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### **Term 1 Week 4 Newsletter - February 23, 2024**

## **Principal's Address**

It has been lovely being back at Jasper Road Public School this past fortnight and returning to classrooms. I thank all the parents and students that have welcomed me 'home'. All students have commenced a very positive and productive year of learning and staff are establishing great relationships with students, creating wonderful classroom learning environments and setting high expectations for learning and behaviour.

I warmly welcome our new families and students including Kindergarten who join our wonderful school community. Kindergarten children have now completed their Best Start Interview and settled into their classroom. I know that you and your child will enjoy the school's safe, caring learning environment, enriched with innovative programs.

I would like to thank all the parents that joined us this week at our Meet the Teacher Mornings. These are always a fantastic opportunity to meet staff and discuss the year ahead.

If you were unable to attend, please ensure you take the time to read over the print materials provided. These will give you a snapshot of the year ahead for your child.

## **SCHOOL COMMUNICATION APPS**

From this term, we will be transitioning to the new School Bytes App. Many parents are already using this App which gives you the ability to see payment history, upcoming activities their children are participating in, along with any excursion notes, school calendar, etc. You can also send attendance notifications if your child is sick or off school for some other reason.

This year, all push notifications will also be sent out on this App and via email. We will continue using the existing Schoolzine App for Term 1 after which it will be disconnected.

All parents are strongly encouraged to start the transition now by downloading Schoolbytes via the App store.

### **How to Set up the Parent Portal.pdf**

[https://jasperrdps.schoolzineplus.com/\\_file/media/1215/how\\_to\\_set\\_up\\_the\\_parent\\_portal.pdf](https://jasperrdps.schoolzineplus.com/_file/media/1215/how_to_set_up_the_parent_portal.pdf)

## VOLUNTARY CONTRIBUTIONS

Letters have been sent home regarding voluntary contribution payments. Thank you to the large number of parents that have already paid. These funds help subsidise the global amount that schools receive and are targeted towards specific areas of the school. Any payments are voluntary and are greatly appreciated by the school. 100% of funds received in the building fund and technology levy will be used only for those purposes.

## RUGBY LEAGUE

Last week the school was visited by two players of the Parramatta Eels who completed a training session with students from our 2023 Rugby League and Tag teams. Shaun Lane and Jock Brazel led the students through passing, kicking and teamwork skills before finishing off with a game of touch. Some students were even lucky enough to win prizes. Thanks to the players and the Parramatta Eels for providing this opportunity to our students.

## 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 change your details on the School Bytes Parent App. A form can be found under the resources tab or complete a form at the office. It is essential that we have current contact details for our families in cases of emergencies.

## PARENT WORKSHOP

Each year we offer a range of parent workshops to engage families in our school programs and ways you can support your child. Could we ask you to take 1 minute to complete a short survey about your interest in attending workshops in 2024 and your preferred times. We thank you in advance for providing feedback.

### Workshop Survey

<https://forms.office.com/r/hENRHQt9E>

## CAR PARK

Please be advised that the car park is strictly for Staff Use only. No parents, carers or family members should be accessing this area. Be warned, the car park is locked at different times each day and any cars inside

will be locked in for the night.



## NAPLAN

The National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) 2024 for Years 3 and 5 students will be held online between Wednesday 13 March and Friday 22 March. NAPLAN tests assess student knowledge and skills in Writing, Reading, Language Conventions (spelling, grammar and punctuation) and Numeracy.

The results of the tests provide information for students, parents, teachers and principals which can be used to improve student achievement.

All students are expected to participate in the NAPLAN tests. During test weeks, catch-up tests will be available for individual students who are absent on specific days.

Support can be arranged for students with disabilities if the student regularly uses similar support for classroom assessment tasks.

Exemptions may be granted to students with significant intellectual disabilities and to students who have been learning English for less than one year.

If your child is eligible for support due to disability or an exemption, you should discuss this with his/her teacher and Assistant Principal this year. Parental consent is required before any support due to disability or exemption is granted.

