

JOLIMONT NEWSLETTER - Wednesday, 15 March 2023
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WELCOME

Dear parents and caregivers

What a fantastic fortnight we have had since the last newsletter! School Photos last week, the Year 6 Leadership Day, incursions, sailing, beach swimming and our faction swimming carnival on Monday! It has been so incredible to see our community coming together again at events such as these.

It was wonderful to see so many parents, carers and grandparents, supporting our students at the faction carnival. It was a great day, and we were so impressed with how our students participated throughout the event, particularly our Year 3 students at their first swimming carnival. A huge thank you to Mr Staples for all his organisation, prior to the day and on the day, ensuring a successful well-timed event.

NAPLAN

This week our Year 3 & 5 students will begin to participate in NAPLAN testing. Keeping normal routines in place, being on time to school, packing healthy food and snacks, and avoiding undue attention surrounding the tests is our suggested approach for our families with students in these year levels over the next 10 days. These assessments are a snapshot in time and the move to earlier in the year will hopefully see the school receive these results sooner so teaching and learning can continue to be targeted to student needs. All testing must be completed by Friday, 24 March, so if your child is away towards the end of the testing period, this may impact their ability to participate in all assessments.

Neurodiversity Celebration Week

This week, we are shining a spotlight on the amazing students in our community who process the world in a different way. Neurodiversity Celebration Week is a worldwide initiative that challenges stereotypes and misconceptions about neurological differences. It aims to transform how neurodivergent individuals are perceived and supported by our schools with the opportunity to recognise the many talents and advantages of being neurodivergent, while creating more inclusive and equitable cultures that celebrate differences and empower every individual.

Approximately 15-20% of the population has a neurological difference. Many 'challenges' neurodivergent people face are more to do with the environment and systems they are placed in, often designed by a majority population.

There are a number of fantastic resources you can access as a parent on the Neurodiversity Week website:

<https://www.neurodiversityweek.com/resource-hub>

As an inclusive and supportive school community, we can all do our part to help our students understand and celebrate these differences.

Assembly

What a joy it was to have our second assembly for the year led by the wonderful Room 2 students! Well done to Mrs Pasalich and the students in Room 2 for their thoughtful assembly around caring for our pets. It was lovely to see so many parents join us. There was a theme of outstanding learning dispositions and consistent demonstration of the Jolimont values in the merit certificates, and I congratulate all these amazing superstars!

Phones and Smart Watches

Just a reminder that mobile phones and smart watches are not to be used on school grounds to contact parents or access social media, as per Department of Education policy. If a child needs to contact a parent, or a parent needs to contact a child during the school day, this needs to be undertaken through the office. Phones need to be switched off and handed to the front office before school, with watches switched to aeroplane mode.

Birthday Cakes

The Jolimont Healthy Food and Drink Guidelines, as found on the school website, state that 'Birthday cakes can be brought to school'. Jolimont PS do not consider lollies and confectionery to be an appropriate alternative for the celebratory birthday cake, as there are many parents who do not wish their child to have confectionery and chocolate items at school. It is also recommended by the Department of Education to refrain from providing and promoting confectionery products in schools.

Our staff suggest homemade, individual, birthday cupcakes, in line with the school's policy and offer the alternative of an icy pole for birthday celebrations in classrooms across the school.

Robyn Crump
Acting Principal

School Board

The Board met on Wednesday, 15 February. We assessed growth plans of the school, impacted by local developments, and the infrastructure requirements to accommodate this growth. Partnership with relevant government stakeholders is a key objective to achieve a permanent build. We laid out the agenda for 2023, to ensure we provide strategic direction on the school's Business Plan, conduct regular budget appraisals and review school policies throughout the year. Finally, the Annual Budget for 2023 was presented and the new Class Placement Policy was discussed.

On evaluating the 2022 Board review, we identified that we would like to improve communication about the Board's functions and activities with the wider school community. In addition to these updates in the newsletter, we will present at one assembly per term. Furthermore, please feel free to approach any of us - the details of who is on the Board is here <https://jolimontps.wa.edu.au/our-school/school-board/> and on the wall behind the office, outside Room 1.

