FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Farewell

By the time you read this newsletter you would be aware this will be my last newsletter from Jolimont Primary School. Again I would like to extend my thanks to all of the Jolimont Primary School in sharing my journey here over the last 4 1/2 years and wish all Jolimont families the very best for the future. It is a little school which will always have a big bit of my heart.

I would also like to wish Mrs Kylie Pasalich and her family an exciting and wonderful adventure as she travels Europe in the coming 16 months. Miss Jodi Malin will be replacing Mrs Pasalich and I know they have already spent many hours on the handover process.

Miss Chloe Rushmere a very valued Education Assistant working with Mrs Edwards and throughout the school will individual students, and Mrs Zoe Williams who has worked with Mrs Gribble will also be leaving us. Thankyou to these outstanding practitioners for their work at our school and wish them all the very best. I would like to welcome Mrs Jenny Timmins who will be taking on a full time role in Mrs Edwards class until the end of the year.

Communications Forum

Recently we met with a group of parents to discuss the communication processes at Jolimont and get feedback on what we do well and what we can improve upon. I would like to thank the parents who attended.

In response to this feedback we are going to trial a few changes for next term.
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Communications Forum (cont.....)

We will continue with our weekly updates. The purpose of the updates is quick and brief information about important things happening around the school. These will continue to be send via email every Wednesday afternoon. Newsletters will increase slightly in frequency and links will be emailed in Weeks 3, 6 and 9 of each term. Parents have said these are valued and have been missed by many. Newsletters will continue to have a celebration feel with lengthier articles about the events in and around Jolimont. We will continue to provide paper copies of each publication, available at the Administration desk.

New Website

Over the last three months we have been working to create a new website for the school. I hope you have had time to look at the website and continue to refer to the information it contains. I would like to thank Nicole Macnaughtan for her dedication in reviewing, updating and uploading a lot of the information. Additionally I would like to thank Verity Drewettsen who spent a day at school creating a bank of beautiful photos which are used in the site.

The process of building such an extensive website is a very time consuming task. In saying this I would also like to extend my thanks to Sharon Bourne who stepped in two years ago and re built our initial professional website, after the web design company we had been working with let us down. Sharon dedicated many, many hours, not only building the old website, but training staff and administration in using it! I hope we can give her a little bit of peace now!

Professional Learning Day for Teachers

Though this terms Student Free Day provided a wonderful opportunity for many to have a sleep in and a relax from the routine of the school week our teachers at Jolimont participated in a full day of professional learning and collaboration with all the schools in the Shenton Network of Schools. Over 250 teaching staff from the 15 schools in the network came to Jolimont with many staff presenting to their peers. The focus of the day was moderation of student achievement and curriculum improvement. The feedback I received from our staff was extremely positive in the value of the day and the accolades they received.

Congratulations

Congratulations to Stanna Keers on winning the beautiful original water colour Rottnest painting. Thank you to Janine Cairnes for your generous donation of your work. We raised $400 which has gone directly to the ECC.
Thank you to our P&C Quiz Night Organisers

On behalf of all the parents and friends who attended the quiz night a huge thank you to the organisers. For fear of missing someone out, I won’t list all the helpers, however I must mention Katrice Mascaro for her work in coordinating the event. A huge night of lots of laughs, fun and somewhere in between a few questions. Over $7,000 was raised to assist in our school grounds project.

Friday 24 July - An important date in your child’s Education

If your child is 4 or 5 years old by 30 June, starting Year 7, or changing schools, you need to apply to enrol them in a public school for 2016. All children from Pre Primary to Year 12 are guaranteed a place at their local public school.

If you wish to enrol your child in our school for 2016, please visit the front office or go to our website and complete an application form by Friday 24 July 2015.

http://www.jolimontps.wa.edu.au/enrolment/

FROM OUR SCHOOL BOARD

By David Cooper - Board Chairman

Do you know who our school board members are?
Chair: David Cooper - Principal: Jayne Conley
Parent Representatives: Staff Representatives:
Emma Kirkaldy Fiona McBeath
Amanda Plummer Carolyn Gribble
John Lea
Mark Etherington

What does our school board do?
The role of the school board is to provide strategic guidance and monitoring of the school's performance. It supports the school in increasing effective autonomy and flexibility to further improve the quality of the whole school program. It is fundamentally a role of governance. The Board does not have a role in day-to-day school management. This is the responsibility of the principal who is accountable for educational leadership, and the effective day-to-day administration, supervision, control of the school and its staff.

How often do we meet?
At this stage, formally, we have met three times; however, we have had a number of workshops throughout first term as we have worked on the business plan. My thanks go to the board members who have given up this extra time for our school.

So what has the board done at Jolimont Primary School?
As a board we have worked together to clarify our role as a board and how we will operate. Our core focus over the first six months of the year has been the development of the School Business Plan. This plan will guide the direction of the school over the next 3 years. It is now at final review and will be made public early next term.
Science Snippet

Year 3/4 Students Looking for Life

In the last few weeks, the Years 3/4 Room 14 students have been digging up the leaf litter in search of animal life forms. In Biological Science, the students have been studying the diversity of animals through classifying them, in particular those smaller invertebrates. Students have started to discover the ecosystem of leaf litter and soil which is crucial, and often little known, component of the biosphere. Students said it was a dirty job but they found some excellent examples of animals without a backbone.

Pre Primary Shelter Building

In the last few weeks the Pre Primary students have put their building and engineering skills to good use, by looking at what living things need to survive.

These concepts help the students understand the idea of competition for scarce resources amongst living things and how the environment impacts the survival of living things. Students used different techniques and resources to design foundations for shelters that could protect different living creatures.
**Class Curriculum**

**Year 3**

Our Room 7 Year 3 students have been busy over the last few weeks planning and creating their Technology and Enterprise and Mathematics integrated sustainability project. Students researched, designed and created rain gauges from recycled materials. The rain gauges have been deployed throughout the Joli-Garden and students will be tracking our Jolimont Rainfall during Winter. Room 7 are also taking part in the Classroom Compost project, with the added responsibility of gathering up the Staffroom compost bin to add to their magic mulch.

**Naturescape Kings Park Day Out**

Year 1, Year 1/2 and Year 2 experienced a fun and exciting outdoor adventure day at Kings Park, Nature Escape. The students enjoyed building shelters, making mud pies, climbing towers and finding creatures in the bush. Everyone had an amazing day and on return to class wrote wonderful recounts of their adventures, displayed in the halls of the Junior block.
SCHOOL MATTERS.....

Tree Planting Room 4 & Room 7
On 5 June, as part of valuing and enhancing our Jolimont School grounds many of our students participated in working with the City of Subiaco in planting native seedlings along the southern fence line and the border of the natural bushland. Students learnt some of the little secrets in successfully growing native plants, biodiversity of the area and the significance of our natural bushland here at Jolimont Primary School.

Lightning Carnival
Today’s Carnival was a huge success with great weather. Congratulations to the Soccer B team for winning the flag for our school. Thank you to all students for their sportsmanship at the Carnival.

FROM THE COMMUNITY.....

Canteen
Our Canteen will be closed next Thursday, 2 July - Cultural Day.

Absentee Notification
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.

Website
To access our NEW website’s latest Parents & Community information - Click here