Welcome back to all families and staff. **Term 2** is ten weeks in duration and promises to be another busy term. The last day of term is Friday, 27th June. Some features of **Term 2** are as follows:

- ANZAC March (Whole School Event, Fri 25th, 7:45am in full school uniform)
- Cross Country Event (Mon, 28th starting at 9:00am on the oval)
- Parent-Teacher Meetings (6th & 8th May)
- Year 4 Camp (1st to 2nd May)
- Music Showcase and Fanfare
- Bookfair
- NAPLAN
- Skip-a-thon
- Year 6-7 Trip to Canberra

It is with mixed emotions that we now farewell Mrs Gibbs as she takes up a Head of Curriculum position at Camira State School. Jean has given our school outstanding service for many years and she is very deserving of this promotion. We now welcome Mrs Fem Castles who will be taking on Year 1G for the remainder of the calendar year. We thank Jean for committing to the upcoming parent-teacher meetings. We also welcome Ms Alexandra Hughes to our staff as she now forms the other half of the Prep R team. At the end of this term we will also be celebrating some stellar careers with the recent announcement of retirement by two of our current teachers.

The annual commemoration of the ANZAC troops landing on the shores of the Gallipoli peninsula in Turkey on the 25th April 1915 is a major event on our calendar. ANZAC Day is part of our history that we should never allow our students to forget. The **ANZAC Centenary in 2015** will be a significant event for our country, our communities and our schools. The CLASS group of schools have made a commitment to ensuring the lead up to the Centenary is a special collaboration that will see all four schools working together to show to our local communities that we are proud of those who made the ultimate sacrifice for our country. The CLASS group of schools are currently awaiting notification regarding the success of a recent application sent to the office of The Hon Bernie Ripoll MP to gain funding to support this local collaboration and commemoration. The application outlined a series of events such as an Artist in Residence, a Digital Anthology, regular features in the CLASS publication, combined Performing Arts events, and a major culminating assembly of all four schools the day before **ANZAC Day in 2015**. The ANZAC Centenary will be a life-long memory for all of our students and families and will be a fitting tribute to all of our armed services. It would be expected that approximately 4000 students will be involved and it is also hoped that a number of local community organisations will get on board such as the local Centenary Suburbs Sub-Branch of the RSL along with other community service groups. Whether or not our submission is successful we are now looking to form an organising committee to initiate and coordinate the project. The contact person for this combined project is Cam Wallace, Principal of Jamboree Heights State School.

For 2014, we will again be marching as a school with the Centenary Suburbs Sub-Branch of the RSL. All students (P-7) are welcome to join us by assembling at the **Mt Ommaney Police Station at 7:45am** this Friday. Students need to be in full school uniform and parents must be present, as they will remain responsible for their child or children on the day.

**Parent-Teacher meetings** are scheduled for **Tuesday, 6th May** and **Thursday, 8th May**. All families will have received correspondence today outlining the process for booking a meeting online. Report cards will once again be sent home at the end of this term and semester except that this year **report cards will be emailed home**. It is therefore important that all parents ensure we have their most up to date email address as soon as possible throughout this term.
CALENDAR OF EVENTS

April
25 ANZAC DAY – PUBLIC HOLIDAY
28 Cross Country

May
1 Underwater World – Year 4
6 Book Fair – to 9 May
8 District Cross Country
12 Music Committee Meeting
13 NAPLAN
14 NAPLAN
15 NAPLAN
19 Fanfare

INESS is a company, which can be found online at http://www.iness.com.au. INESS provides Internet Safety courses for students, staff and parents. Our thanks are extended to the P&C Association for making this a priority and paying for these courses to be delivered at our school this week. Attached to this email are some useful information documents.

Our annual Cross Country event is scheduled for next Monday, 28th April, pending favourable weather. The program is attached to this email as well as a copy of the school’s selection policy. Should you require any further detail please contact the office. As always we value participation by all students and we look forward to all families joining us on this occasion.

Due to recent concerns about student safety and behaviour before school all students MUST sit in the Junior Eating area next to the tuckshop on arrival unless they have special classes such as Instrumental Music, Athletics training or are part of the Breakfast Club. Students will remain at the Junior Eating area until 8:40am and upon release must remain near their classroom until invited into the classroom by the teacher. A reminder that the first bell goes at 8:50am and all students must be in class at this time ready for the roll to be marked followed by Spelling Mastery for Years 1-7.

Our thanks to everyone who supported the Cookie for Cancer drive prior to the holidays. The supply of cookies was overwhelming and the result was fantastic. Congratulations to Chappy Astrid and her team for raising approximately $600 from the Cookie for Cancer campaign. A big thank you to everyone who supplied cookies or purchased them on the day.

