PRINCIPAL’S NEWS

What an exciting fortnight for showcasing the diversity of programming we have at our school. Last week I had the pleasure of accompanying the Junior Choir as they entertained seniors at the Jindalee Hotel as part of Seniors’ Week. This was followed by the Disco on Friday and the Optiminds Competition on Sunday. All of these activities are supported by parents and staff, so a big thank you for your support.

Enrolment Management Plan

Jamboree Heights State School is enrolment managed. The principal is responsible for ensuring that enrolments do not exceed the Student Enrolment Capacity stated in the School EMP. This includes:

- reserving sufficient capacity for students relocating into the catchment during the year
- reserving capacity for future siblings of out-of-catchment students (excluding siblings of students enrolled through a Program of Excellence)
- ensuring the starting cohort enrolment numbers do not increase to the extent that the overall capacity of the school is exceeded, for the life of the cohort. For example, the number of prep enrolments must not exceed the school’s capacity to accommodate this cohort and future in-catchment enrolments in subsequent years.

We are currently at capacity. This will mean that there will be fewer out of catchment enrolments accepted for 2015.

Enrolment Exemptions

Children who are absent without reason for greater than 15 days, require the school to cancel their enrolment. If you choose to take your children out of school for an extended period you are required to apply for an enrolment exemption. Please see the school early if this is the case so an exemption can be arranged. This will also ensure enrolment once you have returned which is especially important if your family resides out of the catchment area.

Every Day Counts

Every day counts... because children achieve better when they attend school all day every day

Every day counts... because going to school means getting a better chance at life

Every day counts... because school helps children build social and emotional skills such as communication, teamwork and resilience

Every day counts... because going to school is a legal requirement

We focus on attendance as it is the most important factor in giving your child the best chance in life. Sometimes it can be difficult when your child does not want to come to school because of a range of issues but we want them here and we want to help them with their education.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

September
9  School Variety Concert
11  Showcase Performance Concert
15  P&C Meeting
19  Last Day of Term 3

October
6   PUBLIC HOLIDAY
8   Year 5 Camp
9   Footsteps – Year 7
10  Footsteps – Prep - 6
15  Pullenvale – Year 1S
16  Pullenvale – Year 1L
17  Pullenvale – Year 1K
20  PUPIL FREE DAY
21  Pullenvale – Year 1S
22  Pullenvale – Year 1H
23  Pullenvale – Year 1R
Some interesting facts:
- If a child attends only 90% of the time = 20 days a year = 4 weeks a year = nearly 1.5 years
- If a child is 10 minutes late a day = 50 minutes a week = 2.5 weeks a year = nearly half a year

We will be contacting some families to see if we can help you with your child to support them in attending school and if you have concerns feel free to contact us and make a time to meet. We can look at patterns of their attendance to see if we can come up with a plan to help them attend school.

Frequently asked questions

Do I need to let the school know if my child has been away?
Yes – Parents must let the school know the reason for the absence, if not beforehand, then within two days of their child’s return to school.

Can I take my child out of school for family or social occasions?
No – You should arrange leisure activities visits to family and friends and shopping trips outside of school hours.

Does the occasional day away from school really affect my child’s education?
Yes – Research shows that in Queensland, higher student attendance is associated, on average, with higher student achievement.

What should I do if my child refuses to go to school?
Contact the school as soon as possible for advice and support

Our Behaviour Expectation focus for the next 2 weeks is – WE ARE PREPARED. Teachers and Administration are focussing students’ attention on how they can personally be better prepared. We have discussed the following things students have control over - so they can BE PREPARED…

- Having a hat each day for school
- Wearing that hat each day whenever they are not in the classroom
- Having a water bottle to keep hydrated as the weather starts to get warmer
- Knowing and understanding all of our school rules
- Knowing and understanding the play areas they are allowed to be in
- Brining in completed homework on time
- Having all of their equipment ready for each lesson
- Organising their personal work space – in class

You can assist us to reinforce this expectation by working on the following –

- Making sure your child is at school for our daily starting time of 8.50 a.m.
- Helping them to organise their school bag with reminders or a checklists for them to follow
- Helping them to timetable all of their extra-curricular activities and their school assessment - maybe have visual reminders
- Encourage your older students to make themselves lists – so things are not forgotten
- Give them reminders to help them be prepared – don’t just do it for them

Please keep donations coming in to fill gourmet hampers for raffle prizes. We are asking families to donate one non-perishable item eg. gourmet pantry items, chocolates, wine etc. Donations can be left at the office.
A reminder also to order your cheese boxes for the two music concert nights. Adult cheese box is $5 and kids’ cheese box is $3. These must be pre-ordered at the office and will be available for collection before the concerts.
If you are able to help on either concert night, or with decorations and raffle presentations (Thursday 4 September from 5pm) please contact lindamr@ozemail.com.au
**NAPLAN: OUTSTANDING RESULTS**

Last week our Year 3, 5&7 students received their NAPLAN reports. Our school’s overall results in all five areas of Reading, Writing, Spelling, Grammar & Punctuation and Numeracy are statistically similar or statistically above the nation. We, the administration, teachers, support staff, students and families need to celebrate such commendable results.

