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## Principal's Address

Being the last newsletter of 2019, I would like to thank the community for the partnerships you have formed in your child's learning and your continued support of the school. I would also like to congratulate our students for taking a strong hold of the opportunities available at Jasper Rd. I am proud of you! Regardless of your ability, you are given every possible opportunity to be challenged, achieve success and feel valued in our school. Our school motto states "Strive to Achieve" and through our quality teaching programs students complete this daily. Good luck to those families that are leaving Jasper Road behind as you start your journey to high school. I know that your children will always look back at their time at Jasper Road as the best years of their lives.

I would like to wish students, staff and parents the compliments of the season and a relaxing and safe holiday. The teachers and staff look forward to working with you all again in 2020.

## Schools Spectacular

Last week I had the tremendous opportunity to attend the 2019 Schools Spectacular at Qudos Arena, Homebush. This year we had an amazing group of students participate in the combined choir which consisted of 2700 students from around the state. Our students displayed outstanding behaviour, continual commitment to rehearsals and amazing singing skills during all performances and must be congratulated. They were all tremendous representatives for the school. I would like to thank Mrs Beedham for attending rehearsals and performances and proving this amazing opportunity to our students. Channel 7 will be televising the event this Saturday 7 December.



## 2020 Classes

We are currently busy planning for 2020, which is just around the corner. We place a great deal of thought into the placement of students into classes. We very carefully consider the following for each and every student:

- Combinations of students – students who will work well together, and those who will not
- Friendship groups
- Student needs and the extent of these, be they extra support or extension
- Application and effort in class
- Learning styles
- Academic levels of operation across all curriculum areas
- Social, emotional, behavioural and academic needs

We will form classes of students that will work, learn, play and socialise together very well. We will also make sure that all staff are provided with information relevant and specific to each student in their new class. Relevant information is shared with the next teacher: this often includes medical information, academic information, supportive strategies and support programs.

If your child will be leaving Jasper Rd for 2020, please confirm in writing to the front office ASAP. Just as it is important that we share information between teachers, it is also important for your child's progress that we share information between schools.

## Thank You Morning Tea

On Tuesday it was fantastic to host the many parents that have volunteered their time around the school in 2019. Whether it is banking, covering books, Yr 6 farewell, band, teaching scripture or reading in the classroom, your help and time is greatly appreciated. It is only through your support that we are able to offer these opportunities to our students. We thank you for everything you do and look forward to continuing our great community partnerships in 2020.



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

## From the Deputy Principals

### Student Reports

Reports will go home on Friday 13 December.



School reports are a great tool to help you understand how your child is going at school – and they can be used to start a conversation with your child about their learning. Here are some tips to help you analyse and discuss school reports with your child.

#### Stay positive

When reading your child's report card, try to emphasise the positive. Praise your child for their improvement and achievements – and try to be specific with your praise. For example, *"I'm really pleased with your progress in science. You have been working so hard and have improved so much since the beginning of the year"*.

#### Focus on effort, not grades

Try not to focus too much on the grades your child receives. When children are too focussed on their marks they can develop a 'grade orientation' rather than a 'learning orientation' – and can become less likely to enjoy learning and to challenge themselves. Recognise your child's hard work even if it is not reflected in their marks.

#### Every child is different

Try not to compare your child's report to that of an older sibling or friends. Your child is unique and shines in their own areas.

These tips are from the following website:

<https://www.learningpotential.gov.au/>

### Recognising Excellence - Presentation Day 2019

Next week we will celebrate student achievement at Jasper Road Public School by holding our annual Presentation Day again at Model Farms High where we recognise individuals who have excelled in academics and citizenship. Please ensure K-2 students arrive at school early as rolls will be marked at 8.45am so they can get on buses for Model Farms High School. A second assembly on Wednesday back at school will showcase achievements in a range of extra-curricular activities.



