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Principal's Address

P&C Donation

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the P&C for their generous donation of \$19,000 to the school. This is warmly welcomed and will be used towards 2020 English programs in Writing, new blinds for the hall, new robotics equipment and an upgrade of the ANZAC Garden. Your ongoing support and fundraising efforts are truly appreciated by the students at Jasper Rd.

Chess

Last fortnight, 5 students represented Jasper Rd at the State Chess Championships. This is a prestigious competition with only a handful of schools proceeding through the Local and Regional competitions. While we were not successful in placing, I would like to congratulate Radin, Devashree, Kevin, Junoh and Jay for their participation throughout the competitions. They have all not only represented the school brilliantly, but have helped train up further champions in younger grades. Congratulations!



Extension Groups

This year we have introduced extension groups for students across a number of areas. Every five weeks, staff analyse current data and students are selected for a short program to build upon their critical thinking and problem solving skills in Maths, Science, Geography or Literacy. Last week, the Stage 1 group shared their projects in designing and making their own maps based on a place they had researched. They also had to write their own clues and co-ordinates to guide a character

to safety. It was amazing to see their interests in such different places (Space, Death Valley, Lebanon, Jasper Rd PS) and how well they could articulate mathematical concepts and problem solving skills! Mrs Hartfield was a particularly proud teacher. Congratulations to the students for their amazing projects and we look forward to seeing what the next group of students complete.



Woolworths

Last week the manager of Woolworths Bella Vista visited the 3-6 Assembly to present the school with prizes from the Earn and Learn program. This year the program was coordinated by the SRC and after much peeling and sticking, had 62,000 tokens to redeem. After much discussion the SRC elected to 'purchase' sporting equipment and games for use on the playground including new board games, basketballs, large connect four sets, skipping ropes and other goods. I would like to thank Meg from Woolworths for her attendance and her kind words about Jasper Rd. It is fantastic that we have formed close links with the store and they continue to support our school.



Sunglasses

With the arrival of hotter weather, it is once again important to remember sun protection. Earlier this year we had a huge response the school sunglasses. These are now available again at the front office. Sunglasses may be purchased for \$12 and add as extra protection from the sun. **Only school sunglasses may be worn.** Please remember that this time of year is a high risk time for sunburn. All school students are also required to bring and wear a school hat during outdoor times. **No hat, play in the shade under the hall COLA!** All students need to protect themselves from UV radiation. Until around May UV levels in NSW are high. Research shows that protecting skin and eyes from UV in the first 15 years of life significantly reduces skin cancer risk later on.



School Shades™

Jasper Road Public School is a Sun Safe School.

To protect the eye-health of our students, School Shades sunglasses are now available in 3 sizes, colour matched to our school uniform and labelled with our school name.

School Shades sunglasses are approved to the highest Australian UV standards and have shatterproof, poly-carbonate lenses. **Only school sunglasses may be worn**

Each set of tough, built-for-kids pair of sunglasses includes:

- an easy-to-use ID panel;
- a microfibre cloth; and
- a matching case with bag clip.

Sunglasses are **\$12.00** per pair and can be purchased from the front office



Attendance

Please ensure that you provide your child with the best possible opportunity to learn by arriving at school on time. Every minute of the school day counts! With all students in every room completing explicit Phonics and Spelling lessons everyday, it is essential that your child arrives prior to the bell. In the event that your child is absent, the school is trialling emails sent out to parents. Upon their return, please provide a note to the class teacher or alternatively, email the school via the Schoolzine app.



Mr Craig Warner
Principal

From the Deputy Principals

Thank you to Parents

On behalf of the staff, thank you to the P&C for their lovely morning tea for staff on World Teachers Day.



Halloween Disco Fun

The P&C K-2 and 3-6 Discos were held last Wednesday. The students all had a fantastic time and their behaviour was excellent. The costumes were fantastic so I took a few photos to share!



Presentation Assemblies

Diary Dates - Please note in your diaries that the Presentation Assemblies will be on Monday 9 December 2019 in the Model Farms High School Hall. Years K-2 will be held from 9:30am and the Years 3 to 6 will be from 11:15am.

Student Transport Information for 2019

The School Student Transport Scheme (SSTS) provides eligible school students with free or subsidised travel from home to school.

The scheme includes:

- Free travel to and from home and school on approved metro, train, bus, ferry and light rail services during school term.
- Discounted travel on buses between home and school with a School Term Bus Pass.
- Free travel on NSW TrainLink Regional services and long distance coach services for boarding school students.
- Subsidised travel to and from school in private vehicles in areas where there is no public transport available.

