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## Principal's Address

Welcome back to Jasper Rd Public School. I trust that you and your family had a very Merry Christmas and a wonderful New Year. The 2020 school year has well and truly begun and all children have commenced their studies, being provided exceptional programs by outstanding classroom practitioners.

I would like to warmly welcome our new families and students who join our wonderful school community this year and of course our Kindergarten children who have now completed their Best Start Assessment and first week in school. I know that you and your child will enjoy the school's warm, caring learning environment, enriched with innovative programs.

Jasper Road provides a nurturing environment where the welfare of students and their families is paramount. The staff are committed to building self-esteem in students and, by working closely with parents and students, ensuring that both responsible behaviour and a strong sense of civic pride exist. Our staff will, at all times, provide your child(ren) with the most amazing educational opportunities.

We begin the year with a few new staff members joining 'our family'. I would like to welcome Bec Walker and Kam Bargri as permanent members of our teaching staff. I also welcome Emma Thompson and Sophie Angeloudis as new temporary teachers to our school. I trust you will welcome them when given the opportunity.

## MEDICATION

Starting this year, the Department of Education is prohibiting the use of dosett (pill) boxes when individual medication is provided to schools. Non-prescription medication is to be provided in original packaging. Prescription medication must be provided in Webster packs.(available from chemists) We thank you in advance for supporting this change.

You will also need to bring in a completed Administration of Medication form giving the school authority to administer the medication. The forms can be downloaded from our website:

<https://jasperroad-p.schools.nsw.gov.au/notes-and-forms.htm>  
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## PARENT DETAILS

The start of the new school year often brings changes to personal parent contact details. If you have recently changed phone number, address or email address, could you please complete a form at the office or let us know in written form via email. It is essential that we have current contact details for our families in cases of emergencies.

## KINDERGARTEN 2020

Our Kindergarten children have settled into our school routines and into their learning with great excitement. Their teachers have been walking the children through the routines of the BIG SCHOOL DAY. Congratulations to you (the parents), you have done a wonderful job preparing your kids for school. My teachers and I look forward to continuing your outstanding work and I assure you that your child will continue to receive quality education in a warm, caring learning environment, filled with wonderful innovative programs. Whilst your child is at our wonderful school you can rest assured that they will be protected and cared for as if they were our very own children, so that you can go about your daily routines without a worry.

## CLASSES

At the beginning of every school year student numbers fluctuate for the first few days. Our anticipated school enrolment for 2020 is approximately 890 students. With this in mind I have formed 40 classes for 2020. Please be mindful that kids are not always (at first) happy about the classes they have been placed in at the beginning of the year often because they want to be with friends, or because they have been placed with a teacher whom they have never had before. However, our teachers have carefully structured our classes so that your child(ren's) educational needs will be best catered for.

The school's executive and I have carefully thought about classes and placed students with the most appropriate teachers. Classes have been formed with a great deal of thought to provide your child with the most exceptional learning

opportunities. I can guarantee that all staff have the best interests of your children in mind. In 2020 class structures are:

2020 Classes			
	Teacher	Class	Supervisor
1	Karen	Bell	KB
2	Renee	Stammers	KS
3	Maisie	Dtang	KM
4	Cheryl	Neckerauer	KN
5	Ashleigh	Richardson	KR
6	Kirily	Dunn	KD
7	Vanessa	Alwan	JA
8	Natasha	Alam	JA
9	Emma	Rose	JA
10	Sophie	Browning	IS
11	Calro	Baker	IB
12	Amanda	Whehan	JZW
13	Dale	Ritumaita	2R
14	Paul	Marshall	2M
15	Ashleigh	Matthews	2A
16	Eric	Power	3P
17	Melissa	Gane	2S
18	Tayla	Beeham	2B
19	Shelley	Kear	3S
20	Emma	Thompson	3T
21	Kelly	Boulatakos	3B
22	David	Bath	3D
23	Meat	Keast	3/4K
24	Matt	McKay	4M
25	Kim	Yatras	4Y
26	Beth	Cahill	4C
27	Lisa	Harrison	4H
28	Ross	Griffiths	5G
29	Narelle	Hastings	5H
30	Bec	Walker	5W
31	Tayla	Isaac	5I
32	Jenny	Franks	5/6F
33	Lee	Armstrong	6A
34	Deb	Godfrey	6G
35	Courtney	Krause	6K
36	Rebecca	Norham	6N
37	Vicki	Kehagias	6K
38	Elisa	Marquez	6M
39	Sibhan	Lamb	6L
40	Ellie	Baker	6B

## OPPORTUNITITES

Starting next week, students will have the opportunity to try out for a number of performance groups. To cater for the number of students at the school and promote participation, students will only be allowed to be involved in a maximum of two groups. Students should listen to teacher messages throughout the week as to when try outs will be held. This year's groups are K-2 Choir, Stage 2 Choir, Stage 3 Choir, Stage 1 Dance, Stage 2 Dance, Stage 3 Dance, Djembe Drumming and Musical Theatre.

