The Jamboree Heights State School community can stand proud thanks to the overwhelming kindness and willingness to help those in need. The donations have been numerous since the call was put out asking for items to send to The Philippines. Our thanks to Sharon Kippen for coordinating this event for our school and community. This Friday is the last day for donations of water and cans of food. We are certainly a caring community and hopefully our offering will add to the collective efforts being made by our country. This Friday is a Free Dress Day and again we are giving all funds raised to the Red Cross to assist their efforts in helping those in need. Chappy Astrid is also coordinating through World Vision a program to enable villages in third world countries to gain additional livestock. Each class has set a target and it is looking very promising. Our thanks to one and all for the ongoing generosity, especially at a time when other people have greater needs than ourselves. Some of the stories I’m hearing about individual students bringing to school their own hard earned cash is quite overwhelming. Thank you one and all! 

A big thank you to the “Super-Dooper” Mrs Hooper who has been doing some wonderful things for our Music Program. The time, effort and commitment Mrs Hooper puts into this wonderful aspect of our school is simply outstanding. The choir has been getting rave reviews for their recent public performances. Well done students and thank you Mrs Hooper.

The Bush Dance is this Friday and it is again a major fund raising event for our school. The P&C have been working hard to organise this event, a follow-up to the successful event held last year. Everyone’s support is encouraged and greatly appreciated. Tickets can be purchased online using the Flexischools link on our website or at the door. All funds raised benefit our school in some way and recently the P&C approved the purchase of another six interactive whiteboards to replace the old ones in various classrooms, the resulting bill being approximately $25 000.

The Inter-house sports competition for Years 5-7 has now finished. It was a very close contest throughout the summer season and my thanks to the senior teaching staff for coordinating the training and competition. Congratulations to LOGAN HOUSE for taking out the overall winner title (32 points), followed closely by Oxley (30.5 points) and Bowen (27.5 points). The Logan House Captains will make their victory speech on parade this Friday in the hall at 9:00am.

Our thanks to all families of 2014 Prep Year students for making the effort to attend the orientation days this week, an important part of a successful transition into the “big school”! A special thank you to Helen Shogren and her band of willing volunteers for opening the Uniform Shop throughout the orientation sessions. The uniform shop will also be open in the last week of the school holidays on Monday and Tuesday from 9:00am to 12:00 noon. The school office will also be open each day of the last week of the school holidays. A reminder that uniforms can also be ordered online using the Flexischools link on our school website.

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Our recent Book Fair was another very successful event. Mrs Harrod has informed me that we achieved $7426 in sales, which means we can now have a large variety of new books for our library. These events are fantastic in that they not only promote reading amongst our students along with offering some great selections for purchasing, but they also enable our school to attain many new books for our library. Thank you to everyone who made a purchase recently. As we say, “If you can read, you will succeed!”

The School Captain selection process for 2014 has commenced. Our teaching staff have recently shortlisted the nominees who will now give their election speech, no doubt using some very persuasive text features. Everyone is welcome to listen to these speeches on parade this Friday morning in the hall. Our local State Member, Tarnya Smith, will also be present to hand out certificates to students who participated in the Premier’s Reading Challenge.

Mrs Rexina Spicer has now moved on from her position as Uniform Shop convenor. Rexina gave our school great service and was the original instigator of the Uniform Shop. Our thanks and best wishes to Rexina.

Booklist information packages for 2014 have been sent home this week. Parents have the option of using the online facility through the company named SEQUEL or simply sourcing the school requirements themselves through a local newsagency or business. ABSA was our main supplier in previous years but this year they informed us they wish to no longer take on the main role of filling orders however, they have informed us recently that parents can visit their shop in the new year to purchase some of the items on the booklists.

Spelling Mastery has nearly reached the end of the first year of implementation. This explicit and direct approach to teaching spelling skills and rules has proved to be successful based on our school-wide data recently collated from assessment. All students will be informed of their level for 2014 through the book list package, which means that students will need to purchase the correct Spelling Mastery workbook for 2014. Our thanks to Mrs Natala Crawley for coordinating this program for our school. Our greatest desire is to see improved spelling abilities transfer into daily writing accuracy.

This will be my last newsletter for 2014 as I will be taking some long service leave in Weeks 9 and 10. Mrs Amanda Hawkswell and Mrs Natala Crawley will be filling the roles of Principal and Deputy Principal respectively in my absence. My thanks to a great staff for making 2013 another very successful year and my congratulations to all students for the progress they have made to date. The students at this wonderful school make every day an enjoyable one for me. Our best wishes now go with our departing Year 7 students and Mrs Ashleigh Jennings who will be missed greatly by one and all. Classes for 2014 will be announced and Report Cards sent home on the last Thursday of the school year. The swimming carnivals and Year 7 Farewell ceremony are scheduled for the last week of term. My best wishes to everyone throughout the festive season and I look forward to seeing all of our students return safely on Tuesday, 28th January 2014.

