



Jamieson Primary School Newsletter (No.8)

Thursday May 16th, 2024

What we have been up to this fortnight?

Line Dancing Extravaganza: The students showcased their fancy footwork again this week. It was a joy to see their enthusiasm and their rhythm! The line dancing is part of our PE program, with dance prescribed in the curriculum as a way of promoting and encouraging a healthy and active lifestyle. As well as testing their stamina, co-ordination and listening skills it is acknowledged that dance enhances wellbeing.



Cross Country Champions: Congratulations to our senior athletes who participated in the recent cross-country event at the Mansfield Golf Club. Their dedication and sportsmanship were truly commendable. After their competing, the students enjoyed a sushi lunch and some play at the Mansfield Botanical Gardens before heading home for their tennis lesson.

Mother's Day Treats: We hope you indulged in the scrumptious lemon slices prepared by our budding young chefs. It was a 'sweet' gesture to celebrate all the wonderful mothers in our community.



Fundraiser Success: A big thank you to Loren White for organising a fantastic fundraiser. We are thrilled to announce that we raised \$300.00 for the school. Special congratulations go to our lucky raffle winners and Joker Poker champions.



Emergency Management Plan (EMP) - Lockdown Drill: The safety of our students is always a priority. Schools are required to review their plans and conduct drills each year. We rehearsed a Fire Drill in Term 1 and have just completed (Thursday) our Lockdown Drill. All students and staff participated in, and were briefed about the process before completing a Lockdown Drill. Our students were responsive, attentive, and conducted themselves admirably. In Term 3 and 4 we will be revisiting our drills and practising them so that we remain prepared for all eventualities.

Smile Squad Visit: The Dental Van paid us a visit this Wednesday, spreading smiles and important lessons about dental hygiene. Our students received new toothbrushes and paste, courtesy of the Smile Squad.

Walk to School Initiative: Walk to School program. It was wonderful way to stay active and promote safety on the footpaths and roads. We are aware that some of our students already walk to and from school while others reside too far from school to walk. We do encourage all our students who can, to school to walk to school.

Attendance: Consistent attendance helps build a strong foundation of knowledge and skills, enabling students to succeed. As the academic program has become more rigorous, it is vital that students attend school to keep up with all the new learning happening. If a student misses out on introductory lessons to a subject or topic it is difficult for them to make this missed learning up. School is also a place where children learn life skills, build friendships, and develop emotionally so regular attendance is important for many reasons.

Homework: Homework is also an important aspect of schooling. It helps to reinforce the learning happening in the classroom, can fill gaps in a student's learning and promote responsibility. Both the Junior and Senior Rooms have weekly homework. As of this coming week, **homework will be due in on a Wednesday** – this is to allow more students the opportunity of attending to and returning their homework tasks.

Readers: At JPS we implement a phonics approach to reading. This means that students are explicitly taught and learn the sounds of letters and groups of letters. Sight words are taught alongside this. Students use this knowledge to sound out unfamiliar words. Therefore, before readers can be sent home students must have been introduced and be learning the sounds letters make. If you have any questions about our approach to reading, please chat to a staff member.

Upcoming Events:

Australia's Biggest Morning Tea: Join us for the annual Australia's Biggest Morning Tea hosted by the Craft Group Ladies at Jamieson Hall on Thursday, May 23rd, starting at 10:00 am. Everyone is invited to attend this wonderful event, and donations are welcome.



JPS Open Day: Please promote the Jamieson Primary School's Open Day to be held on Wednesday, June 5th to any prospective parents and carers you may know. Encourage them to take a tour of our school and discover what we have to offer. An evening session (Twilight Tour) on Thursday, June 6th, from 5:30 pm to 6:30 pm, is also planned where prospective parents can meet the Junior Room Team and learn more about our school.



2024 Skiing Program: Planning is underway for this event. As soon as the details and costings have been finalised, we will communicate this information to parents and carers.

Important Dates – Term 2, 2024

(Others will be added)

Monday 13th May	School Council Meeting 4pm
Tuesday May 14th	Lockdown Procedure
Wednesday 15th May	Smile Squad Visit
Monday 20th May	Line dancing
Thursday 23rd May	Biggest Morning tea
Friday 24th May	Tennis
Monday 27th May	Line Dancing
Wednesday 29th May	Lauriston Girls' School Music and Drama Session
Thursday 30th May	Marc Van
Friday 31st May	Tennis
Monday 3rd June	Line Dancing
Tuesday 4th + Wednesday 5th June	Lauriston Girls' School Music and Drama Sessions
Wednesday 5th + Thursday 6th June	JPS open day and afternoon
Friday 7th June	Curriculum Day- no students at school
Thursday 13th June	Science Incursion
Friday 14th June	Science Incursion
Wednesday 19th June	Concert with Lauriston Girl's School
Friday 21st June	Tennis
Friday 28th June	Tennis
Friday 28th June	Last day of school

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