**Lost in Space – two WONDERFUL nights of musical entertainment**

Tuesday night saw an overwhelming crowd attend the Variety Music Concert in our MPC. They were entertained by aliens Star Trekkin’ across the universe and space travelers Walking on the Moon. Students in all classes from Year 1 to Year 7 performed a dance or choral item – in some cases we were lucky to be entertained with some talented year levels dancing and singing. We had the pleasure of seeing some of our confident Year 6 girls perform vocal duos and sols and we even had some very clever Year 2 students play some songs on their recorders. Many thanks to all of our parents who assisted teachers by ensuring their students were beautifully dressed in their required costume.

As always our biggest thanks go out to our teachers who spent a lot of time planning, choreographing and rehearsing items so they were polished and ready to present. We thank the audience, both adults and students, for their great audience manners and for their patience prior to the concert as we attempted to seat so many in our venue. Jamboree Heights is extremely proud of the musical prowess of our students – and it is easy to see the influence our wonderful music teacher Mrs Jane Hooper has on fostering and encouraging this talent. A little fact for you – this year in Year 7 we have 42 students….15 of those are members of our senior choir….a true testament to Mrs Hooper’s programming ….to keep so many pre-teens interested and keen to perform. So thank you to the FABULOUS Mrs Hooper (and of course a big thank you for all of the assistance given by Ms Cham while she has been with us).

Our musical entertainment continued with last night’s SHOWCASE Instrumental Performance Program – and again we were not disappointed. From the magnificent voices of the Chamber Choir, to the delightful and very charming Junior Choir performers it was obvious to all the pure joy of the performers and this joy was definitely reflected in the faces of audience members. The Junior Band performed like professionals at their first ‘real gig’, the strings amazed us with. In another testament to the influence of the JHSS Music Program on our students past and present we also saw 3 past students, including Andrew Haigh who is now at CSHS in year 9, join the Senior Concert Band and combined choirs for the finale number. A very sincere thank you to our music families for the support you give to our instrumental teachers and your children as they pursue musical excellence.

**REMININDERS:**

- ★ No junior band rehearsal or lessons in week 10 due to music recruitment testing
- ★ Senior Band morning rehearsal is still on – but no senior lessons on Tuesday in week 10 due to music recruitment testing
- ★ No junior or senior strings rehearsal or lesson in week 10 due to music recruitment testing
Again I am blown away by the talent within our school. The talent of the children that was showcased on Tuesday Evening at the Variety Concert, the dedication of the parents in supporting their children through attendance and assisting our great P&C through to the unusually talented green monsters from outer space, otherwise known as the staff. Thursday’s concert was equally impressive. Thank you to the music staff, the music subcommittee of the P&C, our roadies for the evenings and to Mrs Hawkswell for ensuring the smooth running of the concerts.

30% of the total absences for children in the Prep Year show children on holidays.

Each day absent in the early years appears to have a greater effect on reading performance in later years while each day absent in the later years of schooling has a greater effect on numeracy performance in the later years. The Education Department has produced a report that may be of interest to parents regarding school attendance and achievement. [http://education.qld.gov.au/everydaycounts/docs/performance-insights-report.pdf](http://education.qld.gov.au/everydaycounts/docs/performance-insights-report.pdf)

### Attendance

This week I am again focussing on attendance. I have added a second column to the Attendance Data. This shows a trend that is at odds with the research around the gaining of knowledge. The Early Years of schooling are imperative to the long term success of children at school. To this end the school invests substantial funding for literacy and numeracy programs in the early years. It appears that some parents see the early years as a time that children can have holidays rather than attend school. Nearly

### Extended Absences

Thank you to the parents who read and then acted upon the last newsletter regarding the legal responsibility of parents to ensure their children attend school. Again I stress those children who have absences of greater than 15 days are deemed to no longer attend this school and therefore have their enrolment cancelled. Please assist us by applying for an exemption early.
Contact the office and Elaine can help with the paper work. Please bring proof of travel details when you seek the exemption. Please also be aware that staff are not required to prepare work for your children should you chose to take holidays during term time.

Outstanding Parental Debts

Thank you to the huge number of parents who ensure that funds owed to the school are paid promptly. At Jamboree Heights State School we pride ourselves on the technologically enhanced curriculum that we are able to provide for your children. The funding that we invest in this area is substantial. In 2015 we are looking at employing an e-Learning Coordinator to ensure that the curriculum we offer all children is cutting edge. This support will ensure that all classes have access to technology that directly impacts on the learning of our students. Unfortunately we continue to carry some parental debt. At present we have $4500 that has been outstanding for more than 90 days. The school is carrying this debt and unfortunately this then reflects on the funding we are able to invest in programs within the school.