Claire Smith
Board Chair

Faction Swimming Carnival

Well done to everyone for their tremendous efforts in the pool at the Faction Swimming Carnival this week. All students gave their absolute best in the water and consistently demonstrated wonderful sportsmanship too, you should all be extremely proud! I must thank so many people for their assistance in running the carnival, including the faction captains, staff, parents, and Cindy for assisting at swim training sessions on a Thursday afternoon.

Congratulation to **Blue** faction, our 2023 Faction Swimming Champions!

Final Scores - **Blue: 472 Red: 408 Green: 352**

Champion Boy & Girl Medals: Artem, Lily, Mia, Brandon, Olivia, Albie, Weronika & Oliver.
Runner Up Boy & Girl Medals: Millen, Evan, Alex, Quincy, Elektra, Jake, Sophie & Ethan.

The Interschool swim team has been posted on Connect and details will be distributed by the end of this week. The Interschool Swimming Carnival will be held at HBF Stadium on Thursday, 30 March, from 9:00am-11:30am. Please complete permission and payment by the due date.

Mobile Dental Therapy Centre

The Dental Therapy Centre located at Jolimont PS will be closed from today, through to Tuesday, 21 March, inclusive, then re-open next Wednesday, 22 March. For emergencies during clinic hours, please contact Caralee Dental Therapy on 9337 6818. Should an emergency arise after clinic hours, please contact the emergency service on 1800 098 818.

General Information

Late to School

All students who are late to school, must be signed in by a parents or carer, at the front office, before going to the classroom.

Redhage Basketball

Please see flyer attached for the Term 2 Redhage Basketball program.

P&C UPDATE

P&C AGM tonight - Wednesday, 15 March

All welcome to join the P&C AGM, tonight, at 5.30pm, in the school library.

Ride to School Day - Friday, 24 March

Cycle, scooter, skateboard.... all wheels welcome as we encourage sustainable and healthy transport options on ride to school day. Decorate your wheels and meet on the oval at 8:00am, for a few laps with your friends, plus a yummy snack.

DADS GROUP UPDATE

Upcoming events:

Dads and kids activities, paper planes and BBQ – Matilda Bay Sunday 26 Mar 3-5pm
Come along and meet other dads, have a great time with the kids and a few Sunday beers. We'll be having a big paper plane comp (with prizes). All equipment supplied. Just rock up. Sausage sizzle and drinks available for purchase (eftpos available):

- Sausage sizzle – \$2.50
- Softdrink cans / water – \$1.50
- All proceeds to P&C

Bring the bathers for a swim if the weather is warm enough.
No RSVP required.

Dads topic: Empowering your child's self-image and self-identity

To build a strong sense of image and identity, your child first has to feel they belong. They learn this through safe and secure relationships – first with their family and later with other caring adults and children. Relationships are the foundations for your child's strong sense of self-image. It is shaped by the ways that you and others respond to them.

Top Tips:

- Tell your child they are loved and that you love them no matter what.
- Value what is unique about your child. Let them know how special they are in their own way.
- Pay attention to and listen to your child. This tells children they are important and valued and that it is safe to express feelings and opinions.
- Encourage your child to make choices and have-a-go at things themselves (within appropriate limits). Support your child in their efforts to be more independent and come to you for back up, as needed.
- Encourage play with others and mix in different social settings. Help them so develop social skills to fit in.

Dad joke of the week: I ordered a book called "How to scam people online" three months ago. It still hasn't arrived yet.

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 and to set up a QuickCliq account, click [here](#).

Temporary changes to the canteen – please note as follows:

- ♣ closing one week early prior to the end of term 1 school holidays (from Monday, 3 April)
- ♣ reopening three weeks after the beginning of term 2 (Tuesday, 9 May).
- ♣ will be for LUNCH ORDERS ONLY
- ♣ will not be available for cupcakes, cakes, or catering

The online canteen system QuickCliq has been "closed over" during this period of time.

ATTACHMENTS:

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