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## Principal's Address

It has been a productive fortnight at Jasper Rd with a number of projects happening around the school. We also continue to focus on our educational programs and extra curricula opportunities. Over the past fortnight we have participated in Knockouts, attended High School Taster Days, completed NAPLAN testing, run in the Zone X-Country and played at a Biggest Morning Tea event. At every event, our students have displayed respect, manners and outstanding effort which continues to be a priority at Jasper Rd.

## Muffins with Mum

Thank you to the large number of parents that turned up to our first Muffins with Mum event. This was held to coincide with Mother's Day and judging by the smiling faces from both children and parents, it will certainly become a regular event. In just over 45mins, we served over 500 muffins which was a terrific celebration of those special in our lives. Please remember that we hold two coffee and conversation mornings each term just to touch base with the community and talk about everything happening at school. Our next morning will be held on 19 June. Come for a coffee and stay for chat.

## 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 member are invited to attend.

## Parent Reading Workshop

Learn practical ways to help your child become a better reader!

**Monday 27 May**  
**5.30 - 6.30pm**  
**Library**

What is Jasper Rd doing in reading?  
Do reading levels matter?  
My child doesn't like reading...what do I do?  
Why does vocabulary matter?

*Jasper Rd Public School*

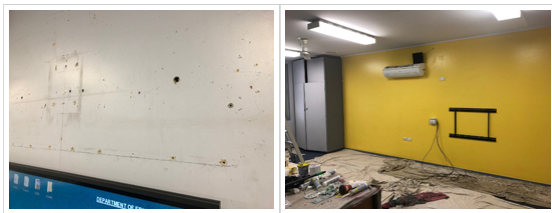
## Uniform

All students are now expected to be in full WINTER UNIFORM. This includes a tie for boys and a tab tie for girls. At Jasper Rd we hold high expectations with uniform standards and I thank the community in advance for their support.

## School Maintenance

School maintenance seems to be a constant passage in each newsletter as I continue to place a focus on improving our facilities. Over the past fortnight, the Infants toilets have been overhauled with professional cleaning, fresh paint and new fixtures. This project was completed by the DoE Assets Department having received a response the day after the last newsletter was published.

Maintenance has now moved into classrooms with six Stage 1 rooms to be refurbished. The current state of these rooms is terrible with holes, fixings and screws scattering the walls. The new rooms will include fresh paint, new fixtures, new blinds and updated notice boards. This will create a vibrant learning space for our students.



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.

### Tell Them From Me survey

In Term 1, all students in years 4-6 completed the Tell Them From Me survey. The results of this survey are used to drive school improvement and ensure our student's voices are heard. This year's results are extremely positive with some highlights being:

- A 5% increase in students reporting positive behaviour at school. This is now 11% higher than the government norm of 83%
- An increase in students participating in extra-curricular activities to be 10% above the government norm.
- A 7% increase in students reporting they are receiving 'highly skilled, highly challenged' work.
- A 6% reduction in students reporting bullying. This has now dropped to 22% against a department norm of 36%+

The Tell Them From Me survey is open for parent participation in Term 4.

### NAPLAN

Last week we had all Year 3 and 5 students participated in NAPLAN testing.

I thank the community and teachers for the smooth running of these assessments. Students reported they were calm, well fed and ready for learning every morning. Many parents have asked about the reported difficulties with the online environment. Jasper Rd students did not participate online this year. The Department has indicated that all students will complete the test online from 2020.

### CRITICAL THINKERS STEM DAY

On Tuesday, 12 of our Stage 3 students attended the Hills Hub Critical Thinkers STEM Day at Crestwood Public School. Throughout the day the students participated in a number of mental and hands-on challenges including Maths, Literacy, Balloon Propulsion and Bubble Making. I must congratulate all the students that attended and can announce that our school were the official winners on the day. This is a fantastic

achievement and just adds to our Kids Lit Quiz, Chess and Debating wins. Thanks to Miss Godfrey for her organisation and attendance on the day. The challenge will be held again in Semester 2 with Stage 2 students having the opportunity to attend.



