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## Principal's Address

This week was again highly successful. We had approximately 30% of our students in attendance every day Monday-Thursday which has meant we have been able to put into practice important social distance procedures to keep everyone safe and healthy while providing a much needed day at school for our beautiful students. It has been truly wonderful to see students back in classrooms with their teachers and to hear the joyful sounds and voices of increased numbers of happy children in our playgrounds. This will only grow next week.

Next week begins Phase 3 of the managed return to school. I have and will continue to provide updates for parents/carers as soon as any Department of Education changes occur. I hope all parents and carers have felt fully informed of changes regarding the operation of Jasper Road Public School throughout the COVID-19 pandemic. I strongly encourage all parents to download the Schoolzine App onto their device. This is the best way to keep informed of changes.

Our entire staff: teachers, school executive, office staff, School Learning Support Officers, cleaners and General Assistants deserve to be highly commended, acknowledged and thanked for doing an absolutely outstanding job under extremely challenging circumstances. My sincerest thanks must also go to our parents and carers who have shown us tremendous support and worked in partnership with us to ensure all our students have the best possible opportunities to learn and achieve during the COVID-19 pandemic.

### COVID-19 Phase 3

From Monday 25 May, the NSW Government and Department of Education have announced that students will be returning full time 5 days a week. This includes all mainstream and support unit students.

At Jasper Rd PS, we continue to take proactive measures to ensure that the school environment is a safe place for students, teachers and staff. This includes daily enhanced cleaning and

the availability of personal protective equipment and hygiene supplies as necessary. Throughout the day, our staff and students will continue to maintain high levels of hygiene by washing hands and using hand sanitiser.

In our managed approach, the following measures will be taken:

- Stage assemblies will not operate.
- Students are asked to line up outside their room in the morning.
- Stage groups will each be managed in different playground areas at recess and lunch unless visiting the canteen or toilet.
- Whole stage sport will be cancelled. Classes will complete sport individually.
- The school bubblers will be closed, but facilities are available to refill drink bottles with water.
- The canteen will return to full operations Monday through Friday for student ordering. Families are asked to complete orders online.
- Scripture classes and NDIS services will not commence until Phase 4

As students will be returning full time, teachers will no longer be posting work on the online environments. The band Google Classrooms will remain open with regular updates until the band can return face-to-face.

Students are asked to return in full winter uniform. Sports uniform may only be worn on their allocated day which will be communicated by their teacher. Thank you to families that are already supporting this.

The Department of Education has at this time determined that there should be no visitors to school sites unless they are essential. In order to minimise contact and maintain social distancing students must be dropped at our school gates ready to begin learning by 8:55am. Parents are asked to refrain from entering school grounds each morning.

To ensure student safety and allow for social distancing, only families of Kindergarten students are invited into the school to

collect their child in the afternoon. These parents are asked to only wait in the Jasper Quad outside KN, KR and KM classrooms.

All other parents are asked to utilise the kiss and drop area along Jasper Road or meet their child in an agreed spot outside the school. We ask that families use social distancing measures when waiting in these spaces.

Face-to-face direct instruction with teachers provides an exceptional opportunity for all children to continue improving their learning trajectory. Therefore, the expectation is that all families send their child to school every day. If for any reason you need to discuss attendance, please contact the school office to arrange an appointment. Any prior 'exemptions' granted to students will need to be reapplied for in Phase 3.

### Key Points

- Full **five day a week** learning begins on **Monday 25 May**
- School bell times will return to normal being **8:55am until 3:00pm**
- Students to wear **winter uniform**
- **Canteen open** with online ordering encouraged
- Parents are asked to use the **kiss and drop** area or meet students in an **arranged place before and after school**

Mr Craig Warner

**Principal**

## A guide to NSW school students returning to face-to-face learning

### NSW Department of Education, guide for parents and carers

Information has been updated as at 19 May 2020, until further notice.

### Schools are safe and open for full time face-to-face learning

All schools are returning to full on-campus learning from Monday 25 May. All school activities and operations will be in line with Australian Health Protection Principal Committee (AHPPC) and NSW Health guidelines as applicable.

School students do not need to follow physical distancing guidelines, but should follow good hygiene practices like:

- Regularly washing hands
- Avoiding sharing drinks or food
- Coughing or sneezing into your elbow, or a tissue which should be discarded immediately.

### School Attendance

All students should be at school unless:

- They have a medical certificate which states that they are unable to return to school due to an ongoing medical condition
- They are currently unwell.

Students who have a medical certificate to stay at home will be supported to learn from home in line with regular procedures if they are able to. These regular procedures are different to what was offered during the learning from home period. If you require work to be provided to your child whilst they are at home due to an underlying health condition, you should contact the school for assistance.

Please note, students who live with a family member in one of the categories identified as being at increased risk by the AHPPC, should attend school unless a medical practitioner advises otherwise in writing.

If your child is unwell, do not send them to school. If they are unwell at school you or your nominated emergency contact will need to collect them immediately. Please make sure your contact details are up to date.

