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21 June 2019

Principal's Address

The final three weeks of the term are going to be extremely busy. Over this time we have a number of activities occurring throughout the school. This includes: 3-6 Athletics Carnival, Kindy Excursion, P&C Disco, Life Education, Parent Phonics Workshop, Parent Teacher Interviews, Superstar Assembly, Model Mathematicians, Combined Choir Rehearsal and Regional Debating Championships

I personally thank all parents and P&C members that are helping at some of these events and for your attendance and support as we continue to provide best practice in classrooms and extra curricula opportunities outside.

SCHOOL MAINTENANCE

Thanks to the P&C for their donation of funds towards painting projects. To date 10 rooms have been completed with the final two to be completed in the coming weeks. Last week we received advice from the DoE Assets Department that the two verandas in F Block will be totally rebuilt. This includes flooring, roofing and handrails. This project will result in the bike racks being moved temporarily. Advice to students will be issued once a confirmed start date has been received. Unfortunately these projects must be completed this financial year hence the need for disruptions around the school as I would generally 'push' for work to be completed during the school holidays. I thank the community and staff for their support and flexibility with these projects.

PHONICS PARENT WORKSHOP

Last term we held a Phonics Parent Workshop which was very well attended with over 90 families turning up. At the completion of this workshop I received numerous emails, phone calls and requests for a follow up session. We have been extremely fortunate in locking in Mr. Justin Caban a phonics and literacy consultant for a return visit. This session will be held on **Monday 24 June** from 4pm in the school hall. At this session, Justin will be revising the last session for those parents that were unable to attend before progressing into a phonics lesson. How can you help your child in phonics? What is schwa? Find out this and more at the workshop. All parents and community members are invited to attend.



EDUTECH

Last fortnight, myself and five teachers attended the EduTech Conference at Darling Harbour. The conference is a two day event with over 250 exhibitors showcasing new and innovative technologies and how they can be best used across the field of education. This year's keynote speakers were Sir Ken Robinson an elite thinker on creativity and innovation and Dr Richard Harris the 2019 Australian on the Year. Mr Cairns was also asked to present this year on inquiry based thinking skills and how students at Jasper Rd are embedding them into their learning. The conference has provided multiple ideas for the school which the technology committee have already started to unpack. We hope to share a number of our new devices and programs in the near future.



INTEREST GROUPS

At lunchtimes every week we hold a number of optional groups that students may attend. These groups include LEGO Club, Chess Club, Gardening and STEM Club. The groups have been organised to promote collaboration, build critical skills, provide opportunities and to engage our students. Students are free to join any of these groups with further information available from the organising teachers or the front office. Last week I took delivery of 15 boxes of new LEGO with sets ranging from Duplo to Technic. New sets are already been used by LEGO Club. Please encourage your child to attend as appropriate.



THINK U KNOW

One of the biggest concerns facing parents in 2019 is social media. At school we have a comprehensive Department firewall that protects students and prevents access. However, I am regularly asked by parents "What can I do at home?" When it comes down to it, parental monitoring isn't about privacy, it's about safety. Over the next few newsletters, I will be including some short fact sheets supplied by the Australian Federal Police. These sheets provide up to date information about different programs and how you can monitor and support your child in its proper use. We hope to support our community in ensuring social media and Internet use is safe for all students.

Nationally Consistent Collection of Data on School Students with Disability (NCCD)



Every year, all schools in Australia participate in the Nationally Consistent Collection of Data on School Students with Disability (NCCD). The NCCD process requires schools to identify information already available in the school about supports provided to students with disability. These relate to legislative requirements under the Disability Discrimination Act 1992 and the Disability Standards for Education 2005, in line with the NCCD guidelines (2019).

Information provided about students to the Australian Government for the NCCD includes:

- year of schooling
- category of disability: physical, cognitive, sensory or social/emotional
- level of adjustment provided: support provided within quality differentiated teaching practice, supplementary, substantial or extensive.
- This information assists schools to:
- formally recognise the supports and adjustments provided to students with disability in schools
- consider how they can strengthen the support of students with disability in schools
- develop shared practices so that they can review their learning programs in order to improve educational outcomes for students with disability.

The NCCD provides state and federal governments with the information they need to plan more broadly for the support of students with disability.

The NCCD will have no direct impact on your child and your child will not be involved in any testing process. The school will provide data to the Australian Government in such a way that no individual student will be able to be identified – the privacy and confidentiality of all students is ensured. All information is protected by privacy laws that regulate the collection, storage and disclosure of personal information. To find out more about these matters, please refer to the Australian Government's Privacy Policy at the link below.

https://www.education.gov.au/privacy-policy

Further information about the NCCD can be found on the NCCD Portal

https://www.nccd.edu.au/

If you have any questions about the NCCD, please contact the school.

Mr Craig Warner Principal

From the Deputy Principals

Kindergarten 2020

Enrolments for Kindergarten 2020 are coming in to the office. If you have a child entering Kindergarten next year please submit your application form as soon as possible. This information will assist us to accurately plan for next year.

