



Jamieson Primary School

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*Learning Together Respectfully to
Achieve our Very Best.*

WELCOME BACK!

I trust that everyone had a relaxing break and enjoyed themselves. We are now getting ready for another HUGE term of activities and action!

Principal: Mary Genevieve Bolwell

Staff: Ben Moyle, Sue Henderson

BM: Leanne Allen

ICT: Sandra Hall

Cleaner: Stormee Hanemann

Thank You

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Firstly may I say Thank You! to all for the wonderful support last term. We have achieved a great deal and look forward to making further advancements in delivering the best outcomes for every student at Jamieson PS.

A huge vote of thanks, in particular, to the office team. As you know, we have now appointed Leanne Allen as our new Business Manager, wonderfully supported by Linda Olver, who came out of retirement to lend us a hand to keep the ball rolling whilst Leanne learnt the ropes. We are getting the 'ducks in a row' and the main tasks are getting back on track. Thank you also to Jenny McKenzie who was a great support earlier on and Stacy Machray for her valiant efforts to get us up to speed.

PLC Professional Learning Communities

Next Term- Jamieson Primary School will be commencing our Professional Learning Communities (PLC) journey. We are joining with Mansfield and Merrijig Primary Schools. This will involve some occasions when both Mrs. B and Mr. Moyle will be at the training day together. Mrs. Mac and another CRT will attend the school during these occasions.

Some research that facilitates this process

Human Vs Social capital

as a means of improving student outcomes. See below *Schools used to pour all of their professional development dollars into building their human capital — that is, improving the quality, knowledge, and skill sets of individual teachers. The rationale was that teachers who attended conferences or participated in other professional development opportunities would return to*

their schools brimming with knowledge and pass their learning on to their colleagues. In many cases, however, this simply didn't happen, so the funds invested in sending a single teacher to a conference yielded relatively small returns—which led to little improvement in classroom instruction on any scale. Today, thanks in large part to the research of Dr. Carrie Leana of the University of Pittsburgh and others, we are learning that building social capital is a more effective professional development strategy. In contrast to human capital, social capital refers to the quality of the interactions among teachers in a department or school. Schools with high social capital show significantly higher gains in student learning than do schools with low social capital—even when those schools have moderately low human capital.

When the relationships among teachers in a school are characterized by high trust and frequent interaction — that is, when social capital is strong — student achievement scores improve. We also found that even low-ability teachers can perform as well as teachers of average ability if they have strong social capital. Strong social capital can go a long way toward offsetting any disadvantages students face when their teachers have low human capital.

We are well placed to capitalise on our already high level of professional trust and collaboration to ensure that we can take the agenda forward effectively.



DATES TO READ AND REMEMBER

NB– Please log on to www.jamiesonps.sentral.com.au for calendar updates & parent messages.

Thursday July 18th	MARC Van School Council meeting 4 p.m. NB No Interview timeslots available
July 22nd– August 11th	PARENT OPINION SURVEY
Monday July 22nd	Mrs. B attending an award ceremony in Benalla. 35 years service with Education Department.
Wednesday 24th July	EXPO 9 a.m.– 10 a.m. Return lunch orders today
Thursday 25th July	Speech Therapist Fortnightly lunch orders begin
Friday 26th July	Skiing Day #1
August 1st & 2nd	Mr. Moyle & Mrs. B at training days for Professional Learning Communities (PLC)
Friday August 2nd	Skiing Day #2
Thursday August 8th	Mrs. B to Network Meeting
Friday August 9th	Ski Day #3
Friday August 16th	Ski day #4
Wednesday August 21st	BOOK WEEK– <i>Reading is my superpower!!</i>
Friday August 23rd	Ski Day #5

JAPANESE SPEECH CONTEST

Entry: \$5

Venue:
St. Joseph's
Benalla

8th September 2019
Benalla

Melbourne Centre for Japanese Language Education

Japanese Speech Contest

As usual Term Three is the time of the speech contest. Each year, our school has been very successful in this program. Entry is only \$5 and the students can enter the contest as an individual competitor or work with a partner. Misaki has been introducing lots of conversational language and every one of the group is becoming more fluent.

Entry Forms have been provided to the students. Mrs. B. can provide transport to the event.

All students are preparing a speech which will be delivered at the Christmas Concert.

LUNCH ORDERS TERM THREE DEB'S CAFÉ

We have provided a laminated price list from both providers– Deb's Café and Jamieson General Store.

We alternate between them. This Term we will be ordering from **Deb's Café**. Fortnightly sequence. Please return lunch order bags and money by the Wednesday. Thank you.

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You are invited to join

Mansfield Shire's Supported Playgroup



Our Supported Playgroups are a fun environment for families with children between birth and school age.

The playgroup is facilitated by a trained worker specialising in families and child development.

Supported Playgroups offer support and strategies to build parents skills and confidence to promote their children's wellbeing and learning.



Playgroup provides:

- ◆ Snacks promoting healthy eating options for families
- ◆ Opportunities to play with toys and others
- ◆ Smalltalk is an evidence-based playgroup program focused on improving the quality of everyday interactions with their child through play.
- ◆ An environment to stimulate children's learning and imagination
- ◆ Opportunities to develop parents skills, confidence and friendship

This program is free to eligible families.

Playgroups are run on mornings between 10-12 during school terms.

To register please contact Amelia Turner on 0437 886 339 or email amelia.turner@mansfield.vic.gov.au

Look forward to see you soon.



WE WANT OUR PARENTS TO TELL US WHAT THEY THINK!