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

## From the Deputy Principals

This week we have been impressed by the level of participation and engagement of our students. Research indicates *that 'greater opportunities to participate at school (are) positively associated with greater wellbeing at school... schools seeking to improve student wellbeing would benefit from introducing, monitoring and increasing opportunities for student participation.'* ('Improving wellbeing through student participation at school' led by the Centre for Children and Young People, Southern Cross University in partnership with the NSW Department of Education et al).

We know that Jasper Road Public School promotes not only involvement in organised extra-curricular groups but also active participation in daily school life and special events. Our students are cheerfully and actively involved in classrooms and in the playground. It is delightful to see students playing hide and seek, playing board games, playing handball and beautifully and positively interacting with each other during unstructured times at recess and lunch. Students at JRPS are most definitely productive, busy, engaged and most importantly happy at school.

### Student Safety

Student safety is a very high priority at Jasper Road Public School. Parents and teachers need to work together to ensure that our students arrive and leave school safely. Please take a moment to read through the points in the NSW Government Road Safety Flyer. It has come to the attention of the school that some parents may be making U-turns on Jasper Road when dropping off or picking up their child. Please be mindful of student safety and road rules when bringing your child to school or picking them up at the end of the school day.

### Parenting Anxious Children - Seminar For Parents

**Date:** Friday 24 May, 10.00am – 12.00pm

**Cost:** \$10

**Location:** Hillview Community Health Centre 1334 Pacific Highway Turramurra. Entry via Boyd Ave.

A seminar for parents of children aged 4-10 years discussing the nature of anxiety and the different ways it may present in children, risk factors and potential implications for parents

and children, as well as identification of practical strategies & resources to assist. To confirm your place please call CYMHS on 9485 6155. Hornsby Child and Youth, Mental Health Service (CYMHS)

## Mother's Day Stall

Thank you to all of the families who supported the P & C Mother's Day stall by purchasing a gift. It was very special for the students to have the opportunity to purchase a present for their mums or grandmas and we had some very excited shoppers! A huge thank you goes to our amazing P&C and mums who spent a lot of time and effort coordinating the stall, as well as to the other mums and grandmas who assisted on the day. We hope all of the JRPS mums had a beautiful day on Sunday!

## Woolworths Earn & Learn

This year we are participating in the Woolworths Earn & Learn program. Through this program we will be able to get new educational resources for our school – and all we need you to do is shop for your groceries at Woolworths. From Wednesday 1 May to Tuesday 25 June or while stock lasts, we are collecting Woolworths Earn & Learn Stickers. You will get one Woolworths Earn & Learn Sticker for every \$10 spent (excluding liquor, tobacco and gift cards). Place the Woolworths Earn & Learn Sticker onto a Woolworths Earn & Learn Sticker Sheet and when it is complete, the Sticker Sheet can be dropped into the Collection Box here at school or at your local Woolworths. At the end of the promotion, we will be able to get some great new equipment. The range is extensive and offers lots of items ideal for our students – including resources for Maths, English, Science and some fantastic fun supplies for Arts & Craft, Sport and for our library. If you would like to know more please visit the link below:

<https://www.woolworths.com.au/shop/discover/earn-and-learn>

## Lost Property

There is an overwhelming amount of lost property in the school. These items include jumpers, pencil cases, lunch boxes, plastic containers and numerous water bottles. Parents and carers, please make certain that all items are labelled with your child's name. There are currently 18 unnamed water bottles in Lost Property! Also, please encourage your child to search for their lost items.

## At our school, we use Positive Behaviour for Learning (PBL)



## Politeness

For the few two weeks we are keeping an eye out to catch 'children being polite'. At school, we will also be discussing ways to be polite and why politeness is important. Please find below 10 tips that you might find useful when teaching or discussing politeness.

### 10 situations where you can teach politeness

#### HOLD THE DOOR

#### SAY HELLO

#### SMILE

#### USE "PLEASE" AND "THANK YOU"

#### OFFER TO HELP

#### BE POLITE

#### PAY A COMPLIMENT

1. Asking with a please
2. Accepting with a thank you
3. Kindly declining - being able to say NO gracefully
4. Interrupting
5. Getting past someone with excuse me
6. Goodbyes - Thank you for coming over, Thank you for a great day, Thank you for taking me to the movies.
7. Table Manners
8. Getting what you want - rephrasing demands or requests to include a name at the start and a please at the end.
9. Needing space - a simple phrase that you can teach your child to use when they want privacy or feel crowded: "I need more space."
10. Appropriate talk - Making sure your child understands undesirable and unacceptable talk for situations.



