PRINCIPAL’S DESK

A warm welcome to all of our new families, students and staff. It is great to be back at school, especially seeing the eagerness and excitement on the faces of our students. It was also very pleasing to watch the many parents arrive at school on Day 1 to help their children settle into their new class (as well as carry the school bags and boxes filled with books and stationery). As teachers, we really appreciate all families ensuring that every student is well prepared for the start of school with regard to the booklist and also for supporting them emotionally. My thanks to our student leaders, staff and the P&C Association for helping make Day 1 a smooth transition for many families. Our teachers spent last week planning for the year ahead and as well as talking about and sharing information on all students in preparation for another busy term. This term is ten weeks in duration and the last day is Friday, 4th April. We wish all of our students a safe and productive year!

We welcome a number of new staff to our school and we trust they will soon get to know the Jamboree Way. Our new staff members are as follows:

- Murray Branch (Deputy Principal)
- Alister Warren (Head of Curriculum/Teacher 7C with Mrs Chester)
- Scott Matthews (Teacher 5M)
- David Robertson (Teacher 5R)
- Emily Stanley-Jones (Teacher 2C with Mrs Coffey)
- Sandy Smith (Guidance Officer)
- Tara Roberson (Teacher 1R)
- Shilo Tierney (Teacher 2T)
- Michelle Fix (Teacher 4F)

Mr Matthews and Mrs Lenihan are both expecting their first newborn and we wish them the very best for this special stage of their life. We also wish Mrs Hurwood a speedy recovery from her recent operation.

It was with mixed emotions that we farewelled late last year Mrs Kate Cuskelly (Guidance Officer) and Ms Ashley Jennings (Year 1 Teacher). They both made many positive contributions to our school and will be greatly missed. We wish them all the best at their new locations. In addition, Mrs Crawley has moved to Indooroopilly State School acting as Deputy Principal for the first semester.

At this stage we have 32 classes for 2014 with a total enrolment of 786 students. Our staff for 2014 is as follows:

| Principal | Cam Wallace |
| Deputy Principal | Amanda Hawkswell |
| Deputy Principal | Murray Branch |
| Head of Curriculum | Alister Warren .6 |
| Learning Support | Rowena Mengel |
| Head of Special Education | Mark Graham |
| Guidance Officer | Sandy Smith .6 |
| Music Teacher | Jane Hooper |
| HPE Teacher | Jocelyn Foreman .8 |
| LOTE Teacher | Irene Lowe .7 |
| ESL Teacher | May Lamont .4 |
| Teacher-Librarian | Ingrid Harrod .8 |
| NCT Teacher | Lesleigh Bateman .2 |
| NCT Teacher | Suzie O'Neill .2 |
| NCT Teacher/Learning Support | Nikki Clements .2 |

CLASSROOM TEACHERS:

Prep
- Sue Cuthbert
- Jenny Harvey
- Leonie McDonald .8/Gwen Kowalski .2
- Liz Webb .8/Jenny Stewart .2
- Rae Welch .5/Cherie Collins .5

Year 1
- Robyn Lechner .6/Nikki Clements .4
- Jean Gibbs
- Kelly Garvie
- Tara Roberson
- Liz Holdcroft
- Sharee Phillips
Year 2
Cath Rowan (iPad)
Lyndel Ivory-Lisle (iPad)
Shilo Tierney (iPad)
Kate Charlton
Sophie Coffey .6/Emily Stanley-Jones .4

Year 3
Gwen Edwards (iPad)
Teena Heuir (iPad)
Anna Durham (iPad)
Margie Lippiatt
Rosa Alexis

Year 4
Roz Kielly
Sarah Crown
Michelle Fix

Year 4/5
Linda Hurwood

Year 5
David Robertson
Carol McNaughton
Scott Matthews

Year 6
Jill Spicer
Peter Jennings

Year 7
Heather Chester .6/Alister Warren.4
James Lindsay

Special Education Program Teachers (supporting Prep – Year 7 children verified with a disability: intellectual, visual, hearing, physical, autism and speech-language)
Donna Hodgson
Lisa Henry .5
Leanne Reginato .5

Early Childhood Developmental Program Teachers
(supporting children from birth to age 5 with a visual impairment)
Alison Jones .5
Sue Greenwood .4

Advisory Visiting Teacher-Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD)
Liz Stewart

Instrumental Music
Johnathon Zorzetto (Strings)
Catherine Zorzetto (Junior Band)
James Kukulies (Senior Band)

