PRINCIPAL'S DESK

Adopt-A-Reader:
At Jamboree Heights State School we have a relentless desire to see every child succeed with learning to read, something we believe to be a critical life skill. Adding to the various initiatives we currently have in place, we would like to establish an additional support system whereby parents volunteer to listen to Year 1-2 students read in the last half hour of the day. If you are able and willing to give up one or more afternoons (i.e. 2:30pm to 3:00pm), please complete the short survey (which will indicate to us the days you can volunteer) using the following link:

https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/G2YV6M5

Nikki Clements, our Master Teacher, will be in contact soon with those who have indicated their availability.

Metropolitan Choral Honours Program 2016:
This valuable program offers selected students an opportunity to participate in an extension choral activity under renowned Choral Directors. Students also have the opportunity to meet and interact with music/choir students from other schools. Congratulations to the following students selected from our school:

• Brendan Bernard
• Zoe Bryden
• Kailee Dornhart
• Hayley James

Active School Travel Walking and Wheeling Wednesdays:

Wednesdays at Jamboree Heights State School is a day to mark on the calendar each week. Every Wednesday, we are encouraging all families to consider actively travelling to school. Each week (on Wednesday) we will nominate a meeting place should families wish to walk or wheel to school with us. Students who actively travel each Wednesday will have their passport stamped and there will be a trophy for the class who has the most active travellers each Wednesday. Of course, we would love to see active travellers every day of the week.

Congratulations to Year 2K last week and to Year 2W this week for being the Champion Active School Travellers due to having the most “walkers or wheelers” on the respective days!
Cross Country:

Our school Cross Country event is scheduled for Monday, 18th April (Week 2, Term 2). Training is now being offered each week before school. Mrs Luck has begun training on a Thursday, on the oval, from 8am. All students from years 3-6 are able to take part. Permission notes have been sent home to families.

If there are any parents who would like to assist when we take the students outside the school grounds, please contact our Mrs Luck (kluck16@eq.edu.au) The permission notes for training outside the school boundary need to be returned to Mrs Luck as soon as possible as we would like to give students the opportunity to become familiar with the course as well as train on some different terrain.

Be Brave and Shave:

The Leukaemia Foundation’s annual Be Brave and Shave fundraiser is coming back to Jamboree Heights! Today 34 Australians will be given the devastating news that they have leukaemia, lymphoma or myeloma. The World’s Greatest Shave is your chance to help them. Our children and families have supported this worthy event for the past five years. During this time our school has raised close to $5000. Children will be able to have their hair coloured on Thursday 10 March. As per previous years, we are asking for any donations of coloured hair spray to help us in our fund raising efforts. If you are able to purchase a can or two of coloured hair spray please leave it at the office or give it directly to your class teacher. For a GOLD COIN, all students can have their hair coloured on the day. Once again, thank you for your support! Our sincere thanks to Mrs Cath Rowan for coordinating this event once again.

Alister Warren, our Head of Curriculum, is offering to have his head shaved (or close to it) if we can raise $1000 or more. If you would like to see this massive fringe disappear, then send your additional donation to the office. Again, all funds raised will go to the Leukaemia Foundation. Thanks Alister!

Internet Education and Safety Services:

As families may be aware, we have had the INESS team at our school to talk to students in the past about the potential dangers online. INESS now has an online portal that makes it very easy for all parents at any time to support and educate their children in making safe online decisions. The following information outlines the cost of the license that parents can purchase:

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Website – [www.internetsafetraining.com](http://www.internetsafetraining.com)
Reading Eggs/Eggspress & Mathletics:
Again this year we have a whole school subscription for both Reading Eggs (or Eggspress for older students) and Mathletics. All teachers by now will have given your child their login and password for both online resources plus they will have selected the appropriate level. If you ever feel that the level in either activity is too easy, please don’t hesitate to contact your child’s teacher.

Some stats so far this year:

**Readings Eggs** Usage:
- Year 1K - 1492
- Year 3E - 1034
- Year 2M - 1004

**Reading Eggspress** Usage:
- Year 4J - 454
- Year 3D - 324
- Year 3/4R - 299

Congratulations to the following students who have already achieved a Mathletics **GOLD** certificate:
- Mila Vajagic
- Zayd Musa
- Daniel Ma
- Lewis Gibson

Mathletics **SILVER** certificates have been awarded to:
- Jade Sheldon
- Liam Jones
- Coe Hsu
- Ben Hastings
- Mandeep Gautam

**Harmony Day Full School Assembly:**
On **Monday 21 March**, at 10.15am, in the multi purpose centre, the school will hold a full assembly to celebrate Harmony Day. Students who have national dress they wish to wear for the assembly are welcome to join in a special parade of our “parade of colours”.
All families are welcome to attend this special assembly.

