

Principal's Message

Congratulations to former Jackson School graduate Ali Brierty who was recognised this week at Parliament House for her great work experience last year with Ms Natalie Suleyman MP.



Ali was part of a work experience opportunity aimed at bridging the gap between people with a disability and Members of Parliament. Students gain an opportunity to form professional relationships with community leaders and develop work readiness and employability skills through gaining real life work experience in an office environment. As a result of this great intuitive many future Jackson School students will have this same opportunity.



Ali is now studying at Victoria University and has already set up another opportunity with our local MP. Ali has also been invited to have her story told on a future TV episode. We all look forward to seeing Ali on the big screen soon.

SCHOOL COUNCIL NOMINATIONS. 3 PARENTS REQUIRED.

Jackson School has three parent members who have completed their two year commitment on School council. I would like to thank Steve Boyce, Jane Hauth and Craig Barnett for their contributions. Nominations are invited from all families to be part of School Council. I encourage all parents and Carers to consider nominating them self or someone else to serve on school council. School Council meets on the third Tuesday of every month and supports the School with achieving outcomes in School operations and engaging contracts. Please follow the instructions in the message sent home if you are interested.

BULLYING

Today is National Day Against Bullying and Violence. We are committed to working to make our school a bully-free setting where students feel safe. All students are encouraged to speak to an adult if they feel bullied.

Our PBIS program teaches students to **STOP-WALK-TALK** or **STOP-BREATHE-LEAVE** when they find them self in a bullying situation.

One of the most challenging areas for the school to manage is **Cyber Bullying**. This is where students use social media sites such as Facebook to bully each other. Staff often find that many students come to school distressed because of something someone else has written outside School ours. I encourage all parents and Carers to monitor your child's technology use when on social media. Please encourage your child to speak up if they are a victim of Bullying. One of the best ways to support your child is to encourage them to block a bully and report the bullying to police if it does not stop. Cyber bullying is a crime that is taken seriously.

Joan

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Important Dates

- **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

We have been working hard in 34A learning about different homes. We have illustrated and created our own story book learning about where animals live and read our book every morning to Rebecca and Julie. During maths we have been learning all about numbers by; counting out loud, writing, adding and ordering. We even tasted lots of different food and had to answer the question do we like it? Yes or no? Learning in 34A is lots of fun!



Secondary News



Blackwood Outdoor Education Centre.

What an awesome opportunity for our year 7/8 and 7/10A classes to have such a well-organised fun day out at Blackwood. Thank you to the Blackwood team and parents for letting our students have an opportunity to enjoy such a facility! Our students came back home with happy smiles after a day full of adventure.



Year 7/8 Camp to Daylesford

What an amazing camp! Year 7/8 went to Boomerang Horse Ranch, Daylesford. Students engaged in archery, horse riding, bush walks and visited the unique Mill market where they bought heaps of cool things. Food was yummy and everyone had a great time



Senior Secondary News

Jackson School and Western Health Volunteer Program

The Jackson School Action Team commenced in 2013 and Western Health Sunshine Hospital has been involved since the beginning.

Senior students at Jackson School have participated in the Western Health Sunshine Hospital volunteer program. The opportunity followed after a conversation with Jo Spence, Volunteer Manager at Western Health.

Jo Spence has been involved in the Jackson School Action Team since the beginning and has developed her knowledge around different community initiatives. Jo finds her involvement with the Action team extremely valuable as she can share this knowledge with her staff and volunteers. Furthermore, the local community connections like the Jackson School partnership have enhanced the community engagement program at Sunshine Hospital.

One of the many highlights of the partnership project is watching the students integrate into the volunteer roles at Sunshine Hospital. The staff and patients thoroughly enjoy having the students read and hand out newspapers and magazines to the patients in the ward. The students are seen as part of the family at Sunshine Hospital.

A key aspect to the successful partnership is both parties commitment to the Action Team model and the unique relationship between Sunshine Hospital and Jackson School. For Jo Spence, that is attending the Action group meetings once a term and for Jackson School to hold similar values to Western Health.

A Teacher's perspective of the Jackson School Action team is the successful relationships that have been developed with local organisations resulting in new learning experiences for the senior students. The highlight for Jackson school are the range of programs established with Sunshine Hospital including, volunteering, garden maintenance, OP shop retail work, library distribution, student performance, community celebrations and reading to patients.

One of the reasons why the community partnership with Sunshine Hospital has been successful is due to the fact that Jackson School have been open to new concepts and were willing to take risks and try new things. Additionally, Jackson School has been adaptive in allowing teachers to consistently be involved in the Action group team meetings.



Fun Run

VCAL is hosting a Fun Run at school on Tuesday the 20th of March on the school oval.

If your child is in Primary the event starts at 11:30am and finishes at 12:15pm. If your child is in Secondary the event starts at 12:20pm and finishes at 1:20pm.

Money raised through sponsorship will be donated to the Sunshine Hospital. Parents are very welcome to attend this event. If you can attend please let your child's class teacher know.

To win amazing prizes, please go to schoolfunrun.com.au and register. If students are bringing cash to school please make sure it is clearly named.

On Tuesday students can dress in their favourite sporty clothes.

We look forward to a great Fun Run, from the VCAL Team.



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.



Easter Raffle

We are now collecting donations for our Easter Raffle. Chocolate goodies and Easter prizes can be left at the front office.

Tickets will be sent home soon.

Thank you.

Autism Networks and Community Supports

Keilor Downs- Autism Angels Inc

Phone 0404 522 226 or email: info@autismangels.org.au www.autismangels.org.au PO BOX 4086, Keilor Downs VIC 3038 Support group for parents and carers of children with autism. Meetings: at Sydenham Community Hub, Level 1, Station St, Watergardens Town Centre.

Melbourne West

Melbourne's West ASD Network

Contact Jody Mehlhopt on 0421 186 629 ms_asd_network@outlook.com

Multiple Locations

MyTime Support Groups Phone: 1800 889 997 <http://www.mytime.net.au> www.raisingchildren.net.au

Groups for mothers, fathers and carers of children with a disability, developmental delay or chronic medical condition. Share ideas with others who understand the rewards and intensity of the caring role.

St Albans

Diversity and Disability Phone: (03) 9367 6044 Email: christian@mrcnorthwest.org.au or dnd@mrcnorthwest.org.au 45 Main Road West, St Albans VIC 3021 www.mrcnorthwest.org.au *

Not autism specific Self-advocacy for people with a disability from NESB. Support groups, activities, and skills development toward independency as much as possible. One on one support and empowerment.

Caroline Springs iCare Special Needs Group Inc.

Pepsi: 0434 140 620 iCare: 0499 429 969 Email: info@icaregroup.com.au

Springside Community Pavillion 22-50 Becca Way, Caroline Springs, 3023 www.icaregroup.com.au

*Not autism specific iCare Special Needs Group Inc. is a parent/child support group that allows parents/carers to share emotional and practical support and exchange information. This is an inclusive group - carers welcome to come along regardless of the disability of the person they are caring for. iCare also offer a disability resource loan scheme [toys, books & multimedia] for registered members, social activities, educational and up-skilling workshops and guest speakers from peak disability service providers. Meets: Fridays 10am – 12pm at Springside Community Pavilion, to discuss disability issues.

Busy Feet

Busy Feet Melton is looking for an experienced dance teacher for the 2018 year.

We're looking for someone with an interest in giving kids with disabilities the opportunity of dance.

We're looking for someone who is happy to volunteer one hour per week on Saturdays at Hillside from 11:00am during school terms.

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