Every year, teachers always find the task of allocating awards for students challenging. It is not possible to recognise every student and for this reason, please reinforce the importance of striving for personal bests and individual growth while also celebrating those students who have excelled and received

their awards. Every student has something to be proud of this year.

Teachers have been discussing with their students their proudest 2019 achievements. For some it is the way they have supported their friends, for others it is making the PSSA team or for becoming a better scientist, mathematician or creative writer. We would like to ask every student to reflect on their achievements for 2019 and to celebrate this over the last few days of term and over the holiday period.

### Outgoing Year 6 Students

On Thursday we celebrated the contributions that our senior students, Year 6, have made at our school through their farewell. Our 2019 Year Six have been respectful to staff and visitors and outstanding role models to younger students. On behalf of the entire school community, well done to our Year 6 students – we are glad you enjoyed your farewell and we wish you all every success as you make the transition to high school.

### Start of school for students in 2020

The first day for Years One to Six students in 2020 will be Wednesday 29 January.

### Important Road Safety Reminder for Parents And Carers These Holidays

As the school holidays approach, it is important to remember when walking near roads, on footpaths, near driveways and in car parks always:

- **hold your child's hand.** Until they are at least 8 years old children need to hold an adult's hand. Until they are at least 10, children should be closely supervised by an adult and hold hands when crossing the road.
- **talk to your child about road safety.** Talk about how to be safe when near roads. Be a good role model.
- **point out road safety dangers and differences** in new environments. This is especially important when on holidays in different surroundings. Roads, footpaths and pedestrian facilities may look different in holiday areas.



**The best way to keep your child safe on or near the road is to hold their hand.**

**Talk with your child daily about road safety.**

**Remind other adults and carers about this too.**

You can find out more at Transport for NSW.

<http://roadsafety.transport.nsw.gov.au/stayingsafe/children/pedestriansafety.html>

**Kirrilly Dunn (rel.) and Vanessa Rogers**  
**Deputy Principals**

## Online Enrolment for New Students

We are excited to announce we will be trialling a newly developed Online Enrolment System (OES) from Monday 25 November 2019.

The Online Enrolment System is designed to provide flexibility for parents to submit an Application to Enrol in a NSW Government School online at a time best suitable to you. The application can be accessed on all browsers and mobile devices including IOS and Android.

The online application process is currently restricted to:

- enrolments into **local** schools only
- children who are Australian citizens, New Zealand citizens or permanent residents
- children who live in NSW.

Use the following link to access the online enrolment form:

<https://enrol.education.nsw.gov.au/>

or scan the QR Code



## 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. Use the following link to access the online enrolment form:

<https://enrol.education.nsw.gov.au/>

or scan the QR Code



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

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.

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

Thank you to all Year 4 students who nominated to become an Arbor. Current Arbors read these nominations and vote for the students to join the group. Congratulations to the Year 4 students who been given a position in Arbors for the next two years: Jeongsoo B, Beatrice L, Emily Z, Hamish L, Vani R, Phoebe J, Flynn K, Tennyson K, Caitlin H, Oscar M, Charlotte C, Lucy S and Sophie N. Arbor Training Day was held on Thursday 5 December.

Students learnt how to;

- plant vegetables in and care for the hydroponics, - feed and care for the worm farms, compost
- plant seeds and care for seedlings
- weed and water gardens around the school
- collect and sort Return and Earn
- reduce their environmental footprint

We look forward to working with these students over the next two years. We wish you all a very happy and healthy festive season. May you reduce, reuse and recycle.

# School Events / Updates

## Inter-school Boccia Competition 2019

On Friday 22 November, the Jasper Road Public School Support Unit took on JRPS ex-students from Crestwood High School Support Unit's Boccia teams. This was to celebrate International Day of People with a Disability, which is acknowledged around the world on December 3. Unfortunately for JRPS, Crestwood took the title this year, by only 2 points! It also celebrates sport and disability and is a great opportunity for students to show their teamwork and sportsmanship.

We thank the P & C for supporting this annual event and we look forward to next year's competition!

