FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Parents

We received Jolimont Primary’s National Assessment Program-Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) results last week. These were very pleasing and my congratulations to staff and students for their continued efforts in lifting the schools results. From 2013, both numeracy and literacy areas have showed a steady improvement with students at Jolimont out performing our ‘like schools’. (Like schools are similar in socio-economic standing to Jolimont). Further information will be shared with the school community in the next newsletter and the Annual Public Meeting early Term 4.

Friday 21 August, the Staff Development Day was spent interrogating the NAPLAN data, focusing on the School Business Plan and Visible learning. The Business Plan 2015-2017 has been the work of the leadership team and Board for the past six months and accompanies this newsletter as an email attachment.

We have a busy remainder of the term with sporting carnivals, P&C events and flurry of end of term activities and I look forward to seeing you all at these events.

Barbara Iffla
Principal
Book Week 2015
Book Week Parade
Book Week was celebrated in style on Wednesday morning with princesses, wolves, ninjas and lots of other wonderful characters parading in our Book Week celebrations. The parade had a wonderful response by students, staff and families; students shared their chosen character and their book recommendations with the audience. It was clear that books definitely do light up our lives at Jolimont Primary and Book Week 2015 has been a wonderful opportunity for the students to share their joy of reading.

Subiaco Library
To celebrate Book Week 2015 Jolimont students have been attending the Subiaco Library celebrations. Each class has walked down to the Subiaco Library to participate in workshops delivered by various authors and illustrators. Students have had the opportunity to see an illustrator at work, and discover the secret authors use to tease out a story idea and turn it into an award winning book. Thank you to all of our parent volunteers, who assisted with walking classes to the event.

Insect Hotel
Jolimont PS Students Help Open 16 Storey Hotel
Year 4/5 students from Room 12 recently assisted the Mayor of Subiaco with the opening of a 16 storey Insect Hotel. The Insect Hotel is located at Mabel Talbot park and was designed by Tim Delany to accommodate native pollinators to the area. The Jolimont students were able to hear the creator Tim Delany’s ideas and how the sculpture was made from local recycled materials salvaged from council rubbish collections. Year 4/5 students will re-visit the Insect Hotel in the coming weeks to report back to the council on pollinating species that have taken up residence in the newly established hotel. Please read Sophia's recount (page 4) to read more information on the spectacular opening.

Speak Up Awards
Freemason`s WA Host our Year 5 Speakers
Jolimont students were celebrated at the Freemason`s WA Speak Up Awards, receiving a high commendation for their speeches presented in front of adjudicators and audience members. Rishi Raj, Yi Wen and Elizabeth gave inspiring speeches on:

- “Where have all the species gone?” - Yi Wen
- “The Creator’s Game” - Elizabeth
- “What is happening to the Great Barrier Reef?” - Rishi Raj
Nest Boxes and Birdlife WA

Earlier in the term Room 2 Year 1 and Room 7 Year 3 students were given a workshop by City of Subiaco to assist with the building of nest boxes for our local birdlife. Students from both classes worked together with volunteers to build the boxes, each box suiting a specific local bird species. To follow up the Nest Boxes workshop, Birdlife Association of Western Australia presented to the students information about the local birdlife and guided students and teachers through a twitching walk—to identify the local birdlife and the nesting habits of the different species. Students are now eager twitchers and can spot a Kookaburra or a magpie from 50 metres! Thank you to all involved in the organisation and volunteering in these events, they are a valuable learning tool for our students to make local connections with their environment.

A letter from Ava...

Nest Box Making

On the 11th of August 2015, Joe from the city of Subiaco talked about different birds and animals and it was really interesting. Melanie introduced the activity for the day. Joe told us a lot about birds like a Raven, Parrot and micro bats it was fun.

I really enjoyed building an owl house because we had to glue some pieces of wood together. The wood is hard, so animals can’t break in and we used a drill to put the nails in. I loved it!

A big thank you to Melanie, Joe, Giles, Mrs Day, Mrs McDiarmid, Mrs DeVries, Mr and Mrs Faulkner, Mrs Dyer, Archie and Poppy. A special thank you to Shirley for her donation.

Thank you to everyone who helped us you were such a help to our school.

Thank you.