**Free Dress Day:**
Our student council will be holding our first free dress day on **Thursday 24th March** to raise funds for the national ‘Say No to Bullying’ and Epilepsy. Students are asked to bring along a gold coin donation, as well as wear sun safe clothing of the colour orange.

**Tuckshop:**
Please remember that the “over the counter” limits for students are $2 (P-3) and $5 (4-6). Buying items for friends is not permitted.

**Student Resource Scheme:**
The student resource scheme is a scheme each year that supplements the School and P&C Budgets in providing resources for the school and students. This is different to the Prep Year Resource Scheme and the P&C Contribution Scheme. This year, the amount is $75 per student (approved at the P&C Meeting) with all funds going towards the following:
- Online Resources (i.e. Mathletics and Readings Eggs)
- National Curriculum Workbooks
- IT Tech Support
- IT Equipment

We appreciate every family supporting us, all invoices have now been sent home.
BPoint:
The best way to pay your school invoices is by BPOINT. The information below is a step-by-step guide to making a successful payment.

Please note: The biller code is pre-populated and unchangeable. When you follow the link on your invoice, the Biller Code will be 1002534 (Department Of Education And Training).

To pay your invoice, you will need to use the CRN number and the Invoice number, which are both in the bottom left box on the invoice.

2. Biller Code will say 1002534 (Department Of Education And Training)
3. Enter the CRN Number (see the BPoint box, bottom left on the invoice)
4. Enter the Invoice Number (see the BPoint box, bottom left on the invoice)
5. Enter the name of the student on the invoice
6. Enter the amount
7. Choose your payment option: Visa or MasterCard by clicking on the icon. The will open the credit card window.
8. Enter your credit card details and press enter.

Parking and Pick-up:
A few reminders:
- After school the pick up zone along the Beanland St fence line is for pick up only, no parking.
- All cars need a dashboard surname label. If you don't have one, please contact the office.
- All students remaining after 3:20pm are taken to the office for collection. It is greatly appreciated if all students can be collected on time, no later than 3:20pm.

Before School Arrival:
Please be aware that no child is to arrive at school prior to 8:15am. Any children arriving before 8:15am will need to utilize the Outside School Hours Care program located opposite to the MPC.

School Uniform:
Jamboree Heights State School has a uniform policy that is supported by our P&C Association. The expectations are as follows:

Girls
- Formal dress in red & white check school material
- School red & white check material blouse
- Red and navy polo shirt with school logo
- Navy culottes or navy unisex shorts (NO SKIRTS OR SKORTS!)
- White socks
- Black shoes or dark coloured joggers
- School red zip front jacket with school logo
- Navy track pants
- Navy long pants
- Navy wide brimmed hat
- No hoodies

Boys
- Shirt in school red & white check material
- Red and navy polo shirt with school logo
- Navy shorts, drill and stretch
- White socks
- Black school shoes (joggers)
- School red zip front jacket with school logo
- Navy track pants
- Navy long pants

SEQWater Competition:
Our congratulations to Year 3D for recently winning a $1000 BCF outdoor gift voucher for their winning entry in SEQWater’s #safety competition. The image is attached to this newsletter. Well done to Anna and her Year 3 students.
• Navy wide brimmed hat
• No hoodies

**Sports Houses**

• Sun safe polo shirt in house colours
• Logan - royal blue
• Oxley - yellow
• Bowen - mid green
• Swim caps in house colours

**Hats**

Our school has a clear, P&C approved policy of 'no hat, no play'. In this way we encourage the use of hats and reassure you that constant reference to the dangers of over exposure to the sun will be made, especially during summer months.

All children are expected to wear a hat, not a cap, and the brim must have a minimum width of 6 cm. The school hat available at the Uniform Shop is the preferred choice and is very reasonably priced.

Please mark hats (and other clothing) with your child's name. In our climate it is also advisable to apply sunscreen each day before school.

**Footwear**

Students are encouraged to wear suitable footwear. Laced up shoes are preferred. Sandals and thongs are not permitted.

**Presentation**

One formal checked shirt and/or dress is required for formal occasions, photos, excursions and representation in competitions.

Variations to school uniform e.g. jeans, board shorts, very brief shorts, non-uniform jackets and hats are not considered appropriate. Uniforms worn to sport must include normal school skirt or shorts.

Hair is to be neat and long hair needs to be pulled back for safety. Extreme hairstyles or colourings are not permitted. Hair accessories should match school colours.

Jewellery must not create a safety concern and is restricted to:
• a maximum of two pairs of sleeper/studs
• ear piercings must be covered or clear retainers worn
• a watch
• medical bracelet and religious pendants are accepted.

