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Principal's Address

Twelve months ago this week, I wrote in the newsletter about our Super Saturday event. This week I had the chance to think back about the day and the fantastic community spirit that echoed throughout the event. On Monday morning, I parked in the staff car park, hopped out of my car and stood marvelling at the back oval. It had already been a **year** since Super Saturday but the memories will last forever. This year we have a few surprises "up our sleeves" to 'Communicate', 'Educate' and 'Celebrate' as a school community and I look forward to sharing them with you in upcoming newsletters.

Calendar

In this issue of the newsletter, we have included the school calendar for the whole year. This is another way that we are hope to better communicate school activities and provide families with time to plan upcoming events. There may be minimal additions to the calendar due to events that are planned externally but do not have a locked in date at time of publishing. We hope this calendar provides a fantastic resource for the community and finds a place 'on the fridge'.

Sun Smart

After selling out at the start of the year, school sunglasses are now once again available at the front office. These are on sale for \$12 and add 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.

Voluntary Contributions

The provision of quality education relies, not only on the quality of the teaching staff, but also on the quality of the resources, which we use to educate the children. We are fortunate to have an enthusiastic, talented and committed teaching staff and while they are keen to use the best resources available, they are well aware of the current economic climate and the hardships many families are experiencing.

The school has a voluntary contribution charter that was sent out to all families earlier in the year. Please note that these will be the only voluntary fees parents will be asked to pay. I thank the numerous parents that have already paid towards these fees and encourage all our parents to support this contribution. If you have misplaced this note then please contact the office. My guarantee is that every last dollar of all money raised will go directly back into your child's education thus ensuring that our students are provided with the very best learning opportunity and resources. The staff and students of Jasper Rd are always humbled by your generosity and amazing support.

A poster for Harmony Day. At the top, it says 'HARMONY DAY' in large, bold, yellow letters. Below this is a row of colorful human figures holding hands. The main text reads: 'Wednesday 18 March 2020', 'Theme: Everyone Belongs', and 'We're going orange for Harmony Day!'. It then says 'Students are invited to come to school wearing cultural dress or orange clothes to celebrate Harmony Day!' with a small globe icon. Below that is 'Harmony Day Coffee & Conversation Morning!' followed by 'When: Wednesday 18 March', 'Time: 8.30am', and 'Where: JRPS Hall'. At the bottom, it says 'All parents, carers and community members are also invited to an informal coffee morning. This is a great chance to come and meet other parents and staff to celebrate that everyone belongs. Come for a coffee and stay for a chat! More exciting details to come.' The bottom of the poster features the 'EVERYONE BELONGS' logo and the website 'www.harmony.gov.au'.

Educate

Our first parent workshop for the year was held this week led by Mrs Tokatlian. It was lovely to meet many new parents/carers and relatives at this event along with parents that continue to come back to our sessions. The feedback from the workshop was overwhelming positive and we are already in the planning stages of future workshops. Our aim is to engage with our parents and through education, build strong partnerships that build upon the work we do in the classroom. It is not about the quantity of work they complete at home through homework, but rather the quality of discussion and support that is offered.



Zone Swimming Carnival

Yesterday our students participated in the Zone Swimming Carnival. Congratulations to the students that attended for your enthusiasm, encouragement and display of our star values. I also thank the families that attended on the day cheering and Mrs Yatras, Mr Griffiths and Mrs Dunn for their attendance.

Updated information about COVID-19

The NSW Department of Education is working closely with the NSW Ministry of Health in response to the unfolding international COVID-19 (formerly referred to as Novel Coronavirus) situation.

Effective 1 March 2020, the Federal Government has issued an extended travel ban on foreigners coming to Australia from Iran. Only Australian citizens and permanent residents coming from Iran will be allowed entry to Australia, and from 1 March they are required to self-isolate for a period of 14 days after departing Iran consistent with the restrictions for those entering from China. Additionally, Australians have been advised NOT to travel to Iran.