From Ava (Room 7 Year 3 Jolimont Primary School)

Science Snippets

Jolimont Jnr Scientists Celebrate Science Week

Rockets launched and Spaghetti Towers tumbled as science experiments were brought to life at Jolimont Primary School during National Science Week.

Students, parents and teachers gathered to see presentations from UWA Professor Stephen Powles, who is also the director of the Australian Herbicide Resistance Initiative and a Fellow of the Australian Academy of Science and the Australian Academy of Technological Science & Engineering.

He shared his expertise and his love of science on Tuesday (August 18) as the guest speaker to open Jolimont Science Day Celebrations. Jolimont Principal Barbara Iffla said the Professor’s enthusiasm was a wonderful catalyst to inspire students’ enquiring minds.

Over the day students participated in experiments such as Balloon Rockets, Circuit Chasers, Spaghetti Towers, Balancing Acrobats and Quacking Ducks. Activities were coordinated by Jolimont staff aimed at expanding students’ curiosity and willingness to explore, ask questions about and speculate on the changing world in which they live – and have fun!
SCHOOL MATTERS.....

Library Treasure Hunt
Come and put your detective skills to the test and sort fact from fiction, with a library scavenger hunt. In teams, explore the deep dark secrets of space and find out where the latest sci-fi books have been hiding and discover the many, numerous books on cooking and where your favourite book has been spending its holidays. Enjoy the library, realise opportunities available to you, all whilst having fun on a scavenger hunt. When? Thursday 10 September 8:00am to 8:40am.

A Recount by Sophia

My class (Year 4/5 Jolimont Primary School) travelled on a spectacular excursion down to the marvellous Mable Talbot Reserve, on the one and only 10th of August 2015 at 10am to observe the fascinating Insect Hotel Opening. "Why are they holding the opening?" asked one of my classmates before the bell finally chimed. “They’re holding the opening to explain and notify the community,” explained my teacher.

Dreadful weather had nearly bolted my spectacular classmates and I in the working classroom! The three teachers (Mrs Iffla, Mrs McBeath and Mrs Guhl) had a discursive talk about whether we were going or not. It looked like we weren’t going to travel to the Insect Hotel Opening... Finally the rain came down to a drizzle so we could start scurrying down to the park just in time to see the opening begin.

To start the Grand Opening Mayor Henderson ; Subiaco Mayor, informed us about important information on the fascinating Insect Hotel. Melanie told us about our healthy lake and environment as well as introducing the artist, Tim Delany. Tim told us about how he came up with his creative ideas and how he constructed the piece of art.

Before we started snacking on scrumptious morning tea we asked Tim some informative questions about the sculpture. Some of the questions were “Did you want it to look like an insect?”, “How long did it take you to build?” as well as “How long did it take to draw and plan?” The morning tea was delicious and divine to me.

While everyone was slowly finishing off the lip smacking morning tea, rain came out of nowhere. Everyone either huddled in the largish tent or quickly popped up their umbrellas. While we were all huddled together Giles told us how we could construct our own miniature hotels for home or school.

We finally strolled back to school. Thankfully we all returned to school safely also in one-piece. The hotel wasn’t what I had originally expected. I decided to make my own native hotel at home as well as at school.

JOLI UPDATE.....

Principal Morning Tea
Our Rooms 2, 3 & 4 parents’ and carers’ Principal Morning Tea will be held this Friday 28 August. Invitation sent home last week for a coffee and muffin.

Assembly
This Friday 28 August at 2:00pm, hosted by Room 7 Year 3.

Uniform Shop
Open this Friday, from 3:00pm to 3:30pm.

School Planning 2016
To assist with planning for 2016, if your child/children will not be attending Jolimont Primary School next year, please inform the office by the end of this term.

Staff Car Park
For the safety of everyone, our staff car park is not to be used to drop off children to school.

Before School Care—Expressions of Interest (Mulberry Tree on site at JPS)
To ascertain the viability of before school care, please advise your expression of interest, to the school office.
**JOLI UPDATE.....**

**City to Surf – Race Pack Collection**
Race packs will be available for collection, this Friday afternoon (after assembly). Thanks again to Penny Morgan for volunteering her time to collect the race packs. If anyone is able to assist Penny, please let myself or Penny know.

**Storytelling Evening – Friday 4 September**
Closing date for tickets with meal: 3:00pm tomorrow (Friday).
Closing date for tickets (BYO food): 3:00pm Wednesday 2 September.
Adults attending are also required to buy a ticket. Order forms available from the front office.