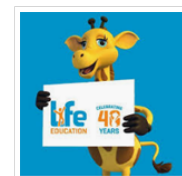
## Life Education

### Life Education Van Visit

During Term 2, students at Jasper Road Public School will have the opportunity to take part in the Life Education program. Life Education aims to empower children and young people to make safer and healthier choices through education.

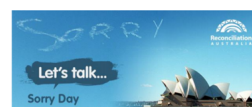
Students in each stage will take part in the following workshops.

- **Early Stage 1** - Harold's Friend Ship: Kindergarten and year 1 students explored the qualities of a good friend, feelings and emotions, early warning signs, and safe and unsafe situations.
- **Stage 1** - Growing Good Friends: Unsafe behaviours, situations and environments, healthy food choices.
- **Stage 2** - Cyberwise: This workshop helps year 3 and 4 students to be wise when it comes to relationships - both off and online.
- **Stage 3** - Relate Respect Connect: Year 5 and 6 students will learn the skills and strategies required to build healthy relationships. Teachers will be consolidating the children's learning with further classroom activities relating to these topics.



## National Sorry Day 2019

On our pathway towards reconciliation, Sorry Day on 26 May is an important moment to remember the past policies of forced child removal. This day allows us to reflect on the sad and painful history of the Stolen Generations and recognise moments of resilience, healing and the power of saying Sorry.



<https://www.reconciliation.org.au/>

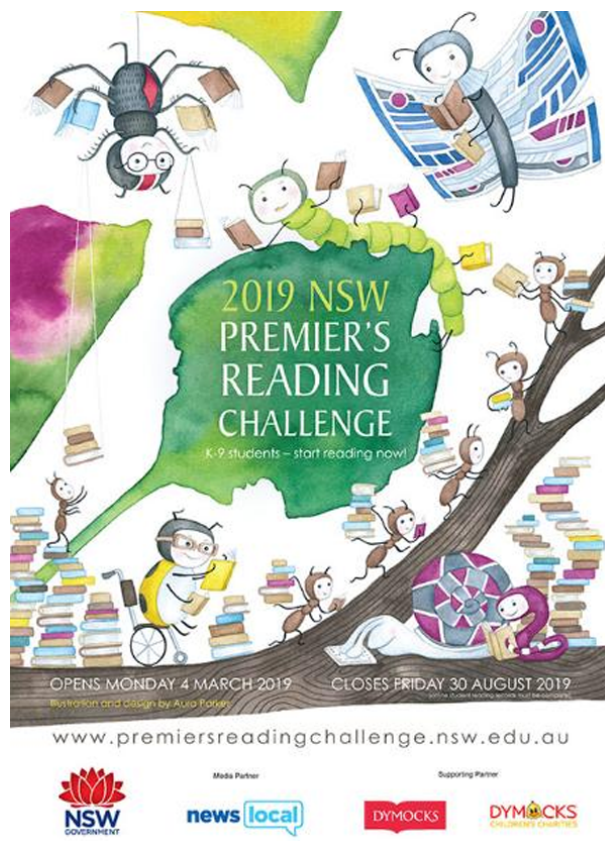
## Premier's Reading Challenge (PRC)

Familiarise yourself with the new PRC student website. There is a video on the PRC Support site that you can watch that demonstrates how to login, search for books and add them to a Student Reading Record (SRR).