Updated advice from the NSW Government for parents regarding COVID -19 is:

- Any student or staff member who has been in, or transited through, mainland China (not just Hubei province) or has been in Iran is excluded from work, school or child care services for 14 days from the date they left mainland China or Iran (as the COVID-19 incubation period can be as long as two weeks).
- Any confirmed case of COVID-19 will be excluded until they are medically cleared to return.
- Close contacts of a confirmed case of COVID-19 will be excluded for 14 days since last contact with the confirmed case.
- Students and staff who have returned to Australia from mainland China or Iran more than 14 days ago and have shown no symptoms are able to return to school.

The NSW Ministry of Health has processes to identify any close contacts of cases confirmed in Australia. Advice about not attending school would be provided to these close contacts by the NSW Ministry of Health.

Consistent with current guidelines, students who are unwell with respiratory illness should remain at home until symptoms resolve.

Maintaining good hygiene standards is an important way to reduce the risk of acquiring and spreading respiratory infections. Parents and caregivers are asked to promote good hygiene, including handwashing with soap as handwashing is the single most effective way to reduce the spread of germs that cause respiratory disease.

The NSW Department of Education will continue monitoring the COVID-19 situation and provide parents and caregivers with updated information about the virus.

Mr Craig Warner
Principal

From the Deputy Principals



Friday 20 March 2020 marks the 10th anniversary of the National Day of Action against Bullying and Violence (NDA).

National definition of bullying for schools developed by educators across Australia - Bullying is an ongoing and deliberate misuse of power in relationships through repeated verbal, physical and/or social behaviour that intends to cause physical, social and/or psychological harm.

It can involve an individual or a group misusing their power, or perceived power, over one or more persons who feel unable to stop it from happening. Bullying can happen in person or online, via various digital platforms and devices and it can be obvious (overt) or hidden (covert).

Bullying behaviour is repeated, or has the potential to be repeated, over time (for example, through sharing of digital records). Bullying of any form or for any reason can have immediate, medium and long-term effects on those involved, including bystanders. **Single incidents and conflict or fights between equals, whether in person or online, are not defined as bullying.**

For more information go to:

<https://bullyingnoway.gov.au/RespondingToBullying/Parents>

Tell Them From Me student survey

Twice a year, students in years 4-6 complete a survey that provides valuable information to the school

If you would not like your child to participate in the Tell Them From Me student survey please contact the office

For more information on the student survey go to: Frequently Asked Questions

For information in different languages go to:

Dropping off and picking up at school

KISS & DROP RULES

1. Move forward to the start of the bay, do not stop halfway
2. Maximum 2 minutes stay and you must remain within 3 metres of your vehicle
3. Remain in your vehicle unless your child cannot open the car door
4. Have schoolbags in the car with your child so you do not need to open the boot
5. Children must exit the vehicle on the kerbside NOT the roadside
6. Do not double park next to vehicles in the bay please wait for the cars in front to move forward before entering the bay
7. Do not queue into or let children out of your vehicle in 'No Stopping' or 'Bus Zones' as this is illegal

Please be considerate and help make our drop off bay work efficiently and safely for everyone



The beginning and end of the school day are busy times for pedestrians and vehicles outside schools. Parking signs are planned with your child's safety in mind.

It is helpful for everyone if you park safely, even if you have to walk further to the school gate. This is a good time to model positive road safety behaviour and physical activity for your child.

Slow down near any crossings around the school. At a supervised crossing, follow the directions of the school crossing supervisor. Crossing supervisors manage traffic to help primary school children use the crossings on roads near and outside of schools.

Drop your child off and pick them up on the school side of the road. Calling out to them from across the road is dangerous – they may run to you without checking for traffic. This will help keep all children as safe as possible during the busiest times of the school day.

You should always:

- park legally
- avoid dangerous manoeuvres such as U-turns and three-point turns
- give way to pedestrians, particularly when entering or exiting driveways
- avoid using the school car park or driveway
- avoid parking in the school bus bay
- make sure your child uses the Safety Door (rear kerb-side door) to get in and out of the car.

Dangerous driving behaviour around schools puts children at risk.

Model safe and considerate behaviour for your child – they will learn from you.

Bike Safety

On Friday, students who ride bikes or scooters will be attending an information session to learn/revise RMS and school directions when using this safe way to get to school. Students will be given an authorisation form note to be completed by students and parents/carers. Students need to return the authorisation note to the office to receive the 2020 sticker for their bike/scooter.



