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Principal's Address

It is with a heavy heart that I communicated operational changes to all parents earlier this week. As you would be aware, I am a highly visible, inclusive Principal that loves opening the gates and celebrating with parents. Over the next four weeks we had a number of events planned that unfortunately we have had to postpone or cancel. These cancellations were essential as outlined by the Government to stop the flow of cases of COVID-19. Student and staff safety is my number one priority and while it is essential that we take every possible precaution at this point in time, I am awaiting the day that the "gates can be reopened" and the wonderful Jasper Rd community can celebrate together once more.

Attendance

This year all classes continue to implement an explicit phonics and spelling program for the first 30 minutes every morning. Phonics is a critical aspect to delivering competent readers and the school scope and sequence has been created to ensure consistent delivery. It is imperative that your child arrives to school on time to ensure that they do not miss out on these essential skills. Each minute that a child is late adds up.

EVERY MINUTE COUNTS		
MINUTES LATE PER DAY	EQUIVALENT OF MISSING	HOW MANY LESSONS THIS IS MISSED
5 MINUTES	3.4 SCHOOL DAYS A YEAR	17 LESSONS
10 MINUTES	6.8 SCHOOL DAYS A YEAR	35 LESSONS
15 MINUTES	10.2 SCHOOL DAYS A YEAR	51 LESSONS
20 MINUTES	13.6 SCHOOL DAYS A YEAR	68 LESSONS
30 MINUTES	20.4 SCHOOL DAYS A YEAR	104 LESSONS

Robotics/Stem

In 2020, we have been successful in obtaining funding and support from Sydney University to collaborate in showcasing STEM education. The school will be involved in teacher professional development, STEM workshops and high potential opportunities for students. This will also look at expanding upon the science syllabus that was released in all NSW schools in 2019. Full implementation of this syllabus took place last

year with all stages inquiring this term on 'Earth and Space' concepts. This project focuses on Stage 2 students but will be extended to other stages later in the year.

To further support this document, our 2019 Robotics/Coding program has been extended this year. In 2020, all students will complete 12 months of lessons with students attending the 'STEM Fab Lab' every week. Students will be engaged in a whole range of age appropriate activities that link across curriculum areas. A parent workshop has been organised to further 'Educate' parents in this area for later in the year.

Annual School Report

The 2019 Annual School Report is now available on the school website. This report is a collation of academic results, milestone tracking, financial records and relevant reports from the previous year. Being over 25 pages, a lot of work takes place to compile this report and I have thanked any staff and parents that have contributed. Parents are welcome to read over the report as it is a public document and is actually to be celebrated for the outstanding year that was 2019.

ANZAC Memorial Garden

It is with great delight that I can announce that our ANZAC Memorial Garden is complete. The rejuvenation of this area will last for many future years and is a fitting tribute to the men and women that served for our nation. While the whole school ANZAC Service has been cancelled, we are in the midst of planning a low-key event for our students to commemorate ANZAC Day prior to the holidays. I would like to thank Flower Power at Glenhaven for their assistance with plants.



Reading with your children

Would you like to know the latest information to support you to help your child succeed in reading? If so have a read at the following link:



Congratulations

Last weekend Mr Cairns attended the ICTE NSW Conference for two days where he was recognised as Joint Winner of ICT Leader of the Year. This is a great achievement and shows his hard work, enthusiasm and dedication to Coding/Robotics programs at Jasper Rd. Congratulations Mr Cairns.



Mr Craig Warner
Principal

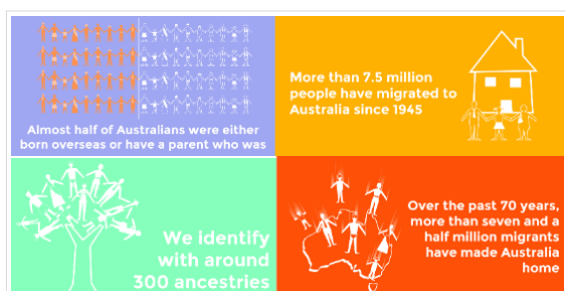
From the Deputy Principals

Harmony Week

Australia is one of the most successful multicultural countries in the world and we should celebrate this and work to maintain it.

Harmony Week is about inclusiveness, respect and belonging for all Australians, regardless of cultural or linguistic background, united by a set of core Australian values.

At Jasper Road Public School, Harmony Week was celebrated this week. Students enjoyed coming to school dressed in traditional dress or orange and participated in classroom activities that helped them to gain a deeper understanding of what it means to live in a multicultural society.



