

JOLIMONT NEWSLETTER - Thursday, 30 March 2023
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WELCOME

Dear Jolimont Families,

As we head into the last week at school for Term 1, I would like to acknowledge how proud I am of each student's efforts in the classroom this term. Our students are working hard to reach their potential and be positive learners and role models. I would like to acknowledge the wonderful team of teachers and support staff we have at Jolimont and thank them for their dedication, care and kindness.

Robyn Crump

Acting Principal

Term 2 Staffing Update

Mrs Barbara Iffla has announced an extension of her personal leave for the duration of Term 2, and I am pleased to announce that I will be continuing in the role of Acting Principal as we continue the wonderful journey we are on at Jolimont in 2023. I look forward to celebrating more successes with our talented staff and students, along with supporting many more fantastic whole school events with the school community.

Miss Grace Iffla celebrates her wedding day in the school holidays and we wish her all the best for this special day! Miss Iffla will also take leave for the remainder of the 2023 school year as she takes on a new adventure working as a classroom teacher at Caversham Valley Primary School. The Jolimont school community thank Grace for her level of expertise and professionalism across the school and wish her well in this new role.

End of Term 1 - REMINDER

The end of term is fast approaching with only one week remaining until the Easter holiday break. The last day of school for students this term will be Thursday, 6 April. Friday, 7th April is Good Friday and the first official day of the Easter Holiday break.

Start of Term 2 - REMINDER

The first day of next term for students will be on Monday, 24 April and we will hold our school ANZAC service at 2:15pm. The following day is the ANZAC Day Public Holiday, with no students or staff to attend school on this day.

End of Term Fundraiser

Year 6 student councillors are excited to be running an Easter Hat Parade on the last day of term, Thursday, 6 April. We would love to see everyone create amazing, fantastic, and imaginatively decorated hats for the parade at 9:00am in the undercover area. We are asking for a gold coin donation to participate, with funds raised being donated to the Syria/Turkey earthquake relief fund.

Canteen

Please remember that the Canteen will close on Monday, 3 April and re-open on Tuesday, 9 May, in Week 3 of Term 2. The online canteen system QuickCliq has been "closed over" during this period of time. When the Canteen re-opens, this will be for lunch orders only.

Interschool Swimming Carnival

The Interschool Swimming Carnival team competed today, at HBF Stadium. Jolimont PS placed 5th overall and our team represented our school wonderfully, both in sportsmanship and talent in the water.

NAPLAN Assessments

The final scheduled session of the annual NAPLAN assessments for students in Grades 3 and 5 was completed on Monday. All students are to be congratulated on their excellent attitude towards NAPLAN, especially during a busy few weeks across our school!

Parent Teacher Meetings

Jolimont Primary School will once again offer parents the opportunity to meet with their child's class teachers in Term 2 to discuss their academic progress, share learning examples, and celebrate growth. The Department of Education has approved two half day school closures on Thursday, 11 May and Friday, 12 May, where Jolimont Primary School will close at 11:50am on both days to allow time for these Parent Teacher meetings to occur. Time slots will be allocated at the beginning of Term 2, with 10 minutes allocated to each child. These meetings will provide a 'snapshot' of how your child is progressing, please keep your eye out for further information next term.

ANZAC Day Service

On Monday, 24 April, we invite our families to attend our annual ANZAC Day service led by our Year 6 students. This is an important commemoration where we reflect and focus on the contribution and sacrifice of veterans and serving personnel across time. It involves honouring, remembering, thanking and renewing connections with those who have served. A sincere thank you to Mrs Hosgen, Mr Glanvill, and Mr Jackaman for preparing our Year 6 student representatives for this service.

World Autism Month

We continue to focus on inclusivity and diversity this week as we step into World Autism Month where our community supports the 2023 theme 'igniting change', allowing us to learn and grow together as we build awareness and celebrate the strengths, achievements and uniqueness of people with Autism.

We have many incredible students at our school who view the world through an ASD lens. Kicking off the month with World Autism Week, you may see an amazing array of key landmarks and buildings which are lit up across Perth city over the weekend in a spectrum of colour to signify that we are a diverse community where each person has something to contribute and is valued. It would be great for our students to think about why these buildings are being lit up and may be a great conversation starter for your household. You can access the Light Up The Spectrum schedule [here](#) as we celebrate World Autism Day this Sunday, 2 April 2023.