By all students having a 2020 sticker on their bike/scooter, we are able to easily monitor that they are aware of RMS and school expectations around bike safety.

Head Knocks

During the school day we do have incidents where children receive a head knock. This may range from a basketball or tennis ball hitting a child in a game to more serious head knocks. As a school we follow DOE protocols.

Where the impact is with a hard object (example another child's head) and is very serious, the school will commence appropriate first aid and immediately contact the parent. Where the impact is with a hard object, even where the child is indicating no pain or nausea we will require the parent to come and collect the child and seek medical advice.

If it is a soft knock as in a basketball or tennis ball during a game, we will contact the parent and observe the child for half an hour. If there is no pain or nausea we will return the child to class. At all times we will err on the side of caution. We have staff members with first aid training for any incidents that do occur at school.

Arriving at school

It would be appreciated if all parents/carers could move from the playground area as soon as dropping your child/ren. This will reduce the congestion in the playground and enable students to have access to increased play area. It will also enable students to reduce the anxiety they experience as a result of the separation.

Children should arrive at school in the mornings between 8:30am and the start of school at 8:55am, unless they are booked into tutorials, OOSH or PSSA training schedules. Morning supervision commences at 8:30am, so any student at school prior to this time is unsupervised.

From The Office

Could you please keep your mobile phones switched on from 2.30pm onwards. If your child has not been collected after 3pm, we need to be able to contact you. Please phone rather than email if you are requesting your child be redirected after school or for any other change of plans. The Office is rather busy after 2pm and we may not get to your email and deliver your message in time.

School Banking

If you would be interested in volunteering to help with the Commonwealth School Banking on Monday mornings each week for about 2 hours at the school, please contact the front office for further information.



Mrs Kirrily Dunn (rel.) and Mrs Vanessa Rogers
Deputy Principals

Sports News

Summer PSSA Draw

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

Mr Lee Armstrong & Mrs Shelley Kaur
PSSA Coordinators

Library News

Parent Information Morning Premiers Reading Challenge

Thank you to all the parents who came to this workshop in the library on Tuesday morning. Almost 50 parents of students from all grades were in attendance. We hope to have conveyed the following:

1. Information about the student portal (also known as Kidspace), username and password
2. The use of the username and password to access the library catalogue (Oliver and Orbit) online
3. The use of the username and password to access ebooks and how to
4. The value of participating in the Premiers Reading Challenge and how to

For most students the username is first name dot last name. The password is their current class. Some students may have a digit after their last name. Please approach your child's teacher to find out their username and password if trying that doesn't work. For further information on any of the above points please see Mrs Tokatlian in the library.

Premiers Reading Challenge

The Premiers Reading Challenge has kicked off as of Monday March 2. Please encourage and support your children to participate in this worthy reading incentive. Students in Year 3 to Year 6 should be able to take responsibility for their own

challenge but Kindy to Year 2 students will need parent support.

For more information please visit the PRC website here:

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

Parent Helpers

There are many tasks that need to be completed to allow access to the wonderful collection of books that we have at Jasper Road. These tasks can be quite time-consuming for library staff over and above regular admin and teaching duties. We always appreciate support from the community which only helps to improve our services for our students. If you have time spare for covering books, labelling Premiers Reading Challenge books or any other time-saving task in the library please contact the school to leave your details and information about the best times for you.

Kids Lit Quiz

After thorough quizzing we have arrived at our top eight students who will be participating in the Kids Lit Quiz 2020. I would like to congratulate all the students who tried out to be part of this exciting reading competition. Much time was given up to sit for the tests at recess and lunchtimes.

Now off to Cerdon College in Merrylands on Tuesday March 17 to compete against government and non-government school students in Years 5, 6 and 7, 8. Wish us luck!

Please visit the website for more information at:

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

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 2M borrowing weekly with Mrs Crooks
	Mrs Martin	All Kindy classes except KR
Thursday	Mrs Martin	All Year 2 classes including 1/2W 2M extended library lesson with Mrs O'Connor odd weeks

Day	Teacher	Classes
Friday	Mrs Tokatlian	All Year 1 classes and KR

Support classes come into the library with their teachers on designated days. These days will have been communicated to you this week at Parent Information Sessions.

