

JOLIMONT NEWSLETTER - Term 2 - Wednesday, 21 June 2023
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Principal's News

Dear Parents,

It's hard to believe that we have reached the halfway mark of the year! As I complete my last fortnight in the position of Acting Principal, I would like to pass on my sincere thanks to all in the Jolimont community for your kindness and support over the past 5 months. I feel incredibly blessed to have been offered the privilege of leading our fabulous community over this time. Jolimont look forward to welcoming back a refreshed and well-rested Mrs Barbara Iffla in Term 3!

One of the greatest joys I have experienced at Jolimont is walking around our beautiful grounds and witnessing the incredible achievements of our students and staff.

I am captivated by the vibrant energy that comes from our bustling classrooms and creative spaces. The walls are adorned with impressive artwork and work samples, showcasing the immense talent of our students. These daily walks through the school reinforce the dedication and hard work invested by our teachers, staff and students. It is a true privilege to witness the growth and accomplishments of our students and staff.

Jolimont has remained a hive of activity throughout the semester, with incursions, excursions, school performances, assemblies, sport and P&C events, in addition to normal classroom activities. All these rich experiences require a great expenditure of effort and energy and I thank the staff and community volunteers for their support during the first half of the year.

As we approach the upcoming mid-year holidays, I would like to remind our students, staff, and families to prioritise self-care and wellbeing. The school year can be demanding, and taking breaks and recharging is essential. Whether you spend quality time with loved ones, engage in hobbies, or simply relax, we hope you all have a refreshing and enjoyable break. Remember, a well-rested mind and body are vital for success.

WAGSMS Concert

Last night, I had the pleasure of attending the Western Australian Government School Music Society's concert at the Crown Theatre, which showcased the amazing talent in public schools, and in particular, our Jolimont Primary School Year 5/6 Choir! Each Concert showcases a variety of school performances and solo acts that provides a snapshot of the amazing talent in public schools, and this year Jolimont made its debut in this prestigious event. The Jolimont students were INCREDIBLE and their confidence performing on the Crown Theatre stage in front of over 2000 people was commendable.

I would particularly like to congratulate Mrs Brooke O'Connor for her wonderful work with the choir, and her organisation of last night's event, since returning from leave this term. Thank you to Mr Roger Glanvil and Mrs Melanie Hosgen for attending with the students for what was a very late evening, and for all their time rehearsing in the lead up to the event. Most importantly, thank you to the stars of the evening, Jolimont Primary School's students. You were truly amazing!!!! It was such a beautiful sight to see and an honour to watch such an enthusiastic and passionate young group of children who performed with such professionalism and talent.

Interschool Cross Country

Another showcase of our student talents occurred last Friday, as our Interschool Cross Country team ran the boundary of Rosalie Park with 10 other Shenton Network schools. Rosalie Park was a hive of enthusiasm and energy as 55 students lined the start line for each race and gave their absolute best around the course. Thank you to Mr Brad Staples, Mrs Rebecca Chalmers and Mrs Heidi Gregson for their enormous contribution to the team with Wednesday and Friday morning run club sessions this term and for supporting the team on the day. Jolimont placed 10th overall with a wonderful effort from all runners!

Staffing

Mrs Alice Brigden will be finishing in Room 3 at the end of Term 2 as she prepares for the birth of her first child in September. We wish Mrs Brigden all the best for a happy and restful maternity leave.

Mrs Michelle Haagman will be taking some well-deserved long service leave for the duration of Semester 2, and we look forward to welcoming her back to Jolimont in 2024.

We are currently in the process of finalising both staff replacements and will inform the families in Rooms 3 and 7 when these placements have been confirmed.

With many thanks,
Robyn Crump, Acting Principal

Reports

End of Semester 1 reports will be sent to families via a Connect notice on Wednesday, 28 June 2023. We remind parents that you are welcome to contact your child's teacher, at any time throughout the year, to request a meeting to discuss your child's progress.

School Board Nominations

The Jolimont School Board is calling for nominations for a parent representative to join the School Board for the three-year tenure term across 2023-2026, starting at the beginning of Term 3 2023.

Nominations can be submitted via email to Robyn.crump@education.wa.edu.au by 3:30pm on Monday, 26 June 2023.

A nomination should include your name and a short bio in support of your nomination. Please note that if we have multiple nominations, this information and spiel will be made public to our JPS community to support your nomination and the voting process.

The role of the School Board is one of setting the long term future for the school and maintaining oversight (not management) of the school's operation. It is about providing additional expertise to help the school achieve the best outcomes for the students.

The responsibilities of an Independent Public School Board are to:

- work within the Department of Education's relevant legislation and regulations;
- contribute to the School Delivery and Performance Agreement and the Business Plan;
- endorse and review the annual budget;
- assist with the formulation of codes of conduct;
- review the performance of the school;
- create interest in the school within and across the community;
- assist with principal selection when a vacancy arises;
- approve fees, charges, contributions and items of personal use (booklists);
- approve extra cost optional components of programs;
- approve arrangements for sponsorship and advertising.

- liaise with other committees within the school e.g. the P&C;
- hold one open meeting each year to report to the school community; and
- provide advice to the principal on religious education and related activities.

Nominations will be collated by the Principal and, should elections be required, voting will follow. Successful applicants will be required to complete a police clearance and participate in an induction.