Students with a disability who are unable to travel to and from school under the School Student Transport Scheme may be eligible for assistance under the Department of Education Assisted School Travel Program

Using your school travel pass

School travel passes can only be used for approved travel on school days between the student's home and school/TAFE college between 6.30am and 7pm (6.30am and 9.30pm for TAFE students).

Free school travel passes do not include travel to and from:

- before and after school care or child-minding premises
- before and after school activities
- school excursions
- sports events
- work experience
- Vocational Education and Training (VET) at a location away from where the student is enrolled
- multi-campus high schools, weekend schools, pre-schools or mini-schools (except for full-time geographically isolated distance education students).
- Students must comply with the Student Codes of Conduct.

School Term Bus Pass

If you don't qualify for free school travel, you may be able to buy a School Term Bus Pass.

A School Term Bus Pass offers discounted travel on buses between home and school for the whole school term.

A School Term Bus Pass is valid for travel between home and school on school days only, via the most direct route. It is only valid for one bus operator.

Re-applying for School Bus Pass

Students progressing to Year 3 and Year 7 do not need to re-apply if they:

- are continuing at the same school
- are residing at the same address
- have not been sent an expiry notification from Transport for NSW.

Where a student meets the distance eligibility, the system will automatically update their entitlement. If they do not meet the new eligibility, they will receive an expiry notification.

Students who have an entitlement approved under a medical condition which is due to expire will receive a notification advising them to re-apply.

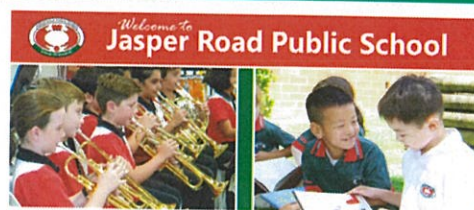
Term Bus Pass holders will receive a notification to re-apply.

If students need to update their information or re-apply, they should go online to the link below.

<https://apps.transport.nsw.gov.au/ssts/updateDetails>

Kirrilly Dunn (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).
- 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).

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

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.

Year 7 entry to a Selective High School in 2021

Selective high schools cater for academically high potential and gifted students who may otherwise be without sufficient classmates of their own academic standard. Selective schools help these students to learn by grouping them with students of similar ability, using specialised teaching methods and materials.

Selective high schools are unzoned so parents can apply regardless of where they live. Applications for selective high school placement are considered mainly on the basis of the

Selective High School Placement Test results and school assessment scores. The Selective High School Placement Test will be held on Thursday 12 March 2020.

If you would like to have your child considered for Year 7 selective high school entry in 2021, you need to apply on the internet using a valid email address (not the student's email address).

Detailed instructions on how to apply online will be available from late-September 2019 at the link below.

<https://education.nsw.gov.au/public-schools/selective-high-schools-and-opportunity-classes/year-7>

The application website opens at that link on **8 October 2019** and closes at **10pm on 11 November 2019**. You must apply before the closing date.

There are no paper application forms. If you do not have internet access, you could apply at a public library or please contact the office.

You must submit only **ONE** application for each student.

Environmental Education

National Recycling Week – Monday 11 November to Sunday 17 November 2019

During the week, Arbors will be giving talks to classes about how and what to recycle at home and at school.

Tuesday 12 November is Waste Free Lunch Day, in accordance with The Hills Shire Council. Details below. Students who bring waste free lunches will receive a special environmental STAR award.

Parents are invited a talk about worm farming on Thursday 14 November at 8.40am under the Heritage room COLA.



For more ideas on waste free lunchboxes see link:

https://www.epa.gov/sites/production/files/2015-09/documents/wastefreelunch_poster_508.pdf

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

Mrs Jennifer Franks

Sports News

Summer PSSA

Summer PSSA will continue through to week 5, Term 4. No PSSA will be run in week 6 due to School Spectacular, Semi Finals and Finals will be in weeks 7 and 8 respectively.

The games are as follows:

PSSA Summer Draw

Week 4 - Round 12 – Friday 8 November		
Sport	Opposition	Location
Cricket	Baulkham Hills North	Eric Mobs 1 and 2
Basketball	Kellyville	Fred Caterson
Touch football	Northmead	Ted Horwood – Field 3
Softball / T Ball	Winston Hills	Col Sutton

Week 5 - Round 13 – Friday 15 November		
Sport	Opposition	Location
Cricket	Murray Farm	Eric Mobbs
Basketball	BYE	
Touch football	Baulkham Hills North	Ted Horwood – Field 2
Softball / T Ball	Murray Farm	Eric Mobbs #1