If a student is absent without a medical reason for more than three days, this will be recorded as an unauthorised absence and followed up by the school.

If you need any support to get your child back to school, please contact your school.

### Reporting and Assessment

Your child has been assessed during the learning from home period and will receive additional assessment on their return to school. You will receive a report of your child's progress.

This may be a simplified version of the report you normally receive. Schools are encouraged to discuss your child's progress with you before the written report is issued.

### School Grounds

There should be no visitors to school sites unless they are essential. Your school can provide guidance as to who is considered essential.

Your school will provide advice on drop off and pick up procedures.

Wherever possible, P&C and parent/carer/teacher meetings should be conducted virtually.

Canteens and uniform shops can open at the discretion of the principal.

Out of school hours care can continue to operate.

Community use of school facilities will recommence only for uses that are necessary for continuation of education and with principal's approval.

### Responding to COVID-19 cases

There is a clear plan in place for schools to respond to any suspected or confirmed cases of COVID-19 in our schools. We

are working closely with NSW Health and will communicate with parents if a situation was to arise

## Dropping off and picking up at school

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**. 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 learnt.

**Student safety is everybody's responsibility.**

### 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



## Band News

Even during these difficult times, we continue to witness great growth with our band students. Below is an update on various aspects of band for Term 2.

Jasper Road School Band



### Rehearsals and Tutorials

Even though we are currently unable to meet for rehearsals and tutorials at school, we are making every effort to deliver an adjusted program to offer continued musical development for your children.

This has included:

- Individual Google classrooms for each band with at home learning activities
- Zoom video conference rehearsals for each band from the start of Term 2 (coinciding with normal rehearsal schedule). Information regarding rehearsals will be distributed next week.
- Zoom video conference tutorials for beginner band students.

Please email [bandatjasperroad@hotmail.com](mailto:bandatjasperroad@hotmail.com) if you require information on how to access the Google classroom or Zoom rehearsals for your child, specifying the band they are in.

### Band camp

Unfortunately, the band camp scheduled for later this term is cancelled. **We are however working on planning a two-day weekend rehearsal workshop at school on a weekend later**

**in the year.** Whilst we know band camp was a highlight of the year for many students, we are aiming to offer a fun-filled fully catered weekend. More information will follow as soon as possible.

### Fees

Every year our band program runs dollar-for-dollar. No profit is made from fees and all funds are spent on students enrolled for that year. If any fees are outstanding for Semester 1, we ask that they are paid as soon as possible. For **Semester 2**, we are pleased to be able to offer a reduction in fees due to the reduced expense of band camp and other associated costs. **Fees will be reduced by 50% for all students.** A band invoice will be distributed later this term with this new pricing.

Please bear in mind we continue to incur regular band expenses in 2020 including:

- Tutor and conductor payments
- Instrument servicing and replacement fees including deep cleaning
- Catering for our planned two-day workshop

For any families experiencing unexpected financial challenges please contact the Principal, Mr Craig Warner to discuss options for band fees.

Thank you for your understanding and support of the JRPS band program. If you have any questions please email [bandatjasperroad@hotmail.com](mailto:bandatjasperroad@hotmail.com)

## Games on the Grass

As a part of the Chaplaincy wellbeing program at Jasper Rd PS Mrs Bishop our chaplain has started a new lunch time group called "Games on the Grass" This program runs on Tuesday and Thursday at lunch time on the new turfed area between the hall and The Cottage. They play games such as giant checkers, giant connect four, noughts and crosses and there are also hoola hoops and frisbees.

The area is supervised by Mrs Bishop and members of the SRC who assist to set up and help the younger students play. Whilst in Phase 3 students will be invited to these sessions. The program is designed to develop mentorship between older and younger students and encourages healthy peer relationships, with a goal of supporting students who find navigating the playground difficult.

The focus on games is to assist with supporting both verbal and nonverbal communication between peers, relationship building, turn taking and perseverance as well as giving the students a sense of belonging.



## School Events / Student Updates

### World's Greatest Shave

Thank you very much to the families from JRPS that donated to my World's Greatest Shave fundraising page, where I was helping to raise money for the Leukaemia Foundation.

It really means a lot to me and I wouldn't have raised over \$500 without you. With this amount of money, it will pay for a regional family to stay the night at a hotel close by to the hospital where their treatment is happening for one week for free!



I loved dying my hair pink and I can't wait to dye my hair again next year to raise more money!

If you'd still like to donate, the link is still open:

<https://secure.leukaemiafoundation.org.au/registrant/FundraisingPage.aspx?registrationID=791127&langPref=en-CA>

**Thank you**

**Elizabeth W - 6K**

## All Things P&C



Many hands help our school grow

### Thank you

Thank you to everyone who purchased through our new online Mother's Day Stall.

We were all overwhelmed with the response from our families and hope all our mothers loved their gifts. Your P & C were happy that we could support you during these difficult times.

### Next P&C and Fundraising Meeting

Due to the current restrictions in relation to COVID 19, we will not be having any meetings until further notice.

Contact the P&C [pandcatjasperroad@hotmail.com](mailto: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!



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