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Principal's Address

Term 3 is always a busy time but it is also incredible rewarding especially celebrating our wonderful students during Education Week. Thank you to the community for the amazing response last week at all the celebrations. It was fantastic to see so many parents, carers and grandparents last Tuesday for Open Day. In the morning I had the opportunity to meet many new and familiar faces and just 'chat' about the great things we do at Jasper Rd. It was also invigorating to read the messages on our board about why you love Jasper Rd Public School. From our new reading programs, to the great staff and numerous opportunities on offer, your messages were extremely positive and welcomed.



On Tuesday morning we also highlighted the coding/robotics program we have run this year. All students K-6 will complete 6 months of learning linked with the Science and Geography syllabus. The program we offer continue to extend and engage our students and provide them with the skills necessary to adapt to the constant progressive world they live in. Thanks to Mr Cairns and Mrs O'Connell for running these workshops. If you would like further information regarding the programs then please keep an eye out for a future parent workshop.

Last week we also had the chance to celebrate the artistic talents of our students. This year we had 8 groups perform at Castle Towers last Wednesday. These performances were a fantastic showcase of our school and highlighted the creative arts opportunities within public education. Congratulations to the students that performed and thank you to the parents that attended.



SUCCESS

Jasper Road students have continued to succeed outside the classroom. This week, our Performance and Beginner bands played at the Hawkesbury Eisteddfod earning a 2nd and a 3rd place. This is a fantastic achievement and highlights the fantastic band opportunities at the school and the hard work from the students. Students will be presented with their ribbons at the next 3-6 Assembly. Well done.



On Monday night, three Year 6 students attended the Kellyville Rotary Writing Competitions awards. Each year The Rotary Club of Kellyville hold a Writing Competition for Year 6 students, to celebrate Rotary International's Centenary initiative, to promote literacy. I can proudly announce that this year Jasper Rd was placed second overall out of fifteen local schools with

Jennifer W overall winning the competition. This is a terrific result and I congratulate the students for their success. Below is a copy of Jennifer's winning piece which highlights fantastic structure, incredible ideas and flawless spelling and punctuation.



Variety Night

Variety Night is coming! We are excited to present our first ever Variety Night in Week 9 this term. Students have been busily rehearsing and are excited to share their items with you. Every student in the school will have the opportunity to perform which not many other schools can boast. Next week all families will receive ticketing information which will be made available online for purchasing. Please read this information carefully and share the link with loved ones. It is going to be a fantastic night!



Staffing

I would like to welcome Mr Scott Mellowship and Mr William Cummins to the school. Both gentlemen will play an important part in taking a variety of classes throughout the week. I trust that you will welcome them when given the opportunity. I must also sadly let you know that Mrs Bezzina our Deputy Principal will be taking personal leave for the next 5 weeks. Mrs Dunn will be relieving in her position during this time supervising 3-6 students. If you have any concerns or problems then please do not hesitate to make an appointment with her.

Donuts for Dads

In May this year we celebrated Mother's Day with a 'Muffins for Mums' event. The response was overwhelming with over

400 muffins served in 40mins. Later this term we would like to extend our invitation to Dad's to celebrate Father's Day. Dads, grandfathers and carers are invited to a special morning tea on 30 August between 8-9am under the COLA. In conjunction with Jersey Day, Dads are encouraged to wear their favourite sporting jersey, drop off their child and grab a coffee and a donut. Children are invited to attend with their loved one. It would be fantastic to beat the record of 400 attendees to celebrate so start planning now.



Mr Cairns

I would like to congratulate Mr Russell Cairns who has been selected as a Microsoft Innovative Educator Expert for 2019-2020. Each year, Microsoft selects Innovative Educator Experts to be part of an exclusive global community paving the way for their peers to share ideas, try new approaches, and learn from each other. Mr Cairns was selected because:

"you are self-driven, passionate about your work, have true collaborative spirit, and strive to inspire students with outside-the-box thinking on technology in education. We appreciate your resourcefulness and entrepreneurial spirit. As agents of change, you have achieved excellence in education, using technology and social media."

Congratulations to Mr Cairns for this honour as it is all students that will continue to benefit!

Mr Craig Warner
Principal

From the Deputy Principals

School Hats at School

We have been enjoying beautiful sunny days at school this week. Although it is cool, the sun's rays can still damage our skin. School staff have been reminding students of the importance of sun safety and wearing hats to school. Students not wearing hats are being asked to enjoy their break time in the shaded area under the Hall COLA. Please support us in this

important awareness raising campaign by ensuring that your child has a hat in his/her bag that is labelled.



