



# THE COMMUNICATOR

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TERM 1 – WEEK 3 10 FEBRUARY 2020

## THE PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Welcome back to another exciting year at Jamisontown Public School! I have felt privileged meeting many of our new students and families and I'd like to welcome them to our school.

I'd like also welcome some new staff including: Melissa Faapoi - Assistant Principal Support, Angela Westland - School Learning Support Officer, Alison O'Keefe - Teacher and Cherie McGrath - Cleaner

It has been a challenging and sad time for many Australians over the last 6 months. If your family has or is experiencing hardship, we may be able to support or link you with appropriate services. Please make an appointment with myself if you would like to discuss this further.

I'd also like to reassure everyone that our school team is following all recent advice and procedures in regards Novel Coronavirus concerns that are worldwide. I feel extremely confident at this point in time that our community is very safe. Several government departments, including NSW Health are working collaboratively to ensure that all schools have the correct safety procedures in place and are ready to respond appropriately if required. If you have any concerns please contact us.

### CLASSES 2020

We are very close to finalising our student numbers and we are on track to have 15 mainstream classes and 3 classes in the Learning Cove. There may be still some movement of

students between the three Kindergarten classes and our Learning Cove classes, however, at this stage the classes are very likely to remain as the following:

<b>Kindergarten Red</b>	Mrs Sydney-Jones and Mrs Lukas
<b>Kindergarten Blue</b>	Mrs Woods
<b>Kindergarten Green</b>	Miss Farrugia
<b>1/2 Red</b>	Mrs Rhodes
<b>1/2 Green</b>	Mrs O'Keefe
<b>1/2 Blue</b>	Mrs Young
<b>1/2 Purple</b>	Mrs Lister
<b>3/4 Red</b>	Mrs Quirk
<b>3/4 Blue</b>	Miss Walker
<b>3/4 Purple</b>	Mrs Moller
<b>3/4 Green</b>	Miss Moody
<b>5/6 Red</b>	Mrs Gill
<b>5/6 Pink</b>	Mrs Keegan
<b>5/6 Green</b>	Mr Lang
<b>5/6 Purple</b>	Mrs Carlin and Mrs Watson
<b>LC Orange</b>	Mrs Faapoi and Mrs Thomson (SLSO)
<b>LC Aqua</b>	Mrs Bartush and Mrs Gorman (SLSO)
<b>LC Yellow</b>	Mrs Marsden and Mrs Westland (SLSO)
<b>Creative Arts</b>	Mrs Tapuska
<b>Library</b>	Mrs Jones and Mrs Watson
<b>Support staff</b>	Mrs O'Brien, Mrs Stanley, Mrs Reynolds and Mrs Svarc
<b>SLSO</b>	Mrs Denny, Mrs Dekruif, Mrs Apap and Mrs Lear
<b>Office Staff</b>	Mrs Finn, Mrs Houssenloge and Mrs Dekruif

## A/V ROOM UPGRADES

Mrs Reynolds has begun teaching some of her enrichment and problem solving groups in the A/V Room opposite the Library. Thanks to the help of Mrs Dekruif and Mrs Rhodes, it has recently had additional safety railings and technology facilities added. Mrs Reynolds has researched and added modern flexible classroom furniture that enables it to be used as a flexible learning environment for medium sized groups of students of all ages. The children have been quite excited about their learning and this updated space.



## CHILD PROTECTION LESSONS

This year our teachers have begun using a new and revised Personal Development, Health and Physical Education syllabus document. This document outlines what must be taught in this key learning in all NSW schools. In this new syllabus document sensitive child protection content is taught in various units of work covered throughout year. The child protection content is aimed at ensuring the children have the knowledge they require to keep themselves safe, physically and emotionally. If you have questions or concerns in regards to this please contact our school office.

## TEXTBOOKS FOR 2020

Students will be beginning to work in their textbooks from next week. If you have not ordered your child's textbooks from Jenny's Classroom, it is important that you do as soon as possible by calling 02 6362 6078 to place your order. It is important that every child has their own textbook as these supplement work studied in the classroom.

## STUDENTS WITH SPECIAL NEEDS

As you would be aware we have a number of students enrolled who have severe life-threatening allergic reactions to a variety of foods. These foods include nuts, peanuts, products of nuts and peanuts, dairy, eggs and some fruits. Some of the students could have an allergic or life threatening anaphylactic reaction without even eating the food, but simply by breathing the air borne particles. Staff have put many procedures in place to try to provide a safe environment for all these students.

