



# THE COMMUNICATOR

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TERM 2 – WEEK 7

## THE PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

### PRINCIPAL NEWSLETTER UPDATE

Term 2 feels like it is going fast and school reports will be going home before you know it. Our teachers have been really focused on finalising student assessments and adjusting class programs as required. There continues to be some great Visible Learning practices happening in our classrooms with a focus on ensuring our students know where they are at in their learning, and what they need to do to improve. Our school leaders and teachers are asking our students the following questions to see if they are on track:

1. What are you learning?
2. How are you going?
3. How do you know?
4. How can you improve? and
5. Where do you go for help?

These questions also give us great feedback from the students to see if they are understanding and using the Learning Intention and Success Criteria (LISC) they are being taught. Our teachers are working towards having (LISC) taught and visible for our learners in every lesson.

## VOLUNTARY CONTRIBUTION

The school contribution for 2021 for Years K-6 remains at \$30.00 per family per year, or if you only have one child at school \$15.00 for the year. Please complete the form in this Communicator when making your donation. Any donation is appreciated and will assist the school in providing classroom resources for all students.

## **IMPORTANT COVID-19 GUIDELINE REMINDERS**

- Students should not attend school if unwell, even with mild symptoms of COVID-19. Any person with any COVID-19 symptoms will be sent home and should not return until they have received a negative test result and are symptom-free. If there are medical reasons for the symptoms please provide a letter from your GP instead of a negative result.
- Physical distancing between adults of 1.5 metres should be maintained wherever practicable. We must continue to avoid congestion and any large groupings.
- All visitors must sign in using the QR codes displayed and at the sign-in sheet at the office.

I don't think we can ever be too careful and we want to stay healthy and learning at school.

## **ATTENDANCE**

Every day at school counts and gives your child the best opportunity of being successful at school. 95%+ is our expected student attendance rate, but 100% wherever possible is even better! Good routines and consistency are often the key to ensure your child is at school on a regular basis. Please check out the Every Day Counts poster to see the percentages and impacts of missing days at school.

## **P&C DISCO**

The P&C will be holding a disco on Friday 4 June in the school hall. K-2 students may attend from 5.00pm-6:30pm and years 3-6 students can disco the night away from 6:45pm-8:30pm. Students will not be allowed outside the hall until a parent caregiver comes inside to collect them. The cost is \$5 which gains each student entry to the disco and a small snack throughout the night. Your child does not require a hat, phone, any electronic device or money beside the \$5 entry fee.

## **KINDERGARTEN**

Do you, or someone you know, have a child turning 5 before 31 July 2022 they may be eligible to enrol in Kindergarten for next year. Please pick up an enrolment form from the office, complete it and return it as soon as possible. The transition to School Program as well as Parent Information Sessions will be held during term this year. Don't let your child miss this valuable opportunity to get to know our school.

## **SCHOOL BANKING**

School Student banking is continuing to operate each Thursday morning here at school. Please remember to send along your child's Commonwealth Bank book each Thursday. You can bank as little as 10 cents per week, if you wish. Thank you to Mrs Bisby and Miss Dechellis for volunteering your time to enable the continuation of this program.

## STAFFING UPDATE – BIG NEWS

Sadly, I need to inform you that Mrs Quirk will be retiring at the end of term. Mrs Quirk has provided over 20 years of quality service to the students and families of the Jamisontown Public School community. She is a true professional that is loved by students, staff and the school community. Mrs Quirk is also a valued leader, mentor and inspiration to her colleagues. Mrs Quirk continues to impress me in the quality and quantity of work she is doing despite being so close to retirement. Having been fortunate enough to see Mrs Quirks work as a teacher, I have said many times that I would be very happy to be a child in her class. As a new Principal coming into our school she has been a wonderful support to myself and our Leadership Team. We will be sad to see her go, but we will also be happy to see her begin a very well-deserved retirement. Thank you and all the best Mrs Quirk!!!