Students may be withdrawn from NAPLAN by their parent or carer. This is a matter for consideration by parents and carers in consultation with the principal. If, after consultation, you decide to withdraw your child, you must sign a Student Withdrawal form. These forms are available at the school.

Later in 2024, you will receive your child's personal





## Lost Property

There is an overwhelming amount of lost property in the school. These items include jumpers, hats, lunch boxes, plastic containers and water bottles. We ask all parents and carers to ensure that all items are labelled with your child's name. Also, please encourage your child to search for their lost items in the lost property bin outside, near the sick bay entrance.



## Sports News

### PSSA

#### Term 1 Week 5 - Round 1 - Friday 1 March

Sport	Opposition	Location
Cricket	Matthew Pearce Public School	Home - Balcombe Heights
Softball/T-ball	Baulkham Hills North Public School	Eric Mobbs Reserve
Touch Football	North Rocks Public School	Home - Torry Burn Reserve
Basketball	Kellyville Public School	Hills Basketball Stadium

#### Term 1 Week 6 - Round 2 - Friday 8 March

Sport	Opposition	Location
Cricket	Murray Farm Public School	Home - Balcombe Heights
Softball/T-ball	Winston Heights Public School	Gooden Drive Reserve
Touch Football	Winston Heights Public School	John Curtin Reserve
Basketball	Northmead Public School	Home - Jasper Road PS



## What does a chaplain do?

I am involved in the wellbeing support of students here at Jasper Road Public School, and am here to support staff and parents.

To introduce myself, I work from Mon-Wed, enjoy taking long walks, am an artist, love to bake and enjoy taking photos of nature. In my early life, I worked in obstetrics as an enrolled nurse and worked in a community organisation for several years with young people.

At Jasper Road, you will find me mentoring one-on-one with students or running groups on social skills, building confidence, and managing emotions and anxiety. At lunchtime, I play games on the artificial grass or play UNO with Year 2's.

If your child ever has a meltdown or an anxious moment, it's not always simple to navigate those moments especially if you are out in public or the home setting.

I encourage you to ask:

- Three things you can see.
- Two things they can hear.
- One thing they can touch.

It may just help you and your child in the moment.

Please let me know if your child needs any well-being support.

**Deborah (Deb) Woon**

**School Chaplain**

**[deborah.woon@det.nsw.edu.au](mailto:deborah.woon@det.nsw.edu.au)**

## Canteen Payments

May we ask if you are paying cash for your child's order or sending spending money, where possible please send coins or smaller value notes. We have limited change available and struggle to change large notes of a morning.

FlexiSchools is a cashless option to order Recess or Lunch and removes the worry of lost change or forgetting to hand in the order. This can be done for any item on our menu including ice blocks.

Please tell your child if they have a recess order as these need to be collected from the canteen, they use the "Express Line".

Lunch orders are sent to classrooms, your child will need to come to the canteen to collect the following items if ordered (using the Express Line)

- Noodles
- Ice Blocks
- Jelly

FlexiSchools orders can be placed online days or even weeks in advance.

## How to cancel an order

If your child doesn't attend school that day, cancel in app or SMS Healthy Canteens Office 0405 129 242 before 10am

Please cancel

Jasper Road Public School

Childs Name:

Childs Class:

We will cancel the order and funds will return to your FlexiSchools account.

For Information on how to download the Flexischools app please read the attached flyer:



Are you interested in:

- Discovering what the P&C is?
- Hearing updates from the school leadership?
- Learning how the P&C works in collaboration with the school?
- Meeting other parents/carers?

Then join us at our first P&C meeting for 2024 on Monday 26 February at 7:00 pm.

All parents/carers are invited to come along. We look forward to sharing with you our plans for the year ahead.

## Volunteering Opportunities

We look forward to sharing our event calendar with you in the coming weeks but to let you in on a secret we are holding our first disco at the end of this term.

Volunteers play a critical role in us being able to hold events that are fun for students and help us raise funds for our school.

