10 May 2019

**Principal’s Address**

Welcome back to all families for Term 2. I trust you had a relaxing and safe Easter break with family. The term ahead will bring a plethora of exciting activities and events with planning already underway with many. We have included another copy of the full year’s calendar in this newsletter as to communicate upcoming events and allow parents to start planning.

**Staffing**

It is with much sadness that I announce that Mrs Renae Neagle left Jasper Rd P.S. at the completion of Term 1. Mrs Neagle was successful in obtaining a temporary position in corporate as a School Education Officer. I would like to thank her for her many years of service at Jasper Rd P.S and wish her every success in her new role. We hope to see her return in 2021.

After discussion with the Department of Education staffing directorate, the position has been filled by Mrs Juliet Farrell. Mrs Farrell is an experienced teacher that has taught for many years across South Western Sydney. She brings a wealth of knowledge to our school and we welcome her to the Jasper Road family.

**Anzac Dawn Service**

During the holidays I was honoured to attend the Castle Hill RSL Dawn Service with our school leaders. After waking early, the service started just as the sun started to break through. Throughout the service our leaders represented the school with great pride and respect. It was also an honour for our school captains who were invited to lay a wreath to remember the fallen. I would like to congratulate the leaders for their attendance and thank their families for allowing them to participate and represent the school at this important event.

**Parent Workshop**

As most would be aware, this year we have introduced new Phonics and Guided Reading practices consistently across the school. A parent workshop will be held on Monday 27 May focusing on Reading Practices and how you can help at home. We have also been lucky enough to lock in Mr Justin Caban for a return visit who will be presenting a Phonics follow up session later in the term. All parents and community members are invited to attend.
Winter Is Coming

With the start of May brings the cold weather. Can I please encourage all families to stock up on school winter uniforms now, remember to include your child’s full name on all items. All students are expected to be in full WINTER UNIFORM from Monday 13 May. This includes a tie for boys and a tab tie for girls. Jasper Rd will continue to hold high expectations with uniform standards and I thank the community in advance for their support.

Grounds Maintenance

Many families may have already noted, but during the Easter Holidays multiple projects were completed around the school. The first project completed was the extension of the concrete area under the COLA. Newly painted handball squares and learning activities will soon follow creating a safe and expanded area for our students to play and learn. Also completed was a concreted ‘grandstand’ area at the end of the basketball court. This has created a space for students to sit, talk and/or learn whilst also reducing erosion, trip hazards and soil run off. New seats will also follow in the area shortly to further expand the seating capacity.

Also over the holiday break, the Primary toilets were overhauled. This included a professional deep clean of all tiled surfaces, a repaint of both areas and the repair and upgrade of fixtures. This has created fresh and clean toilet facilities for our Primary students. This project was completed using school funds. I have requested for the DoE Assets Department to complete the same overhaul of the Infants toilets and am awaiting a response.

During my leadership over the past year, I have estimated that over $600,000 worth of refurbishments and improvements have been made to the school 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, toilet upgrades, new concreting and of course our new grassed area. I will continue to fund and campaign for an upgraded school with upgraded facilities to ensure all students have access to a safe school for learning.

Please remember that families are also invited to contribute funds towards these projects through the School Building Fund. Any amount paid towards this fund is tax deductible with 100% of money received used directly towards new and ongoing upgrades. I thank all families for those that have already made a contribution this year to our Building Fund.

From the Deputy Principals

Welcome Back to Term Two

The school holidays appear to have gone so quickly. Fortunately, we were blessed with excellent weather. This term we have some great events to look forward to, these include, Mothers’ Day Stall as well as the Band Camp.

NAPLAN

NAPLAN testing for students in Years 3 and 5 begins on 14 May and continues over the following three days. Any student absent for a test will be given a catch up opportunity but these will be limited. Our students have already had a practice session so that they will be familiar with the test situation.

Opportunities for high performing primary students

Applications for 2020 entry into opportunity classes are now open for current Year 4 students.

Parents or carers of Year 4 students should apply online before 17 May 2019 for their children to be considered for placement in Year 5 in an opportunity class in 2020.

Opportunity classes support academically gifted students using specialised teaching methods and educational materials tailored to high performing students.

In 2020 Year 5 classes will be offered in 75 primary schools across the state, from Alstonville on the north coast to Coonabarabran in the state’s central west. Applicants can apply for up to two schools.

All students wanting to enrol in an opportunity class in 2020 will take the Opportunity Class Placement Test on the morning of Wednesday 31 July 2019.

Visit the opportunity class page to apply, or for more information.
Inquiries about application procedures should be directed to the High Performing Students Team, email ssu@det.nsw.edu.au or telephone 1300 880 367.