Health Warning

Viral gastroenteritis is highly infectious and outbreaks are very common and can be difficult to control. If your child has a sudden onset of vomiting or diarrhoea at home we ask that they remain at home for at least 48 hours after their symptoms have ceased.



Prevention

Good hand hygiene is the most effective way of preventing the spread of infection.

Please see the attached health document for further information.

Riding to School

There are various ways to maintain an active lifestyle, including riding a bike or scooter to school. With most children living within a few kilometres of the school gate, riding is an easy way for children to increase their activity levels and achieve better health. In order to keep our students safe we encourage parents to discuss key road safety messages with their child, in particular, following a safe travel route to school. Recently in the mornings JRPS students have been redirected to ride back towards the school as they are seen crossing Seven Hills Rd to visit the skate park at Balcombe Heights. If your child rides to school please ensure you provide a clear explanation of the safe travel route they need to follow in order to make it to the school gate. Unplanned detours to the park before or after school are not safe behaviours. This link provides access to the NSW DoE Road Safety 'Riding' web page, which outlines key safety messages for children when riding to school.

<https://education.nsw.gov.au/teaching-and-learning/curriculum/learning-across-the-curriculum/road-safety-education/safe-travel/riding>



Kirril Dun (rel.) and Vanessa Rogers
Deputy Principals

2020 Kindergarten Enrolments

We are taking enrolments for Kindergarten 2020, if you have a child or know of anyone living in the JRPS catchment area whose child turns 5 by July 31 2020 please come to the office to collect an Application to Enrol Form or download from our website below.

<https://jasperroad-p.schools.nsw.gov.au/about-our-school/enrolment.html>

The following documents will be required when submitting your application.

- your child's birth certificate or identity documents
- proof of student's address – 100-point residential address check. For eligible documents please go to the link below.
- Immunisation history statement based on the Australian Childhood Immunisation Register (ACIR)
- family law or other relevant court orders (if applicable).

<https://education.nsw.gov.au/public-schools/going-to-a-public-school/media/documents/Residential-address-check.pdf>

If your child is not a permanent resident you will also need to provide:

- passport or travel documents
- current visa and previous visas (if applicable).

We are happy to help with any questions you have about your enrolment, please call the school office between the hours of 9:30am – 2pm, Monday to Friday.

Enrolling your child in Term 3 assists the school to plan Kindergarten numbers for next year as well as informing you of our Orientation Program. If parents/carers believe their child will need additional support to successfully transition to Kindergarten please contact Mrs Vanessa Rogers, Deputy Principal, to organise an enrolment interview.

Environmental Education

This month Australia Post have a special collection of stamps celebrating sustainable gardening. "Sustainable gardens are constructed and cared for in ways that minimise environmental impacts, encourage biodiversity and promote sustainable living." They offered teachers a kit of goodies that included great lesson plans and resources. This excited us, so I contacted Australia Post and informed them of all the amazing environmental initiatives we have for students to participate in around sustainability. They were impressed so sent us one kit for every class, which meant 40 altogether. For this I'd like to thank Australia Post. If you too would like to get involved, why not check out the resources available from Australia Post. For more information check out the website using the web address:

<https://australiapostcollectables.com.au/articles/explore-our-sustainable-garden-during-scm-2019>



I'd also like to thank The Hills Shire Council and Gerard for their generous donation of gardening equipment. It will be put to good use.



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

Mrs Jennifer Franks

Sports News

PSSA Winter

The regular rounds of Winter PSSA has come to an end and all the students at Jasper Road should be proud of their efforts.

A big congratulations to all of our teams who have made it into semi-finals this Friday 16/8.

The games are as follows:

Week 4 – Semi Finals– 16 August Friday

Sport	Opposition	Location
Soccer - Girls		Bernie Mullane
AFL	North Rocks	Caddies Creek Reserve
Rugby		Crestwood Reserve
Netball		Kellyville Netball Courts

Summer PSSA

Summer PSSA will recommence in week 9 of Term 3. Games will be played in the afternoon time slot and will return to mornings in Term 4.

More details regarding training and draws to be distributed to students in the coming weeks.

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

Library News

Book Week 2019

Book Week is just around the corner and the excitement is building. Earlier this term a note went home outlining the various planned activities. Please make a note of the days for these, especially the author visit, the Book Fair and the Favourite Book Character Parade for K-2. You can support your children and the school by participating in the following ways:

Visiting author/illustrator

Steven Herrick is coming to talk to our students 3-6 on Wednesday 21 August. Gabriel Evans will be talking to Kindy, Year 1 and Year 2 students on Thursday 22 August. The cost for attending these visits is \$5 for each student. Please make payment as soon as possible for these events as the skills students learn from the experts is invaluable.