If you are interested in learning more about the volunteering opportunities that we have in 2024, keep an eye on the newsletter and our Facebook page for updates.

To join our volunteer email list, please send us your details to [volunteer@jasperroadpandc.org](mailto:volunteer@jasperroadpandc.org)

## Next Meetings

The next P&C general meeting is being held on Monday 26 February at 7:00 pm in the staffroom and we welcome all parents. If you cannot make alternative arrangements for your children, they are welcome.

The next Social and Fundraising Meeting is on Wednesday 13 March at 9:15am in the Cottage. Younger children are welcome to attend.

## Contact the P&C

Email: [info@jasperroadpandc.org](mailto:info@jasperroadpandc.org)

To keep up to date with upcoming events please follow us on Facebook. Simply search Jasper Road P&C

**We give kids Confidence through Drama**

Enrolling now for 2024 Mondays at Jasper Road Public School Hall

REGISTER NOW FOR A **FREE TRIAL CLASS**

**kids upfront** DRAMA ACADEMY

Kindy -Yr 2 3:15 to 4:15 pm  
Yrs 3 to 6 4:15 to 5:15 pm  
Yrs 7 to 10 5:15 to 6:15 pm

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## Community News

**MODEL FARMS HIGH SCHOOL OPEN NIGHT 2024**

For families who are considering or have decided to enrol their child into Year 7 in 2025

**TUESDAY 27TH FEBRUARY 2024**  
6:30PM - 8:30PM  
SCHOOL HALL

Enquiries  
9624 3133  
[modelfarms-h.school@det.nsw.edu.au](mailto:modelfarms-h.school@det.nsw.edu.au)

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### KID'S MARTIAL ARTS

TRY THE FIRST CLASS FREE!

PAY PER CLASS  
OR DISCOUNTED TERM PACKAGES AVAILABLE  
AFTER SCHOOL CARE PICK-UP/DROP-OFF AT SELECT LOCATIONS  
PARENT/LEGAL GUARDIAN REQUIRED FOR REGISTRATION  
10 MINUTES BEFORE CLASS STARTS OR CONTACT US TO ARRANGE AN AFTER SCHOOL CARE TRIAL



DAY	LOCATION	NEW STUDENTS AGE 5-8	NEW STUDENTS AGE 8+
M	Penrith South Public School	4:00-4:45PM	4:45-5:30PM
T	Jasper Road Public School, Baulkham Hills	4:00-4:45PM	4:45-5:30PM
W	Kings Langley Public School	4:00-4:45PM	4:45-5:30PM
T	Wentworthville Community Centre	4:00-4:45PM	4:45-5:30PM
F	Dundas Public School	3:45-4:30PM	4:30-5:15PM
F	Metella Rd Public School, Toongabbie	4:15-5:00PM	5:00-5:45PM
SA	Epping Heights Public School	9:00-9:45AM	9:45-10:30AM
SA	Beresford Road Public School, Greystanes	9:00-9:45AM	9:45-10:30AM
SA	Glendenning Public School	9:00-9:45AM	9:45-10:30AM
SU	Samuel Gilbert Public School, Castle Hill	9:00-9:45AM	9:45-10:30AM
SU	Truscott St Public School, North Ryde	9:00-9:45AM	9:45-10:30AM

10+ SYDNEY LOCATIONS  
CLASSES 7 DAYS PER WEEK  
BLACK BELT COACHES  
MULTI-AWARD WINNING HEAD COACH  
EXPERT COMPETITION COACHING  
CUBS CLASSES AGES 3-5  
KIDS CLASSES AGES 5+  
TEENS & ADULTS CLASSES

SCAN ME FOR FURTHER INFO!



HEADCOACH@7STRIKESMA.COM.AU

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# TRY HOCKEY

## FREE SESSIONS FOR JUNIORS

New and returning players born 2014 to 2019 (U6 to U10) are welcome to attend any or all sessions.