## CRUNCH AND MUNCH

**Don't forget to send a piece of fresh fruit or some vegetables with your child each day for their Crunch and Munch session.**





## **MORNING ASSEMBLIES**

Each morning when the 8.55 bell rings, students line up under the front COLA. It is our expectation that students are attentive during all assemblies, including morning assemblies. This is a time for announcements and reminders and it is important that students hear and understand all messages given. On Mondays, some awards are presented and parents are most welcome to stay for this, however once this is finished, we ask parents to move away from the assembly area so we can conduct our assembly without background talking and preschooler's. This will encourage the students to line up quickly and quietly as well as to allow our school day to start in an orderly manner. We appreciate your co-operation. If you are helping in a classroom, please make your way to that classroom and await the class' arrival following our assembly.

## **PARENT INFORMATION SESSIONS**

Thank you to all our parents who attended the recent Parent Information sessions. We hope you gained a great deal of knowledge about your child's year at school. The Kindergarten parent Information Session is to be held on Thursday 20th February from 3:15pm in the Kindergarten classrooms. Parent Teacher Interviews will be held later in Term 1, at this time you can discuss your child individually with his/her teacher.

## **BELL TIMES**

**8:55am – SCHOOL BEGINS**

**11:00am – RECESS**

**12:55pm – LUNCH**

**3:00pm – SCHOOL FINISHES**

## **NO DOGS IN THE PLAYGROUND**

When visiting the school or picking up your children we ask that you do not bring your dog/s into the playground, even on a lead. With so many children making noise and running around, some dogs may be unpredictable in this situation. For everyone's safety, please stay outside the school grounds with your dog.

## **ALLERGIES / BIRTHDAY CAKES**

When students bring birthday cakes to school, to share, there is a slight risk that some students may have an allergic reaction to some product in the cake, even if they do not eat it. As a result of this we ask that parents do not send birthday cakes, or lollies, to share to school. We understand that this has been a way for students to celebrate their birthday with their friends; however we must make our school is safe for all students. We appreciate your understanding of this decision.

## **ROAD SAFETY - BIKE RIDING**

It is most important that if your child rides his/her bike or scooter to and from school that they observe all road rules. All safety precautions should be in place including an approved helmet and your child should take the safest travel path to and from school. Sometimes children think it is clever or fun to play "chicken" with the cars as they are riding their bike. Unfortunately this can lead to serious injury or worse. Please talk with your child about road safety and the hazards they may face whilst riding their bike to and from school as well as on weekends and after school. We all need to keep our children safe, but the children themselves have to realise potential danger to try to prevent it from happening.

# DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

## TERM 1

**Fri 14 Feb** .....Summer PSSA Begins

**Thur 20 Feb** .....Kindergarten Parent Information Session

**Thur 27 Feb** .....Zone Swimming Carnival

**Fri 27 Mar** .....P&C Disco

**Tue 31 Mar** .....Stage 3 ANZAC Service (Penrith Paceway)

## MONEY DUE

**ASAP** .....\$13.60..... Stage 3  
Boy Overboard Novel

**Fri 14 Feb** ..\$14 ..... Stage 2 School Magazine

**Fri 21 Feb** ..\$60 ..... Year 6 Jacket

Payments can be made via the front office on Tuesday or Friday mornings, our Skoolbag App or Online banking is now available via our school website at:

**[www.jamisonton-p.schools.nsw.edu.au](http://www.jamisonton-p.schools.nsw.edu.au)**

**PLEASE NOTE ALL MONIES MUST BE PAID BY 3PM ON THE DUE DATE**

# FEBRUARY 2020

MONDAY

TUESDAY

WEDNESDAY

THURSDAY

FRIDAY

WEEKEND

PAYMENT  
DUE

ASAP  
\$13.60  
Stage  
3 Boy  
Overboard  
Novel

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Summer  
PSSA Begins  
\$14  
Stage 2  
School  
Magazine

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17 Wk 4

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Kindergar-  
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Information  
Session

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\$60  
Year 6 Jacket

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24 Wk 5

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Zone  
Swimming  
Carnival

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# MARCH 2020

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	WEEKEND
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2 Wk 6	3	4	5	6	7
					8
9 Wk 7	10	11	12	13	14
					15
16 Wk 8	17	18	19	20	21
					22
23 Wk 9	24	25	26	27 P&C Disco	28
					29
30 Wk 10	31 Stage 3 ANZAC Service (Penrith Paceway)				

■ = LAST DAY OF PAYMENT

■ = SCHOOL HOLIDAYS



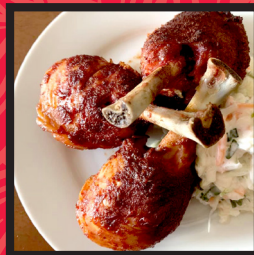
*Smoked Food  
that's  
Smokin Hot*

We cater to your needs  
Special functions or  
just having your mates around

Smoked brisket,  
chicken lollipops,  
hillbilly cider pulled pork,  
burgers, sliders and more

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