Parents' guide to helping children with reading and writing at home

Kaye Lowe

http://petaa.edu.au/imis_prod/w/Teaching_Resources/w/Teaching_Resources/Parents_guide.aspx?_zs=T3KPk&_zl=bgqh1

Positive expectations for behaviour significantly improve student learning

All staff are responsible for teaching the STAR learning and behaviour expectations, providing consistent positive feedback to students, and delivering consistent corrective feedback and consequences when expectations are not followed. The entire school, including the classrooms, corridors, canteen, school gates and buses, is considered part of the total learning environment. The systems at JRPS have been designed to support our learning and teaching environment and to provide individual behaviour supports to achieve positive academic and social outcomes for all students. There are three tiers to these rewards:



1. **Free and Frequent** – these whole school processes include quality teaching, positive feedback, individualised student support programs, STAR Awards and teacher run systems. Free and Frequent recognition processes are personalised to suit each class and they include our STAR Awards. These are used in the classroom across K-6, including our Support Unit classes, and in the playground school wide.
2. **Short Term Intermittent** – whole school systems such as Shining STAR certificates and assembly certificates, along with playground awards, with the students drawn from the box receiving a \$1.00 canteen voucher. Congratulations to all students who have been drawn out so far!
3. **Strong and Long** – Super STAR recognition certificates and Super STAR badges are presented at assembly at the end of each semester along with an

invitation to morning tea with the Principal. Parents/ Carers are welcome to come to the assembly to celebrate their children's success. As our first term progresses, we are seeing our Shining STAR certificates presented in individual classes. These accumulate to enable the SUPER star certificates over time.

Bike and Scooter Riders at JRPS



Thanks to all the students and families that have returned their authorisation note. I can see many of the bikes and scooters are now displaying the 2020 sticker. If your child/children missed out on the note, please get them to go to the front office to collect it.

For your further information, please see the attached 'Bike and Scooter Policy' for our school.

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

Notice from CommBank School Banking

The health, safety and wellbeing of our communities and our people is our first priority. Due to the rapidly developing situation with coronavirus, School Banking has been temporarily paused from **20 March 2020** until **Term 2**. We will notify you when banking will recommence.

Veronica Howarth
Head of School Banking - Retail Banking Services

Sports News

PSSA

Summer PSSA Round 5 **CANCELLED** - Only one round remains. Fees will be carried forward to Term 4

Mr Lee Armstrong & Mrs Shelley Kaur
PSSA Coordinators

Environmental Education

Clean Up Australia Day

On Friday 28 February, staff and students of Jasper Road participated in Clean Up Australia Day. Our K-2 and support unit students picked up the waste around our school. Years 3 and 4 tidied the Masonic Oval and play area, while Year 5 and 6 cleaned waste from the surrounding streets. We collected approximately 10 – 15 Kg of waste with much of this being recyclable. We noticed that there was less waste this year than last year. We hope that the waste in our area will continue to decrease.



Arbor Assembly

Arbors are a group of Year 5 and 6 students who nominate and are voted into this environmental leadership position. They work tirelessly within our school during their break times and during school holidays. Year 5, 2020 Arbors were welcomed into the Arbor program at a special assembly held on Thursday 5 March. They were very excited to receive their badges and continue to wear them with pride.



EnviroMentors

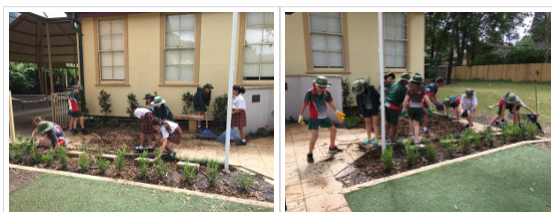
Last week KAB EnviroMentors attended Jasper Road to help educate Year 2, Arbors and 5/6F about waste and how to dispose of it correctly. Thanks to The Hills Shire Council, this was a free experience for our students. Educator Marc was suitably impressed with the knowledge our students have in this area. Students were spoken to about waste and participated in a game sorting waste into its categories; green waste, recyclable waste, worm farm waste and general waste.



Arbor Training Day

On Tuesday 17 March, Arbors participated in their annual training day. They spent the day weeding and tidying the Walk and Wheel, continued learning about hydroponics, gardening, seed choices, worm farming, composting and mulching. The students helped Mr Jacob mulch the ANZAC Garden. We conducted waste, water and energy audits and spoke to Mr Warner about our plans for improvements to The Butterfly Garden using the ideas put forward by Stage 1 students last year. We also discussed our future plans and working with our buddy classes.

Congratulations to our Year 6 Arbor leaders, Alice B President, Oliver G Vice President and Alisha G Secretary.



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

Mrs Jennifer Franks

Library News

Kids Lit Quiz

To overcome current restrictions, the Kids Lit Quiz 2020 went ahead this week via video conference with other participating schools. Questions for this quiz are grouped into topics such as Accidents, Containers, Donkeys and Dreams to name a few. Jasper Road had 2 teams participating this year.

