

JOLIMONT NEWSLETTER - Wednesday, 27 April 2022

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2022 Year of Being Mindful

Djeran season sees a break in the really hot weather with cool nights that bring a dewy presence in the early mornings. Winds also change, with light breezes, this is also a time of red flowers.

From our School Administrators

Dear Parents

Welcome back to Term Two. We are really in the thick of things with COVID at the moment. We are experiencing staffing COVID related issues as like other schools. This week alone, we have 13 staff as well as over 10% of our student population affected. We are sharing this information with you, to give you an insight into the hard work that has been going on by Admin to ensure your children have a teacher for the day/week. Today, Ms Hartman and Mrs Criddle, were both teaching in classes to ensure we had enough teachers across the school.

As COVID restrictions ease at the end of this week, we are not sure if this will help the matter in the short term. However, as always, we endeavour to operate as well as possible given the staffing challenges.

This term, we are also running several staffing processes as a result of new vacancies. This is always exciting and we look forward to welcoming new staff to our school. This term we welcome Mrs Cory, Miss Oliver, Ms Gribben and Miss Straiton.

With COVID restrictions changing this Friday, masks will no longer be mandatory in classrooms, assemblies can resume as normal and events and camps can go ahead. We ask parents to keep physically distancing and to continue to kiss and drop at the classroom door. We would strongly encourage parents to continue to communicate via email with their class teacher, or Administration, especially with the surging record numbers of COVID cases currently being experienced by the school.

We are very proud of our Student Councillors who organised the final day of Term 1 fundraiser for the Northern Rivers Floods Appeal. We raised \$362 for a very deserving cause and our students looked amazing in their Celebrity Dress Ups.

Please look out for the class newsletter this week to ensure you make a time for a parent/teacher meeting in Week 3, on Thursday and Friday afternoons, during the half day school closures. The class link to the online booking system will be in this week's teacher Connect notice.

School Closure for Parent Meetings - Week 3

A reminder of our two half days of school closure starting at midday on **Thursday, 12 May and on Friday, 13 May, in Week 3.**

Staff will conduct parent teacher meetings for all students. Both Day Care Providers, Indigo and Plays Kool, have been notified of these changes and will notify parents of their arrangements. In the event you are unable to collect your child at 12 midday, on the days listed above, please email: Barbara.lffla@education.wa.edu.au.

Term Planner

Our Term 2 planner is available on our website [here](#).

ANZAC Day Commemoration

Our sincere thanks to Mr Glanvill and the students in Room 11 & Room 12 students for their creative effort with the virtual ANZAC commemorative assembly. Thanks to Gabe S (and family) in Room 2 for their story about Gabe's great grandfather from World War 2. See photo attached.

NAPLAN 2022

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

assessment. If you would like to withdraw your child or would like to discuss your child and NAPLAN please contact Ms Hartman or Mrs Iffla.

Wildcats Half - Time Game

During the school holidays some of our Year 6 basketballers were lucky enough to represent JPS in a half-time NBL game with the Perth Wildcats playing the Cairns Taipans. It was a tremendous opportunity and the kids all thoroughly enjoyed the occasion to play in front of close to 10,000 people. Jolimont PS played against Mt Claremont PS in the game, and both schools displayed an entertaining brand of basketball with the ball transitioning from end to end and plenty of baskets being scored. Congratulations to all students for their brilliant performance on the court! See photo attached.

Sustainability

Did you know that used toothpaste tubes and caps, manual toothbrushes, electric toothbrush heads, and floss containers, can be recycled at Jolimont PS? These items are collected and sent to Terracycle for recycling. Help us reach our goal of 5kg to package up and mail off by the end of this term! Our green collection bin is located outside Room 1 (items not accepted are cardboard packaging, electronic toothbrush handles and electronic toothbrush bases).

Chaplain's Chat

Five Aspects of Wellbeing

Welcome back to Term 2. As we continue to juggle the uncertainty of COVID and its disruption to our lives, it is important that we think through how we can look after ourselves and those around us. Research has shown that there are 5 simple ways we can boost our wellbeing each day:

1. Connect – with those around you – family, friends, colleagues. Not just via messaging but in person or talking on the phone or online. Invest time in building and strengthening relationships with others for yourself and your children, as this will be a source of support and enrichment when navigating the challenges of life.
2. Take notice – be present in the here-and-now and pay attention to what's going on around you. Pull your eyes away from a screen and take notice of nature, people, your own thoughts and feelings. See the beautiful, the funny side, the curious. Savour the moment, and notice the changing seasons.
3. Stay active – look for ways to be active every day – walk, run, stretch, cycle, garden, dance. Find something you enjoy and experience the benefits to your mood, sleep, physical health and wellbeing.
4. Keep Learning – learn information or a new skill, take on a new challenge or responsibility, rediscover an old interest or talent. Make a commitment to lifelong learning and enjoy the benefits.
5. Give – be generous with your time, your patience, your words or smile. Practice acts of kindness, say thank you or show your gratitude, volunteer, donate to a charity or offer to help with a project that benefits others. Giving to others provides a boost to our sense of wellbeing.

For more on the 5 ways of wellbeing: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gJ5V525SCK>

Keyed Up Music

Keyed Up Music will be teaching keyboard and guitar lessons in Term 2 after school. Lessons start from \$19.80 for a small group. If you are interested in your son / daughter learning an instrument, ring Savanna on 1300 366 243 or enrol [here](#).

P&C

Election Day Stall Donations

This year, the P&C will be holding a mini White Elephant stall at this year's Election, on Saturday, 21 May. Please help us out by donating items you may no longer need or use. Items can be placed in the boxes provided outside the doors of the front office and can include:

- Toys in good working order with all components
- Books for all ages
- Jigsaw puzzles
- Board games
- Dress ups
- Only licensed stuffed toys eg: Disney, Marvel, Beanie Boo's, Nickelodeon
- Small potted plants eg: succulents, indoor plants

Please ensure all items are clean and in good working order. If you have any queries in regard to what to donate, please contact Tamara at jolimontpspandc@gmail.com

DADS GROUP UPDATE

Upcoming Term II dads group events

Stay tuned for updated on the following:

- o Dads + Kids: Perry Lakes skate park + sausage sizzle (date TBC)
- o Dads only: Election Day P&C BBQ fundraiser – we'll be sending out info soon

Topic: Positive male role models

Having a strong father figure is a hugely powerful factor in a child's life; in fact, it's one of the biggest needs that children have in today's society. A father figure is profoundly effective in having a positive impact on child development and their behaviours as they grow into adults. Remember, you don't have to be a dad to be a father figure. Grandparents, uncles, teachers, a sport coach, these are all father figures who can be part of a child's life to make a positive difference. Children look up to positive male role models in their life, and as a man, you can play a unique role in another child's life.

Top tips:

- 1 Be positive and intentional with your communication: Intentionally make your interactions with nephews, nieces or your children's friends encouraging.
- 2 Seek out other father figures for your own children. It's always good for your child to have other positive male role models in their life. Whether it's your mate, a sports coach or teacher.
- 3 Be a role model: Children look up to positive male role models, each having a different impact on girls and boys.
- 4 Take other children along with your own children and take part in activities together like football, camping, dinner or movies
- 5 Where possible, encourage sole-parent mothers to consider appropriate father figures for their children, or, consider being one yourself. Perhaps your partner has a friend who is the sole-parent. Being a positive male role model in a child's life makes a big difference.

Dad's joke of the week: I don't trust stairs. They're always up to something.

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 > In Schools > Join a Dads Group (search 'Jolimont')