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

<https://prcsupport.freshdesk.com/support/home>

- Visit the Premier's Reading Challenge Support website. It allows you to search for information about the PRC and how to use the PRC website and also how to contact the PRC team.
- Set reminders for Challenge opening and closing dates in your and your child's calendar.
- Find out your child's logon details. For public schools, students' logon will be the same one they use to access computers and the internet at school. Non-government students will need to contact the PRC Coordinator at their school if they cannot remember their login details.
- Assist your child to borrow books from the school or local library. Listen to your child read and talk about the story/ characters/ information. Read to or with your child if she/he is participating in the K-2 Challenge.
- Help your child to add books to her/his Student Reading Record regularly.
- Follow The Arts Unit on Facebook and the NSW PRC on Instagram to keep up to date about information about the Challenge throughout the year. We regularly run contests and Author events your child may be interested in taking part in.
- Contact your child's PRC coordinator if: Your child has any difficulty using her/his logon details to access the PRC website. You are concerned that your child's name is spelt incorrectly in the PRC website.
- Your child's online Student Reading Record must have the required number of books recorded to complete the Challenge by the student closing date.
- In the final weeks of the Challenge, log on regularly to the website to check the status of your child's SRR.



**Debby Bezzina and Vanessa Rogers**  
**Deputy Principals**

## Environmental Education

Last week Arbors introduced our new recycling bins to students and staff. Thanks to a grant from Woolworths and Junior Landcare, all classrooms now have a flexible paper recycling bin. There are four blue Return and Earn bins in the playground and several worm farm/compost buckets within our playground. This means that our environmental footprint is reducing daily. It was lovely to receive feedback from many staff members that their Arbor gave an informative talk to the class or assembly about how we recycle, why we should recycle and what happens to waste once it is recycled.



This week Mrs Kirby planted winter vegetables with Arbors in their vegetable gardens, in seeding pots and in rockwool for our hydroponics. Mr Cairns is working with some students to design a gardening tool with a specific purpose. Miss O'Connell has been gardening with the support unit. 1F took a walk through our Forest Walk and Butterfly Garden to investigate living things. Mrs Parramon has organised a guest speaker to talk to Stage 1 and Stage 2 regarding the Return and Earn program. As part of the implementation of the new Science syllabus, there are many lessons being taught this term, across the school, on our environment and the living things that live there. Focussing on how we impact the environment and how we can improve it for living things to thrive.

Think GREEN because together we CAN make a difference.

**Mrs Jennifer Franks**

## Sports News

### 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.

### PSSA Winter Draw

Week 4 - Round 4 – Friday 24 May		
Sport	Opposition	Location
Soccer (Boys/ Girls)	Winston Heights	Masonic Reserve
AFL	Baulkham Hill North	Kellyville Park
Rugby	Beaumont Hills	Torry Burn Reserve
Netball		Kellyville Netball Courts
Newcombe Ball	Winston Heights	Jasper Road PS
Week 5 - Round 5 – Friday 24 May		
Sport	Opposition	Location
Soccer (Boys/ Girls)	Carlingford West	Cumberland High School
AFL	Northmead	Kellyville Park,
Rugby	Matthew Pearce	Crestwood Reserve 1
Netball		Kellyville Netball Courts
Newcombe Ball	Carlingford West	Felton Rd, Carlingford
Week 6 - Round 6 – Friday 7 June		
Sport	Opposition	Location
Soccer (Boys/ Girls)	Crestwood	Masonic Reserve
AFL	Winston Heights	Kellyville Park
Rugby	Kellyville	Torry Burn Reserve
Netball		Kellyville Netball Courts
Newcombe Ball	Crestwood	Jasper Road PS

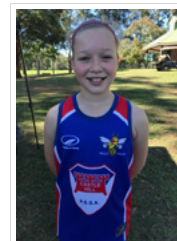
### Castle Hill PSSA

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.

On Monday 6 May, Elise M represented Castle Hill PSSA at the Sydney West Touch Football Competition. She had a fantastic day and we are proud of her achievement.



### Zone Cross Country

On Monday 20 May, 60 Jasper Road students attended the Castle Hill PSSA Zone Cross Country Carnival at Masonic Oval. Well done to these students who represented our school with pride and determination. 3 of our students were successful in making it through to the Sydney West Area Carnival on Wednesday 12 June at Eastern Creek. These students were:



- **Ashlyn K** - 1st in the 10yrs Girls
- **Oliver G** - 1st in the 11 yrs Boys
- **Rachel C** - 7th in the 12/13 yrs Girls

Good luck to these fantastic runners.

