

Jolimont Newsletter 29 March 2017

Dear Parents

This morning, we had the pleasure of hosting several delegates from the Ministry of Education Singapore Pre-school Education Office along with the Department of Education's Manager from the Office of Early Childhood Development and Learning. This was a unique and exceptional opportunity to share our childhood practices and expertise at an international level. Jolimont was one of only three schools in the State to be asked to share their expertise in this field. Discussions between advisors from the Ministry of Education Singapore and Jolimont Primary School staff included:

- our implementation of the Australian Early Years Learning Framework;
- Kindy/Pre-primary plans and the indoor and outdoor learning environment;
- partnerships with families and the community; and
- transitions from Kindergarten to Pre-primary; and from Pre-primary to Primary school.

I congratulate and sincerely thank the staff for their commitment to excellence and acknowledge the teamwork and effort which went in to making this visit such a success.

Barbara Iffla
Principal

[Term 2 Dates](#)

Please note school returns as normal Monday, 24 April and Tuesday, 25 April is a public holiday for ANZAC Day. The term 2 Planner will be sent home along with the Joli-Update next Wednesday.

[Mucky Duck Bush Band – Friday, 7 April](#)

Get your tickets for this amazing event on Friday, 7 April here at Jolimont PS, from 5:15pm to 8:15pm. Tickets are available [here](#).

[Cultural Day](#)

Over the past fortnight we have delighted in celebrating our cultural diversity. The brightly coloured national costumes and delicious international food shared on Cultural Day brought such joy and new knowledge as children learnt about each other's backgrounds and cultures. The Indonesian and Aboriginal dance incursions gave the children a wonderful insight into our Australian heritage as well as our neighbouring countries.

[Harmony Day](#)

During Harmony Day, to recognise our children are all uniquely different, everyone from Kindergarten through to Year 6, decorated their own hand print. These were strategically placed on the front grass for the day to share with the local community as they drove by. We loved the fact we slowed the traffic and turned heads to celebrate our diversity.

[Early Childhood Fund Day](#)

Children, parents and early childhood educators spent a very pleasant afternoon together last Sunday. The P&C raised \$266 which will go towards early childhood priorities. Thank you to the P&C members Shannon and Jess for continuing to organise and support this terrific event. What a terrific way of bringing the newest members of our school community together.

[Year 6 Swimming and Zoo Camp Night](#)

The Year 6 students have had a busy and enjoyable past few weeks. They completed two weeks of beach swimming at Cottesloe and had an unforgettable educational experience at the Perth Zoo Camp. Our students participated in team building activities, learnt about the importance of conservation and created special enrichment items for the animals. Thank you to Mr Rakuscek and Mr Staples for accompanying the children on their night time adventure.

[Protective Behaviours Reminder](#)

We have been informed of a recent incident, at the local high school, in which a car approached a student on their way to school and gestured for the student to come to the car and taunted the student when they refused. The matter was referred to the police. In light of this incident we urge all children to take care when going to and from school, and report anything suspicious to their parents, the school and the police. Here are some suggestions to help your children stay safe:

- always travel in a group
- walk on the right hand side of the road to face oncoming traffic
- wherever possible, leave space between you and the roadway
- stay in areas that are well lit
- stay in view – avoid going into areas that are hidden (such as parkland bush or behind shopping centres)
- be alert – earphones and headphones can reduce your awareness considerably
- if you have a mobile phone, have it turned on and ready to dial an emergency number
- if a passing car stops nearby, never get too close
- run from a situation if you feel at risk
- give this advice to your brothers and sisters, especially if they are younger
- report suspicious behaviour to your parents, school and the police

[Urgent Recall of Epipens - Expiry April 2017](#)

Alphapharm Pty Ltd is recalling four batches of EpiPen® 300 microgram adrenaline (epinephrine) autoinjectors used for the treatment of allergic emergencies (anaphylaxis). The Australasian Society of Clinical Immunology and Allergy [website](#) has further details.

[Upcoming Events](#)

Please click [here](#) for upcoming events and see photos of the week below.

P&C

[Treasurer Required for P&C](#)

The P&C is looking for someone to fill the role of Treasurer. Ideally the person interested will have some experience in accounting as this role involves preparing the financial statements for the P&C. Full training will be provided and Hamid will be able to support the incoming treasurer. The P&C isn't able to continue without someone in this role. A huge thanks goes to Hamid for filling this role over the past year.

[Volunteers Required to Manage Uniform Shop - to start next term](#)

The Jolimont Uniform Shop is run by a volunteer from the P&C. We are looking for one or two parents who would like to take over this role from Alyson. We'd like to say a huge thank you to Alyson for the great job she has done over the past few years. Alyson isn't able to continue in this role next term, so without someone in this role, the shop will have to close.

[Next P&C Meeting Tuesday, 2 May](#)

Tuesday, 2 May 7:30pm to 9:00pm, school library. Everyone welcome.

We would like to say a huge thank you to everyone helped at the Election Day stall and to everyone who made the amazing cakes and biscuits. Everything sold out and the stall took almost \$3,000! Well done everyone. Thank you also to Sarah for the delicious plums she delivered to the school last week and for the money she has raised for the school. If anyone has other fundraising ideas they'd like to talk about, just get in touch with us via jolimontpspandc@gmail.com