At lunchtimes, we will also be holding a number of interest groups for students to participate in. These are drop in, drop out activities with no permanent commitment necessary. The aim of these groups is to build social skills and provide alternate activities for child(ren) to participate in. These groups will include Lego Group, Code Club, Chess Club and Girls Art. More information regarding these will be released to students shortly.

## WHO TO SEE

In 2020, Jasper Road's Assistant Principals have direct responsibility for supporting and supervising our classes and student learning achievement. If you need to discuss issues concerning your child, please speak with your child's class teacher in the first instance and then to the Stage Assistant Principal followed by the Deputy Principals.

**Early Stage 1** – Kirrily Dunn

**Stage 1** – Paul Marshall

**Stage 2** – Mel Keast (Relieving)

**Stage 3** – Deb Godfrey

**Support Unit** – Elisa Marquez

In Week 4, all parents are invited to attend our Meet the Teacher mornings. During these sessions, teachers will discuss teaching and learning programs, classroom structures and upcoming excursions throughout the year. It is also a fantastic opportunity to meet your child's teacher and discuss any goals in an informal environment. If you would like to discuss health concerns or any matter could I please ask that you arrange an appointment to speak in more depth.

## ASSEMBLIES

In 2020, it is our goal to continue building upon our practises to Communicate, Educate and Celebrate with our community. One way of achieving this is by providing opportunities for parents to attend assemblies. This year, assemblies will continue to be held fortnightly. All assemblies will be held on Thursday afternoons from 2pm.

**Early Stage 1 and Stage 1 – Odd Weeks**  
**Stage 2 and Stage 3 – Even Weeks**

Parents are invited to attend but we ask that you are respectful throughout and acknowledge the time and effort students have taken in their organisation and preparation.

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

## From the Deputy Principals

### KINDERGARTEN 2020

On behalf of all the staff, we would like to welcome the Kindergarten students and their families to Jasper Road. There were a lot of smiling faces on Monday when our new Kindergarten students started their schooling at JRPS. 107 students started their primary school journey, bright eyed and full of smiles. All students have quickly settled into 'Big School' and are enjoying their new class and classmates. There have been very few tears and while this can be a challenging time for some children, all our new Kindergarten students have been very brave. We look forward to seeing our Kindergarten children grow and mature throughout the course of this year.



We would like to thank our Kindergarten children's parents for assisting to ensure their children are ready to move into their first year of primary school.

# MEET & GREET THE TEACHERS

Early Stage 1 - Monday 17 Feb @ 8am  
Stage 1 - Tuesday 18 Feb @ 8am  
Stage 2 - Wednesday 19 Feb @ 8.15am  
Support Unit - Thursday 14th Feb @ 8am  
Stage 3 - Thursday 20 Feb @ 8.15am

*"Learn...Teach...Partner"*

**Meet your child's teacher and hear about 2020 programs. Each teacher will have a brief presentation that will give you a glimpse of your child's classroom and 2020 events, policies and procedures. This is also fantastic opportunity to build a partnership with your child's teacher and begin discussing joint goals for their learning.**

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## Schools and families working together



At Jasper Road PS, one of our Strategic Directions is to partner with our parents/carers and community. "Parents and families play an important role in supporting their child's education. Research has shown that when schools and families work together, children do better, stay in school longer, are more engaged with their school work, go to school more regularly, behave better, and have better social skills." Ref- on the link below.

<https://www.education.gov.au/parent-engagement-children-s-learning>

We encourage you to speak to your child's teacher if you have any concerns, questions or information that could help your child's teacher teach your child. Small problems can become big problems if they are not dealt with promptly. If you have a quick concern you can meet with your child's teacher before 8:55a.m. or after 3:00pm or by leaving an email for your child's class teacher or by phoning the school office. Parents wishing for a longer meeting can make a time with the teacher that suits you both.

## A Word of Thanks



The beginning of each school year is an incredibly busy time with setting up new classes, organising resources, classrooms and furniture and enrolling new students.