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

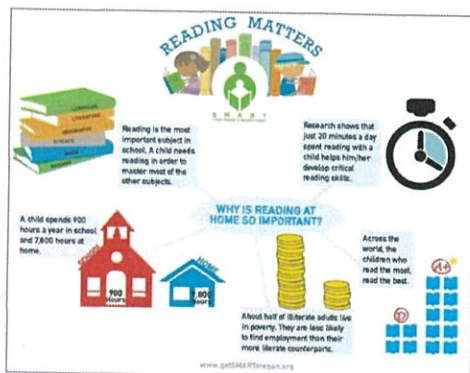
Library News

Book Fair Backorders

We are nearly at the point of honouring all back orders from Book Fair purchases made in August. It has taken a long time but the last parcel should arrive soon and will include Book of Secrets diaries, Secret Spy diaries and items from orders that were handed in late. Thank you for your patience.

Library Borrowing

A reminder that library borrowing will cease in Week 7 by which time all outstanding books should have been returned to the library. Ebooks will still be available. Please refer to the previous newsletter on how to borrow them. Reading matters, no matter which platform.

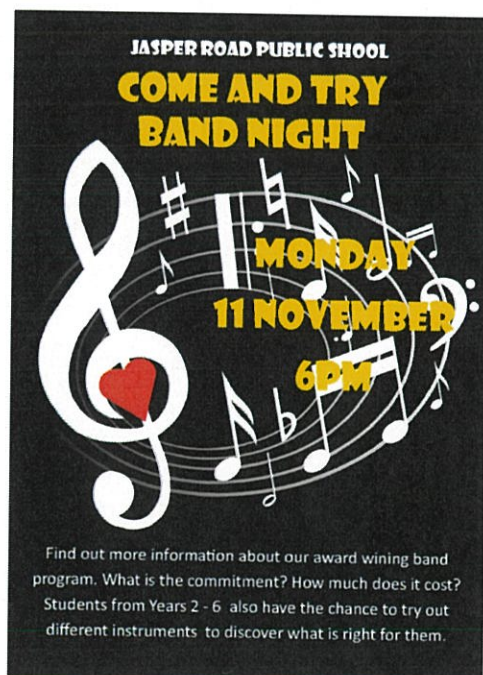


Happy reading
Mrs Tokatlian and library Staff

Band News

Well done to the many Concert Band students and families who gave up a few hours on their Sunday afternoon last weekend to represent Jasper Road at the Hornsby North Band Festival. The band was missing quite a few players across various sections but despite the empty seats, received a credit for their performance! That means the students who participated did a great job. Adjudicator comments mentioned how wonderfully the musicians behaved on stage, sitting steadily and sensibly and watching the conductor carefully, which is a skill in itself! Congratulations to all the concert band students who performed, you will receive your certificates of accomplishment in the coming weeks.

Band excitement continued this week with a visit from the NSW Police band to perform for all bands and Year 2 students, who then get to try out some instruments at the Come and Try night on Monday 11 November, and sign up for the 2020 Beginner Band. Concert band students will be given the opportunity to audition for Performing Band 2020, towards the end of the month also.



Our annual band celebration Soiree will take place on Sunday 1 December, when all current bands will perform and awards will

be presented to the most dedicated of our wonderful musicians in each band. The Soiree marks the end of the band program for 2019 and all musicians are expected to hand back uniforms and hired instruments at the end of the show. Let's keep our practice up and make the most of the remaining tutorials before the end of the year.

Scholastic Bookclub Organiser Required

JRPS is looking for a new Book Club Organiser.!

Scholastic Book Club not only enables us to boost our home and school libraries, but also to improve children's reading skills and encourage at-home reading.

You can help ensure Book Club continues at our school!

We are looking for a new Book Club Organiser to manage Book Club. Catalogues come from Scholastic throughout the year (approx. 8 times). When the catalogues arrive at school, the Book Club Organiser distributes the catalogues to students and advises them of the date that orders are due.

Once orders are received the Book Club Organiser places the orders online. The books are then delivered to school in class order and the organiser is responsible for distributing the books.

Interested in making a difference at our school?

- Provide continuous access to the best books at the best prices for families!
- Help to feed readers with regular access to independent reading material.
- Earn free books for the school!

If you are interested in becoming the next Book Club Organiser, please contact Michelle - mal44444@yahoo.com

School Events / Updates

SRC - Ice Cream and Crazy Hair Day

The Student Representative Council (SRC) will be hosting an 'Ice Cream and Crazy Hair Day' as a school fundraiser this term.

When: Wednesday 13 November 2019.

Cost: \$1 for an ice cream cone with or without sprinkles.