Life Education

**Dates:** Thursday 6/6/19 to Friday 7/6/19, Wednesday 12/6/19 to Friday 28/6/19

**Cost per child:** $11 per student.

What will students receive for their $11?

- A 60-90 minute session (dependent upon the grade) with each class, facilitated by the Life Education Educator;
- A student workbook (for some modules this will be online) and a sticker for each child;
- A teacher manual so your children can learn more-both before the lesson and continue after;
- Take home parent information, a parent/carer session, as well as access to free educational apps;
- ‘snippets’ for our school newsletter which will also contain links to relevant articles and materials on the Life education website

Positive Behaviour for Learning (PBL)

At our school, we use Positive Behaviour for Learning (PBL) – PBL is a whole-school framework for creating a positive, safe and supportive school climate where students can learn and develop. Our whole school community works together to establish expected behaviours and teach these to all students. Jasper Road Public School aims to promote a safe, happy and inclusive learning environment where the school community strives to achieve their personal best. The PBL framework aims to improve social, emotional, behavioural and academic outcomes for our students. PBL supports our school to identify and successfully implement evidenced-based whole-school practices that enhance learning outcomes for our students. Everyone works together to prevent problem behaviour and increase the likelihood of academic success by creating positive learning environments for all students. We are most fortunate to have two amazing chaplains for the rest of the year. Happily Joel Gerber has been here all year and we are delighted to introduce our new chaplain Leanne Bishop who obtained our three day a week position through merit selection. We congratulate her and are looking forward to sharing her expertise across the school.

School Development Day Term 2

The first day of Terms 1, 2 & 3 are traditionally set aside as School Development Days (pupil free days) for all public schools in New South Wales. Our Term 2 School Development Day was held on Monday 29 April, the first day of this term. We were very engaged in professional learning that supports and expands our school planning goals called Strategic Directions. As you may have noticed on the foyer wall we are a school that encourages our community- staff, students and families to learn, teach and partner. By developing practical strategies to develop a quality learning environment through explicit, systematic and evidence based learning intentions the learning is improved. A Learning Intention is a description of what learners should know, understand and be able to do by the end of a learning period or unit. These learning intentions are the basis for tracking student progress, providing feedback and assessing achievement. In addition to learning intentions, students may also have individual learning goals that they address in their learning.

Effective learning intentions provide students with appropriate challenge that are matched to teaching and learning activities and assessment tasks. Allow students to share a commitment to achieving them, as they are then more likely to seek feedback and they are generalisable to allow effective transfer of learnt skills to different contexts.

The other sessions on Monday included an exciting look at Vocal Ease which is a component of the Creative Arts syllabus and will be taught this term. Our amazing Intervention Team also presented fabulous professional learning that clearly supports ALL students to learn and be the best they can be. Thank you to these wonderful and talented staff members who worked over the holidays to ensure we are all as skilled as possible!

**Healthy kids**

At ‘healthy kids eat well, get active’ website there are some wonderful, simple and easy recipes that are packed with nutritious fresh ingredients that won’t take precious hours to prepare. eg

**Debby Bezzina and Vanessa Rogers**

**Deputy Principals**

Environmental Education

This week Arbors presented a talk to all students about recycling and how we recycle at Jasper Road Public School. With the Woolworths and Junior Landcare grant that we were awarded, new classroom paper and cardboard recycling bins
with lids have been purchased. Plus 4 blue SULO bins with rosettes installed, have been paid for and delivered, to collect bottles, cans and poppers for Return and Earn. Four new buckets for the collection of green waste for the worm farms and compost bins have also been purchased. Students learnt about the importance of recycling and what happens to items once they are recycled. Arbors are looking forward to collecting the recycled materials and disposing of them in an environmentally friendly manner.

Below is a picture that features the pumpkins being grown by Arbors within their garden area. They are looking forward to making and eating pumpkin soup made with these.

During the Autumn holidays, Arbors conducted a working bee. We worked very hard removing fencing, moving soil, preparing garden beds (for the upcoming gardening by all stages), removed pavers, weeded and tidied the Sustainable Garden area. I would like to personally thank Arbors and their families who so willingly gave up their time to help our school.

Think GREEN because together we CAN make a difference.

Mrs Jennifer Franks

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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.

During the last week of Term 1, Jasper Road had 3 students competing in the Sydney West Softball Championship. They were Ryan M, Teyana L and Hannah R. Tom Gosper and Ross Griffiths attended the carnival as the Boys and Girls Coaches. These students represented the school and Zone with pride throughout the day. A special Congratulations to Ryan M who was selected in the Sydney West Softball Team who are to compete in the NSW PSSA Softball Championships later in the year.

Cross Country

On Thursday 4 April Jasper Road held their Annual Cross Country Carnival at Masonic Oval. A massive congratulations to all students, both those who competed and those who cheered on all the runners. The weather held off and it was a very successful Carnival.