Teacher Aides
Marika Mathison (Gen)
Alison Walters (Gen)
Di Sharp (Lib/STLaN)
Jenny Westwood (Lib)
Marion White (ESL)
Paula Donnelly (Prep)
Louise Osborne (Prep)
Judy Downes (Prep)
Christine Gorski (Prep)
Janice Ehlers (Prep)
Kirsty Ward (Prep)
Sayumi Brannigan (SEP)
Lynda Irvine (ECDP)
Liz Bishell (SEP)
Samantha Old-Smith (SEP)
Jo Robertson (ECDP)
Maria Humphreys (SEP)

Office Staff
Irena Czapinski (BSM)
Elaine Carey (AO)
Nerissa Clowes .8 (AAEP)
Laura Petherick .2 (AAEP)
Charles Hung .2 (IT)
Astrid Hawke .6 (Chappy)

Ancilliary Staff
Kokila Shanker
Tarla Lalji
Ken Kleier
Maria Humphreys
Brendan Carson (Grounds)

Calendar of Events
February
3 Swimming Commences
Instrumental Lessons Commences
7 Captain’s Induction Ceremony
17 P&C Meeting
24 Raw Art
25 Raw Art
26 Raw Art
Our best wishes now go to our graduating Year 7 class of 2013 as they start high school this year. We now congratulate our Year 6 and 7 Student Leaders for 2014 as follows:

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The Student Leader Induction parade is scheduled for Friday, 7th February at 10:30am in the hall. Correspondence has been sent home to those families involved however all members of our school community are welcome to join us on this special occasion.

Congratulations also to the following award recipients at last year’s Year 7 Graduation Ceremony:

**Academic:**
7C Guy Fenton
7L Paige Seymour
7B Nhung Tran
6/7J Jamie Gu

**Citizenship:**
7C Taharah Ali
7L Mikaela Joyce
7B Emilie Tran
6/7J Rhea Prabhu

**Arts Award**
Isabelle Djordevic

**Sports Award:**
Irma Jean Nel and Elliot Gerrard

**Barney Walk Bursary:**
Chris Quintarelli

This first edition of our school newsletter for 2014 will be the only paper version as we send home the newsletter every second Thursday by email. It is therefore essential that we have your most up to date email address. If you aren’t receiving the newsletter, please contact Elaine at the office. It is also very important that we have all other updated information such as address, phone numbers, custody arrangements, medical issues, etc.

**Upcoming events:**
* Parent Information afternoons/evenings for all classes
* Weekly swimming (Years 2-7)
* District Swimming Carnival (14th Feb)
* Music Room Opening (12th Feb)
* Inter-school sport (28th Feb)
* P&C Meeting (17th Feb, 6:30pm in the staffroom inside the Admin bldg)

**Parent Information sessions** will be available for all classes over the next few weeks. Teachers will be sending home correspondence regarding a day and time offering all parents the opportunity to meet your child’s teacher and find out information about how the classroom will be operating throughout the year along with some of the expectations being placed on our students. All families are encouraged to take up this opportunity as it also provides an opportunity to ask any questions relating to the curriculum, homework, camps and excursions, etc. Should there be any information about your child regarding medical conditions, family circumstances, etc. it is advised to make a separate time to meet with the teacher in confidence. Teachers are more than willing to meet at any mutually convenient time.

**Parent Information Dates & Times**

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Welcome to another productive and exciting year at Jamboree Heights. I welcome all our returning families and new families to the Jamboree Heights school community.

The **Support Teachers – Literacy and Numeracy** P-7 work in partnership with staff to develop support programs which meet the needs of students. Students can receive support for their learning both within the classroom setting and/or a withdrawal situation. Students are generally referred for support through teachers via SNAC (Student Needs Advisory Committee). Students receiving support may have varying needs which typically include: those with specific learning disabilities and learning difficulties which may impact on school life. The **Support Teachers – Literacy and Numeracy** are located at the end of E Block (room closet to the pool).

The Support Teacher: Literacy and Numeracy (ST:LaN) provides appropriate educational programs and resources for students who require additional support. The support teacher’s role is:

- to assess and evaluate students’ needs upon referral from the classroom teacher
- to negotiate with class teachers the structure of the program provided
- to provide a link between the school team and external support such as the guidance officer.

At Jamboree Heights we have a SNAC (Student Support Services) Team consisting of a Guidance Counsellor, 2 Support Teachers – Literacy & Numeracy, Speech Language Pathologist, Head of Special Education, English as Second Language Teacher, Special Education Teachers and many School Officers (Teacher Aides). The School can also access the professional expertise of Advisory Visiting Teachers from Education Queensland and many outside agencies.

In the Newsletters throughout the year, I will provide parents and carers with ideas and strategies to support their children at home, especially in literacy. In addition, I may provide details of useful websites and other resources that can be accessed at home. I look forward to a dynamic and educational year supporting the students’ at Jamboree Heights.

Rowena Mengel