Parents Count Too!!!

Effective partnerships in numeracy education develop from good communication. A range of pamphlets has been developed outlining activities that can be used at home to support mathematics learning at school. These pamphlets on “Helping your child with...” are available in files that can be downloaded in 22 community languages. As well as English, the languages available are Arabic, Bosnian, Chinese, Croatian, Farsi, Indonesian, Japanese, Khmer, Korean, Lao, Macedonian, Portuguese, Punjabi, Russian, Samoan, Serbian, Somali, Spanish, Thai, Tongan, Turkish and Vietnamese.

These resources were developed by the NSW Department of Education and can be found at:


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Conversations we can have around this Behaviour Expectation could include-

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- Playing safe – by taking turns and sharing
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• Keeping property safe – by not touching other people’s property
• Keeping ourselves safe – by always wearing our hat when we are outside the classroom
• Keeping ourselves safe – by following a teacher’s instructions immediately
• Being safe – by being in the right place at the right time
• Keep yourself and others safe – by reporting issues to a teacher or other adult

We want students to understand that there is NEVER a situation when it is OK for them to hurt others – even if they have been annoyed or provoked, or even if they have been hurt first. We are trying to support students to make better choices such as– to tell a teacher, to walk away, or to get help when issues arrive. This is difficult for students, especially when they are younger, but if they hear the same message from all of us – choosing an option to keep them safe will become their first choice.

‘Two wrongs never make a right’

FOOTSTEPS DANCE PROGRAM

We are very fortunate next term to have the Footsteps Dance Company to provide a very engaging and professional 5 week dance program to our whole school. Dance, is an integral part of our Arts Curriculum and we hope that our school families take this opportunity to be involved. Please note that this program will be run in school time.

At the very low cost of $10 ($2 per session), the dance program will begin in Week 1 of Term 4. Payment and permission needs to be made prior to the end of term 3. If your student has not brought home a permission form, please see the office staff.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

September
15  P&C Meeting
19  Last Day of Term 3

October
6    PUBLIC HOLIDAY
8    Year 5 Camp
9    Footsteps Commences
13   Music Committee Meeting – 6:30pm
15   Pullenvale – Year 1S
16   Public Trip to CSSS – Year 6
17   Pullenvale – Year 1L
18   Pullenvale – Year 1K
19   Bush Dance
20   PUPIL FREE DAY
21   Pullenvale – Year 1S
22   Parent/Teacher Interviews
23   Silkstone Eisteddfod

TERM 4 SWIMMING

Our Year 2-7 students will begin their Term 4 swimming lessons from Week 1. In order to take part in our school’s swimming program, students need to have paid for the services of our extra AUST-Swim qualified instructors and return parental permission forms by the end of Term 3. Our swim program equates to half of our Health and Physical Education program reporting for the year.

The Year 1 Students will receive a two week intensive block of swimming in Term 4 (Week 7 & 8). Parental forms will be sent home early in Term 4 with further information.

INTER-SCHOOL SPORT

Our Year 5-7 students have begun the Summer Interschool Sports Season with enthusiasm and vigour. After two rounds of competition, our water polo, basketball, softball and tee ball teams have achieved great success. Team results and ‘players of the week’ are announced each week on our senior assemblies.

Teachers are training their teams before school or during lunch times. Please discuss with your child such sessions, as it is important for all team members to attend; as part of their commitment as a team member.

We are very fortunate utilizing the expertise of one of our local basketball club coaches and JHSS parent, Mr Daryl Miller. A big thank you to Mr Miller who is volunteering two lunch times a week to assist our basketballers to improve their ball skills.
Next Tuesday (16 September) we will be holding a full school assembly, in the Multi-Purpose Centre. The assembly will begin at 2:15pm. We will have a variety of reports and guest speaker. As per all of our assemblies, school families are welcome to attend.

As our Year 6 & 7 students soon enter their last term of primary school, we wish to remind families of the enrolment details the local secondary schools and private schools require, in order to finalise your son/daughter’s 2015 enrolment. The Year 6 & 7 teachers diligently provide detailed information to the secondary schools concerning academic, behaviour and other relevant information pertaining to your child’s transition to secondary school. Please ensure you complete enrolment details for your chosen secondary school as soon as possible.

We are looking for:
- Convenor (Position filled, thank you)
- Treasurer (Position filled, thank you)
- 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, contact details to the P&C at info@jhss.com.au

Uniform Shop
Second hand uniforms - donations of pre-loved uniforms are always gratefully received in the uniform shop. We are especially in need of smaller size dresses and boys check shirts. Donations can be left at the office or at the uniform shop. Opening hours are Monday and Friday 8.15am to 9.15am and Wednesdays 2.30pm to 3.30pm.