# P&C DISCO

When: Friday 4 June

Cost: \$5 to be paid on entry

(Students will be provided with a drink & a snack)

Time: Years K to 2 ~ 5pm - 6:30pm  
Years 3 to 6 ~ 6:45pm - 8:30pm

For detailed information including drop-off and pick-up procedures, student health needs and COVID-19 guidelines please see the note that was sent home to all students. This note is also available on our Sentral App and school website.

\*Please note no mobile phones or digital devices allowed. Staff will have access to phones to contact parents/carers if needed.





# ***OUR EXCURSION TO SYDNEY ZOO - BY 2 RED***

- On the 11th May year One and Two went to Sydney Zoo. First I went on the big bus. The first animals we saw were the Australian animals. We saw the Australian emu and dingo. I loved it. Then we saw a bat asleep, it was cute. We also saw the crocodile and wallaby and my favourite - the koala. I loved all of it. After that I went to the aquarium and saw a bull shark and fish and penguins. It was so cute to see them slide and swim and walk on the really cold ice. Finally we saw the African animals. I loved the lion and meerkats and cheetahs. They were all so cute. I had a great day. ***By Emillia.***
- I went to Sydney Zoo on 11th May 2021 with my class. First I went on a hummongus bus, not as big as the Blue Mountains, but about 4 metres long. Then we went to Australian animals. I loved the wombat. The koala was soooo cute. After that we went to the aquarium. One of the penguins were cute. Then we had recess. Finally we went to Africa in the Sydney Zoo. I felt two lizards. I had an extremely one million percent great time. ***By Joshua.***
- My stage went to the Sydney Zoo for an excursion. First I went on a bus, it was funny when I saw the number plate started with TV. Then we went to the Australian area and reptiles. I liked the dark of the reptiles. After that we had recess. I was starving!!!!!! Finally I went to the African area. I had an awesome trip. ***By Alex.***

- On Tuesday 11th May Stage 1 went to Sydney Zoo. First I went on the bus. The trip took forever. I had a nap, my best friend woke me up. When you looked out the window the bus was very tall. Then we went to see the Australian animals. My favourite animals were the koalas, dingos, reptiles, kangaroos, cheetahs and lions. After we went to the aquarium and saw a bull shark. We were getting hungry so Mrs McKane said we said we could have recess. Finally we saw the African animals. My three favourites were the lions, cheetahs, meerkats and the african painted dog. We watched and Lachlan with Lachlan. He told us about the animals. **By Brodie.**
- On Tuesday I went to Sydney Zoo. First I went on the bus and my partner was Hunter. The bus was relaxing. Then 2 Red went to see the Australian animals, the fish and the meerkats. Then we saw the red panda. After that I went to the aquarium. I saw an eel. Finally we got to see the African animals and it was fun. **By Flynn.**
- On May 11th I went to Sydney Zoo with 2Red. First I went on a long bus trip. Then 2Red saw the Australian animals. I loved the dingo. After that we were so hungry so Mrs McKane let us eat. Finally we went to the bus and went home. It was so fun. **By Rylan.**

- Yesterday my class went to Sydney Zoo and we saw lots of animals. First we went on the bus. It was a long trip to the zoo. Then we saw the Australian animals and I saw a koala. We went to see the reptiles. After that we had recess. Then we went to the aquarium and saw a shark. Finally we got to see the show and put a snake around him. I had a fun excursion. **By David.**
- Our class went to the Sydney Zoo. First I went on the bus. Then we saw the Australian animals and reptiles. After that we went to the aquarium and had recess. Finally we saw African animals. The zoo was fun. **By Mae.**
- Yesterday I went to Sydney Zoo. I had a lovely time. I went on a long bus trip. I had to sit next to Ella. I was happy. Then we saw the joey. I got to pet the joey. My favourite is the joey and penguins. I saw lots of penguins, they were cute. After that we had recess. Then we saw a bull shark in the amazing aquarium. I loved it. Finally I got to see the tiger and the cheetah. Then it was the show. We learnt a lot about animals. I got to pat the two headed lizard and see a snake. After the show we waited for the bus and went to school. It was an amazing beautiful day. **By Patricia.**







# THANK YOU!

The P&C Committee would like to say a huge THANK YOU for your generosity. We were blown away from the abundance of donations for our Mother's Day Stall, resulting in sales of \$2,700!!