Book Fair

Every dollar spent at the Book Fair earns the school points towards the purchase of more books for the library for students to borrow. Prior to the Book Fair taking place next Wednesday students will have a chance to view the items on sale and complete a wish list. On the back of the wish list you will find payment details which students can bring back to school once completed to claim their items. However, it would be lovely to see parents and their children enjoying the Fair together. Any parents who can help with the Fair can contact the school to indicate their interest.

Favourite Book Character Parade

Get those costumes ready for our K-2 Book Character Parade which will be held on Friday 23 August between 9.30 and 10.30 under the Hall COLA. We will have seating for parents to come and enjoy watching their children parade in their costumes. Support your children by getting those costumes ready. Time is short. You cannot miss the fun and frivolity planned.

Book Cover and Theme Poster Competitions

Some students have already submitted their entries to the book cover and theme poster competitions. Let's get as many entries as possible into these to have a chance to win the book prizes and make the judges task difficult.

See you in Book Week

Premiers Reading Challenge

We're on the home run for the Premiers Reading Challenge, the last day for submitting reading records being 31 August. Remember to encourage and help your children to record the books they've read – for K-2 30 books, 3-6 20 books.

Borrowing and Overdue Books

All students have a weekly library lesson during which time they exchange borrowed books. All students are encouraged to borrow each week and a record is kept of the frequency of their borrowing. Most students are regular or sometimes borrowers. A few students rarely or never borrow. In light of the knowledge we have of the value of reading, it would be encouraging to see these students get into the habit of borrowing regularly. Ask your child to show you the books they borrow each week. Talk about their choices. Read the books together. Let's together encourage this valuable opportunity.

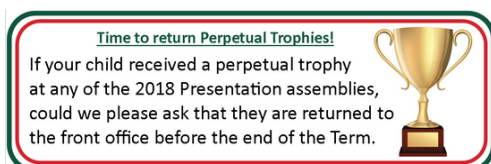
Payment for Lost or Damaged Books

At various intervals during the year we send home overdue notices for books that have not been returned on time. There is no need to pay for these books if they are then promptly returned. It is only for lost or damaged books that we require payment of the amount stated on the overdue notice so that the book can be replaced.

Happy reading

Mrs Tokatljan and Mrs Bugeja

School Events / Updates



All Things P&C



Many hands help our school grow

From the P&C President

The P&C is excited to share with you all some changes that we have made recently to help streamline our communications with you all.

We now have one central email address for the P&C and fundraising committee. This email address is pandcatjasperroad@hotmail.com.

You may also have noticed that our Facebook page has recently changed its name to Jasper Road P&C. We encourage you all to like the page so that you can keep up to date with all events run by the P&C.

And last but not least I am excited to introduce you all to our new volunteer hub. By registering with this new hub you will be able to volunteer quickly and easily for upcoming P&C events.

Volunteers are the lifeblood of Jasper Road. Regardless of whether you can help out in person or in kind, for ½ hour. 3 hours or all day, we appreciate your efforts and I thank you on behalf of the community here at Jasper Road Public School. "Many hands help our school grow".

Click on the this link to get started.

<http://timecounts.org/jrpspc>

Alternatively use this QR code to access the hub



**Thanks,
Karen Titterton
P&C President**

Father's Day Stall

This year's Father's Day Stalls are taking place on Tuesday 27th & Wednesday 28 August. Keep an eye out next week for information about which day your class will be attending.

To help make this day successful we are looking for volunteers to help. If you are available please log into the new volunteer hub on the link below or email us at pandcatjasperroad@hotmail.com

<http://timecounts.org/jrpspc>



Father's Day BBQ

This year we are partnering with The Fathering Project NSW to host a BBQ on Friday August 30 at 6pm and we invite all Fathers and Carers to join us.

The Fathering Project is an association aimed at inspiring and equipping fathers and father figures to engage with their kids.

The BBQ will provide a relaxed, low key environment for the fathers, and father figures, within the Jasper Road community to come together, meet each other and form friendships with other parents within the school.

For more information and to RSVP please email pandcatjasperroad@hotmail.com or phone Deck on 0414 242 171



Trivia Night

Our annual Trivia Night is tomorrow night and we want to take this opportunity to thank everyone who has supported it. We have teams ready to go at what is sure to be a fun night.

In our next newsletter we will share with you the results from the night and as well as details of our wonderful sponsors who have helped to make the night successful.

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>

Next P&C Meeting

Our next meeting is on Monday 19 August 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 21 August in the Cottage at 9.15am and we welcome all parents. Children are also welcome.



Contact the P&C and Fundraising Committee

pandcatjasperroad@hotmail.com

If you're able to help out at any of the events during the year (disco, mother's/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!