Why: To raise money for improvements for school grounds.

We can't wait to see Jasper Road student's craziest hair styles while enjoying an ice cream at lunch. Please note, this is NOT a mufti day.

Learning the art of knitting

This term as a part of the Chaplaincy Program, Mrs Bishop and a handful of Yr 3 & 4 students have started a lunchtime Knitting Club. Both Mrs Bishop and the students are learning the basics of knitting with the hopes of teaching other students as well. The idea of the Knitting Club was inspired by one of the Yr 4 students wanting to knit scarves to donate to a charity for the less fortunate next winter. The members of the Knitting

Club would like to thank everyone who has donated wool and knitting needles so far. Your kindness and generosity is really appreciated. Mrs Bishop would also like to personally thank Lesley from St Matthew's Uniting Church at Baulkham Hills who donated 2 huge bags of wool last week.

In just 2 weeks the students have learnt to 'cast on' and some have achieved the 'basic knit stitch' as well. It is such a wonderful achievement in such a short time.



Planting the seeds of Friendship

At the end of Term 3, Woolworths donated the complete set of the 'Discovery Garden' to the school. This term, during the various groups that meet with Mrs Bishop, we will be planting the seeds and growing our own garden within the school. Gardening together is a great way to not only learn about how plants grow and what care they need, but it also supports valuable social skills as the student's converse with each other and offer each other support during the process. We can't wait to see the fruits of our labour!

Variety Night 2019 Video

Now available for purchase and download. \$10 for both concerts.

<https://vimeo.com/ondemand/variety19>



Variety Night 2019 Photographs

For photographs of your children please click the following link

https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/17t-AsmLwPFzZEXbGE_A3ho-FPxVQE00i?usp=sharing

All Things P&C



Many hands help our school grow

Notice of P&C AGM

The P&C AGM will be held on Monday the 11 November at 7.00pm, prior to the regular Week 5 P&C meeting in the staff room at JRPS.

All welcome, please advise of any nominations to join the committee to pandcatjasperroad@hotmail.com.

Evelyn Hall
JRPS P&C
Secretary

Loose Change Challenge

Thank you so much to everyone that participated, it was so great to see the teachers, students and parents work together as a community to raise money for our school. It was lovely to see the students embrace the excitement and the teachers see this and incorporate lesson plans.

So....the winners of the pizza parties are:

Infants - **KM** raising \$142.85 with an average of \$6.49 per student

Special mention goes to the following infant classes that all raised over \$100 - KS, 1B and 1F.

Primary - **SM** raising \$79.05 with an average of \$13.18 per student

Special mention goes to the following primary classes that raised over \$150 - 4H & 5G. 5H for raising over \$100 and 3K, 4G & 6J that almost hit that magic \$100 mark. Second place however went to SB who raised almost \$50 amongst their 7 students.

It was an amazing collective effort by all with a total of \$2,345.10 raised for the school. Not too bad for loose change from your pockets.

Thank you all once again. We really appreciate your support - without you it is not possible.

Shontelle

Halloween Disco Thank you

Thank you to everyone who attended our final disco for 2019. We hope that you all had a fantastic night. A special thanks to the teachers and volunteers who helped on the night. Without your help the event would not have been such a success. We look forward to seeing you all in 2020 for more disco fun!

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

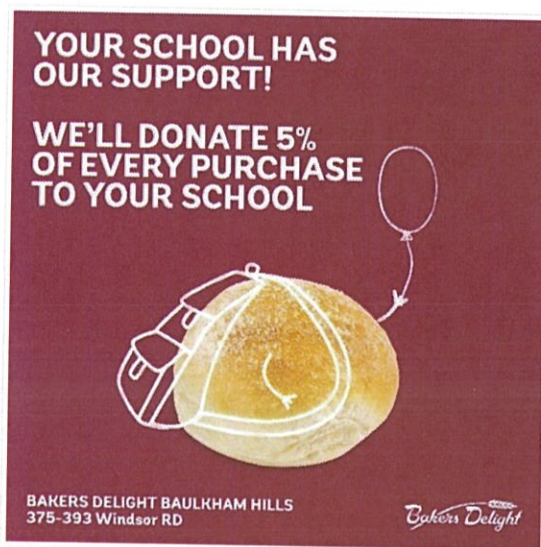
Our next meeting is on Monday 11 November at 7.00pm in the Staffroom and we welcome all parents. If you cannot make alternative arrangements for your children, they are welcome.

Next Fundraising Meeting

Our next Fundraising meeting is on Wednesday 13 November 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



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<http://timecounts.org/jrpspc>



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