This all goes back to the school for the kids to purchase resources and equipment for their learning and development. We look forward to an amazing Father's Day Stall!

# EVERY MINUTE COUNTS....

| <u>When your child misses just.....</u> | <u>That equals.....</u>                   | <u>Which is....</u>                      | <u>And therefore, from Kindy to Year 12, that is....</u> |
|---|---|--|--|
| 10 minutes a day                        | 50minutes of learning each week           | Nearly 1 1/2 weeks per year              | Nearly 1/2 a year of school                              |
| 20 minutes a day                        | 1hour and 40minutes of learning each week | Nearly 2 1/2 weeks per year              | Nearly a year of school                                  |
| 1/2 hour a day                          | 1/2 day of learning each week             | 4 weeks a year                           | Nearly 1 1/2 years of learning                           |
| 1 hour each day                         | 1 whole day of learning each week         | 8 weeks per year, or nearly a whole term | Over 2 1/2 years of learning                             |

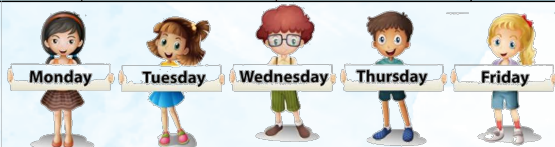
**A STUDENT'S BEST  
LEARNING TIME IS AT THE  
BEGINNING OF THE DAY...**



# EVERY DAY COUNTS....

A day here or there doesn't seem like much, but.....

| <u>When your child misses just....</u> | <u>That equals....</u> | <u>Which is....</u> | <u>And therefore, from Kindy to Year 12, that is....</u> |
|--|------------------------|---------------------|--|
| 1 day each fortnight                   | 20 days per year       | 4 weeks per year    | Nearly 1 1/2 a year of school                            |
| 1 day a week                           | 40 days per year       | 8 weeks per year    | Over 2 1/2 years of school                               |
| 2 days a week                          | 80 days per year       | 16 weeks per year   | Over 5 years of learning                                 |
| 3 day a week                           | 120 days per year      | 24 weeks per year   | Nearly 8 years of learning                               |



# BELL TIMES

8:55am - SCHOOL BEGINS  
 11:00am - RECESS  
 1:10pm - LUNCH  
 3:00pm - SCHOOL FINSHES

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

|             |   |                     |
|-------------|---|---------------------|
| Fri 4 Jun   | - | P&C Disco           |
| Tues 15 Jun | - | Athletics Carnival  |
| Mon 21 Jun  | - | Year 6 Peer Support |
| Mon 22 Jun  | - | Year 6 Peer Support |
| Fri 25 Jun  | - | Last Day Term 2     |

### TERM 3

|             |   |                            |
|-------------|---|----------------------------|
| Mon 12 Jul  | - | Staff Development Day      |
| Tues 13 Jul | - | Students return for Term 3 |

## MONEY DUE

|            |   |   |
|------------|---|---|
| Fri 11 Jun | - | \$10 Whole School Athletics Carnival            |
| Fri 18 Jun | - | \$4 Year 6 Peer Support                         |
| Fri 27 Aug | - | Final payment Stage 3 Camp<br>(various amounts) |