The long term commitment our school has had to consistent pedagogical practice and curriculum delivery, and to the belief ‘that every child matters every day’, has been acknowledged with such high results in this national testing.

Beyond these impressive NAPLAN results, our teachers, students and families continue to work side by side every day, ensuring Jamboree Heights’ students are ALL achieving success.

**OPTI-MINDS- FULL OF SPIRIT**

This year our school entered a record number of 5 school Opti-Mind teams. The teams were competing in the categories of Language/Literature, Social Science or Science/Engineering. On behalf of the 30 plus students involved, from years 3-6, I would like to thank the teachers and parents who gave up many lunch-times, weekends and spare time to facilitate. A big thanks to Mrs Reginato, Ms Crown, Ms Durham, Mr Jennings, Mrs Dorhart and Mrs Bailee!

The six week challenge provided the teams opportunities to work collaboratively together, combining their skills in script writing, lateral and sustainable thinking, prop and costume design and dramatic skills. Two of our five teams were awarded the Spirit of Opti-Mind awards, acknowledging the true spirit of the competition, one of team work, enjoyment and creativity.

You are all ‘unashamedly excellent!’

**JUNIOR SPORTS CARNIVAL**

School spirit is alive and well at JHSS. On Friday 15th August, our Prep- Year 3 students participated in our school’s annual Junior Sports Carnival. With weather concerns, we valiantly went ahead and all involved had a very enjoyable day. The incredible house spirit shown throughout the day was also wonderful to observe.

Our special guest, Commonwealth Silver Medallist and past JHSS student, Grant Irvine, was in attendance, presenting our sprint final place getters (Years 1-3) with ribbons. Thank you Grant for offering your time. You made many students very happy (and their parents).

Congratulations to the winning house of the day-Oxley!

**LEXILE READING**

In the next few weeks the Lexile program will change to a program called LiteracyPro. I will let you know the new web address as soon as I have more details.

Ingrid Harrod (Teacher-librarian)

**MYSTERY BOOK READING** – Many students have entered the competition to read a “mystery” which they collect from the library receive a bonus 25 points and when they pass the Lexile quiz. We now have 41 students who have completed their mystery book reading and quiz.

**P&C NEWS**

The Next P&C Meeting is Monday 15th September 2014, 6.30pm in the Staffroom. Everyone is welcome.

**DISCO**

The Disco was great fun with all the different costumes. Even some of the teachers made the night dressing up as Aliens to greet everyone at the gate and Darth Vader was mingling among the students. The Adopt-a-cops were at the Disco too having some fun.
FATHER'S DAY STALL
Father’s Day Stall will be running from the Tuckshop area on Tuesday 2nd, Wednesday 3rd, Thursday 4th & Friday 5th September 2014 (or until sold out) from 8.30am to 9am (before school).

There will be: Cards, Gift Bags, Ball Point Pens, Stress Hammer, Metal Tool Keychain, Can Holder, Glass Photo Coaster, Key ring Torch with Opener, Men’s Nail File Set, Water Bottle, Executive Photo Frame, LED Torch, IQ Metal Mind Puzzle, Super Soaker Block (Sponge), Super Chamois Cloth, Car Wash 500ml, Travel Mug, Handled Glass Mug, Glow in the Dark LED Torch, Executive Toiletry Bag, Executive BBQ Pack.

There are photos of the above items on the P&C Facebook page and on the P&C Website. http://www.jhss.com.au

STAFFROOM FOR IMPROVEMENT
Help us win a $20,000 staffroom makeover!
Thanks to QT Mutual Bank we have the chance to win a $20,000 staffroom makeover as part of their “Staffroom for Improvement” competition. The prize is a complete makeover of our school’s main staffroom. The winning school will be the one with the most votes weighted against the number of students, so any school, small or large has an equal chance to win. We need as much support from our local school community as possible. Even if we don’t take out top prize we have the chance to win $10,000 as part of the People’s Choice award.