BEACON – The Cyber Safety App for Families Online

Does your child use a phone? Do they ever play online or access the internet? Don't be in the dark about the benefits and challenges of our online world. Telethon Kids is proud to deliver "Beacon" a cyber safety educational app for every parent and carer. It provides trusted and up to date cyber safety information for families and helps navigate your child's use of ever-changing technology. Please click on the link below and scan the QR code to download the app on your phone

[Beacon | Cyber Safety App \(telethonkids.org.au\)](https://telethonkids.org.au)

A Message from our School Psychologist - Anxiety in Children

When we talk about children and their mental health, anxiety is the topic that often comes up. Anxiety is a normal part of life and has helped with our survival over millennia. But there's a point at which anxiety becomes a problem, and that's when it negatively impacts children's everyday life. As parents, our natural instinct is to protect our children, and this might mean we try to protect them from situations that cause anxiety. However, helping our children avoid scary situations can actually reinforce their anxiety. By modelling and teaching flexible thinking we can help our children develop skills to manage anxiety. Talk about your day and how you have coped with stresses. You could discuss scenarios with your children that demonstrate how you can be flexible with your thinking in order to manage emotions. When sharing a story book with your child you can discuss situations the characters get into. Discuss different ways the characters could think about their situations and how different thought patterns lead to different emotions. Emphasise that we all have a choice about the thought patterns we use. Other techniques for parents to use will be outlined over the next several newsletters. Remember, one great parenting resource in Triple P - really worth checking out here www.triplep-parenting.net.au

Jedda Crow, Senior School Psychologist

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The Year of Humanity

Last Wednesday, we celebrated the Year of Humanity, with our guest speaker, Susan Saleeba, from Nakuru Hope. Susan was the recipient of the John Curtin Medal in 2018 and an Order of Australia award in 2023 as the founder of a school and orphanage in Kenya. Our Year 4-6 students enjoyed hearing firsthand how a humanitarian can make a difference on a global scale and also enjoyed hearing more about Room 14 & 17's pen pals' lives and dreams in Kenya.

Chaplain's Chat

It is great to be back at school after having an extended break earlier this term. Here is an update on some of things I get up to at school.

[Congratulations to our Year 6 Care Councillors](#): Lacey, Clarice, Evie, Sam, Isla, Mia, Tilly, Sophie, Alice, Anika, Risa, Maisie, Karris and Mia-Rose.

Our Care Councillors were awarded with a certificate at assembly last Friday for completing a course with me called 'Peer Skills'. This training looked at values, positive listening,

problem solving, conflict resolution and self-care. The students having been using these skills by helping out in pairs in the Early Childhood playground during recess and lunch. It's wonderful to see them giving up their time for others and making a positive contribution in our school community. See image attached.

Gardening Club Update: Gardening Club has restarted on Wednesday lunchtimes and is open to students in Years 3 - 6. Todd and I love their enthusiasm and dedication to helping the garden beds become productive again. At school pick up, please encourage your little ones to look but not touch the fruit and veggies, to save disappointment for our student gardeners! If any parents are available to help with Gardening Club from 1:00pm to 1:30pm on Wednesdays, please get in touch with me (kathryn.hillalmeida@youthcare.org.au).

Holiday Creativity: If your child is looking for a holiday art project, YouthCare is running a competition for primary students to create a piece of art that reflects what friendship means to them, great prizes on offer, see flyer attached for more details.

Chaplain Katie

Jolimont's Got Talent

There is still time to complete an entry form for the JPS Talent Show. Entry forms are to be handed to Mrs Cutler by this Friday, 23 June. Remember, auditions will be held on Tuesday, 8 August, at 9:00am in the undercover area. Have lots of fun rehearsing during the holidays. Mrs Iffla and I cannot wait to see your outstanding performances.

Jo Cutler, Art Teacher

School Photos

We have been advised by Kapture Photography that all portraits and class groups taken last term are still available for purchase. Please visit www.kapture.com.au using our school code 6DBNLM or see image attached for more information.

Personal Details

Please keep us up to date with changes to information for your child, such as change of residential address, phone number and email address.

Absence Notification

Please advise absence notifications via:

Online absence form [here](#)

SMS 0437 312 688.

Phone 9205 5200

Term Planner

Please see our calendar and term planner linked [here](#).

RAT Tests

RAT Tests are still available from the Jolimont PS admin office for all families. Please feel free to collect another box (or two) if required.

Canteen

The canteen will be open for morning recess on Cultural Day next week with yummy treats available to purchase over the counter, or you can pre-order online using the special event menu. *Please note, the canteen is not open for lunch on this day.* The canteen will return to normal hours next term, recess orders will be available, and online orders are encouraged, the cut off time for online orders will revert to 8.30am.

Rotary Youth Exchange: Host an exchange student and be part of something great, please see flyer attached for more information.

Keyed Up Music: Please see flyer attached for music lessons at Jolimont PS.

Tennis Factory: Please see image attached for the July holiday school program.

Redhage Basketball: Please see image attached for the Term 3 school program at Jolimont PS.

P&C

Thank you to everyone who joined us at the Parents' Trivia Night and Disco and congratulations to our very clever Jolimont teachers who took 1st place. Special thanks to the Pre-primary parents for all their efforts!