Congratulations to Isaac Borthwick for recently making the West Akuna District Basketball team. Well done Isaac and best wishes for making the Regional team.

Year 4 students are now very excited about extending their learning beyond the classroom and sleeping overnight inside a fish tank full of sharks! Year 4 students will have the opportunity to participate in the excursion to Australia Zoo and Underwater World next week. This will be an amazing real-life learning experience and our thanks once again to the teachers for giving up much of their personal time to enable this worthwhile activity.

Reading Eggs and Reading Eggspress continue to be a very well used resource by all classes and students. The reading material and associated activities are simply brilliant for all ages and is easily one of the best resources our school has ever purchased. The following classes are at the top of the tally for the most completed online reading activities: Reading Eggs: 3E (512); 3D (399); 1R (387) Reading Eggspress: 4C (929); 5S (721); 4F (677)

Our thanks to the P&C Association for enabling all classrooms to have an Interactive Whiteboard, a contemporary tool for all classrooms. The effective use of this tool remains to be a focus for ongoing professional development and training amongst teachers and proves to be a very engaging learning tool for all students.

A meeting with Matthew Bourke and Tarnya Smith is scheduled in a few weeks time to discuss the ongoing issues around parking and traffic. In the interim, we are in the process of establishing an organised ‘pick-up’ process for the afternoon. More information will be shared with our school community at a later date.

C Block (Year 2/3) has received new roofing due to ongoing issues with inclement weather. Unfortunately the job had to be done twice over the holidays due to vandalism. Everyone’s vigilance with school security after school, on weekends and on the holidays is always greatly appreciated.

The 2013 School Opinion Survey results have recently been sent to all schools. Our results are attached to this email.

A reminder that from this week onwards, we are accepting enrolments for the 2015 Prep Year. All interested parents can lodge enrolment forms at the office whether they are in or out of our catchment area.
Enrolments are added to our official waiting list by order of receipt day and time. The Prep Information sessions are scheduled for Wednesday, 4th June at 9:00am and 6:30pm to cater for all families. For more information on any topic related to the Prep Year at Jamboree Heights State School, please don’t hesitate to contact the office.

To keep up to date on all school matters, a variety of information can be found on our School App and Website. The School App can be downloaded for free from the iTunes store or from Google Play.

Our school has a Uniform Policy. Our uniform is outlined below. Items such as leggings, bike pants and multi-coloured shoes are not part of our Uniform Policy. We also have restrictions on jewellery. Only the following jewellery can be worn.

- A maximum of two pairs of sleeper/studs
- Ear piercing must be covered or clear retainers worn.
- A watch
- Medical bracelet/pendants are accepted.
- NO loom bands or tools to make them are permitted at school.

Our thanks to our hard working P&C Association for once again making a Mothers’ Day Stall available to all of our students from 6th to the 9th of May before school near the tuckshop. Everyone can now mark on their calendar for 2015, the 7th of June for the School Fete!

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

Uniform – Boys
- Shirt in school red & white check material
- Red & navy polo shirt with school logo
- Navy shorts, drill & stretch
- White socks
- Black shoes (joggers)
- School red zip front jacket with school logo
- Navy track pants
- Navy long pants
- Navy wide brimmed hat
- No hoodies

LIBRARY

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 for the last week of term 1 was Varun Indra of 6S who was reading ‘Toad Surprise’.

Lexile Awards
Congratulations to the students who have made an excellent start this year.

Encouragement: Jayden Bessell 4C, Zain Mohammed 4C, Brendan Bernard 4K, Juan Vargas 4K
Good: Anchelo Bonto 4K, Parastoo Yousefi Darestani 4K
Great: Isaac Walters 4K
Fantastic: Ethan Deo 4H
Silver: Ben Jones 4F

PLEASE COME TO OUR BOOK FAIR 6-9 MAY
We will have our first book fair in the library from Tuesday 6th May to Friday 9th May. A brochure with more details has been sent home.

READ MORE BOOKS IN MAY
Geronimo Stilton mouse and Scholastic Books invite you to read every day in the month of May

Students - you could win $250 worth of books for you and your family! Collect the competition entry form from the library then read for at least 10 minutes every day in May and write the time spent on reading on your form. On 1st June total the minutes for May and go online to enter the competition. Also bring your entry form to the library to enter our school competition and you could win a special prize here at school.

Ingrid Harrod (Teacher-librarian)

WESTCENT MUSIC CAMP

Congratulations to the following students who were selected in the WestCent Music Camp in June.

HONOURS CAMP – Sam Murahem, Leo Weller, Ashleigh Richardson and Caleb Hardman.

