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Principal's Address

After the success of Super Saturday, it was lovely this week to take a step back from organisation and get into classrooms on a regular basis. Over the past fortnight I have visited many classrooms observing, demonstrating and/or assisting in phonics and guided reading. It is wonderful just sitting back at times and watching our masterful teachers 'go to work'.

ATTENDANCE

This year all classes K-6 are implementing an explicit phonics and spelling program for the first 30 minutes every morning. Phonics is a critical aspect to delivering competent readers and a new school scope and sequence has been created to ensure consistent delivery. It is imperative that your child arrives to school on time to ensure that they do not miss out on these essential skills. Each minute that a child is late adds up.

EVERY MINUTE COUNTS		
MINUTES LATE PER DAY	EQUIVALENT OF MISSING	HOW MANY LESSONS THIS IS MISSING
5 MINUTES	3.4 SCHOOL DAYS A YEAR	17 LESSONS
10 MINUTES	6.8 SCHOOL DAYS A YEAR	34 LESSONS
15 MINUTES	10.2 SCHOOL DAYS A YEAR	51 LESSONS
20 MINUTES	13.6 SCHOOL DAYS A YEAR	68 LESSONS
30 MINUTES	20.4 SCHOOL DAYS A YEAR	104 LESSONS

ROBOTICS/STEM

Last week staff began professional learning on the new science syllabus that has been released in all NSW schools. Full implementation of this syllabus will take place next term with all stages inquiring on 'Living World' concepts. The Living World strand explores living things and their needs through which students explore life cycles, structural adaptations and behaviours of living things.



To further support this document, our new robotics program has been implemented this semester for students in our Support Unit along with Stage 1 and Stage 3. Last week, I took delivery of three new 3D printers which Stage 3 classes will begin using from next term. A parent workshop has been organised to further 'Educate' parents in this area for later in the year.

GROUNDNS

The conclusion of Super Saturday does not bring the end of improvements to the school. During the Easter Holidays, I can announce that we will be extending the concrete area under the COLA and painting new handball squares and learning activities. We will also be creating a concreted 'grandstand' area at the end of the basketball court. This will create a space for student to sit, talk and learn whilst also reducing erosion, trip hazards and soil run off. All construction works should be completed ready for the resumption of Term 2.

During my leadership over the past year, I have estimated that over \$500,000 worth of refurbishments and improvements have been made, many at no cost to the school. This includes the sensory playground, artificial turf, office entry upgrade, heritage building reroof, upgraded walkways, hall ceiling repairs, drainage repairs, new seating, new signage and of course our new grassed area. I will continue to campaign for an updated school with upgraded facilities to ensure all students have access to a safe environment for learning.

VOLUNTARY CONTRIBUTIONS

The provision of quality education relies, not only on the quality of the teaching staff, but also on the quality of the resources, which we use to educate the children. We are fortunate to have an enthusiastic, talented and committed teaching staff and while they are keen to use the best resources available, they are well aware of the current economic climate and the hardships many families are experiencing.

The school has a voluntary contribution charter that was sent out to all families earlier in the year. Please note that these will be the only voluntary fees parents will be asked to pay. I thank the numerous parents that have already paid towards these fees and encourage all our parents to support this contribution. If you have misplaced this note then please contact the office. My guarantee is that every last dollar of all money raised will go directly back into your child's education thus ensuring that our students are provided with the very best learning opportunity and resources. The staff and students of Jasper Rd are always humbled by your generosity and amazing support.

Mr Craig Warner
Principal

From the Deputy Principals

20 year anniversary of Harmony celebrations

In 2019, the Department will lead national celebrations for the 20th anniversary of Harmony Day. This year the event will be renamed Harmony Week to recognise diversity and inclusion activities that take place during the entire week. Harmony Week will include 21 March, which is the United Nations International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination.

Since 1999, more than 77,000 Harmony Week events have been held in childcare centres, schools, community groups, churches, businesses and federal, state and local government agencies across Australia.



What is Harmony Week?

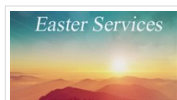
It is a time to celebrate Australian multiculturalism, and the successful integration of migrants into our community.