Happy reading
Mrs Tokatlian

Student Representative Council

The Student Representative Council (SRC) at Jasper Road Public School provides an avenue for the student body to be a part of the school decision-making process.

Through the SRC, all students have the opportunity to communicate their concerns, suggestions and ideas for improving our school. The SRC provides leadership opportunities for its members, enabling them to develop and model responsibility, honesty, reliability and a commitment to ensuring our school is a happy and safe place.

How it works

There are 28 SRC members in 2020. The newly elected SRC members have been presented with their badges and officially recognised at a School Assembly on Thursday 5 March 2020.

One SRC representative was chosen by their class peers from Year 2 to Year 6. Each SRC representative serves on the council for one year.

The SRC meet formally every fortnight, during first half lunch, with the staff SRC coordinators – Miss Cahill and Ms Boulatsakos. At the meeting, the SRC discuss items on the agenda and use a forum approach where all ideas are listened to, discussed thoroughly and a clear action plan is devised to address school issues, events or student concerns.

All SRC members have an SRC class folder that they bring to all meetings. The agenda is set before weekly meetings and students can add other matters on the day.

School Events / Updates

Harmony Day

Calling all parents for Harmony Day, Wednesday 18 March!

We are looking for parent volunteers to run short workshops at lunch time to showcase their culture. This could be in the form of art, games, dance, musical instrument or demonstrating a cultural skill. For instance, showing children how to eat with chopsticks, weaving a hat, wearing a saree, counting to 10 in your language.

Any parents wishing to participate must contact the office and have a WWCC.

Jasper Road ANZAC Service

Our school ANZAC service will be held on Thursday 9 April commencing at 9:30am. Our service this year will also include an official opening of our upgraded memorial garden. We would like to invite any current or ex-servicemen and servicewomen in our school community to join us for this special occasion.

If you are available to attend, please email melanie.keast1@det.nsw.edu.au or phone the school office on 9639 6801.

Melanie Keast
ANZAC Day service coordinator

Woolworths - Fresh Food Kids Discover Tour

The Fresh Food Kids Discover Tour was a hit for our Kindy, Year One and Two Support Unit students. Students were introduced to a rainbow of fruit and vegies, where they had every opportunity to test their five senses in a fun and engaging learning environment as they journeyed through our local Woolworths! Thank you to Megs from Woolworths Bella Vista for inviting our staff and students from Jasper Road Public School. Learning important Life skills for each step of the way, it was an incredible experience for all involved. 3-6 are to attend the tour in March, don't miss out!



Sporting Achievements

On Sunday 23 February, Isaac S competed in the (ISKA) International Sports Karate Association, Western Sydney Open at Bathurst. This is an all style Martial Arts competition open to all marital artist across NSW and attracted competitors from 27 different Clubs.

Isaac competed in five events on the day and performed strongly winning four gold medals for Clash Sparring, Continuous Sparring, Sword Combat and Sumo, as well as picking up a Silver medal for Point Sparring. Due to his great performance Isaac has qualified for the Australian National Championships being held in November, however his next competition will be the NSW Open in Sydney at the end of March. We wish Isaac all the best for 2020 and we will keep you updated on how he is going.



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!



All Things P&C



We would like to thank our incoming P&C executive committee for 2020 for giving up their time and talents to support our school.

President:	Karen Titterton
Vice Presidents:	Deryck Salfus Nicole Nixon
Treasurer:	Renee Connolly
Secretary:	Shubha Srinivasan

Disco

Our first disco is coming up on Wednesday March 25.

The theme for this disco is **Celebrate our Local Heroes**. Students are encouraged to dress up as someone in our community who they consider their hero. Some examples include fire fighters, nurses, doctors, police officers, teachers, sports coaches and parents. Who is your local hero?

K-2 Disco – 4:30pm to 5:45pm.

Year 3-6 Disco – 6:00pm to 7:30pm

Entry is \$5 per student

More information on the disco will be in the next newsletter

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

<https://timecounts.org/jrpssp>

Next P&C Meeting

Our next meeting is in week 8, Monday 16 March 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 18 March in the Cottage at 9:15am and we welcome all parents. Children are also welcome.

Get Connected!

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

<http://timecounts.org/jrpssp>

