

JOLIMONT NEWSLETTER 18 MARCH 2020

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2020 Year of Courage. Term 1- Moral Courage - Taking action despite risks.

COVID 19 UPDATE

Dear Parents,

What a week it has been and it's only Wednesday!

On behalf of all the staff, could I thank you for your kindness and understanding as we learn to navigate through these changing and challenging times. Your consideration and implementation of changes to drop-off and pick-up procedures for our community's health have been greatly appreciated!

Staff and I feel the weight and expectations of the community upon us during this time. Our main concern and practices are to continue to keep your children well, happy and calm. We know children will remember COVID 19, and how we model concern for ourselves and others, and the tone and manner in which we show vulnerability and courage.

As you will all be aware, the Department of Health and the Department of Education have implemented a range of coordinated actions for school principals. This week, I met with all staff about our coordinated response to the Departmental advice, and our preparedness for temporary school closures. Please rest assured that we are well prepared for a temporary closure.

Events Cancelled or Postponed

As you know, all school extra curriculum activities and excursions have been postponed, including:

Faction Swimming Carnival (postponed to Term 4)

Interschool Swimming Carnival (postponed to Term 4)

Year 6 Sailing (postponed to Term 4)

Gymworks Parent Information Evening with Sue Beurteaux, Paediatric Occupational Therapist (postponed to Term 4)

All Assemblies

Monday swimming training at Claremont Aquatic Centre.

Jolimont PS has also taken the additional step to advise all external providers and external users of the school site, after school hours, that no external use, no matter the size, will occur until further notice.

Preparing for a Possible Temporary Closure?

All staff met yesterday to discuss and plan how we will deliver lessons for your children at home in the likelihood of a temporary school closure. Unlike high schools, who will use online learning platforms, this will have to look very different for our young children. Class and specialist teachers are currently planning and gathering resources for your child/ren, they have agreed on a common format design, discussed what currently works well for your child and will endeavour to continue to provide programs which cater for different needs.

Teachers will not be able to run a timetabled curriculum, and so learning activities, resources, and assessments will all be modified. Staff have planned these activities to be something which your child should be able to complete independently, as we are also aware parents may need to 'try' to work from home at the same time.

We understand not everyone has access to a computer or iPad at home, and as such, delivery for these student will be modified as well.

Communication from staff and admin will be through Connect and other apps which may be used in some upper school classes such as Seesaw.

We will be further instructed by the Department with regards to processes and protocols if a closure occurs.

Supporting Your Child

The Department has informed school, in circumstances where individual parents withdraw their children from school without seeking medical advice and without a direction from government/principal, there is no Departmental requirement for teachers to provide additional work/lessons for those students. It is staff priority to maintain focus on classroom learning programs. In the event of a temporary school closure, further advice will be provided.

We all need to plan for the possibility of a temporary school closure. Closure could last for anything between 1 and 14 days, potentially longer. Closures could back on to school holidays. Parents need to be aware that only the Minister or Principal will communicate closure or pending closure and this will be communicated via Connect to all parents.

Parents and caregivers should ensure that they have up-to-date records on our system, as we will be using Connect to communicate.

During this time of heightened anxiety, can I ask that parents keep all email communication to a minimum and only if it is essential.

Barbara Iffla
Principal

“It’s easy to stand in a crowd. It takes COURAGE to stand alone.”

Hand Washing and the Spread of Disease

Hand washing instructions are in all children's bathrooms. This includes:

- wet hands with warm water
- apply soap to hands and fingers
- rub hands and fingers together for at least 20 seconds
- rinse hands under running water
- use paper towel to turn off the tap, where possible.

Tubs of hand sanitiser are also available in all classrooms. To prevent the spread of diseases, we encourage parents to continue to support and instruct in these hygiene practices.

Sustainability Report

The sustainability leaders of 2020, Rylee, Samwela and Sasha, are ready to improve the sustainability of our school.

Oral Care Recycling Program: This program is continuing. Everyone is welcome to collect and donate old toothbrushes, electric toothbrush heads, empty toothpaste tubes and empty floss containers (no cardboard toothpaste boxes). All recyclables donated will be part of a competition to win a sustainability kit for the school. Please drop your used oral care products to the front office.

Worm Farm: Also continuing, so please remind your children to place biodegradable fruit & veg scraps and pencil sharpenings into “Worm Farm” buckets, provided for each classroom.

Schools Battery Collection Program: This is no longer running at Jolimont PS due to the associated safety risks. Therefore, we encourage students and parents to use their local community recycling stations <https://www.wmrc.wa.gov.au/education/drop-off-recycling/> to take batteries, light globes and printer cartridges to be recycled. Other community facilities are also available at stores such as Officeworks, Aldi and Battery World. We also encourage parents and students to make the switch to rechargeable batteries and appliances that use a wall plug instead.

Ride to School 2020

Students made the Tour de France look like the world’s second best biking event this year

with their exceptional creativity at our annual Ride to School event! Seen rolling into our school quadrangle were creative visual feasts, including a sparkling purple unicorn, an Apollo approved Mars Rockets, an environmental stand for koalas and enough balloons, tinsel, feathers and streamers to keep the Perth Christmas pageant afloat for many years!

A big thank you to our Year 1 families who helped arranged the event and provided scrumptious muffins, refreshing juice boxes and enticing fruit kebabs for the students on arrival.

The class with the most participants was hotly contested! Year 1 classes were well represented with almost a hundred percent of students participating. Rooms 5, 6 & 7 battled out at the top, with Room 5 & 7 tied for the win! Room 6 is vowing to be back next year, stronger than ever! Please see photos attached.

Canteen

Please check your child's information is up to date at the online canteen website - [click here](#). We do not take morning tea orders for Kindy & Pre-primary students - lunch orders only. If ordering manually, please write child's name and room number/year on a lunch bag along with items required and enclose correct payment. These orders must be placed in the red canteen box (at the front office) by 9:00am of the day required. Menu for ordering lunches - [click here](#).

P&C Notices

Switched on Parents Portal

All families were sent an email last week with details of the Switched on Parents Portal, a leading website with resources that help you keep your children safe in a digital world. The P&C has purchased an annual membership allowing families to access the wide range of articles, eBooks and online videos at your leisure. If you require any more information about the Switched on Parents Portal please contact jolimontpspandc@gmail.com

P&C AGM

Following Education Department guidelines, the AGM originally scheduled for last night was postponed until further notice.

Ride your Bike to School Day

Thank you to Miss Heidi, Mandy, Grace and Katie plus all the other Year 1 helpers for the incredible Ride 2 School event last Friday. It was the biggest turnout we have ever seen, with some of the best looking bikes and scooters around.

Attachments:

Ride 2 School photos



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