Team 2 started off with a bang and held the lead for nearly 5 rounds, achieving the highest score in the first round, Accidents, which they'd chosen as their Joker round, awarding them double points and a book prize each. Team 1 chose Dreams as their Joker round and also achieved the highest score here, also receiving a book prize each.

Team 2 achieved an overall 5th place which is commendable considering most other participating schools are a combination of students from Year 5 to Year 8.

'It was intense, I was nervous but overall I was pretty proud of the score we got.' Ansh 5/6F

Please visit the website for more information at:

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

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/home.html>

Ebooks

To support our library collection and students' leisure reading, our school subscribes to an ebook provider called Wheelers, which gives us access to almost an additional 2000 ebooks online.

There are 3 ways to access the ebooks. With all 3 methods you will need the student username and password.

You can access the titles:

Through their website

Access their website from this link by simply adding your portal login details:

<https://jasperroad.wheelers.co/>

Titles are 'borrowed' for 14 days and you can borrow up to 2 titles at a time.

Note: This amount has been upgraded to 3 titles during this difficult stay-at-home period

Using the eplatform app

Go to the app store and download for free the eplatform app. Once downloaded open the app and select Jasper Road PS when you are prompted to select your school library. Add your portal login and password details and you're ready to borrow and read from their collection.

From Orbit

Log in to your portal, follow the Oliver library link, find an ebook and click BORROW. You'll be directed to the Wheelers website where your ebook can then be read.

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.

Happy reading

Mrs Tokatlian

School Events / Updates

Northcott Swimming Carnival

It was a busy week for our Support Unit students last week as students Years 2-6 took the plunge at Northcott's 2020 Swimming Carnival! It was another year of splashing fun, friendly competition and an opportunity for all our staff and students to establish and nourish new friendships! Our students all tried their best in competitions with many winners walking away full of smiles and enjoyed splashing in the water with their peers.

Thank you to all parents and carers who lent a helping hand. Well done Jasper Road Support Unit Students!



Variety Club Day - Sydney Zoo

Last week, all students from the support unit visited Sydney Zoo as part of the Variety Club Fun Day. Students and teachers had the opportunity to see wildlife from around the world, learn about conservation and be immersed in Aboriginal Culture as part of their Bungaribee Dreaming experience. All the students had a wonderful time, learning and experiencing all that the Sydney Zoo had to offer. On behalf of Jasper Road Students and Staff we extend our gratitude to the Variety Club and Sydney Zoo staff for an amazing and enriching experience. It was a Koala-ty day!



Uniform Shop

Opening hours for the Uniform Shop during School Terms.

- Tuesday 2:30pm to 4pm
- Saturday 1:30pm to 3pm till end of term

All online ordering needs to be via QKR APP. Orders placed on the QKR APP will be delivered to the school office on Tuesday afternoon and they will be distributed to the children on Wednesday.

The Uniform Shop will not be opening during the School Holidays.

Any further enquiries please contact

Elle: 0421216414

Email: elle@ozfashions.com.au

Scholastic Bookclub

Issue 2 orders are due today! You can order online below or via the LOOP app.

<https://mybookclubs.scholastic.com.au/Parent/Login.aspx>

Please note that we are no longer accepting cash orders.

Our school benefits from your purchases as Scholastic gives 20% of all orders back to the school as rewards, which can be used to purchase new resources!

To ensure timely delivery to the school, no late orders can be accepted.



Thank you.
Katherine Lew

All Things P&C



Mufti Day

Thanks to all our students that participated in this year's Mufti Day.

We raised \$1135.45 for Bush fire relief and have been in contact with Wyaliba Public School near Grafton.

Wyaliba PS was devastated by fire and received damage to their Library, Principals office, Reception, sports shed, staff rooms, playground equipment and their heritage timber lunch tables.

Money will be used to purchase essential equipment for the students of Wyaliba PS that the Department of Education cannot provide.

We will keep you informed as to our specific purchases for Wyaliba PS in coming newsletters.

Disco

Unfortunately due to COVID-19 we have had to cancel this terms Disco.

Mother's Day Stall

Our annual Mother's Day stall is being held on Tuesday 5 and Wednesday 6 May. Keep an eye out for more information on when your class will be attending.

The stall will have a selection of gifts starting from \$1. We ask that students bring coins (not exceeding \$10) and a small bag to carry their selected gift home in.

Parents if you are available to help us on the day or on Monday 4 May to set up the stall we would love to hear from you. Register your availability on our volunteer hub:

<https://timecounts.org/jrpspc>

Band

Don't forget that your Band Camp permission notes needs to be returned to the Band box in the Library before Friday 27 March 2020.

Don't miss out!!!!

Next P&C Meeting

Our next meeting will be held Term 2, Week 2, Monday 4 May 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

Due to the Mother's Day stall, our next meeting will be held next Term in Week 5.

Contact the P&C

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!

