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Principal's Address

Week 4 and we have already held numerous events across the school. All classes are now perfectly settled and have commenced a very positive and productive year of learning. Staff have established great relationships with students, creating wonderful classroom learning environments and setting high expectations for learning and behaviour. I would like to thank all the parents that joined us throughout the week at our Meet and Greet Mornings. It was a fantastic opportunity to meet staff and discuss your child's year ahead. If you were unavailable or would like to speak with your child's teacher, please reach out and make an appointment. General information has been sent home with all students to communicate what is happening in Term 1.

Swimming Carnival

Last week the rain could not dampen spirits as 150 students participated in our annual swimming carnival. Thank you to the families that attended on the day cheering and volunteering to assist. It was a fantastic celebration, which highlighted the community partnerships that have been built. Congratulations to the students that attended. Every child displayed star values, participated with enthusiasm and never gave up. True team sportsmanship was on display throughout the whole day. Good luck to those students that made the Zone Carnival. Lastly, a massive thank you and congratulations to Mrs Yatras and Mr Griffiths for their organisation on the day. They had made 'spanners thrown in the mix' with a different venue but hosted a great carnival. Thanks.



Opportunities

At lunchtimes, we run 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 children to participate in. These groups include multiple Lego Groups, Code Club, Chess Club and Art Groups with most starting this week. Please encourage your child to attend if necessary.

Grounds Maintenance

Over the past fortnight the school continued to be upgraded with painting, new drainage, repairs and carpeting occurring. We have now completed carpeting of 15 classrooms, painting to 16 areas and new drainage around the hall. Over the holiday break we also completed two projects being the refurbishment of our ANZAC garden and the installation of a new seated shaded area. The ANZAC garden will be officially opened later this term but I would like to thank the companies and organisations that donated towards the project including Turtle Landscaping, Castle Hill RSL, Bunnings Seven Hills and Living Edge Landscaping.

I would also like to thank the outgoing class of 2019 who donated funds towards the new shaded seating area. This is a fantastic outgoing present that will greatly benefit all students and will be used for years to come. Sun Safety continues to be an important message that we spread with all students.

We continue to build a great school with great facilities!



Parking

Student safety is our number one priority, which includes before and after school. Could I please remind all parents to obey the road rules and use pedestrian crossings with their children to set a good example. As a reminder, there is **no parking** allowed in the **Kiss & Drop Zone**. All parents wishing to stay longer or would like to socialise on the school yard during drop off and pick up time must park their cars. Parking at Balcombe Heights Estate or in a neighbouring street is highly recommended. Spend the time walking to the car speaking with your child about the incredible day they've had and what they learned. **Student safety is everybody's responsibility.**

Mobile Phones

Could I please remind all parents that last year a review into mobile phone use was released by the government. This review stated:

"Reflecting the current practice of the vast majority of primary schools in NSW, the review team recommends that a state-wide restriction be placed on the use of smartphones for students in primary school in NSW."

With consideration to the review, Jasper Road Public School considers that mobile telephones are not required for use by students while they are in the school grounds and in the care of school staff between the hours of 8:30am and 3:00pm. They do not assist with communication during these hours, may cause disruption to classes and may be an attraction to thieves. The school acknowledges that parents may consider a mobile phone to be a necessary communication device outside the school hours for students who do not immediately go home at the conclusion of the school day. If this is the case and parents require students to have mobile phones with them for after school hours then the following restrictions apply:

- The telephone must not be on show at any time during the school day.
- The telephone must be switched off between the hours of 8:30am and 3:00pm.
- When attending excursions or camps outside of school, the same restriction will apply whilst in the care of staff.

A full copy of the school policy can be obtained at the front office.

Parent Information Session

Throughout the year, we plan different parent sessions that strive to better 'Educate' you on what we are doing. On Tuesday 3 March, we will be holding our first parent workshop for the year focusing on the NSW Premiers Reading Challenge. Do you know about the challenge? What can your child read? Can I help them? Parents from all grades are invited to attend with morning tea served at the completion. We hope to see as many parents in attendance as possible.



Information Morning

When: Tuesday March 3

Where: In the library

Time: 8.30am – 9.30am

Have you heard all the talk about this reading challenge for children but never really understood what it's all about?