Reader of the Week
The reader of the week is a student who is borrowing regularly and is discovering the joy of reading. The reader of the week last week was Tamara Busch of 4K who was reading ‘Alice-Miranda in New York’. The reader of the week this week is Hari Patel of 5C who is reading ‘The Third Door’.

Lexile Awards
Congratulations to the students who have achieved the following awards.

Good: Daniel Quintarelli 4L, Zackary Proctor 4M, Joshua Baty 5C
Great: Katelyn Marshall 4K
Fantastic: Jacinda Grinke 4C, Brendon Dam 5H
Bronze: Caoilainn O’Brien 4C, Imani Mohammed 4C, Miah Angus-Broadwater 4C
Silver: Amelia Handley 4K, Paige Watson 4K
Special Merit: Albin Eckert 4M, Casey Peters 4M

Distinction: Nam-Chi Dang 4M
High Distinction: Ashleigh Richardson 5H
Very High Distinction: Isaac Makinson 4C
Principal’s Award: Dru Callaghan 5H, Nabaahaa Hussain 5L
Super Duper: Hari Patel 5C
Special Book Award: Lachlan Papas 6J

BOOK FAIR – ANOTHER HUGE SUCCESS
Thank you to everyone who came along to the book fair and made a purchase. The sales total was $7426 and we have a commission of 35% which means we can spend $2599 on resources for the school. Please see below for the details of this commission.
Your support is very much appreciated and I am sure your children will enjoy reading all the great books.

**All student books are due back by Friday 22 November. Please remind your child to bring any books back this week**

Ingrid Harrod (Teacher-librarian)

There will be no more P&C Meetings this year - next meeting Monday 17 February 2014 at 6.30pm in Staffroom.

**BUSH DANCE**
Friday 22 November - 5.30pm to 8.30pm in the Multi Purpose Hall (Band to start at 6.30pm sharp).

**A Fun Night for the Whole Family**
Entry - $25 per Family Ticket (up to 6 people max) or $8 for Individual Ticket. Door Sales available.

**Christmas Stall**
Tuesday 3, Wednesday 4, Thursday 5 December. If you are able to help out on the Christmas Stall on any of the mornings, from 8.15 to 9.30am please contact Mel Crowhurst at melcrowhurst@gmail.com or 0466379910.

**UNIFORM SHOP NEWS**
**Purchasing Uniforms**
If you wish to purchase uniforms for next year there are several options available.

1. You may purchase your uniforms before school finishes in December. Uniform shop opening times are Monday, Wednesday and Friday 8.15 to 9.15am.

2. You can order online through Flexischools www.flexischools.com

3. Uniform items can be **pre-ordered** on the attached order form and will be available for pick up on the following days when the Uniform Shop will be open in January before the new school year commences:

   **Monday 20 January – 9am to 12am**

   **Tuesday 21 January – 9am to 12am**

**Second Hand Uniforms**
Donations of secondhand uniforms would be most welcome as you clear out your cupboards at the end of the school year. They can be left at the office or in the Uniform Shop. Thank you.

**Convener Position Available**
Our current Uniform Shop convener has resigned, and we are now looking for a new Convener. If you believe this position is for you, please contact Helen James at info@jhss.com.au with your details.

**TUCKSHOP NEWS**
Please mark on your calendar that the last day for tuckshop is Friday 6th December. There will be no tuckshop last week of term!

As there is only 2 weeks of Tuckshop left, please note we are not replenishing our stock, therefore we may start selling out of items.

**PREP 2014**
Angela Rivera has a Prep Child starting next year and would like to arrange some play dates over the holidays with other new Preppies for any interested mums. Angela can be contacted on 0468 398 571 or by email: angelajeanrivera@yahoo.co.uk

**FOR SALE**
Jupiter Clarinet - 2 years old - $350
Excellent condition, serviced
Phone Beverley on 0409 272 509
The MLC Hot Shots Tennis coaching program will continue in Term 1, 2014 at Jamboree Heights State School! If you wish to enrol your child there are lessons available on Monday, Thursday and Friday mornings for ages 5-12 yrs.

For more information on this program go to www.hotshotstennis.com.au, on the official Tennis Australia Website.

The first lesson you can come and try for free, all students that register get a Free Hot Shots T Shirt and all equipment is provided!

For enquiries: The Tennis Australia Master Club Professional is: Christie Hopgood 0433 674 520 or email: christie@ctennisandpt.com

Come for a day of fun! Help us send our Cub Scouts to the 2014 Cuboree. Join us at Jindalee Bowls Club Sunday 8 December From 10am – 3pm