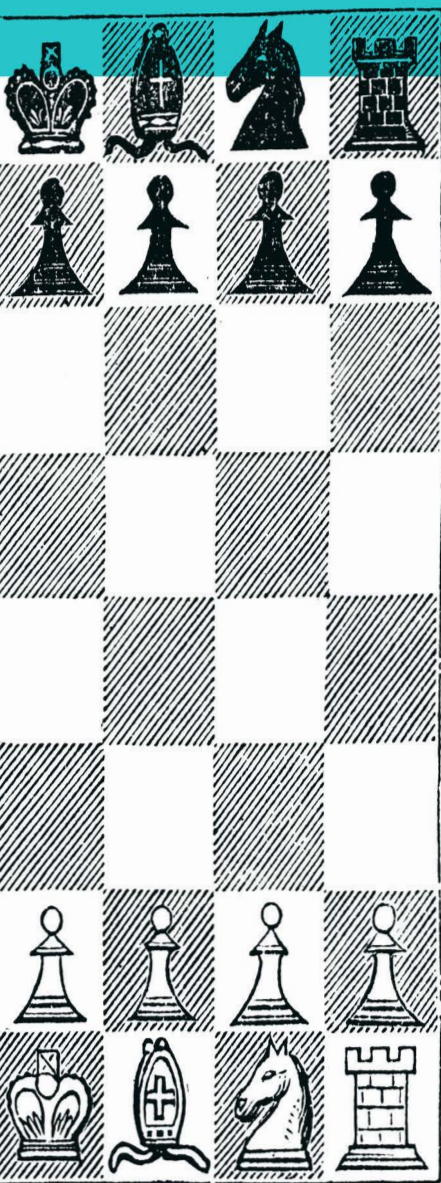
Payments can be made via the front office on Tuesday or Friday mornings or our Parent Online Payment (POP) portal that is accessible on our school website at:  
**[www.jamisonton-p.schools.nsw.edu.au](http://www.jamisonton-p.schools.nsw.edu.au)**

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

## 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.





# CHESS CLUB

TUESDAYS  
LUNCHTIME  
IN THE LIBRARY

NO EXPERIENCE NECESSARY.  
PRIMARY STUDENTS & STAFF ARE WELCOME!



**EVERY  
DAY  
COUNTS**

**100%**

**PERFECT**

At school everyday!

You will achieve personal  
excellence



**96%**

**GOOD**

Equates to 8 school days  
off each year



**94%**

**ON THE WAY**

Equates to 12 school days  
off each year



**90%**

**DANGER ZONE –  
EDUCATIONALLY AT  
RISK**

Equates to 1 month off  
school each year



**80%**

**EXTREME IMPACT**

Equates to 2 months off  
each year



**98%**

**IMPRESSIVE**

Equates to 4 school days  
off each year



**95%**

**NEARLY THERE**

Equates to 10 school days  
off each year



**92%**

**NEEDS TO IMPROVE**

Equates to 16 days off  
each year



**88%**

**SEVERE IMPACT**

Equates to over a month  
off school each year



**below  
80%**

**DESTRUCTIVE**

Highly challenging to  
access any learning

*Based on 195 learning days per year*

# Nutrition Snippet

## AUTUMN FRUIT AND VEG.



It's the International Year of Fruit and Veg!

Why not celebrate by trying these seasonal recipes:

- Stewed apples and sultanas
- Pumpkin and cheese pikelets
- Vegetable pasta bake
- Sweet potato and lentil curry
- Shepherd's pie

For these recipes and more visit:  
[healthylunchbox.com.au](http://healthylunchbox.com.au)



**Cancer Council**  
Healthy Lunch Box



# Healthy Lunch Box recipe

## Zucchini muffins.



### Ingredients

2 zucchinis, grated & liquid squeezed out  
1 carrot, grated  
125g tin corn kernels, drained  
1 small red onion, finely diced  
1 cup baby spinach leaves, chopped  
1 cup wholemeal self-raising flour  
6 eggs, beaten  
1 cup reduced-fat tasty cheese, grated

### Method

Preheat oven to 180°C. Line a 12-hole muffin tin with muffin liners.

Heat a non-stick frypan over medium heat and cook the onion until translucent. Allow to cool.

Place all ingredients into a large mixing bowl and mix until well combined.

Divide the mixture between the 12 muffin liners. Bake for 25 to 30 minutes or until muffins are golden and a skewer comes out clean.

For more recipes visit:  
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