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 cultural or linguistic background, united by a set of core Australian values.

At Jasper Road Public School, Harmony Week is being celebrated this week. It is a time we look forward to as the children enjoy coming to school dressed in orange and enjoy participating in classroom activities that help them to gain a deeper understanding of what it means to live in a multicultural society.

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.

The K-2 (ES1 and Stage 1) 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. Mufti is to be worn on the day. Parents and visitors are welcome to attend. If the day is going to be warm perhaps using an alternative to melting chocolate eggs might be considered. We look forward to seeing you there. The K-2 teachers.



Vanessa Rogers and Kirrily Dunn (acting)
Deputy Principals

Environmental Education

This week Arbors, Year 2 and SM participated in the incursion EnviroMentors which was taught by educators from Keep Australia Beautiful. This incursion was paid for by The Hills Shire Council. Students learnt about litter, where it goes and how to recycle. They all walked away with a clearer understanding of litter and its effects on the environment, as well as, how they can personally reduce pollution and landfill through recycling.



THE HILLS
Sydney's Garden Shire

And the Recycling Continues!

GREAT NEWS

**We've just been awarded
a Woolworths Junior
Landcare Grant!**



I was excited to learn that Jasper Road Public School are recipients of the **Woolworths Junior Landcare Grant**. Our project is to reduce landfill by teaching students 'good habits'

and to encourage families and community members to recycle. Arbors will educate the wider school and parent communities about the importance of recycling. We will also set up recycling sites within the school playground for the Return and Earn program and worm food, and within rooms for paper/cardboard recycling.

Click on the link below to visit the Junior Landcare Grant recipients. Use the search tool to find our school.

<https://landcareaustralia.org.au/woolworthsgrants/maps/index.php>

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

Mrs Jennifer Franks

Sports News

Congratulations to all the children who competed in the School Swimming Carnival. To those that won a ribbon they will be presented at the next primary assembly, Thursday 28 March at 2pm

PSSA Summer Draw

Week 8 – Friday 22 March		
Sport	Opposition	Location
Cricket	North Rocks	Eric Mobbs Reserve
Basketball	Kellyville	Fred Caterson
Touch football	Northmead	Ted Horwood 4
Softball/T Ball	Winston Hills	Eric Mobbs Reserve
Week 9 – Friday 29 March		
Sport	Opposition	Location
Cricket	Murray Farm	Eric Mobbs Reserve
Basketball	Kellyville	Fred Caterson
Touch football	Baulkham Hills	Ted Horwood
Softball/T Ball	Murray Farm	Northmead Reserve

Note:

Summer PSSA will finish in Week 9 and recommence at the end of Term 3.

Winter PSSA Trials will be held on Friday in Weeks 10 and 11 of Term 1.

Swimming News

Congratulations to all our Zone Swimmers. We would like to extend and extra congratulations to Ella D and Celine V who were selected to represent Castle Hill PSSA at the Sydney West Carnival. Well done girls!

At the Sydney West Carnival Celine finished 3rd in her 50m Breaststroke event, which means she will now represent Sydney West at the NSW PSSA Swimming Carnival later in the Term.

Tom Gosper and Olga Parramon
PSSA Coordinators

K-2 Easter Hat Parade

SAVE THE DATE...

On Tuesday 9 April 11:30 am - 1:00 pm, the K-2 Easter Hat Parade will take place. We look forward to viewing your magnificent hat creations that will be made at home prior to the day. Remember to mark it in your diary, as we can't wait to see you!

Thanks

Easter Hat Committee

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 till 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

Elle

Uniforms

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From the Office

SZApp

To allow us to send out notifications to a specified year we have added "groups" to the app. To subscribe to groups you will need to open your app, select the Manage tab, then choose which group/s you would like to receive notifications from.