Harmony Week

Harmony Week is a celebration that recognises diversity and brings together Australians from all different backgrounds. It is about inclusiveness, respect and a sense of belonging for everyone. Last week we celebrated Harmony Week across the school with all students making yarning sticks representing their culture and family, the creation of a bright eye-catching display of student portraits in the school library and the amazing assembly from Room 5 based on the book 'Pecking Order' from the talented Tasmanian author Monica Reeve! We were extremely impressed with the personal video sent to Jolimont from the author, as she introduced Room 5's assembly to the community.

It was also a joy to see our students celebrating their cultural backgrounds and Harmony Day through their clothing on our free dress day last Tuesday, where students came dressed in cultural dress, orange clothing or had a splash of orange added to their outfits!

Ms Heidi, along with the Inclusivity and Diversity staff committee, coordinated Harmony Week this year and I thank them for all their hard work behind the scenes!

Ride to School

Last Friday was our Ride to School event, please see poster attached.

School Watch

The assistance of parents and community members is requested to help minimise antisocial behaviour and vandalism at the school after hours. Unfortunately, we have had a few visitors to the school overnight and on weekends who are leaving quite a mess for our staff to clean up in the mornings.

In the event that you see any suspicious activity or vandalism occurring, we would appreciate it being reported to our security department on 1800 177 777, who will reach out to either our local security provider or the Police.

Parents are asked to remind children that school grounds are out of bounds outside of school hours, unless at an arranged event. This includes before 8:15am and after 3:15pm, unless at a school approved event. Children may access the school oval during daylight hours, while accompanied and supervised by a responsible adult.

Stranger Danger

Just a reminder to our community regarding informing children about 'stranger danger.' Please find some strategies regarding speaking to your child below which come from the [Stay Safe website](#). We encourage you to visit the website for further information.

- Tell your child not to listen to or be near a stranger—rather to move away or to go back inside.
- Tell your child to never ever go with a stranger –no matter what the stranger says.
- Share a code word with your child that is easy for them to remember and assure them that only a trusted adult will know the code word that you both share.
- Tell your child that strangers may make up sad stories, like looking for a lost pet, needing help with a sick child, or needing directions. Tell your child that strangers may offer treats, gifts or lollies for 'helping'.
- Have your child make sure an adult they trust knows where they are at all times.
- Encourage your child if they have to walk by themselves somewhere to walk near busier roads/streets.
- If ever they are frightened, tell your child to go into a 'safe place' like a shop, police station or school and NEVER get into a car with someone they don't know.

Bikes and Scooters

For the safety of our school community, please remind your child/ren that bikes and scooters must be walked, not ridden, on school grounds.

Redhage Basketball and Tennis Factory

Please see flyers attached.

JPS Chaplain's Chat

It has been a busy and varied term as chaplain at Jolimont Primary School. Our school word, HUMANITY, has set the tone of how we try to care for each other within our school community - listening, accepting, and treating others how we would like to be treated, beautifully demonstrated by Harmony Day activities at school and the display in the library coordinated by Ms Heidi, where we are reminded that "Kindness is a gift that everyone can afford to give" and "Always be kinder than necessary." Let us continue to work together to help our children display these values in in their daily lives.

Some of my activities this term included our Year 6 Leadership Day, Peer Skills course for Student Leaders, Tuesday lunchtime Library Club, Parent Workshop about Online Safety. Please see photos attached.

I will be on leave for the first part of next term. If you or your child need support during that time, please contact their classroom teacher, or the school leadership team, for pastoral care. I hope you have a good break over the holidays, a great start to Term 2, and I look forward to being back at school in Week 6.

Chaplain Katie (kathryn.hillalmeida@youthcare.org.au)

P&C Update

Over 50 prizes to win in our annual Easter raffle! Prizes will be drawn after the Easter Hat Parade, on the morning of Thursday, 6 April. Senior students will be selling tickets at recess and lunch (cash only please), plus square tap ticket sales at the office from this Friday, 31 March. Please see poster attached.

ATTACHMENTS:

Redhage basketball

Tennis factory

Chaplain Katie photos

Easter egg raffle