Student Absences

Several times a year the Department of Education's Home School Liaison Officer visits the school to check on student attendance and class rolls. Whenever your child is absent from school please ensure that you send a note (or email, Seesaw or dojo message) to the teacher on the day or when they return. This allows teachers to record the absence and reason within the correct timeframe. Absences without explanation will appear as unexplained. We realise that sometimes families must be away from school, however, we urge you all to do holiday travel during the school vacation periods. Holidays in term time are discouraged by the Department of Education as they disrupt student learning.

Parent-Carer/Teacher Interviews

School Interviews provide a valuable platform where you can share in a partnership between school and home. If you have not already done so, please log on to the website to book your interviews. Instructions on how to access the website were sent home recently. If you have any difficulties or questions, please speak to your class teacher.

Healthy Harold (Life Education)

We had ten or so parents who popped into the van to hear about what their children are learning both on this experience and during the lessons leading up to and after the incursion on Tuesday morning. Thank you



to them as it was both fun and helpful. We are running a second session next week so if you can make it that would be fabulous.



Highly anxious children

You're not expected to be your child's counsellor or to know exactly what to do. Reaching out for professional support is important for your wellbeing and the wellbeing of your child. Here are some counselling and crisis support options:

- Call Kids Helpline on 1800 55 1800 (for young people up to the age of 25)
- Call the Suicide Call Back Service on 1300 659 467 (for people over the age of 15)
- Make an appointment to see a GP, psychologist or counsellor
- Give Parentline a call in your local State or Territory
- Find more digital services and resources at Head to Health
- It can be stressful wondering if your child is suffering from problematic levels of anxiety. You're not alone. You can seek information and talk it through with a counsellor or your local doctor.



Road Safety and 'Kiss and Drop' Zone

This is an important reminder regarding road safety and the regulations in relation to our 'Kiss and Drop' zone on Jasper Road out the front of the school. The safety of all our students, parents, carers, visitors, staff and other children who attend Jasper Road Public School and its surrounding streets is our upmost priority. Unfortunately, on a regular basis we have witnessed (as well as reported to the school) extremely dangerous and often illegal driver behaviour along Seven Hills Road and Jasper Road during school drop-off and pick-up times. We all know and understand the road rules around school zones crossings, however, often under the 'excuse' of being late or dare we say 'in a hurry' far too many drivers (mostly parents) deliberately ignore those rules. These road rules are in place to protect our children and other pedestrians. Drivers double parking, parking in 'No Stopping' areas either side of the school crossings and the pink driveway, travelling in excess of 40km/hr and dropping or picking up children in 'No Stopping' zones are placing our, your children at risk of serious injury and/or death. The 'Kiss and Drop' zone is essentially governed by the same road rules as a 'No Stopping' zone. This means that a driver is permitted to 'stand'/park their vehicle for up to 2 minutes (maximum) and leave their vehicle for only up to a distance of 3 metres. Once the 2 minutes is up the driver is required to leave the 'Kiss and Drop' area. This assists in keeping our 'car line' flowing smoothly and safely. Should your child not be at car line when you arrive at the front of the queue you are requested to leave, drive around the block and return to the car line. We also ask that drivers adhere to other 'Kiss and Drop' school safety rules. These include, placing children's bags within the car not in the car boot. Ensuring that children enter and leave vehicles from the left-hand side of the car (curb side) and that drivers wherever possible do not leave their vehicles. Lastly, vehicles queuing along Jasper Road for car line 'double parked' is illegal and dangerous. The cooperation and safe driving from all drivers in relation to the above issues is greatly appreciated by our whole school community and will assist in keeping our children safe.



Positive Behaviour for Learning

As our classrooms are being painted to enhance the learning environment we, as a staff, look at the Classroom Environment. This involves organising the physical space to include attention to:

- layout of learning space to allow movement,
- access to resources and defined areas for working
- lighting, ventilation and temperature control
- seating arrangements and plans
- storage of student, teacher and class resources
- displays of student work
- posting expectations and routines
- schedules and timetables

You may see classroom changes that occur as we explore new and better ways to produce the best learning outcomes.

At Jasper Road PS we are working hard to develop positive, productive and regular opportunities.



What is Static Balance?



Skill components

- 1. Support leg still, foot flat on the ground.
- 2. Non-support leg bent, not touching the support leg.
- 3. Head stable, eyes focused forward.
- 4. Trunk stable and upright.
- 5. No excessive arm movements.

Debby Bezzina and Vanessa Rogers Deputy Principals

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.

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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.

https://jasperroad-p.schools.nsw.gov.au/notes-and-forms.htm

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.

We also have a black Ladies Jacket and a kid's sports jacket and shin pads, that appear to be nearly new, it these are yours please see the office

Environmental Education

We are lucky at Jasper Road Public School to have our own native stingless bee hive. It is located in the Bush Tucker Garden. Aboriginal people called honey, sugar bag. As I'm sure you are all aware of the fact that bee numbers are on the decline. Since 2013, bee populations in some parts of the world have fallen by a third.