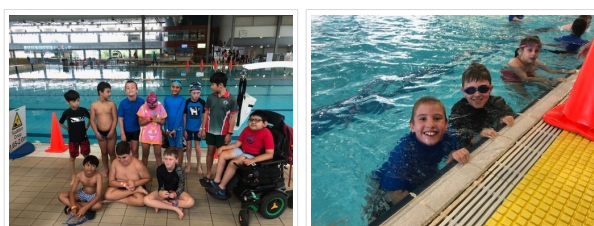
Information and Permission Notes

After a note has been sent home we add it to the school website. If you happen to misplace your notes, you can go to our website and download a new copy.

School Events / Updates

Northcott Swimming Carnival

On Thursday 14 March students from the Support Unit attended the Northcott Swimming Carnival at Ryde Aquatic and Leisure Centre. Students and their parents participated in a range of races, including the popular pool noodle race! Many of our students achieved great results, but it was all about getting involved and having a go. It is also a fantastic opportunity for our school to interact in friendly competition with other local schools. The students, parents and staff had a very enjoyable day in the water!



Activate Inclusion Sports Day 12 March 2019

On Tuesday 12 March, 30 students from the Support Unit experienced another Activate Inclusion Sports Day at the Netball Central, Sydney Olympic Park. A variety of sports were enjoyed by everyone such as basketball in wheelchairs, tennis, football, AFL and netball. The excitement and anticipation at the venue was totally fantastic! Their favourite was the basketball in wheelchairs. Thank you also to Hanan and Mary who donated their bus, time and their assistance during the day. You made this event a reality for the Support Unit.



Kiss and Drop Zones

Kiss and Drop Zones are designed for your convenience and for your child's safety. Designed for quick entry and exit, these zones minimise congestion and risk when used properly by all parents and carers. These zones operate under the same conditions as no parking zones, which means you may stop to drop off or pick up children for a maximum of 2 minutes. You're required to remain in, or within 3 metres of, your vehicle.

All Things P&C



Many hands help our school grow

Saturday 23 March – State Election BBQ and Cake Stall

This weekend is the first of our two Election Day Events for 2019. 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

Easter Raffle

It's time again for our annual Easter Raffle. On Monday 25 March students will begin to bring home raffle tickets for the upcoming Easter Raffle. Please return all sold and unsold tickets and money by Monday April 8. The raffle will be drawn after the K-2 Easter Hat Parade on Tuesday April 9.



Save the Date

Tuesday 7 and Wednesday 8 May - Mother's Day Stall. Please keep an eye out for more information about which day is your classes day.

Thank you

What an amazing and colourful night the first disco of the year was, it was great to see the kids embrace the theme and also some helpers dress in their best rainbow attire.

We had so many new helpers which was great to see and although there were a few hiccups I am happy to say that by all accounts the night was a huge success thanks to our amazing teachers, well behaved students and volunteers. We had a whopping 498 students through the doors so well done to everyone that contributed to the event.

A big thank you goes to Kat Lessells for doing such an amazing job as co event organiser and manning the BBQ, Dave Gilbert for all his assistance and our committees new trusty leader Akanksha Agarwal for all her back up. I would also like to thank the following parents for making my first experience of running the actual disco less scary than expected...you all rock!!!

Krista Salfus, Wiebke Lackas, Michelle Walker, Steve Walker, Fiona Dingwall, Tim Pittman, Sarah Bramley, Kelly Graham, Chance Meehan, Sarah Cook, Ben Hawkins, Casey Byrnes, Aylin Ildes, Floss Smith, Emma Edwards, Melinda Solton,

Evelyn Hall, Nicole Nixon, Rebecca Clay, Kate Freeman, Lourdes D'Costa, Sam Kelly, Kellee Edwards, Jeanitta Lee Chan, Michelle Williamson, Wajma Aziza, Kathy Piggott, Heidi Taylor, Jo Pittman and Brooke Kennedy .

We also had some very helpful little volunteers wiping tables and setting up drinks, I didn't manage to get everyone's names but you know who you were and thanks for doing such an amazing job.

Hope to see you all at the next disco in June.

Shontelle (Disco Organiser)

Entertainment Book Orders:

Every purchase contributes 20% back to the school for fundraising. Visit 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 6 May at 7pm in the Staffroom and we welcome all parents. If you cannot make alternative arrangements for your children, they are 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!