Volunteers needed. If you have an hour to spare once a fortnight or once a month then we would love to have your help in the uniform shop. No experience necessary. Please contact our convenor Helen Shogren or one of the P&C Executive committee.

Uniform Shop – Centenary State High School
The CSHS Uniform Shop will be conducting ‘Try on’ afternoons for the 2015 year 6 and 7 students in October. We will be having 4 afternoon sessions as follows:
- Monday 20 October 3-5pm
- Tuesday 21 October 3-5pm
- Wednesday 22 October 3-5pm
- Thursday 23 October 3-5pm

If your student grows over the holidays, the uniform can be exchanged for a larger size in January as long as it is unworn, unwashed and in its original condition.

JANUARY 2015 UNIFORM SALES
Please try and purchase/order all your uniforms before the end of the current school year as we have limited opening times in the week before school goes back in January 2015. There will be opportunity on the following dates for sales and collections to be made from the Uniform Shop, however, queues are usually long and the temperatures are high. Uniform purchases can be made any normal uniform shop day until the end of the school year (8am to 12pm Mon-Wed):
- Thursday 22 January 8am to 4pm
- Friday 23 January 2pm to 6pm
It's nearly the end of term already. If you or your students need a little pick me up, I highly recommend Kid President's youtube clips. 'What to do on your first day here' is a really simple but uplifting video (http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=l5-EwrhsMzY).

Last week I had the privilege of hosting two events to support students pre-existing relationships. As it was recently Father’s Day I thought ‘what better time to support the wonderful relationships we have with our beloved Dads, Grandpas, Uncles and other male figures, than now. The outcome: a Father Figure Photo Competition and a Father Figure Breakfast.

Our Father-Figure Photo Competition saw such a beautiful array of photos come in. Students and Father-Figures snorkeling, riding motorbikes, playing in the sand, shooting, dancing, flying drones, learning to surf, playing piano and involved in sport. Congratulations to Ben Venz, Elise Harmon and Kate Ledez for some exceptional shots. A big thank you to Middle Park Fresh, Butchers Block, Samarco II, What's Hot and Bossy Hair for supplying these prizes.

Our Father Figure Breakfast was also a blast. A big thank you to Middle Park shops including Coles, What's Hot, the Bakery and the Newsagency for donating supplies for our delicious breakfast and craft activities - also a big thanks to the many volunteers who helped run the show. We were able to raise $300 which will go towards bridging the financial gap between funding and wage requirements. It was such a delight to see so many Dads and Grandpas enjoying some one-on-one time with their kids. This is what a few of the Dads and students said: "Awesome morning. Nice to spend time with my daughter. Great job!", "I liked playing piggy in the middle. It was the awesomest game ever" and "Wonderful, special time with my boys."

I hope you all enjoyed this morning! I most certainly did!

See the photos on our ‘Photo Wall’ below.

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Getting along

Children's social and emotional skills are developing all the time, and they need chances to practice them regularly. Social and emotional skills influence children’s mental health and wellbeing throughout their whole lives. Children learn these skills through important relationships with their families, friends, teachers, caregivers and peers.

Learn more about supporting children’s social and emotional development by following the links below.

- Helping children manage feelings
- Social and emotional learning: Suggestions for families

The link to the fact sheet with further information is http://www.kidsmatter.edu.au/primary/resources-your-journey/mental-health-information/getting-along

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SCHOOL WATCH

Keep a watch on our school these holidays

With the holidays fast approaching, we need you to look out for after-hours crime in our school. If you see anything suspicious, please remember to call the School Watch number – 13 17 88

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PLAYING FOR LIFE AT JAMBOREE HEIGHTS

What an active and fun term this has been for our students in year three and year seven! This term I have had the pleasure of accompanying these sporty kids on a weekly basis to the Active After-school Communities (AASC) program. The children have been excited to take part in this great Australian Government initiative that offers a structured physical activity program in a selected sporting activity. Every Tuesday and Thursday we have had around 25 children happy and ready to participate in frisbee golf or basketball led by the inspiring coaches from AASC. A big thank you to our wonderful coaches Ashley Kemp, Carmen Lee and Nathan Lee!

As acting HPE teacher, I am a strong believer in the many benefits club sports have for our children. In addition to the obvious physical benefits, it also enables them to discover more about themselves by learning skills and tactics of a particular sport with age-appropriate peers. This is exactly the AASC's approach, giving young Australians an opportunity to try out a variety of sports in a structured environment.

The feedback from both the students and the parents has been extremely positive. We look forward to next term when AASC and Jamboree Heights State School will offer more students the opportunity to participate in new sports and games.
Photo Wall

Father’s Day Breakfast

Active After-school Communities Program
COMMUNITY NEWS

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

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