Thank you to all the staff and community who have worked so hard in these first important days of school. Thank you to the P&C Social Committee for catering and welcoming our new Kindergarten parents with a morning tea this week.

## Student Privacy

An ongoing question at school events is, "Can I take photos?"

Recently the Department of Education released an updated Social Media policy for students, staff and parents that outlines the laws surrounding this area.

Photographs, video or digital images of a student are considered "personal information" and therefore their use and disclosure are governed by **the Information Privacy Act**. Photographs, video and digital images of students may also contain copyright, and therefore may also be governed by the Copyright Act 1968.



The school allows for the collection of photos, video, film and digital images for **personal use** at events. This limits the posting of such files to social media. Under social regulations, please ensure that **you personally** have permission to publish such media online for each child pictured. We thank the community for supporting these guidelines.

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

## Environmental Education

Welcome to 2020! Thank you to the Arbors and their families who came in during the holidays and maintained many of our garden areas, worm farms and composting. The Year 6 Arbor leaders did a great job leading their weekly groups. I look forward to continuing to work with the Arbors this year.

Clean Up Australia Day, Arbor training and Environmentors are a few upcoming events in Term 1

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

**Mrs Jennifer Franks**

## Library News

### Welcome

Welcome back book lovers and readers. We kick off this term with students borrowing in their library lessons from Week 2, the Premiers Reading Challenge soon to start, Kids Lit Quiz teams to be decided and library monitors in training.

### Borrowing and Library Lessons

All students except Year 6 need a library bag to borrow. Library bags can be purchased from the uniform shop. Being waterproof and able to expand, they are a great way to keep books safe and clean.

Students have been informed by their teachers of their allocated library day. Please support your children by reminding them of this and encouraging them to borrow books each week. Many skills are learnt in self-selecting books, hence why we ask even the book-rich homes to encourage your children to borrow from our library.

Due to a shorter library lesson this year, borrowing limits have been changed. Kindy borrow 1 book each week. Year 1 and Year 2 borrow 2 books each week. Years 3 to 6 borrow up to 3 books at a time.

### Library Monitors

We are very fortunate to already have a team of Year 5 and 6 library monitors passionately offering their assistance in various aspects of the running of the library. Parents of these students will be informed shortly when these library monitors will be inducted into the role at a school assembly.

### Premiers Reading Challenge

The Premiers Reading Challenge kicks off on Monday March 2. Please keep a manual record of the books students have been reading since last year as the website won't be open

for entering titles read till then. Shortly we will have a morning information session about this to inform and answer any questions you may have over and above what is offered on the website here:

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

## Kids Lit Quiz

This week we will be inviting students from Year 5 and 6 to try out for the Kids Lit Quiz 2020. More news on this forthcoming but in the meantime you may like to check out the website for this international literature competition:

<https://www.kidslitquiz.com/australia.php>

## School Banking

Commonwealth School Banking will start next Monday 10 February of Term 1, Week 3.

**Thank you**

**Paulina Ibarra (Banking Co-Ordinator)**

## All Things P&C



Many hands help our school grow

## Happy New School Year

On behalf of the Jasper Road P&C Happy New School Year.

A very special welcome to the families who are joining our school community for the first time this year. We all look forward to meeting you soon.

The P&C are planning yet another year filled with fun events for our school community. To keep up to date with all things P&C we encourage you to:

- Follow us on Facebook. Simply search Jasper Road P&C
- Sign up to Timecounts. This is our volunteer hub. It is easy to join simply visit <http://timecounts.org/jrpspc>
- Join us at one of our meetings. In Term 1 our meetings are held at 7pm on Mondays in weeks 5 and 8.

## Term 1 Save the Date

Wednesday 25 March – School Disco

We look forward to seeing you all soon. If you have any questions or suggestions please contact us via email on [pandcatjasperroad@hotmail.com](mailto:pandcatjasperroad@hotmail.com)

## Next P&C Meeting

Our next meeting is in Week 5, Monday 24 February 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 26 February 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](mailto:pandcatjasperroad@hotmail.com)

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<http://timecounts.org/jrpspc>

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## Community Notices

MODEL FARMS HIGH SCHOOL

For Years 5 & 6 Students and Families

**OPEN NIGHT**

Tuesday 3rd March 2020  
6.30pm School Hall

Information Displays Performances Tours

Out of area applications most welcome.  
Individual daytime tours and interviews available.

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