Make up and nail polish are not to be worn. At times there will be “Free Dress Days” as designated by the school.

**SCHOOL CHOIRS**

Our Choral program at Jamboree is a fantastic **music extension** and overall wonderful development opportunity, which is of great benefit to all who join. Musical and social skills such as correct vocal production techniques, group discipline, team work, commitment, vocal refinement are all part of this program to ensure performances are of a high quality. Students’ overall musical ability is greatly improved by taking part in our quality Choral Programs.

If your child would like to join our exciting, award winning, Choral Program, please contact **Mrs Hooper**. The cost for the Junior and Senior Choir is **$25**, which covers the cost of the accompanying pianist and administration costs. The Senior Choir is also expected to purchase a **$35 Choir Shirt**.

We are looking for students **love to sing** and who will be very reliable and committed to attend **all regular rehearsals and performances**. Rehearsals for the Junior and Senior Choirs have commenced. We are also looking for boys in Years 4-6 to join our new **Boys Vocale Ensemble**, starting next term.
We are also scouting for new Year 6 members to join the Chamber Choir.

SPORTS NEWS

Inter-School Sport:

Interschool sport will begin on Friday 11 March. Year 5&6 students have begun sports trials and training. Notes have gone home concerning permission and a commitment to payment. As information is provided by the district convenors of each sport, notes will go home, concerning more specific details.

School Swimming Program:

We are very fortunate to have very capable AUS Swim qualified swim instructors who provide an impressive swimming program; catering for the diverse range of swimming abilities, in each class. The main purpose and goal of our swim program is to provide water safety and awareness for all swimmers. For some more abled swimmers, stroke correction and more advanced swimming skills are taught. Our school has very strong ties with the Jamboree Heights Swim Club and we encourage our school families who wish their child/dren to receive further development in swimming skills to contact the club. Four of our swimmers qualified for the West Akuna Swimming team- Zoe Oram, Joel Mynott, Alsy Stewart and Eleanor Hanna. Congratulations to these four swimmers and their selection in this district team. Good luck at the Regional Trials!

West Akuna Sporting Trials

All school families have been sent a 2016 calendar of West Akuna and MetWest Regional sporting events for the year. Most recently the school has nominated students (11-12 yr old) for the following sports: basketball, soccer, AFL and netball.

As information regarding future trials are released to our school, students will be informed in order to pick up the necessary documentation from the office. Any concerns or questions please email Mrs Crawley: ncraw12@eq.edu.au

Club Rugby League:

Brothers St Brendans is looking for new players to play in their under 9’s Junior Rugby League competition.

Club : St Brenden’s Brothers
Location : Kookaburra Park, Rocklea
Training :Tues & Thurs 5:30-6:30pm
Sunday Games
If interested, contact Johnny on 0499779931

LOCAL NEWS:

You’re invited to an Irish Afternoon Tea in support of Christian Blind Mission & Missionaries of the Poor on Saturday 7th May at 1pm in the Jindalee Catholic Church Hall at 111 Yalambee Rd Jindalee. There will be some great entertainment (Irish singer Bob McDowell & talented Irish dancers) and some enjoyable refreshments (Apple Pie & Cream afternoon tea)

Tickets $20 each (Pensioner $15 Child $5 ) Pls call 0405061299 or 33765730 or email peterellenie16@gmail.com for tickets.

Over $3000 was raised for the Christian Blind Mission & Missionaries of the Poor when we had this event two years ago, due to the kind support of the local Church & School communities, local papers and local businesses. Everyone had a wonderful afternoon.
School Photo Day is fast approaching.

Have your child’s school memories captured forever on
16 & 17 March 2016

Your photo order envelopes will arrive shortly. Please start planning your purchases and payment options.

Remember these helpful points:

- Read all relevant instructions for your preferred payment method. All payments are due on photo day.
- You may pay by cash, or place your order online using your child’s individual ‘shootkey’ listed on their envelope and pay with your credit card.
- Please enclose correct money as no change will be given.
- Sibling photo envelopes are available at the school office upon request. THESE PHOTOS WILL BE TAKEN BEFORE SCHOOL, ON PHOTO DAY, USUALLY FROM 8AM

- Please instruct siblings to attend the photo studio during this time. Photographers are unable to search for students who do not attend.
- Do not seal envelopes inside each other. You may include payment for all children in one envelope, however please indicate on this envelope the names of all the children you are paying for.
- All students should wear their correct school uniform.
- Students appearing in any Extra Curricular Group Photos will be notified on how to order these, via a personalised order envelope, issued after photo day.
- For any enquiries, please feel free to contact MSP Photography 3848 3946 OR admin.seq@msp.com.au