

JOLIMONT NEWSLETTER - Wednesday, 16 March 2022

Excellence Respect Integrity Care 2022 Year of Being Mindful

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From the Principal

What a fortnight!

Thank you to the families who have kept children home due to illness, covid, and the rest.... Admin and staff would like to acknowledge the great communication from so many families and we thank you very much for the thoughtful actions and approach to schooling over the past few weeks. The warmth through the changes we have all experienced has been greatly appreciated.

Exploring Weather and Seasons

Pre-primary have enjoyed exploring the six Noongar Seasons. Bunuru is known as the second summer, during February and March. It's the hottest time of the year, with little or no rain and hot easterly winds with a cooling sea breeze in the afternoon if you are along the coast. The weather during this time permitted Noongar people to live and fish along the coast, rivers and estuaries, and their diet consisted mainly of freshwater and sea foods.

White flowers, especially flowering gums including Jarrah, Marri and Ghost Gums, are in full bloom. You may have noticed these as you enter our very own school. The gum blossoms, near the gate on Wilsmore Street, are absolutely beautiful.

NAPLAN 2022

The information sheet for parents and carers for NAPLAN for 2022 was distributed to year 3 and 5 students this week.

NAPLAN testing will take place in Term 2, during Weeks 3 & 4 with students completing online testing on the school computers.

The Coordinated Practice test for both years, will be held on Thursday, 24 March, and gives students an opportunity to experience the browser, similar question formats and online assessment

If you would like to withdraw your child from NAPLAN, the appropriate form is attached to the NAPLAN Connect Notice and should be returned to Ms Hartman, through the front office. If you would like to discuss your child and NAPLAN please contact Ms Hartman or Mrs Iffla.

FUTURE EVENTS

BIG CHANGES to Faction Swimming Carnival

Friday, 18 March, at Claremont Aquatic Centre

Session 1: Year 3-4 events will run between 11:30am and 1:00pm

Session 2: Year 5-6 events will run between 1:00pm and 2:40pm

Mr Staples has uploaded the competitor list to Seesaw/Connect. Limited public numbers are in place at the aquatic centre. To enable spectators, we ask for only one parent to attend, AND leave after their child has completed the session.

Cultural Day

To celebrate our cultural diversity, Mrs Wong has once again organised a wonderful incursion, with a Chinese Lion Dance on Tuesday, 22 March at a cost of \$8-00 per child

(Pre-primary to Year 6) and cultural dress-up & lunch (from canteen - online order only), on Friday, 25 March. Please look out for note sent home with your child this week, payment and permission is due for return this Friday, 18 March.

The canteen cultural food menu will be available, via the online canteen link [here](#), from Monday, 21 March, with all orders to be placed online by 9:00pm, Thursday 24 March. Get in early as some items are limited.

P&C

Jolimont PS P&C 2022 AGM

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

Join Zoom Meeting

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

Meeting ID: 845 4336 0575

Passcode: VWksQ9

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. Please email jolimontpspandc@gmail.com if you're interested.

CHAPLAIN'S CHAT

New confidential telephone support line - [Here For You \(Here4u\)](#)

As we move into a phase of increased disruption from the higher caseloads of COVID-19 here in WA, many households will be impacted. A new telephone support line has been launched to provide confidential support for adults in WA experiencing their own, or concerned for a loved one with, mental health, drug or alcohol issues. The support line is open daily from 7:00am to 10:00pm and is staffed by qualified counsellors. If you would like to talk to someone, please call 1800 here4u (1800 437 348).

Here are some resources that may help you talk to your children about isolation, mask-wearing, COVID-19, etc:

<https://raisingchildren.net.au/guides/coronavirus-covid-19-guide/talking-with-children-lockdown-home-quarantine>

<https://www.redcross.org.au/stories/covid/talking-to-kids-about-covid-19/>

Let's help to build our kids' resilience by allowing them to talk about the feelings they are experiencing and by arming them with age-appropriate knowledge and strategies to ride the waves of change and uncertainty that we're all going through. Please reach out if they need extra support at this time.

Don't forget, Chaplain Katie is available at school on Tuesdays and Wednesdays, to support students and provide a listening ear. You can contact her through the office, or your child's teacher, to ask for her assistance.

CANTEEN

In light of the current evolving situation, the canteen will not be serving "over the counter" items for morning recess, effective tomorrow - Thursday, 17 March. If your child requires food for morning recess, please order via the online canteen [here](#), and their order will be

fulfilled. Pre-packaged items and Froyos, will be available over the counter. Thank you for your understanding.
Julie, Canteen Manager