

## JOLIMONT NEWSLETTER 10 MAY 2017

Dear Parents

What a terrific start to the term, with Kindergarten neighbourhood walks, Year 6 leadership excursions and Mothers' Day breakfasts. Thank you to our staff and wonderful parent community for their support and time with these initiatives and for bringing our school community together.

Our Year 3 and 5 students are currently completing NAPLAN assessments this week and are celebrating their accomplishments each day. We are proud of their efforts and achievements.

I would like to take this opportunity to wish all of our mothers and carers a very happy and hopefully restful Mothers' Day on Sunday.

Barbara Iffla  
Principal

### School Board

The Board is delighted to welcome new members Natalie Oddy, David Rakuscek and Vanessa Sharplin as staff representatives. The Board's focus this year is on preparing for the Independent Public School review, due in early 2018, and developing its next three-year business plan. At its May meeting, the Board undertook a detailed review of its governance structure and documents. It also reviewed planned its review of school policies and received an informative technologies update from Ms Sharplin.

### 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.

### Nature Play Update

The Nature Playground has been gathering momentum as we have received donations from the Cooper family with huge tractor tyres, logs and steppers cut and mulch delivered to site. A schedule of works is underway and we will be looking for our school community to further support busy-bees to complete some of the lighter work. Thank you to the parents who have been working on this project thus far.

### Dance Mat Typing

Thank you to Mrs Gribble, who has been working with some of our students in the junior years on a Friday morning using Dance Mat Typing. Unfortunately this program is no longer running on Fridays. We hope that the students will continue to practice their typing at home.

### Perth Wildcats Visit

Last week, our Year 6 students were fortunate enough to receive a basketball clinic from the championship winning Perth Wildcats. We had two players visit the school to provide various fun games and activities for the afternoon as well as signing lots of posters. We were extremely lucky to have Damian Martin (the Wildcats captain, star player and Australian Boomers representative) provide the clinic along with young gun Mason Bragg. Thanks to the Perth Wildcats for providing such a fantastic clinic for our senior students.

Brad Staples - JPS Phys Ed Coordinator

### School of Rock

Last weekend Jacques (base guitarist), Bruce (drums) and Tim (keyboard) all performed in the "British Anthem" school of rock inaugural concert at the Astor theatre. They are all members of Rock 101 and had an awesome time playing in their band.

### Lacrosse

Wembley Lacrosse Club proudly presents "QUICK STIX" - Jolimont Primary School hosts Lacrosse! Mondays 3:15pm - 4:30pm commencing Monday, 15 May through to Monday, 12 June for students in Years 3 to Year 6. Registration cost \$55 for 5 weeks including a free stick! Register [here](#) and for more information please contact Brad Staples at Jolimont PS or Amanda on 0404 835 699.

### [Family Reading Challenge](#)

May is Scholastic National Family Reading Month. To celebrate, Scholastic is holding a Read Aloud More in May Challenge, where the focus is on families reading aloud together. Reading is a fantastic way to spend quality time with your kids! Research shows that across all ages, regular reading aloud with family members is a powerful predictor that children will become frequent readers, and the kids love it - read more [here](#). To find out more about the challenge and to register your family, visit [here](#). There is a great downloadable calendar and enticing video from Scholastic's official ambassador and talented illustrator, Matt Cosgrove to get you inspired. Scholastic is offering over \$10,000 worth of prizes, so sign up and get reading!

### [Term Planner](#)

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

### [P&C](#)

### [Mothers Day Breakfast](#)

A few more volunteers (Dads!) are required to help out at the Mothers Day Breakfast this Friday morning from 6:30am. If you are able to assist, please contact Louise at [louiseamiller21@gmail.com](mailto:louiseamiller21@gmail.com).

### [2017 Entertainment Books](#)

The 2017 Entertainment Books will be coming home to all families on Monday, 15 May. Please have a look through the books when they come home and you can either purchase a book (if you would like to purchase a digital version, please return the book) or if you don't wish to purchase one, please return it to the office by Monday, 22 May. Please ensure that all payments and returned books are made in their original envelopes.

### [Uniform Shop](#)

The uniform shop open days for Term 2 are:

Friday 12 May

Friday 26 May

Friday 9 June

Friday 23 June