### Thu 22nd Feb 2024

6:00pm - 7:00pm  
Ted Horwood Reserve (tennis courts),  
Baulkham Hills

### Thu 29th Feb 2024

6:00pm - 7:00pm  
Ted Horwood Reserve (tennis courts),  
Baulkham Hills

### Thu 7th Mar 2024

6:00pm - 7:00pm  
Ted Horwood Reserve (tennis courts),  
Baulkham Hills

### Sun 25th Feb 2024

5:00pm - 6:30pm  
Pennant Hills Park, Pennant Hills

### Sun 3rd Mar 2024

4:00pm - 5:30pm  
Pennant Hills Park, Pennant Hills

### Sun 10th Mar 2024

5:00pm - 6:30pm  
Pennant Hills Park, Pennant Hills

Please register at:



[baulkhamhillshockey.org.au/come-and-try-hockey](http://baulkhamhillshockey.org.au/come-and-try-hockey)

### WHAT TO BRING

Don't forget your hockey stick (we'll lend you one if you don't have one), mouthguard, shinpads, sunscreen and water bottle!

### ABOUT THE BAULKHAM HILLS HOCKEY CLUB

We're a family-focussed club that has been serving the Hills District of Sydney for more than 50 years. We train at Pennant Hills Park and field teams in junior, men's and women's divisions. For more information, go to the link above and choose FAQ from the menu.

If you're an adult interested in playing winter hockey, please email [communications.bhhc@gmail.com](mailto:communications.bhhc@gmail.com).

Australia's #1 Non-Competitive Soccer Provider for Children 2-12 Years.

Contact us today for booking a free trial session or to enrol:

Nitin - 0467698427 or visit us

at: [grasshoppersoccer.com.au/sydneyhills](http://grasshoppersoccer.com.au/sydneyhills).

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**TERM 1, 2024 SOCCER FUN FOR GIRLS & BOYS AGED 2-12!**

STARTING FROM 7<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY

**Free!** FIRST 25 NEW ENROLMENTS RECEIVE COMPLIMENTARY SHIRT & SHORTS FOR A FREE TRIAL CALL: 0467 698 427

<p><b>MITE-E SOCCER (2-3.5YO)</b></p> <p>A great introduction to Soccer! Children work with their parents to learn new soccer skills and develop their motor skills! Lots of fun games in a non-competitive environment!</p> <p>35 MINUTE CLASSES \$170 FOR 9 WEEKS</p>	<p><b>PINT SIZE SOCCER (3.5-5YO)</b></p> <p>Children take their first kicks in soccer! They'll be introduced to shooting, dribbling, goal keeping and more. Children get to play lots of fun, skill based games. Grasshoppers get introduced to Pint Size 1v1 Big Game!</p> <p>50 MINUTE CLASSES \$180 FOR 9 WEEKS</p>
<p><b>INTRO TO MICRO (5-6YO)</b></p> <p>The ultimate challenge for young soccer players! They'll learn the rules of the Grasshopper Soccer Big Game and develop their skills in passing, dribbling, shooting and more!</p> <p>60 MINUTE CLASSES \$190 FOR 9 WEEKS</p>	<p><b>MICRO (6-8YO) MICRO PLUS (8-12YO)</b></p> <p>This program focuses on skill development and teamwork in preparation for club soccer. Children will enjoy all the favourite soccer based games, fine tune their skills as well as play the Grasshopper Soccer Big Game!</p> <p>60 MINUTE CLASSES \$195 FOR 9 WEEKS</p>

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**WINSTON HILLS NETBALL CLUB**

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**REGISTRATION NOW OPEN**

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**UNDER 7S - SENIORS**

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**03 MAR 24 JUNIOR GRADING DAY**

**SEASON STARTS**

7,8,9S PLAY FRIDAY NIGHT  
10S-SENIORS PLAY SATURDAYS

**03-04 MAY 24**

DONT FORGET 2024 ACTIVE KIDS VOUCHERS CAN BE REDEEMED FROM 1 JAN 2024



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**PLAY RUGBY UNION**  
FOR THE **NORWEST BULLS**



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