## 2019 Year 6 Photos

<https://jasperroad-p.schools.nsw.gov.au/news/2019/12/2019-yr-6-farewell.html>

## AASCF National Cheerleading competition

Harper E, from 2G travelled to Melbourne to compete at the AASCF National Cheerleading competition recently. Harper & her team, Mini Muscle, represented Cheer Energy, competing in a huge division at the Melbourne Convention Centre and after a sensational performance, scored highly enough to finish 5th overall. Parents & coaches alike were extremely proud of their performance.



# All Things P&C



## 2019 Fundraising Year in Review

What a year 2019 has been. Let's look back at the events that we have had.

- 2 x Election Day BBQ's and Cake Stalls
- 3 x Disco's and BBQ's
- Mother's Day Stall
- Father's Day Stall
- Father's Day BBQ
- Hot Cross Bun drive
- Loose Change Challenge
- Athletics Carnival Canteen/BBQ



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

**Mrs Jennifer Franks**

# Sports News

## Summer PSSA

Congratulations to all of our Summer PSSA Teams. You competed with the Jasper Road spirit and should be proud of your efforts.

A special congratulations to our teams who made it into the Semi- Finals:

- Junior Girls T-ball
- Junior Boys Touch Football
- Senior Cricket
- Girls Basketball

These teams fought hard last Friday and 2 of our teams were able to win and gain a spot in the Grand Finals on Friday 6 December. Well done to the Junior Boys Touch Football and Senior Cricket.

A big thanks also goes out to our coaches from throughout the year, Mr Gosper, Mrs Keast, Mrs Isaac, Miss Lihou, Mrs Kaur, Mr Griffiths, Miss Godfrey, Mr Armstrong, Mr Marshall, Miss Cahill and Mr McKay. Without their support and hours of assistance the students would not have had all the success across the year.

## Playing Shirts

As our season draws to an end can I please ask all students to make sure their playing shirts are washed and returned promptly to their coaches.

## 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**

- World Teacher's Day Morning Tea
- Trivia Night
- Comedy Night
- Easter Raffle
- Morning Tea at the 2020 Kindergarten Orientation Days

All of these events have raised over \$30,000 for our school community. This money has contributed to or is earmarked for reading and writing resources, playground improvements (ie concreting, tables & chairs), ANZAC garden improvements, robotics equipment and new hall blinds.

We take this opportunity to thank everyone who has played a part to make these events such a success, our volunteers, our event coordinators and everyone who attended our events.

We welcome the incoming P&C committee and thank you for volunteering your time and talents for 2020

- President** – Karen Titterton
- Vice President** – Deryck Salfus
- Vice President** – Nicole Nixon
- Secretary** – Vacant
- Treasurer** – Vacant

The 2 vacant positions need to be filled at the 1st P&C meeting of 2020 on 24th February. If this does not happen then the P&C will fold and there will be no future events. Please consider if you can help out in either of these positions.

A very special thank you to the amazing staff of Jasper Road who support our events each and every time. Without your assistance the events would not be as successful.

### Happy Holidays!

We wish everyone a very Merry Christmas and a healthy and safe start to the New Year. We look forward to seeing you all in 2020.



### Next P&C Meeting

P&C Meetings are held on Mondays in weeks 5 and 8 of Term 1 and weeks 2, 5 and 8 of Terms 2 and 3. They are held 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

Fundraising meetings are held on the Wednesday's in weeks 2, 5 and 8 of each term and are held in in the Cottage at 9:15am and we welcome all parents. Children are also welcome.



### 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>

### Contact the P&C and Fundraising Committee

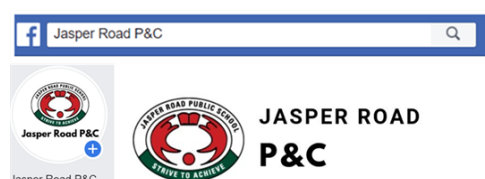
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<http://timecounts.org/jrpspc>



## Community Notices