Simply visit www.staffroomforimprovement.com.au to read the terms and conditions and register your interest today. The competition is running now so spread the word and get as many people as possible to vote for our school.

FETE ORGANISING COMMITTEE

SUNDAY 7 JUNE 2015 – 10am to 3pm

We are seeking expressions of interest from our school community, our parent body, staff, administration, local business friends and family to join in the planning, marketing and organisation of next year’s fete. Many hands will make light work. All profit is directed straight back into resources at our school. Books, playgrounds, Air-conditioning, Interactive white boards, shade structures, sports equipment, music equipment all have had funds donated by the P&C. We wish to divide the committee into areas of responsibility with the team reporting back to the P&C at scheduled meetings as well as text, email and phone.

We are looking for:
- Convenor
- Treasurer
- Entertainment
- Stalls and displays
- Marketing/Grants
- Food and Beverage
- Sponsors and prizes
- Rides (main rides have been booked and deposit paid)

If you would like to help make this fete the best yet, please send your area of preferred interest with your name and contact details to the P&C at info@jhss.com.au

CHOCOLATE DRIVE
We will start sending out letters next week to all the families with outstanding boxes of chocolates.

HEALTHY LUNCH BOXES

Schools play an important role in promoting healthy eating and physical activity to students and providing an environment which supports a healthy lifestyle. A healthy diet can improve behaviours critical to educational success and performance at school.

Our school tuck shop models such healthy food and drink choices and we encourage school families to also support us in providing healthy lunch box options for your children.

In our increasingly busy lives, it is often easy to pack your child’s lunch box with pre-packaged and processed foods. Unfortunately, we are now seeing an increasing percentage of our students bringing along ‘Red’ food groups to school on a regular basis, for example lollies, chocolates, soft drink etc. Such food and drink types are to be kept at home, for treats, not brought to school.
For further information concerning healthy food and drink choices please see the attached ‘Smart Choices Parent Information Sheet’ which outlines the importance of healthy food and drink options for children and some great ideas for lunch boxes.

**CHAPPY NEWS**

Congratulations on a successful Cupcake Day for the RSPCA. We had approximately 600 donated cupcakes and raised **$803.45**. What an achievement! *Thank you for your support.* It is great to see students and families feeling empowered to make a difference.

The following events will be run through School Chaplaincy this term. They are focused around supporting healthy relationships with our special father-figures, be that Dad, Grandpa, a special uncle or older male friend. Event 1 is a ticketed event. Please purchase your ticket ASAP.

**EVENT 1: Special Father Figure Breakfast**
Come and be spoilt with great coffee, a delicious breakfast and fun with the kids.
Friday Sept 5th. 7-8:30am
MPC Jamboree Heights
Cost: $5 pp
Activities include: photo booth, various games and card making.
All funds raised will be donated to school chaplaincy.
Tickets are available through the school office

**EVENT 2: Father Figure Photo Competition**
Students will be encouraged to take a photo doing something special with a male figure(s) in their life.
Entry is free with a limit of 2 photos per student
Submit your printed photo to the school office by the 1st of Sep
Prizes to be won
Entries will be displayed for the school community to see on Sept 5th
CUP CAKE DAY

Choir – Singing to the Seniors

Junior Sports Carnival
New Rower Sign On
Sunday 14 September
9.00 am

At Centenary Rowing Club
552 Sumners Road, Riverhills

New Rowers come on down, tour the Club, Register your Interest to row in Term 4.

Beginners learn to row at Centenary Rowing Club during Term 4 2014 on afternoons at 4.00pm.
New Rowers will learn to row over 5 weeks and then may sign on again for the rest of Term 4. The first session, of 5, will begin on the week starting the 6th October.
We look forward to seeing you there.

Enquiries to Registrar:
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SCHOOL HOLIDAY CRICKET CLINIC
Henschell Cricket Academy will be conducting cricket coaching clinics during the spring school holidays. Girls and boys of all standards aged 6-17 are welcome.

Where: Fig Tree Pocket State School

When: Monday 22 – Thursday 25 September
       Monday 29 September – Thursday 2 October

Time: 8.30am to 12.00pm each day

What to Wear: White shirt, sunscreen and hat/cap

What to Bring: Personal cricket gear (if owned), water, snack, positive attitude

Cost: $199 (incl GST) per clinic (family rates available)

To book a place at these 4 day clinics, or for further information contact Brett Henschell via email henschellcricket@bigpond.com or phone 0458 026 224