Our school is conducting a survey to find out what parents think of our school. The Parent Opinion Survey is an annual survey offered by the Department of Education and Training that is conducted amongst a sample of randomly selected parents. It is designed to assist schools in gaining an understanding of parents' perceptions of school climate, student behaviour and student engagement. Our school will use the survey results to help inform and direct future school planning and improvement strategies.

Approximately 30 per cent of parents will be invited to participate in this year's survey. All responses to the survey are anonymous. This year the Parent Opinion Survey will be conducted from **Monday 22nd July to Sunday 11th August**.

The survey will be conducted **online**, only takes **10-15 minutes** to complete, and can be accessed at any convenient time within the fieldwork period on desktop computers, laptops, tablets or smartphones.

The survey results will be reported back to the school at the end of September.

Please speak to your child's teacher if you would like more information.

NB- This program hopefully will run on a TUESDAY morning.. Please pass this on to any parents/carers of pre-school children.

Lawn Bowls. We finished the term off with a morning of lawn bowls at the tennis court. After our successful visit to the Mansfield Bowls Club, we wanted to have another go at this entertaining sport. Steve Spence (aka 'Shifty') set the event up and ran the program. Everyone had a great time and learnt more about gaining control of the bowl to make it roll 'just right'. Thanks for the fun & games Steve! Congratulations Loki & Ruby on winning the prizes of tickets to the Cinema. Thank you also to MAC for your generous donation.



HEAD LICE.

Wednesday Night is 'Nit Night'!! Please check every week and treat as needed. Please keep up the treatments. Also, if long hair is tied back, it helps to limit the chances for transfer.



Lauriston Girls Concert

A wonderful concert, celebrating the learning that our students have demonstrated during the mentor program in June, was a great way to finish the program. As usual, a great turnout of locals and support crew for the groups of girls who not only work with the students, but attend to various manual jobs around the town. They helped out raking leaves, assisting community members with their gardens and stacking wood. Planting trees on the island and preparing displays for the up-coming ball were also on the list.

Now that we have freedom of "Buster", we are making plans to visit the Lauriston Campus on Monday October 21st.



Mac.Rob

Last Term, three students travelled with Mrs. B to CYC camp in Collins St. to meet up with their mentors and the other students taking part in the MacRobertson Girls School Outreach program. About 40 primary school students from across the North-East spent two days taking part in Science-based activities. A highlight was 'Madaboutsience' incursion. All of the usual chemistry 'wow' activities kept the kids enthralled. Expanding foam, explosions, coloured flames and popping test-tubes caught their interest. The following day, we walked the city and visited the SeaLife Aquarium, whilst another group went to the National Gallery to do coding. The value of the program was immense with the students forming strong bonds with their mentors and building relationships to take them on to the next phase of the program. Each week the group log on to the Stile website and do a series of science-based quizzes and tasks, whilst communicating with their mentors within the online environment.



Junior room update:
This Term our focus of Inquiry
is under the topic of Australia –
Great Southern Land

JAPAN...

The wheels are in motion with the full approval from SC and the application lodged with Region. We are in communication with Hiro, Kosuke and Taiki in Japan who are helping with the program, bookings and flights. A \$1000 deposit will be requested early in Term three to secure our flights and purchase our travel insurance. Families and staff from Darnum are also connecting to express their pleasure that the program is happening once more and they have signed up for the trip. At present Darnum has 7 students and 6 adults, whilst Jamieson has two students and one staff member. More information available on request. Otherwise... watch this space!
Dates are October 26th– November 6th.



We watched the emoji movie. We had science by madaboutsience the next day. We learnt how to make instant snow, popping test tubes and dry ice gas. I was in a room with Georgia and Amy. We went for a walk around the city and went to Sea Life the aquarium and watched a short ice age film. We bought some souvenirs at the gift shop. After that we went to federation square and bought an ice cream. By Abi.

24th of June Abi, Loki, and Mrs. B and I went to the CYC CITY hotel in Melbourne, where we met our mentor, Meg. First we played a few games and activities with our mentor. We had three other mentors that stayed the two days with us because their mentees weren't absent. Then there was a science experiment session. The next day we walked around the city for an hour then went to the Aquarium and explored around there for a while then returned back to the hotel to say goodbye. By Leon



Expo
WEDNESDAY JULY 24TH.
9 A.M.-10 A.M.

You are invited to attend the school as they celebrate their learning. Grades 3-6 will be showing their knowledge of explorers of the 'Age of Discovery'. Student in Foundation – 2 will host a display of their classwork for 2019.

Please join us as they show PowerPoint presentations, artefacts, posters, bookwork and art works.

A 'Ship's Fare' morning tea will be provided.

Cups of tea, pickled cabbage & beef and ship's biscuits. 'Yum'



Wine & Cheese Night
Advance Notice.
Saturday October 12th.
Jamieson Hall
\$35

If you could slot this date into your calendars. We always need parent volunteers for the night as well as helpers to set up and clean up afterwards. Please share this with friends and family who would like to come along. It is our major fundraiser and we usually make \$3000 profit for the school.

Remember to go to Discount Ski Centre Mansfield to have a fitting for your skis, boots & poles before we commence our ski program next Friday 26th. Weekends are extremely busy in the shop, so they have requested that you visit weeknights after school or on Sunday afternoon between 1pm and 4pm.
NB Lunch is an extra \$10. If you wish for your child to have the ABOM lunch, please select from the menu by Wednesday when we submit the bookings.
Menu following as a separate document.