

## JOLIMONT NEWSLETTER 31 MAY 2017

Dear Parents

Writing our newsletter always gives me great pleasure, as I take a moment to reflect and summarise the activities being undertaken by staff and students. This newsletter certainly provides an insight into the many events happening in and around the school.

The Board, staff and I continue to work towards making improvements to our school webpage. This includes improvements to school based information such as curriculum, programs, an electronic calendar, layouts and images over the next few months. We hope this makes our system easier for parents and provides timely information in an easy format.

This term, teachers are hosting short Three Way Conferences with parents and their child. This is a slight deviation from previous years as we aim to reflect with your child, set goals and discuss improvements over the next semester. Letters and information will be sent home next week. Please make sure you secure a 10 minute time slot on the sheets outside your child's/children's class.

Barbara Iffla  
Principal

### [Enrolment Notice from Department of Education](#)

Friday 21 July is an important date in your child's education. Families need to apply to enrol their children in a public school for 2018 if they are:

- starting Kindergarten - 4 years old by 30 June 2018
- starting Pre-primary (first year of compulsory school) - 5 years old by 30 June 2018
- starting Year 7 (first year of secondary school)
- changing schools.

All children from Pre-primary to Year 12 are guaranteed a place at their local public school. To apply to enrol your child, visit your local school by Friday 21 July 2017. For more information or to find your local school click [here](#).

### [Faction Cross Country - Mr Staples](#)

I'd like to congratulate everyone for their efforts during Monday's Faction Cross Country Carnival. The weather was picture perfect for proceedings and students came close to 'busting a lung' in pursuit of crucial faction points to complete the gruelling cross country course. A big thank you must go to my faction captains and other student helpers who filled important roles during the carnival and helped it to run smoothly. Congratulations to those students who have qualified for the Interschool Cross Country Carnival (interschool cross country team list can be viewed on the sports shed whiteboard), this carnival is to be held at Jolimont PS on Thursday, 15 June (Week 8) from 1:00pm - 2:30pm.

Well done to Green faction for taking out the Cross Country Carnival! They take a handy lead into next term's athletics events, here's the current points tally:

Green 466 - Red 341 - Blue 340

### [Lightning Carnival & Winter Sports](#)

A reminder that the Lightning Carnival is happening on Wednesday, 21 June at College Park (Nedlands) for all Year 5 & 6 students (and some Year 4 students). This will run from 9:30am - 2:30pm, permission slip to be distributed soon.

Our Winter Sports fixtures commence next Wednesday, 7 June at Mt Claremont PS starting at 1:30pm and concluding at 2:30pm. The second winter sport fixture will be held at Mosman Park PS on Friday, 16 June also from 1:30pm - 2:30pm. Students are reminded to bring personal or protective equipment required for their games. Parents are welcome to attend and support our school teams during their Winter Sport & Lightning Carnival fixtures. Permission slip has been sent home for completion and return with payment to your child's classroom teacher.

### [Garden Classroom - Mrs Manuel](#)

This semester Mrs Manuel has been working with our junior classes in the Garden Classroom.

Children are growing a 'pizza garden' in anticipation of cooking pizzas later in the term. They have also enjoyed tasting pomegranates with Mrs Iffla, learning how to plant cuttings and making leaf prints. Please see the beautiful photos below.

#### [Books Donated - "Lillian Hitchcock"](#)

We are very appreciative and thankful for the beautiful one hundred year old books donated by Daphne, the daughter of Lillian Hitchcock. Lillian was a Jolimont student, who attended the school from 1905-1910. These books will be cherished by the school and kept as part of our school archive. Please see the photos below.

#### [Early Years in Education Society - Mrs Cumming](#)

Last weekend, Kindergarten teacher, Mrs Cumming was invited to present a workshop for educators and administrators from around Western Australia at the Early Years in Education Society 'Let's Talk About It' conference. Her workshop centred around how teachers and schools can reflect and improve on their pedagogy and practice to ensure they are meeting the National Quality Standard. The vignettes (short videos) of our Kindergarten and Pre-primary children, actively engaged in their play based learning, were very well received by the participants of the workshop.

#### ['Challenging Our Most Able' - Mrs Oddy](#)

Mrs Oddy was invited to share at The Institute for Professional Learning on Jolimont's approach to 'Challenging Our Most Able' and the identification and provision for exceptionally able students. Mrs Oddy outlined our whole school strategies to bring out the best in the students and the ways educators differentiate the curriculum to meet the needs of all students. Feedback has been very positive from the educators who attended. This is reflective of the standing that Jolimont has in the Department of Education as an exemplary school with practices worth sharing system wide.

#### [Semester One Student Reports through Connect](#)

Earlier this semester, the school Board endorsed the motion that student reports will be sent home electronically as of this semester. This will bring Jolimont PS in line with the Department's target for schools to use online reporting of students in Pre-primary to Year 12. We will continue to work towards this goal and provide support where needed.

#### [National Simultaneous Storytime](#)

Jolimont students joined in the terrific national reading initiative and read the story, 'The Cow Tripped Over the Moon'. This annual reading campaign aims to encourage young people to read and enjoy books by Australian authors and publishers. Children explored the themes of resilience, perseverance and many students came dressed as cows for the occasion.

#### [Disco](#)

A huge thank you to our Year 6's for hosting a fun Disco last Friday! I am sure all the kids would agree, it was a great success. Photos taken at the Stripes Disco are available to purchase for \$1 each at the front office. Browse through the album and place your order on the sheet with payment (cash only) at the front office. All proceeds will go to the P&C. Thanks Verity for the amazing job you did with your camera and to the Year 6 committee for their work in planning and coordinating the disco, led by parent class representative Sharon Bourne.

#### [Term Planner](#)

Please click [here](#) for the term planner.

#### **P&C**

The P&C meets next Wednesday, 7 June, at 7.30pm in the library. Please come along if you are interested in what else is happening at your children's school. We are quickly getting underway with the final nitty gritty details of the 'Nature Play Space' - I am sure everyone will be chomping at the bit to get in and help with this school community project! More details to come soon so nobody misses out on investing in what will be a huge change to the school grounds.

#### [P&C Meeting Dates](#)

Term 2: Wednesday, 7 June

Term 3: Tuesday, 25 July and Wednesday, 30 August

Term 4: Tuesday, 17 October (event planning meeting) and Wednesday, 22 November

### Uniform Shop

The uniform shop orders placed at the school office or via Our Online Canteen ([here](#)) are checked on Wednesdays and Fridays every week. All orders must be paid in advance. You will receive a mobile phone text message from Pia when your order is ready for pick-up at the office. Please note that the uniform shop only accepts cash on the Fridays that the shop is open.

The uniform shop open days for the remainder of Term 2 are:

- Friday 9 June
- Friday 23 June