INTERMEDIATE CAMP – Ben Fischer, Ebony Moore, Mikaylah McGrath, Chloe Hacker, Amelia Handley, Erin Long, Rebecca Paatan and Ella Loney.
The Next P&C Meeting is Monday 19 May 6.30pm in the Staffroom. Everyone is Welcome.

A FETE brainstorming meeting will be held on Monday 5 May at 6.30pm in the Staffroom. Everyone is Welcome to attend. We need new fresh ideas and plenty of volunteers to make a successful Fete.

CROSS COUNTRY
If you are able to provide baking for Monday 28 April, it would be appreciated. Please deliver to the canteen in the MPC on Monday morning. We will also need helpers to serve on Monday, if you are able to help at any time during the day it would be appreciated. Please let us know at info@jhss.com.au.

MOTHERS DAY STALL
Mother’s Day Stall will be running from the Tuckshop area on Tuesday 6th, Wednesday 7th, Thursday 8th & Friday 9th May (or until sold out) from 8.30am to 9am before school. I would love some volunteers to help run the stall. Please contact Mel at info@jhss.com.au.

DISCO
Next Disco - Friday 13 June - further details to come.

TUCKSHOP
The Tuckshop is open Monday and Wednesday only. A big thank you to Kate and Louise who helped when the tuckshop was open in the afternoons. Thank you to all the parents who have made donations to the Tuckshop, please keep them coming in. We need, Tinned Diced Tomatoes, Tinned Pineapple, Self Raising Flour, Self Raising Gluten Free Flour, Skim Long Life Milk, Brown Paper Bags, Tomato Sauce, Tinned Beetroot (Sliced), Aluminum Foil, baking Paper, Glad Wrap.

UNIFORM SHOP
New Opening Hours:
Monday & Friday Morning 8.15am to 9.15am and Wednesday afternoon 2.30pm to 3.30pm.

HEALTHY SNACK PACKS
Reminder that Healthy Snack Packs are available for order and there will be a stand at Cross Country to check out the products which are great for your family and your school to help fund the Adopt a Playground program.

In August 2014, Jamboree Heights SS is aiming to enter three or four teams of students from Years 3-7 into the ‘Opti-Minds’ challenge. The ‘Opti-Minds’ Challenge is an inclusive team challenge, which empowers participants to THINK, CREATE and COMMUNICATE. Students are required to solve a long term (6 week) demanding, open-ended challenge from one of the following disciplines: Language Literature, Science Engineering and Social Sciences and solve a Spontaneous Challenge on the day.

‘Opti-Minds’ is not only about solving the Challenge and is NEVER about beating anyone or being beaten, it is about learning and developing as an individual within a team structure. Students learn to listen and work together and to resolve team issues. They discover what they can do in a social, personal, academic, organizational and artistic sense. It is about being UNASHAMEDLY EXCELLENT in all that you do! (Opti-Minds Handbook p.5)

We’d like to invite interested students in Years 3-7, who would like to participate in ‘Opti-Minds’ to participate in ‘Think Club’ during Term 2. These sessions will be held during school at 2nd break on Tuesday, in Mrs Hurwood’s classroom. There will be a maximum of 30 student places available in ‘Think Club’ sessions, across the 3-7 year levels. ‘Think Club’ will commence on Tuesday 29 April and continue until the end of term 2. A note has already been sent home to interested students in Years 3-7. If you missed out, please see Mrs Hurwood.

Entertainment Books have been sent home to each family this week (unless you have opted out). We would appreciate it if you could now choose one of the following options:-

1. Purchase the printed book online at https://www.entertainmentbook.com.au/orderbooks/2226r92 or return the envelope with payment details to the office and keep the book; OR
3. Return the book in the envelope if you do not wish to buy it.

If you have friends and family who would also like a book, we have more available in the office. Payments and returned books are due on Friday 2 May. For any questions, please contact Linda Richardson (lindamr@ozemail.com.au or 0433 210 998).

Thank you for supporting the Music Committee.
http://www.starfall.com/

Starfall is a colourful site aimed at children who are ready to learn to read. It encourages the development of phonemic awareness, vocabulary, fluency in reading and comprehension.

Starfall is perfect for preschool, kindergarten, first grade, second grade, special education, home-school, and English language development (ELD, ELL, ESL). Starfall is an educational alternative to other entertainment choices for children.

**ATTACHMENTS to NEWSLETTER**

- Cross Country Program
- Sports Selection Policy
- Music News
- Tuckshop Menu
- School Opinion Survey
- Parents Guide to Internet Use
- INESS – Parent Brochure
- Mother’s Day Stall Flyer
- Alicia Helps Bec

**GIVE AWAY**

The school has a green house and pavers to give away – FREE.
All items will be dumped on Monday next week. Anyone interested is these items must remove them by this weekend.