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

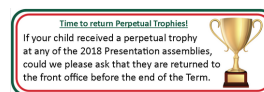
## Canteen News

The canteen is now trading Monday to Friday for the entirety of Term 2.

Flexischools is the fast and secure way to order and pay for canteen orders. Flexischools website can be found at the link below:

<https://flexischools.com.au/>

## School Events / Updates



## From the P&C President

Just wanting to say a big thank you to Akanksha for stepping up into the role of 2nd Vice President and Fundraising Coordinator. This is a big role and I'm sure our whole community will support Akanksha moving forward.

Huge thanks to everyone who helped make Saturday's Election bbq very successful. Whether it was baking goods, donating books, cutting rolls, cooking the bbq or serving customers, massive thanks to you all. Everyone looked great in the new shirts and aprons...it gave us all a united front and we had lots of positive feedback.

Moving forward, our next event is the comedy night on June 15 and I would encourage you all to find a babysitter and come along for a great "laughter filled" evening.

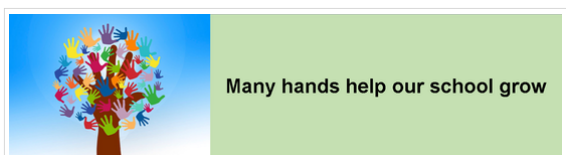
Our next meeting will be on Monday 27 May at 7.00pm in the staffroom and I look forward to seeing you there.

**Kind regards**

**Karen Titterton**

**President - Jasper Rd P&C**

## All Things P&C



The JRPS P&C Fundraising Committee enjoy organising and delivering events that not only raise money for our school but are great fun as well.

Back by popular demand is Comedy for a Cause on Saturday June 15. With entertainment from some of the best comedians from the Sydney and Melbourne International Comedy Festivals this is an event not to be missed so grab a group of friends and join us.

For ticket information please visit the link below:

<https://comedyforacause.net/tc-events/jasper/>

**Comedy for a Cause**

In support of:

**Jasper Road Public School P&C**

**Peter Berner**  
 - Melbourne International Comedy Festival Gala  
 - Host of the BackBerner and The Einstein Factor on ABC TV  
 - The Peter Berner Experiment on Triple M  
 - As seen on Good News Week, Rove, The Footy Show

*"exactly what stand up should be"*  
*"hysterically funny" - Chortle*

**David Smiedt**  
 - Sydney & Melbourne International Comedy Festivals  
 - Opening act Joan Rivers & Martin Short  
 - 'The Today Show', 'Standup Australia'  
 - Acclaimed author & Writer of GQ Magazine

*"A living, breathing joke machine" - Adam Hills*

**Umit Bali**  
 - 4 stars Perth & Adelaide Fringe Festivals 2015.  
 - 2015 Melbourne International Comedy Festival.  
 - one of the rising stars of Australian Comedy

*"I saw Umit Bali and was blown away. Equal parts edgy and silly, but both hilarious. Catch him while you can still afford it." Wil Anderson*

**Mat Wakefield**  
 - Sydney Comedy Festival - Sold Out  
 - Sydney Fringe Festival - Sold Out

*"one of the rising stars of Australian Comedy" - The Laugh Garage*

*"a genuine alternative way of thinking, reminiscent of comedy legend Doug Stanhope..." (Weekend Notes)*

Saturday 15 June 2019  
 Doors: 7pm / Show: 8pm  
 The Hills Club  
 6-18 Jenner Street, Baukhams Hills

**BOOK NOW!**

Tickets: \$35 at  
[comedyforacause.net/JASPER](https://comedyforacause.net/JASPER)  
 (18+ Only)

## Save the Date

- Comedy Night – Saturday 15 June
- Disco – Thursday 27 June

## Thank you

Thank you to all our volunteers who helped make Saturday's Election Day Event such a great event. It was fantastic to see so many of our families getting involved in the day.



## Entertainment Book Orders:

We are so excited to announce that the new 2019/2020 Entertainment Books are now available. Every purchase contributes 20% back to the school for fundraising. To securely order visit:

<https://www.entertainmentbook.com.au/orderbooks/2151c99>

## 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 29 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](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!