Then this information session is for you.
Jasper Road parents: Kindy to Year 6

(Coffee/tea and biscuits provided)

P&C Volunteers

Throughout the year our incredible P&C run numerous events not only to raise funds but for student enjoyment. Thank you to the parents that contributed in some way in 2019 whether it be cooking a BBQ, assisting at a disco, counting money or just dressing up and supporting an event. I would encourage all parents to get involved whether it is only once or throughout the year. Many hands make light work and your children are the ones that benefit.

Mr Craig Warner
Principal

From the Deputy Principals

Parent Information mornings



Thank you to all of the parents and carers who attended our Information mornings this week and to the teachers for leading these sessions. We can best meet the needs of your child when there is a positive and productive partnership between school and

home so it was pleasing to see such a good turnout for these sessions.

At Jasper Road PS, we strive for every student to achieve his or her own 'personal best'. Teachers work hard to motivate and engage all their students in learning. Sometimes it is through discovery, with the teacher structuring the learning to suit. On other occasions, it may require the teacher to teach in a more direct way. Students learn on their own as well as with and from, others.

Special Religious Education / Special Ethics Education

Our SRE and SEE programs commenced this week. Placements were based on information provided at enrolment, groups from previous years and the bulk permission notes. If your child is not in the group in which you wish them placed, please put this in a note / email and send it to our Admin Office.

Staff Car Park

This is strictly a no parking area.

Please park in the appropriate street spaces, not in the staff car park. Also, a reminder that parents should not park in the **'no stopping' and bus zones** areas around the school and across neighbours driveways (which is a real safety issue in an emergency situation).

Just a reminder if you are parking in the kiss and drop zone out the front of the school please stay with your vehicle so cars can move forward as one leaves.



Pedestrian Crossing Safety

Most days of the week we have a crossing supervisor on the Jasper Road crossing. Please wait to be directed to cross the road before crossing. Please walk along the footpath and keep mobile phones in pockets or bags to help keep everyone safe.

Attendance and absences



Parents/carers of children from Kindergarten to Year 12 must ensure their children attend school every day. On occasion, your child may need to be absent from school. Justified reasons for student absences may include:

- being sick or having an infectious disease
- having an unavoidable medical appointment
- being required to attend a recognised religious holiday, exceptional or urgent family circumstances e.g. attending a funeral.

Parents need to provide an explanation for absences to the school within 2 days from the first day of any period of absence. You will be contacted by the school, via email, if there has been no notification on the day of absence. Where an explanation has not been received within a 7-day timeframe, the school will record the absence as unjustified on the student's record. This is the Department of Education's protocols and are planned to keep all students safe.

Change of Details

At this time of year the office constructs the class email lists for the distribution of important school information and events. Often the family email provided on the enrolment form has changed and needs to be updated. Please email the office if you would like us to check your email address for school correspondence. It is also imperative that if you have changed your mobile phone number or any details for school hour's contact please advise the office immediately. These important details are used in the event of accidents and sickness.

Screen Time Tips for parents

- Before you switch on the TV or the computer for your children, stop and think – could they spend the time being active and have some 'small screen' time later on?
- Set limits on TV viewing. If there is a specific program that your child wants to watch, turn the TV off once it is finished. Alternatively, record the program and watch it together later on.
- Set limits for computer games and being online – no more than 2 hours a day and not during daylight hours when they could be outside and active.
- Don't allow a TV or computer in your child's bedroom. Keep them in a common area of the family home so you can monitor use.
- Have a list of active indoor and outdoor games or activities for your children, so you can suggest alternatives to watching TV or playing on the computer.



Kirriy Dunn (rel.) and Vanessa Rogers
Deputy Principals

STEM Enrichment Academy

This year, Jasper Road Public School has been successful in gaining a place in the STEM Teacher Enrichment Academy. Run by Sydney University, the STEM Academy offers support to schools to build capacity, knowledge skills and resources in the classroom teaching of STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics). STEM Education offers an engaging opportunity to bring exciting and effective approaches to student learning that equips learners for skills they will need in future careers.

On 17 and 18 February, four Jasper Road teachers from Stage 2 attended the first two days of this professional development program at Sydney University. Mr Bath, Miss Cahill, Mrs Kaur and Mrs Keast spent a productive two days exploring the world of STEM, including building wind-powered cars and using robotics to steer our vehicles. STEM lessons are based on collaboration, problem-solving and design processes, integrated across disciplines. This year, all Stage 2 classrooms will be part of the STEM Academy program, learning valuable skills and knowledge for their future.

We can't wait to keep you updated on our progress!



