

JOLIMONT NEWSLETTER - Wednesday, 25 May 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 The Principal

Dear Parents

We would like to acknowledge the time and effort from our P&C and community over the weekend. What a tremendous result for the P&C and the Library Improvement Plan. Thank you to the Year 2 parents involved, the stall volunteers, and the P&C executive team. We would also like to acknowledge the donations that were given to the school. We always appreciate the kindness and generosity for the betterment of the children. Please see photos attached.

We continue to be quite pummelled by COVID again this fortnight, with several class parent/teacher meetings being delayed. For those who have met their child's teacher, staff very much appreciated the valuable insights and two-way feedback about your child's learning journey.

Our next school development day is this Friday, 27 May. Students do not attend on this day.
Barbara Iffla

Board Nominations

The board is seeking nominations for several positions now available for a three-year tenure. Nominations close Wednesday, 8 June. If you would like to nominate, please email a short bio to Barbara.Iffla@education.wa.edu.au. This will form part of the election process and will be sent to all parents on Friday, 10 June, for voting.

For information about the role of the board, please refer to our website [here](#) and the Department of Education's Council and Board Information [here](#).

Multi-Purpose Court Update

We are delighted to inform you that today we held a pre-start meeting for the multi-purpose court project. The location of the court means there will be several trees removed. Last year, many trees were planted and again we acknowledge the generous donation from City of Subiaco, the new trees are establishing and growing well.

As the courts will be installed parallel to the path leading to Roberta Street, we will ensure site safety is our first priority, however please speak with your children regarding this work site and to always take care around the fenced off area. We are expecting works to commence mid-June with completion earmarked for October.

Science and Technology Update

In Digital Technologies, our Year 2 and Year 3 students have been programming the Dash robots to plan a trip to the zoo, complete with sound effects! Our Year 4 and Year 4/5 classes have been creating the Jolimont Primary School mini golf course, using Sphero robots to complete the course by programming them with block coding.

Introducing the Tournament of Minds 2022

Following Jolimont's amazing achievements in 2021 (placed first in the STEM Primary category and went on to represent WA at the 'International' Finals), Jolimont will again be entering teams of Year 5 and Year 6 students in the Tournament of Minds (TOM) in 2022. TOM is a problem solving competition giving students an opportunity to work creatively in collaboration with team mates. The team skills required are creativity, lateral thinking, initiative, time management and problem solving. Students work together to solve a

demanding, open ended long term challenge over a six-week period. They have 10 minutes to present their solution to a panel of judges and audience on tournament day. The team also participates in an unseen spontaneous challenge on tournament day.

Please keep an eye out for expressions of interest notes for students and for parent help in the form of facilitators for teams. While you are waiting – check out the website for more details: <https://www.tom.edu.au/>

Mrs Joanne Turton, Science & Technology Specialist Teacher

Art (and Technology!) Update

Spheros are robotic spherical devices controlled by an iPad and connected to Bluetooth.

This week, students have been using the Sphero robots to make some magnificent paintings. Inspired by Jackson Pollock's painting technique, the students allowed technology methods to create splashes of colour. The rhythmic pathways were able to weave the magic of a Summer breeze and the falling leaves of Autumn. With collaboration and creativity, the kids drove Sphero robots through paint to create beautiful canvases. Please see photo attached of the artists at work.

Mrs Jo Cutler and Mrs Joanne Turton

Sustainability

Containers for Change: Last year, Jolimont PS registered with Containers for Change, allowing our community to officially collect and return eligible empty drink containers for the 10 cent refund. If you choose to donate your refund to Jolimont PS when returning your eligible containers, please use our **Scheme ID: C10465896**. For information regarding eligible containers and other useful information, please visit the Containers for Change website [here](#).

Jolimont P&C

Thanks to all the volunteers who helped at the Election Day Fundraiser on Saturday. From the 6:30am setup crews, to the dads flipping sausages and the parents manning the stalls, and the tired arms who packed up afterwards, we have so many people to thank!

Thanks to the school community for so many amazing donations of books, uniforms and toys, and the delicious efforts of the bakers! Few people could resist the mouth-watering treats so beautifully displayed. Thanks to Mrs Iffla for her Principal Jam which raised over \$200-00.

We are delighted to share that we raised over \$6,500-00 for the library upgrades! The morning had a wonderful community spirit, and it was lovely to see friends mingling, and kids dancing in the sunshine. Many families we spoke with had pre-voted and were simply there to support the school.

Join us at the next P&C meeting on Wednesday, 8 June, starting at 5.30pm in the library, to be part of what happens next!

DADS GROUP UPDATE

Dads & kid's event: Perry Lakes skate park + sausage sizzle (Sunday, 29 May @ 2:00pm)
Come down for a skate, scoot and sausage in bread (and a quiet beer) between 2:00pm-4:30pm - \$2:00 per sausage. Profits to P&C.

Topic: Positive affirmations to practice with your children

Although we have come a long way through the pandemic, as fathers and parents, we continue to be faced with many challenges ourselves, and our children are still in the midst of it too. Whether it's the sports carnival your child has been training so hard for, but now has to miss out on because they are isolating due to COVID, or they are having a difficult time re-integrating back to 'normal' school-life. These are all challenging things for kids to face on

a daily basis. According to [Raising Children](#), taking time out of your day to practise positive thinking has an impact on happiness and your overall sense of wellbeing.

During uncertain times, it can be easy to focus on the negatives and forget about the positives in life. But by making a conscious effort to think more positively, it helps to put the difficult times in perspective.

As a father, your child is always looking to you for guidance. By modelling positive thinking you help to shape their mindset and outlook on life, even when things are challenging. Positive thinking can be practised through an activity like reciting positive affirmations. This can be done in the morning or before bedtime.

Eight positive affirmations to try with your child:

1. I have great ideas
2. I am on this earth for a reason
3. I can handle this, nothing lasts forever
4. Learning and growing isn't easy, but it's worth it
5. Mistakes are invitations to learn something new
6. It's ok to ask for help when I feel overwhelmed
7. I can take quiet time when I need it
8. I treat others the way I want to be treated

Dad's joke of the week: Which days are the strongest? Saturday and Sunday. The rest are weekdays.

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')

Canteen

The Canteen is open Tuesday to Friday, click [here](#) to set up an account, and [here](#) to view the canteen menu.