

Principal's Message

Dear Parents and Carers,

In the last few weeks, students were encouraged to apply to be a student leader. Students from Primary and Secondary applied to join the Jackson Student Leaders team. Many of these students had innovative ideas of ways they could improve our school. All applicants have been successful in joining the leadership team. I would like to thank these students for their enthusiasm and commitment. One student Sanella gave an outstanding presentation. She said that she wrote her speech by herself, straight from her heart. Sanella is always a model student in the way she treats everyone and in her learning.



CONGRATULATIONS SANELLA ON BEING THE 2018 SCHOOL CAPTAIN.

Our last two weeks have been busy with many students heading to Blackwood Camp site for their annual day camp. The students and staff enjoyed the opportunity to be amongst gum trees and fresh air as they explored a range of activities. Many groups tried out the ropes courses, explored the local bush and tried archery and team building games. Tony and Abbey the Camp staff led the activities with enthusiasm. Camp Day is an important day for students to bond with their year level. Thank you to the many families who happily collected your son or daughter at 4.30pm. The staff appreciate your support and understanding.

Our Senior Secondary students have begun their term one programs. Both our Applied Learning students and our VCAL students spend two days a week at school and three days off site exploring work experiences and interacting with the community. The Applied Learning students have a program that offers experiences so that the students complete a Bridges Award. The VCAL students complete Outcomes Across two years to receive a VCAL certificate at Foundation level.

Kris Parsons our careers Leading Teacher has met with the parents of many year 12 students to explore the post School options available for our students after graduation. These Career Meetings are very important. Parents and Carers meet with the school to ensure that graduating students enrol in the right course or work placement for 2019. We are very proud of the success of our Post School Placements and know it is due to the partnership we share with families to give our students the best outcomes. If you have not yet met with Kris Parsons please contact the office so that a meeting can be arranged.

The first School Council meeting was held on Tuesday 20th February. During this meeting, School Council gave approval for Jackson School to go ahead with exploring building plans to replace the old bus bay. We are hoping to extend the existing staff room and add a multipurpose area to better cater for the variety of programs we offer students. School Councilors also supported us in continuing engagement programs such as Equine Therapy and exploring the use of a Therapy Dog. Three Council members have completed their two years on School Council so elections will take place before the end of March. School Councilors attend 8 meetings a year on the third Tuesday of each month and support me in the Governance of the School. All families will receive information about how to nominate for School Council. If you are interested, I encourage you to apply. If we have more nominations than vacancies, the school community will be invited to vote. School Councilors value their time on School Council and the opportunity to have a voice in the governance of the School. Please talk to one of the following councilors to ask about their experience. Craig Barnett, Jane Hauth, Steve Boyce, Nerida Auld, Sarah Jarmen, Caz Doehner, Bashir Ali, Faye Chiaplias.

Kind Regards,

Joan

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Important Dates

- **06/03/2018**
Further Education & Employment Pathway Introduction- Parent Information Session.
- **07 - 09/03/2018**
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 – 6:30pm
- **29/03/2018**
Last Day of Term 1 – 2:50pm dismissal

Primary News

On Monday the 19th of February, the lower primary students went on a Blackwood day camp.

The students enjoyed spending the day together, the fresh air and the fun activities.

The students also climbed the challenging low ropes, they showed enthusiasm, independence and they all did their very best!



46A have been reading Charlie and the Chocolate Factory this term. We have really been enjoying the story and learning about the characters and the setting as well as making our pretend sweets, and chocolate bars for our 'Candy store' role-play area. Our role-play area encourages us to interact with each other, take turns, use our imagination and have fun!



Secondary News

What an awesome day! The 7/8 classes went on an excursion to the train museum as part of their inquiry topic 'past and present'. Students travel trained to Footscray and then to Williamstown. Students enjoyed looking at the olden day diesel and steam trains. Everyone had a great day!



Student Absences

If your child is absent on any school day, it is a DET requirement for you to explain your child's absence.

Xuno sends a text message to our families when your child is marked as an unexplained absence or arrives late to school or departs school early.

If your child is going to be absent, please either call through to our student absence phone line on 03 9366 4322, selecting option one and leave a message with your child's details or log into Xuno and approve your child's absence or you can now reply to the SMS you receive from Xuno and provide a reason why your child is absent.

**IT'S NOT OK
TO BE AWAY**

State School Relief

STATE SCHOOL RELIEF

Dear Parents/Carers,

Jackson School, in partnership with State Schools' Relief works closely with all government schools across Victoria. Each year State Schools' Relief assists families who are experiencing financial disadvantage with school clothing and shoes.

Families who are eligible include, but not limited to:

- Serious financial difficulties.
- Out of home care.
- Health issues resulting in serious financial difficulties.
- Two or more children within Special school setting.
- House fires where school clothing is lost.
- Prep/year 7 on CSEF.

To enquire regarding eligibility please email Helen;

puljak.helen.h@edumail.vic.gov.au

Applications will be considered within Wellbeing and families notified.

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.



NDIS

Jackson School has developed a relationship with VALID to help support families with the new NDIS process this year. To attend the sessions attached you must directly register with VALID and not through Jackson School. Places are limited to 12 families per session. Places are filling fast. You will find all the information on Xuno.

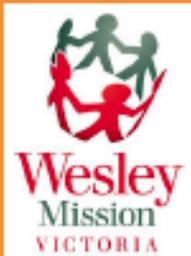
Email Maree on the details provided to register for this information. maree@valid.org.au

Post School Pathways Session 2

Further Education and Employment pathways

Guest speakers:

- Victoria Polytechnic,
- Wesley Employment
- Jobs West



Tuesday 6th March
Time: 6-7:30pm at Jackson School

Post School Pathways Session 3

High/Moderate post school support options



Guest speakers:

- Inclusion Melbourne
- YMCA
- Distinctive Options

Wednesday 7th March
Time: 6-7:30pm at Jackson School