**From the STEM Academy team
Mr Bath, Miss Cahill, Mrs Kaur, Mrs Keast Sports
News**

Sports News

Summer PSSA Draw

| Week 4 - Round 1 - Friday 21 February | | |
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| Sport | Opposition | Location |
| Cricket | Carlingford West | North Rocks Park |
| Basketball | Bella Vista | Bella Vista Public School |
| Touch football | Northmead | Ted Horwood – Field 4 |
| Softball / T Ball | Baulkham Hills North | Eric Mobbs #1 |

| Week 5 - Round 2 - Friday 28 February | | |
|---------------------------------------|----------------|-----------------------|
| Sport | Opposition | Location |
| Cricket | Matthew Pearce | Masonic Oval 1 & 2 |
| Basketball | Crestwood | Fred Caterson |
| Touch football | Matthew Pearce | Ted Horwood – Field 3 |
| Softball / T Ball | Matthew Pearce | Eric Mobbs #1 |

| Week 6 - Round 3 - Friday 6 March | | |
|-----------------------------------|----------------|---------------------------|
| Sport | Opposition | Location |
| Cricket | Excelsior Road | Masonic Oval 1 & 2 |
| Basketball | Kellyville | Bella Vista Public School |
| Touch football | North Rocks | Ted Horwood – Field 3 |
| Softball / T Ball | North Rocks | Eric Mobbs #1 |

Library News

Borrowing and Library Lessons

Due to a rearrangement of teacher RFF allocation this year, weekly library lessons will be 40min long. To allow time for borrowing and a lesson it has been decided that students in Years 2-6 will borrow up to 2 books at a time. This can be for a duration of 2 weeks or they can be returned weekly. Kindy and

Year 1 students will borrow one book per week, leading up to 2 later in the year.

Library days and teachers are as follows:

| Day | Teacher | Classes |
|-----------|---------------|---|
| Monday | Mrs Tokatlian | All Year 5 and 6 classes except 5I and 6G |
| Tuesday | Mrs Tokatlian | 5I, 4Y and 4M 6G (with Mrs Bargri) |
| Wednesday | Mrs Tokatlian | All Year 3 and 4 classes except 4Y and 4M |
| | Mrs Martin | All Kindy classes except KR |
| Thursday | Mrs Martin | All Year 2 classes including 1/2W 2M (extended lesson every 2 weeks with Mrs O'Connor) |
| Friday | Mrs Tokatlian | All Year 1 classes and KR |

Premiers Reading Challenge

The Premiers Reading Challenge kicks off on Monday March 2. The next day on Tuesday March 3 we invite you to an information session in the library from 8.00am. Here we will be explaining the procedure for participating in the Challenge, the use by students of their Kidspace facility provided by the DET and how they can access this using their portal usernames and passwords.

In the meantime, make sure to keep a manual record of the books students have read since last year's challenge. For more information please visit the PRC website here:

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

Kids Lit Quiz

We continue the try outs with interested Year 5 and 6 students for the Kids Lit Quiz 2020. We're very close to establishing our 2 teams of 4 students to participate in the first heat of this international literature competition. More information forthcoming. Please visit the website for more information at:

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

School Events / Updates

Ethics classes at Jasper Road



Dear Parents and Carers,

Could you be an ethics teacher for Jasper Road?

We are seeking volunteers so that we can provide ethics classes for all the families who have requested it for their children.

Ethics teachers receive full training by Primary Ethics, the not-for-profit organisation approved to design curriculum and training for the ethics program. Training consists of a two-day

workshop and short online modules. Lesson materials are provided. Suitable volunteers have an interest in children's education and development of critical thinking skills and must be available on Tuesday morning each week.

In ethics classes, children learn how to think logically, disagree respectfully and support their arguments with evidence, rather than act according to blind habit or peer pressure.

Children discuss topic such as:

- imagining how others feel
- how do we treat living things?
- what is laziness?
- how do we disagree in a respectful way?
- fairness

If you are looking for an opportunity to make a valuable contribution to our school, please visit the below website or contact Kirsten Downey, Ethics Coordinator on 0419 297 371 or k_linklater@bigpond.com

<http://www.primaryethics.com.au/>

Craig Warner
Principal

Hindu Volunteer Teacher Training

All Things P&C



To kick off a year of fun activities, the Jasper Road P&C are excited to share details of the upcoming Term 1 events.

Mufti Day

Mufti Day is **Wednesday 26 February**. This means students don't have to wear their school uniform on this day. If they do not wear their uniform, we ask that they bring in a **gold coin donation**.

