

## **JOLIMONT NEWSLETTER - Wednesday, 20 July 2022**

**Excellence Respect Integrity Care**

**2022 Year of Being Mindful**

**Makuru** sees the coldest and wettest time of the year come into full swing.

### **Welcome Staff and New Families**

We extend a warm welcome to Mrs Thompson, Mrs Baltovich, Mrs Godfrey, Miss Crane, Mrs Bunbury and Mrs Wang. I'd like to sincerely thank staff for their time and dedication over the holidays ensuring programs, planning and classrooms are ready for a smooth start to the term. We hope your children delight in the creativity and new learning environments.

### **COVID Update**

As winter is upon us, colds, flu and covid continue to wreak havoc on class attendance. We thank parents for their care and vigilance with keeping children home when unwell. We are expecting continued disruptions with staffing as we manage the new strains and increasing numbers with caring for our own families and ourselves.

The Department has issued a letter for parents this afternoon regarding COVID updates. Please also see this in our Connect Notice Board.

### **2022 National Read-a-thon Event**

Our Jolimont Primary School 2022 National Read-a-thon, 'PAWS' for a moment and read a book, is well and truly underway! Students across the school have been reading like Hairy Maclary from Donaldson's Dairy himself and recording their efforts in their personal logs.

Our school challenge continues until Sunday, 31 July, and students are encouraged to read and record as much as they can during this period. Prizes are awarded both for individuals and the class who read the most! So take a moment to encourage your child to 'PAWS' for a minute and enjoy a wander through the wonderful world of stories!

### **Term Calendar**

Please see our website or Term Planner [here](#).  
Staff Development day is in Week 5 on Friday, 19 August.

### **Jolimont P&C**

The P&C is delighted to welcome you back for Term 3, and invite you to our P&C meeting next Tuesday, 26 July, in the library at 5.30pm.

Save the date for our next event on Friday, 26 August, a Book Week themed kids quiz night, organised by the Year 3 families. Details and tickets will be available soon.

Also keep an eye out for our July P&C newsletter later this week. If you don't receive the newsletter, please contact us on [jolimontpspandc@gmail.com](mailto:jolimontpspandc@gmail.com) so we can check your email address.

## **DADS GROUP UPDATE**

### **Get ready for the 2022 Jolimont Dads and Kids Camping Trip!!**

From Saturday 17th to Sunday 18th September at Baden Powell campground, Lane Poole Reserve near Dwellingup. Huge success in 2021 and totally booked out. Don't delay. Leading up to the event the Jolimont Dads Group will be communicating much more detail around location / map, schedule, activities, gear to bring etc. At this stage we are after names and numbers of attendees, and some other basic information.

Dads can book here: <https://events.humanitix.com/2022-jolimont-dad-s-and-kids-camping-trip>

### **Dad-proof tips: Strengthening the connection with your child through activities and interests**

Communicating with your child will change across the milestones of their life from playing with toys, playing in the yard kicking a footy to helping them with home work and driving lessons.

No matter what the circumstance, it is very important to keep the line of communication open with your child, so you can have a good idea of how they are traveling emotionally, mentally and who their friends are, how they are going at school, and when they need help. Here are some tips on building your relationship through interests and activities:

- 1 Create one-on-one moments, use the time in the car to your benefit, driving to school, a sports event, picking up a friend, going to an event together.
- 2 Talk with them about the activities they enjoy. Connect over shared interests. Some good ones are sport, cooking, fitness or music.
- 3 Tell them about your day as well. Share any funny moments. They will enjoy hearing that you are not perfect.
- 4 Find a new activity you can teach them or learn a new skill together.
- 5 Follow a sporting team together, soccer, AFL, Rugby, as an example. You can watch the game together on TV, watch highlights, discuss at the dinner table, share a few stories or send article links to each other online.
- 6 Dad weekends away, camping, bike riding, hiking, taking photos. Encourage them to bring another friend and their dad, these can be wonderful weekends, and will allow you to share some stories about your father and growing up as a teenager.

**Dad's joke of the week:** You can't run through a campsite. You can only ran...Why? Because it's past tents.

### **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')