60 students will be attending the Zone Cross Country Carnival on Monday 20 May. Good Luck to all these students.

3-6 Athletics Carnival 2019

Just a reminder that the 3-6 Athletics Carnival will be held on Tuesday 2 July at A H Whaling Reserve, Roxborough Park Road, Baulkham Hills. All students are to attend. The backup date is Thursday 25 July. Students are to wear their school sports uniform and hat, and bring adequate food and drink for the day. There will be a canteen available for students to visit at set times. Travel to and from the event will be by bus. Permission notes will be sent home in the next few weeks and we will once again be asking for parent volunteers.

Tom Gosper and Olga Parramon
PSSA Coordinators

Kids Lit Quiz

It is with immense pride I extend my congratulations to four exceptional literature enthusiasts, Hanami, Elise, Hannah and Khushi who made their families, myself and the school proud in qualifying and participating in the high calibre State Lit Quiz Final. Their passion, discipline and commitment were commendable throughout the day. This has been a unique and valuable experience for all students and I think all four students will remember it for many years.

Mrs Tokatlian

From the Office

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.

School Events / Updates

Woolworths’ Earn & Learn is back...with more resources in store!!!

Woolworths’ Earn & Learn has returned once again, offering a wide range of new rewards for participating schools. Last year over 300,000 pieces of science, technology, maths, art and sport equipment was delivered to the participants, including our very own Jasper Road.

Now it is back and the students of Jasper Road Public School are encouraging you to redeem these stickers at Woolworths every time you do the shopping. For every $10 spent you receive one of these stickers. Woolworths Earn & Learn will end on the 25 June so grab as many of these as you can and drop them in the boxes at the front office.

There’s a whole load of cool stuff up for grabs, such as microscopes, littleBits, globes, bunsen burners, and Ravensburger jigsaws! So when you’re going out to do your groceries, pop into Woolworths to buy something you need, whether all your shopping or just your dinner veg, and grab a sheet to put those stickers on. Then you’re all set to help Jasper Road bundle up lots of points to redeem a truckload of things we otherwise wouldn’t dream of.

Remember: drop by Woolworths, then grab a sheet with your stickers on them, and no matter full or not, put them into the box at the front office before the 25 June!

Jennifer W. 6J
School leader and member of the SRC.

SRC Food Bank

Last term, the SRC held a Foodbank drive to support Australians experiencing food insecurity. Thanks to your generosity, we were able to raise a whopping 620kg of non-perishable food, household items and personal hygiene items for Australians. Countless donations were piled in massive stacks in the Hall with Foodbank Australia amazed by Jasper Road’s overwhelming response.

The SRC are proud to announce that the winning class of the Foodbank challenge is 3K! They managed to raise a total of 148 food and personal items for Foodbank Australia. 3K will be receiving canteen vouchers for all members of the class! Thank
you so much for your contribution and generosity in this fundraiser!

Jay D. 6G
School Leader and SRC member

Leukaemia Foundation, World’s Greatest Shave

As mentioned in the last newsletter, during the school holidays Heidi, Elizabeth and Tana from Year 5 participated in the World’s Greatest Shave raising money for the Leukaemia Foundation. The girls had a target of $200 but they quickly exceeded this by raising an amazing $1,076.37!!!!! We thank everyone from Jasper Road Public School who took the time to donate to this worthy cause. The girls loved their blue hair and were very proud to raise money for such a great cause.

Scholastic Bookclub

Issue 3 has been distributed and orders are due by the 14 May 2019. This issue has over 50 items for $5 or less so there are a lot of bargains in there and for every $1 you spend, the school earns rewards to spend on resources for the classrooms.

The preferred way to order is directly with Scholastic by visiting scholastic.com.au/LOOP. Alternatively, you can pay by cash and place your order in the yellow box in the library. Please note if paying by cash to ensure you have the correct money and fill in the student order form clearly with your name, class, mobile number and book selections.

Please note no late orders can be accepted.

Thanks
Michelle

All Things P&C

Term 2 kicked off with our Mother’s Day stalls held earlier this week. Thank you to all our wonderful volunteers who helped. We wish all the Mum’s a wonderful Mother’s Day and we hope you love the gifts that your children have selected for you.

Save the Date

Comedy Night – Saturday 15 June
Disco – Thursday 27 June

Thank you

Thank you to everyone who supported our Hot Cross Bun drive last term. We appreciate the support of Bakers Delight Baulkham Hills with this fundraiser.

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.

Next P&C Meeting
Our next meeting is on Monday 27 May 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 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: pandcat.jasperroad@hotmail.com
Fundraising Committee: jaffat.jasperroad@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!