

## Principal's Message

Dear Parents and Carers,

Our school year has begun very settled with our new students and staff relaxing into their roles. Students have been happily engaged in learning in their classrooms, in many of the alternative programs offered and making new friends. Thank you to all families for supporting your child to wear the correct school uniform. Please remember to label all clothing so that we know who, it belongs to, if it is lost.

Our senior secondary students have begun their off site activities. It is an exciting time particularly for our year 11 students who now visit differing work place settings three days a week. Our Applied Learning students complete a bridges Award that has them access the community for community work, social interaction and fitness. Our VCAL students take part in work in settings such as CERES Brunswick, Brunswick Industries, Mambourin and Water2All. All of these venues offer our students a range of work experiences that prepare them for their life after school. Kris Parsons is conducting Career Planning Meetings at the moment with our Year 12 families. Please make the time to attend these important individualised meetings as it is vital to your child's placement after graduation. Working together in partnership we can ensure that ever graduate from Jackson School has a successful post school placement.

At the other end of the school we have a 7 new preps that have begun their school life at Jackson School. Our two lower primary teachers Bronagh Clerkin and Jocelyn Meaney have shared that the students have all settled happily into their classroom and enjoying the differing programs particularly PMP.

We have a number of new students who have begun in our secondary classes this year. Whilst many have expressed that they have enjoyed the range of programs offered it has been disappointing that some of our students have experienced bullying. Bullying is not acceptable at Jackson School or any school. We work hard to develop a strong 'Bully Prevention Program'. Our students are taught, to STOP-WALK-TALK. Students are taught to put their hand up and tell the bully to STOP then WALK away and TALK to a teacher. All students will be listened to by a teacher and supported. Bullies are supported in their understanding that this behaviour is not OK. If your child is returning home after a day at school and is upset by a bullying experience please ring the school and speak to the class teacher.

SSG meetings were held on Wednesday for our Junior and Senior classes and Thursday for our Senior Secondary classes. We had a 75% participation from parents attending so thank you to all those people. It is very important that all parents communicated with teachers on their children's progress in the school. Teachers will be doing follow up phone calls for those parents who were unable to attend.

One of Senior Secondary students Shilpa Kumar has been selected to participate as the National Finalist for Miss Teen Galaxy Beauty Pageant to be held on the Gold Coast on 17<sup>th</sup> March, 2018. We wish Shilpa all our best wishes.

Please read Shilpa's Facebook page.

For more information you can also check the following website [www.australiagalaxypageants.com](http://www.australiagalaxypageants.com)  
And if you would like to donate to this very worthy cause the following website has all the information [www.gofundme.com/fundraiser-for-special-kids-program](http://www.gofundme.com/fundraiser-for-special-kids-program).

Kind Regards,

Joan



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## Important Dates

- 19/02/2018 -21/02/2018  
Blackwood Camp Day Trips
- 20/02/2018  
School Council Meeting – 6:30pm
- 27/02/2018  
Immunisations
- 06/03/2018  
Further Education & Employment Pathway Introduction - Parent Information Session
- 07/03/2018 – 9/03/2018  
Year 7/8 Daylesford Camp
- 07/03/2018  
ATSS & TTE Pathways - Parent Information Session
- 12/03/2018  
Labour Day – Public Holiday
- 20/03/2018
  - Fun Run
  - Careers Expo
  - School Council Meeting – 6:30
- 29/03/2018  
Last Day of Term 1 – 2:50 Dismissal

## Primary News

### 2/3A & 2/3B

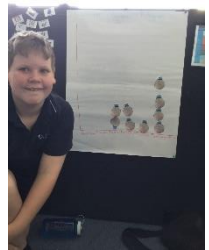
Students of 2/3 B, with the help of 2/3 A, have been busy making paper chains and leaves to create a big beautiful tree for the reading area. Throughout the term, students will continue to 'grow' the tree and add photos of themselves and other items of interest.

This term, students are focusing on their history and families for their inquiry unit. A make shift kitchen, lounge, bedroom and laundry have been created for students to explore family life through role play. Students are encouraged to continue creating items to add to the role play area as their knowledge grows



### 4-6B

Here in 4/6B we are in the full swing of the Winter Olympic Games in Pyeongchang, South Korea. We have been using our data collecting skills and made a 'Gold Medal Pictograph'. Billy has just updated our pictograph with Germany leading the way with 4 Gold medals, with USA and Canada tie for second with 2 gold medals each. Go the Aussies!



## Secondary News

### 9A

Year 9 have started the year with a bang! We are off to the "icons" of Melbourne, from Hosier lane to the State Library. The year 9s are following a map and finding these important places of Melbourne as part of their location studies.

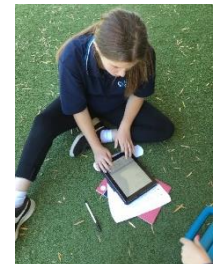
Pictured is Jacob and Anton enjoying the Triennial exhibition at the National Gallery of Victoria. We travelled on trains and trams taking in the sights of Melbourne as well as learning about travelling safely on public transport.

The students are also starting their enterprise programs this week and we wish them good luck with their businesses. Great start year 9!



### 10A

10A are working on information reports and using DeBonos white thinking hats to gather information



## Coles Sports for Schools

Coles Sports for Schools is back to help Aussie kids stay fit and healthy. For every \$10 you spend at Coles you will receive 1 Sports for Schools voucher for our school to use towards the purchase of sports equipment.

Start collecting vouchers NOW and bring these vouchers into the School Office

We'd love you to ask friends, family and neighbours if they will help out too.

Thank you. Happy shopping!

