise you which day your class will be visiting the stall.

If you are available to volunteer to help at the stalls we would love to hear from you. We need volunteers on Monday 6 from 9:15am until approximately 11:30am to setup for the stalls. We also need helpers for the stalls on Tuesday and Wednesday. If you are available please email us at jaffatjasperroad@hotmail.com

Save the Date

Comedy Night – Saturday 15 June

Disco – Thursday 27 June

Thank you

Thank you for all our wonderful volunteers who helped at our successful Election Day Event. As always, we appreciate all the work you do.

Shontelle Prudames, Dave Gilbert, Sarah Crowe, Amy Lowndes, Andrew Murray, Nicole Nixon, Amanda Yee, Kate Titterton, Savio Monis, Karen Titterton, Fiona Dingwall, Kimberleigh Andersson, Divya Azzi, Evelyn Hall, Heidi Taylor, Kate Freeman, Javad Shams, Mike Salter, Donna Thomas, Jeanitta Lee, Salema Barrett, Santhya Jagadesan, Ross Edwards, Wiebke Lackas, Maja Andersson, Richard Golding, Harvey Barrett, Justin Barrett, Vikki Jayewardene, Kim Coleman, Kelly Graham, Tina Anastasiadis, Elia Anastasiadis, Clara McGinty, Rachel Golding, Kathy Piggott and Harvey Barrett.

A special thanks to our student helpers Andrew A, Lucy G, Alex C, Olivia C and Lucy S.

And last but not least, to those of you who baked for the cake stall – thank you!



A big thank you also to our committee members Sarah Crowe and Fiona Dingwall for organising another great Easter Raffle. We cannot wait for you all to see the fantastic prizes!

Bakers Delight



Entertainment Book Orders

We are so excited to announce that the new 2019/2020 Entertainment Books are launching soon. Every purchase contributes 20% back to the school for fundraising. Visit the link below to securely order

<http://www.entbook.com.au/2151c99>

Next P&C Meeting

Our next meeting is on Monday 6 May at 7:00pm 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 15 May in the Cottage at 9:15am and we welcome all parents. Children are also welcome.

Contact the P&C Committees

P&C Committee: pandcatjasperroad@hotmail.com

Fundraising Committee: jaffatjasperroad@hotmail.com

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

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



Community Notices



FREE FOOTBALL TICKETS

Hyundai A-League 2018/19
Western Sydney Wanderers v Sydney FC
Saturday 13 April 2019 7.50pm
ANZ Stadium

Thanks to the Western Sydney Wanderers, the NSW Premier's Sporting Challenge and ANZ Stadium, students and staff at your school have the opportunity to witness these two Sydney giants go head to head!

As your school is participating in this year's NSW Premier's School Sport Challenge, up to **four (4) FREE tickets** are available for each student and staff member to redeem for the match.

Tickets are limited so be sure to secure them quickly for what will be a great evening of rugby league. To take up this fantastic offer, students and their parents should follow the below easy steps:

1. Simply go to the website: <http://www.anzstadium.com.au/premiers-sporting-challenge/>
2. Register details.
3. Print out the voucher and bring it with them on the day to enter ANZ Stadium via the gate listed on their vouchers to sit in general admission seating.

For additional information, please visit the ANZ Stadium website by [clicking here](#).

Please note:

- Students must have parental permission to participate in this offer.
- Each student is entitled to up to four (4) free tickets (limited to one registration per student).
- Match ticket voucher must be printed and presented at Stadium entry gates for entry to this match.
- There is a limit of 8,000 vouchers/tickets (redemption available to 2,000 individuals).
- Entry may be refused if match ticket vouchers are damaged or defaced in any way or redeemed in an unauthorised manner.
- If a match ticket voucher is resold or redeemed in an unauthorised manner it may be cancelled and the bearer of the ticket refused entry.
- Accessible seating is available within the allocated general admission seating area.

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in the Hall

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Years 6 to 9 5:15 to 6:15 pm

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