

## **JOLIMONT NEWSLETTER - Wednesday, 2 March 2022**

**Excellence Respect Integrity Care**

**2022 Year of Being Mindful**

### **From the Principal**

Well..... what a week it has been. I know several of our families have relations in Queensland and New South Wales dealing with floods, and Ukraine experiencing conflict. We send our wishes to them all during these difficult times.

Here, school continues, and so do our class assemblies, albeit in a very different form. Children in Year 6 Room 11 and Year 1 Room 1 have enjoyed creating and presenting virtually, using Office 365 Teams. For your enjoyment, we have loaded these assembly videos onto the school webpage under 'what's happening' called 'latest news' - click here [Latest News – Jolimont Primary](#).

### **COVID Parent Communication**

Thank you to parents for continuing to update the school regarding their negative/positive COVID status. This enables us to ensure we are ready for contact tracing, informing DoE, and changing teaching/learning plans when required. The caution and care being shown by our community has been amazing. Thank you.

### **From the Board**

At the first meeting of the year, the Board received a detailed presentation of the COVID learning plan. It demonstrated thorough preparation for different scenarios and flexibility of platforms, to best accommodate age-appropriate home learning. The Board also received details of the yearly AEDC (Australian Early Development Census) that provides data sets on children entering Jolimont at Pre-primary. The school presented how that data is being used to inform and develop the school's early learning plans, feeding into the whole school Business Plan.

### **Science Update**

We have had an awesome start to Science at Jolimont this year. All classes have been exploring the Chemical Sciences, looking at material properties, mixing, and how things change. Our Year 3 classes have been learning about atoms and molecules in conjunction with the team at UWA and their Einstein First program. This program teaches the fundamental concepts of modern physics, to school students, in a fun and interactive way. We have made models of atoms and molecules, and learnt about Brownian motion! Please see photo of atom models attached.

## **FUTURE EVENTS**

### **Jolimont Swimming Carnival**

Notes for those students competing in the swimming carnival, will be sent home this Thursday. This year, children not swimming will not be attending, in order to keep numbers down. Parents, we ask only one family member attends, seating is separated and for pool entry, a mask must be worn.

### **Ride to School Day**

Unfortunately, due to restrictions, this has been postponed for later in the year. Perhaps a ride around the neighbourhood or park instead.

### **Harmony Week**

Yay! Let's celebrate our cultural diversity during Harmony Week, Monday, 21 March to Sunday, 27 March. Get your gorgeous cultural costume ready to wear to school on Friday, 25 March. Harmony Week is about inclusiveness, respect, and a sense of belonging for everyone.

### **Interschool Swimming Carnival**

Restrictions permitting, we have moved the Interschool Swimming Carnival to the outdoor pool and have therefore had to change the date, from Wednesday, 30 March, to Friday, 1 April, from 9:15am-11:30am, at HBF Stadium.

### **Report an Absence**

If your child is absent, please notify the school by:

SMS 0437 312 688

Online absence form [here](#)

Email [jolimont.ps@education.wa.edu.au](mailto:jolimont.ps@education.wa.edu.au)

Phone 9205 5200

### **School Email Address**

To assist us in responding to emails in a timely manner, [please use this email address for general correspondence](mailto:jolimont.ps@education.wa.edu.au), thank you - [jolimont.ps@education.wa.edu.au](mailto:jolimont.ps@education.wa.edu.au)

### **P&C**

#### **We Need You!**

Looking for a way to contribute to our school community? The P&C needs your help! We're recruiting a Communications Officer to help draft and distribute emails, provide brief updates for school newsletters, and attend twice-per-term P&C meetings. Familiarity with MailChimp and Canva is helpful, but not required.

The P&C is collecting expressions of interest, for the role of Vice President, starting in July. The VP assists the President with various tasks such as drafting materials, planning events, liaising with members of the committee, and working with class reps. Commitment includes twice-per-term P&C meetings and occasional catch-ups with the Executive Team.

Please email [jolimontpspandc@gmail.com](mailto:jolimontpspandc@gmail.com) if you'd like to help with either of these important roles!

#### **Jolimont PS P&C 2022 AGM**

Please join us for the Jolimont P&C Annual General Meeting, [being held via Zoom, on Wednesday, 16 March 2022, at 7:00pm](#). If you would like an Agenda, please email us at [jolimontpspandc@gmail.com](mailto:jolimontpspandc@gmail.com)

#### [Join Zoom Meeting](#)

<https://us05web.zoom.us/j/84543360575?pwd=THYvMWJGaG90ZVNtK2JaY1RIUXYxZz09>

**Meeting ID: 845 4336 0575**

**Passcode: VWksQ9**

### **DADS GROUP UPDATE**

A bike ride event to Lake Jualbup in Shenton Park is currently being planned. We have postponed this event until later in the year. In the meantime, we encourage you to take your children on a bike ride, through your local area.

**Topic: Open-ended questions to get your child talking about school**

If you find it anything but easy to get your child talking about their day at school, you're not alone. The usual conversation in many households or school pick ups could sound something along the lines of "How was school?" "good..." "What did you learn?" "I don't remember..." Receiving the same three word answers over and over can often become disappointing.

Sometimes our children might be tired, or not in the mood to answer questions after school, and that's ok. But if you're looking to take a deeper dive and determine a way to find out more about their day, try asking some open-ended questions.

Try these eight open-ended questions

- o What was your favourite part of your day, and why?
- o What made you laugh today?
- o What did you do at lunchtime?
- o Who did you have the most fun with, and why?
- o What's something you learnt that you didn't know before?
- o What are you looking forward to about tomorrow?
- o What did you do that made you feel proud today?
- o Who would you like to sit next to in class?
- o What did your teacher do that was funny?
- o What made you really happy today?

**Dad's joke of the week:** What did the police officer say to his belly-button? You're under a vest.

### **How to get involved in Jolimont PS Dads Group activities and updates –**

Register at the FP Dads Portal. Takes 60 seconds. Go to [thefatheringproject.org](http://thefatheringproject.org) > In Schools > Join a Dads Group (search 'Jolimont')

### **CANTEEN**

Please be sure that your child/children's details are up to date at the ONLINE CANTEEN [here](#), and let your child know when they have a lunch order, and encourage your child/ren to see me if their lunch order is not quite right, or we have missed something. At times, we will have supply issues and a suitable replacement will be given to your child, if the order they have placed cannot be fulfilled as requested, also, a GST component is applied to the pricing on all applicable items.

Kindy and Pre-primary parents, morning tea is not available from the canteen. Any orders received for morning tea will be placed with their lunch.

For ordering procedures, and "forgotten" lunches, please refer to the canteen menu, on the school website [here](#), for instructions.

Thank you, Julie, Canteen Manager