"Bees and other pollinating insects play an essential role in ecosystems. A third of all our food depends on their pollination. A world without pollinators would be devastating for food production." (Greenpeace)



"There are more than 1,000 plants grown for food, spices, beverages, medicines and

fibers that require pollination. Without the help of bees, the world would be without such well-loved foods as chocolate, coffee, peaches, almonds, tomatoes, blueberries, strawberries, apples, pumpkins, melons, vanilla and many other fruits, nuts and vegetables.". View more information at the link below

https://insights.osu.edu/sustainability/bee-population

So what can we do? We can stop using pesticides and plant a variety of flowering plants, like we do here at school. Place small water dishes in your garden so bees can rehydrate. And if you see bees, leave them alone to do their important work. If you do have an unwanted bee hive in your backyard then call to have these removed and relocated, rather than killed.



Think GREEN because together we CAN make a difference.

Mrs Jennifer Franks

Sports News

3-6 Athletics Carnival – Tuesday 2 July

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. Notes have gone home and need to be returned. We are in need for parent volunteers. If you are able to give up some time during the carnival please fill in the parent volunteer form of the athletics carnival or let your classroom teacher know. Thank you.

PSSA Winter Draw

Week 8 – Round 8 – Friday 21 June			
Sport	Opposition	Location	
Soccer (Boys/ Girls)	No Game		
AFL	Beaumont Hills	Kellyville Park	
Rugby	Castle Hill	Wrights Road Reserve 1	
Netball		Kellyville Netball Courts	
Newcombe Ball	Northmead	Kleins Rd, Northmead	
Week 9- Round 9 – Friday 28 June			

Sport	Opposition	Location
Soccer (Boys/ Girls)	Winston Hills	Masonic Reserve
AFL	Oakhill Drive	Kellyville Park
Rugby	Winston Hills	Torry Burn Reserve
Netball		Kellyville Netball Courts
Newcombe Ball	Winston Hills	Jasper Road PS

Week 10 - Round 10 - Friday 4 July		
Sport	Opposition	Location
Soccer (Boys/ Girls)	Baulkham Hills North	Ted Horwood Reserve,
AFL	Carlingford West	Kellyville Park
Rugby	Crestwood	Crestwood Reserve 1
Netball		Kellyville Netball Courts
Newcombe Ball	Baulkham Hills North	Corner of Henry Street

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.

Tom Gosper and Olga Parramon PSSA Coordinators

School Events / Updates

SRC Winter Pyjama Party!

Last Thursday, the SRC held a Pyjama Day to welcome winter in our cosiest pyjama's and raise much needed funds for the school. As a result of our communities generosity, we raised over \$1000. The SRC voted to put these funds towards installing 'Friendship Seats' and hope to introduce a student-lead well being initiative to support Jasper Road student's socially. After meeting with Mr Warner, the SRC are now looking at possible locations for these seats. The SRC would like to express their sincere gratitude to everyone that participated in Pyjama Day. Thanks to your contribution, Jasper Road will continue to be a safe space for all students. Luca N -5J



Perpetual Trophies

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.

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 below

https://flexischools.com.au/

All Things P&C



Many hands help our school grow

Term 2 Disco – Thursday 27 June

Our Farmer for a Night Disco is on next Thursday and we look forward to seeing you all there! Join us on Thursday 27 June. K-2 4.30pm to 5.45pm, 3-6 6.00pm to 7.30pm. Come dressed in your best farm gear for a fantastic night.

On the night we will be collecting donations for Rural Aid who support our farmers. We encourage you to bring some spare change for this very worthwhile cause.

As always our BBQ will be open on the night as well.

Parents and Carers we appreciate your help in making this event as much fun as possible. If you are able to volunteer your time please email us on pandcatjasperroad@hotmail.com

A copy of the Disco T&C's can be found below. We ask parents to read these prior to the event.



3-6 Athletics Carnival - Tuesday 2 July

The P&C are hosting a BBQ and Canteen at the upcoming Athletics Carnival. If you are able to help us on the day please email us on pandcatjasperroad@hotmail.com

The canteen will have a small selection of drinks, chips and sweets available for purchase along with our always popular BBQ.

Thank you

Thank you to everyone who joined us at the recent Comedy for a Cause night. It was a fantastic night and we hope everyone enjoyed it.

Save the Date

Saturday 17 August - Trivia Night

Entertainment Book Orders:

The new 2019/2020 Entertainment Books are now available to purchase. Every purchase contributes 20% back to the school for fundraising. Visit the link below to securely order

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

Bakers Delight



Next P&C Meeting

Our next meeting is on Monday 29 July 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 31 July in the Cottage at 9.15am and we welcome all parents. Children are also welcome.

Disco T&C's

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.

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