**Faction Athletics Carnival**
Faction Jumps, Throws and 200m-800m Race Carnival: Monday 31 August starting at 12 noon.
Faction Athletics Carnival: Thursday 3 September starting at 9:15am.

Program will be emailed to all parents.
Students are to bring plenty of water, morning tea, lunch, hat, sunscreen and team spirit!
Students are to remain seated in their faction bay, unless competing.
Parents are asked not to visit, or sit with their child, in the faction bays.
Parents, grandparents and friends are all welcome to attend the Carnival, and are invited to join us for a picnic lunch from 12 noon, on the oval.

**Absentee Notification—Thank You**
Thank you to parents who have used our Absentee Notification system via website and SMS. From an Admin level, this system is most efficient in processing absentees. If your child is absent from school, please let us know electronically (link to Absentee Form via NEW website), by email, SMS (0437 312 688) or verbally.

**Lost Property—please check labels**
Please double check that all items of clothing (including hats) belong to your child, as a number of missing items have not made their way to the Lost Property basket (located in the hallway outside Room 3). All unclaimed items will be donated to either the uniform shop and/or charity, at the end of this term.

**Sign Out Note**
A reminder to everyone that Department of Education policy requires that if you are collecting your child for an appointment during school hours, please report to the front office to “sign out” your child and obtain a blue “sign out” note to hand to your child’s teacher, to release your child. This process is required as part of our Duty of Care role.

**Visitors to the School**
A reminder to everyone that Department of Education policy requires that all visitors to our school, report directly to the front office upon arrival, to sign in, obtain a “visitor” sticker and sign out when leaving. This applies to simple visits such as lunch drop off, etc.

**Library Opening in Mornings**
Every morning (during Term 3), before school, the library is open for students who arrive prior to 8:30am, to read quietly, exchange Lexile Readers, complete Lexile Quizzes, create book reviews and keep warm, before bell time.
Thank you to Mrs Kerr for volunteering her time to supervise and assist students.

**VacSwim October School Holiday Swimming Program**
Enrolments for October VacSwim are now open. It is important for every child to learn to swim properly and develop essential water safety skills. Conducted by qualified instructors who teach children the skills to be confident swimmers and safe in the water. $12.50 per enrolment (family enrolment three or more children living at the same address is now $34.50). For program locations and to enrol visit education.wa.edu.au/swimming.

**Parent Direct / Chalk Toy Catalogues**
In addition to helping with your Christmas shopping, these catalogues are a great fundraising tool for our school, as we receive vouchers for 20% of the order value (used to purchase resources for our school). Please return completed form, together with payment, to the front office (prior to Wednesday 9 September).

**Woolworths Earn & Learn**
Click here for more information.
**FROM THE COMMUNITY.....**

**Canteen Update**

**Family Dinners**
Sweet & Sour Chicken Meatballs $8-50 - with rice $10-00  
Available this Friday 28 August (please order by 6:00pm Thursday 27 August)  
Also available next week on Wednesday 2 September (please order by 6:00pm Tuesday 1 September)  
*Order by texting 0413 108 301 or juliescanteen1@westnet.com.au*

**Fresh Muffins**
Available after this Friday’s assembly $1-50 each  
Apple & Cinnamon / Orange & Poppyseed / Blueberry / Choc Chip  
Orders taken for quantity of 6 or more  
*Text or email by 10:00am Friday 28 August*

**Cancelling Lunch Orders**
If your child has placed an online canteen order and does not come to school due to illness,  
*please call Julie on 0413 108 301 to cancel order and give you a credit.*  
If order is made up and not cancelled, a credit will not be provided.

**Cupcakes for Birthdays & Private Functions**
(including weekends)  
*Please order via email or juliescanteen1@westnet.com.au*

Visit “Julie’s Kitchen” on facebook and check out catering suggestions !

**P&C—Next Meeting**
Tuesday 8 September at 7:30pm in the staff room. Everyone welcome. Come along and have your say.

**5c Fundraising**
Don’t forget that the P&C is still collecting 5c pieces to help with our fundraising.  
So bring along your spare change and drop it into the jar at the front office.

**JPS Website—Parents & Community**

To access our website’s latest Parents & Community information, [click here](#).