The Jasper Road P&C are proud to announce that proceeds from the mufti day will be used to purchase resources for schools and communities affected by the recent bush fires.

Please remember that closed in shoes must be worn.

Disco

Our first disco is coming up on Wednesday 25 March. Keep an eye out for more details in the next newsletter and on our Jasper Road P&C Facebook page.

In order to make this event as successful as possible we need parent volunteers. If you are able to help please register on Timecounts:

<http://timecounts.org/jrpspc>

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.

From the Band Committee

The Jasper Road bands are in full swing (no pun intended). The Beginner Band received their instruments last Monday and tutorials began this week.

The Concert and Performing Bands are rehearsing, and already have new music they are working on. Steve Clark, our fantastic music director commented that he is really impressed with what he has seen from all the bands so far this year.

We look forward to band camp for all the band students, held on the last weekend of May, we also look forward to several chances to perform at external events and eisteddfods this year

We are looking forward to an exciting year.

Please see the attached schedule for all band rehearsals, including the beginner band tutorials, both times and location.

Regards

Orson Baker

Band committee

| Day | Before School 7.45am-8.45am | Lunchtime 1.05- 2.00pm | After School 3.10- 4.10pm |
|------|---|---|---|
| Mon | | Flute Joanne Channell 1A | |
| | | Clarinet Gemma Rolph 1B | |
| | | Trumpets Hayden Dalton 1R | |
| | | CONCERT BAND Dr Clark Hall | |
| Tue | Performance Band Dr Clark Hall | Small groups Dr Clark TBC | |
| | | Bass Guitar Harry Brewster- Jones 1R | |
| Wed | Beginner Band Dr Clark Hall | | Concert Band Dr Clark Hall |
| Thur | | | Performance Band Dr Clark Hall |
| | | Saxophone Warwick Elvery 1R | |
| Fri | Trombones Jess Ling 1A | Percussion Ericsson Chan The Cottage | |
| | Euphoniums Matthew Brice 1R | | |

Contact the P&C and Fundraising Committee

pandcatjasperroad@hotmail.com

We advertise upcoming events in the fortnightly newsletter and also on our Facebook Page so please add us if you haven't already

Get Connected!

Follow us on Facebook and sign up to Timecounts to keep up to date with events taking place.

<http://timecounts.org/jrpspc>

Facebook search bar for Jasper Road P&C. Below are logos for Jasper Road P&C and Jasper Road Public School with the motto 'STRIVE TO ACHIEVE'.

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.

Enquiries:
Mark Grady
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9624 3133

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School Banking newsletter.

Term 1 update.



CommBank Bushfire Support

In light of the recent devastating bushfires, we want to share how we can help. Applications are now open for Bushfire Recovery Grants to help rebuild community facilities, schools, fire brigades and replace lost or damaged equipment. Please encourage your local community groups to apply by 31 March 2020, for grants of up to \$50,000. If you're a CommBank customer and you've been affected, we can also give you a hand with your finances. commbank.com.au/bushfirerecovery

2020 Treetop Savers Adventure.

This year, the Dollarmites (Pru, Addy, Spen, Lucas and Pat) are ready to take children on a Treetop Savers adventure to the enchanted Treehouse of Savings. Here they'll discover lots of fun financial activities and rewards for saving.

Many surveyed parents think it's important to make learning about money engaging and to reward good saving behaviour*. And this year, we're changing our School Banking rewards for the better. We're introducing new eco-friendly and reusable rewards, alongside other rewards that encourage creativity, as well as indoor and outdoor play.



Activity 1: Add up Addy's pocket money

Addy gets \$2 pocket money every time she does a job in the Treehouse of Savings. If she does 9 jobs, how much will she have earned?

A: \$ _____

Activity 2: Find and count how many frogs and butterflies you can see

A: _____ Frogs and _____ Butterflies.

Term 1 Treetop Savers rewards

When your child makes 10 deposits with School Banking, they can redeem one of our Treetop Savers rewards. Term 1 rewards are available now, while stocks last.



Terry Denton's Activity Book



Mini Soccer Ball

Any questions about the School Banking program? Ask your School Banking Co-ordinator for a parent's pack or visit commbank.com.au/schoolbanking

*Parents of Australian primary school children, School Banking Research, conducted by EdifyNet, May-June 2018. Commonwealth Bank of Australia ABN 48 123 123 124

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