

Athletics Training Day – Friday 5th September

On Friday, 5th September, all students will take part in an Athletics Training Day at the recreation reserve in preparation for the School Athletics. Activities such as hurdles, high jump and discus will be run by Miss Harris, Mr Neil, Mrs Wetmore and Kodie. Students will enjoy lunch at the reserve, and families are warmly invited to come along and watch. We're calling on parents and our school community for help! The students would love to practice sack races, and we require kindling bags (or similar). If you have any to lend or donate, we would be very grateful.



District Athletics – Tuesday 9th September

Senior students will compete in the District Athletics on Tuesday, 9th September. Events will be held at the Mansfield football ground and the Lord's ground. Permission and medical forms are attached. Please sign and return to the school.

Soup Day

Students and staff recently enjoyed a hearty vegetarian soup provided by Mansfield District Hospital's community-led health promotion service, in partnership with Chop & Chat and Yooralla. Thank you for this delicious contribution to our school. The recipe is attached.



Skiing – Final Day for 2025

The final ski day for 2025 is Friday, 29th August. Students are to meet at Merrijig PS at 8:10 am for an 8:30 am departure. The day will include a morning lesson and free skiing in the afternoon before returning on the 3:30 pm bus.

Phonics at Home

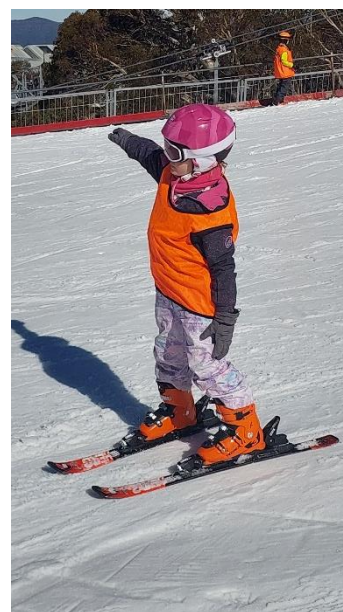
The Victorian Department of Education has introduced systematic phonics as a key part of early literacy learning. Phonics helps children connect sounds with letters, building strong foundations for reading and spelling. Alongside other evidence-based approaches, this ensures students develop essential literacy skills from the very beginning of their education. A flyer is attached to provide further guidance for parents.

School Lunch Orders

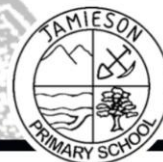
Please note that soft drinks are not permitted as part of school lunch orders. Milkshakes are also not allowed, as they are difficult to transport safely. The school encourages all students to bring water or fruit juice as their drink option, to support both health and practicality.

Dates to remember.

21 st August	Marc Van
29 th August	Skiing
4 th September	Marc Van
5 th September	Jamieson Athletics day
9 th September	District Athletics
12 th September	Skiing
16 th September	Parent – Teacher Chats
18 th September	Marc Van
19 th September	End of term.



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Parent Teacher Chats

Parent–teacher conferences will be held on **Monday, 16th September, 3:20–5:30 pm**. This is a valuable opportunity to discuss your child’s progress. Please contact the staff to book your preferred time. If you are unable to attend, alternative arrangements can be made.

Parent / Caregiver / Guardians – Opinion Survey

The Department of Education is conducting the annual Opinion Survey offered by the Department of Education and is seeking your feedback. The survey is designed to help schools gain an understanding of families’ perceptions of school climate, student behaviour, and student engagement. The survey is optional, but we encourage and appreciate your participation.

Jamieson Primary School will use the survey results to assist in identifying areas for improvement and professional development needs in the school, to target school planning and improvement strategies.

All families are invited to participate in the survey.

The survey will be conducted online, takes only 20 minutes to complete, and can be accessed at any convenient time on desktop computers, laptops, tablets or smartphones.

The Opinion Survey will be open online from Monday, 18 August to Friday, 19 September 2025.

Access it via the [link](#) using code 430765. (The link will be emailed to all parents to access).

The online survey will be available in English and 10 other languages. Please reach out to your child’s teacher or the school directly for survey guides in your language or if you would like more information.

School Review – Parent Involvement Welcome

Every four years, schools take part in a review to ensure we are providing the best possible education for our students. This year, the focus will be on **Curriculum and Student Learning**.

The review looks at important areas such as:

- good governance
- strong financial management
- effective curriculum
- sound teaching practices
- safe and supportive environments for children

Parents are invited to be part of this process by attending the review sessions on 26 August and 1 September. Your input is highly valued in helping us continue to grow and improve. A schedule of the sessions and the Parent Focus Group questions are attached.

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