

Dear Parents/Carers,

Last week was Literacy and Numeracy week. The theme for this year was SPACE linked to our annual them of Me and Our World and our Integrated Learning this term in Science. It was one of the best Literacy and Numeracy weeks that we have ever had! Students were engaged in lots of different exciting activities throughout the week including: 3D printing, modelling and competitions. Thank you to all of the students who dressed up on Friday too. The best costumes were the ones you made yourselves.

This week is eSMART week where we focus on being Cyber Safe, Respectful Online and Digitally Responsible. Students received workshops from the Alannah & Madeline Foundation. We have been teaching our students to STOP - BLOCK – REPORT. This means that we 'block' people we don't know or who are not respectful online and to report offensive or inappropriate content online to the eSafety Commissioner: <https://www.esafety.gov.au/complaints-and-reporting/offensive-and-illegal-content-complaints>. Please make sure you are aware of what your children are accessing online and ensure that the apps and games they use are appropriate for their age, as most are for 13 years and over. Health experts advise that children between the ages of 2-5 should limit screen time to less than 1 hour per day and for students under the age of 17 less than 2 hours per day. For more information about how to support your children to be safe online please visit: <https://www.esafety.gov.au/parents> for videos, guides and to report issues online.

Last Friday our Prep-Year 2 students had a late night at school until 6pm and our Year 3/4 students had a sleepover in the school hall. This is to get our students ready for when they get to go on two-night camps away from school. All of the students who came thoroughly enjoyed the evening/night and were very brave to stay away from their parents/carers. I hope that many of our parents/carers were able to enjoy a night to themselves. Thank you to all the staff who took part and stayed with us.

This term our Year 9 students have been planning their Enterprise Business Projects which will run in Term 4. Students presented to the audience their business pitch for their \$200 loan from the school. The projects this semester include: Pet Products (Toys and Treats), Munch Palace (Café), and Inspire Natural DIY (Lip Balms, Essential Oils and Soaps). Well done to our Year 9 students who presented their business plans very confidently. I have no doubt these enterprises will set you for the World of Work. The "Shark Tank" panel agreed to all three business proposals. Congratulations!

Last week our VCAL students planned an excursion to Echuca as part of their program. They got to go on Paddle Steamers and the Holden Museum. Despite the long journey there and back, everyone had a great day!

Over the next two weeks our teachers will be released for a day each to plan engaging education programs together ready for Term 4. Learning will not be disrupted. Monday 16th September will be a Pupil Free Curriculum Day. Staff will receive our final Berry Street Education training.

We are sorry that due to forecasted bad weather today we have had to cancel Sports Day. We will inform parents/carers of an alternative date when this has been arranged.

Anthony

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Important Dates

- **Sport Day:**
Friday 6th
September,
2019 Canceled
- **Pupil Free Day:**
Monday 16th
September,
2019
- **Last Day of Term:**
Friday 20th
September, 2019
- FOOTY DAY
COLOURS

Primary News

LOWER PRIMARY

In 1/2 B we have been learning to make letters in a variety of hands on activities. Students have enjoyed making letters out of wooden pieces, play dough and lots of different writing materials. We have learnt to always start from the left hand side and start at the smiley face.

😊 Well Done 1/2 B!



UPPER PRIMARY

3/4A

All classes have created a space displays for our classroom doors for literacy and numeracy week. 3/4A have enjoyed being creative and have made two displays for our doors. We had a lot of fun thinking about it and making it. We made aliens, space ships, stars and planets. Every class put in a lot of effort and should be very proud of what they made.



Secondary News

The hospitality cart has been run by 10c this term. We have worked hard to deliver our delicious Mexican salad and coffee to Jackson staff and a range of yummy snacks to students. Following the classroom roster we have worked hard as a team in various different roles such as stock management, taking and filling salad orders, exchanging money, making coffee, serving customers and using our travel training skills to access the community to purchase groceries.

All students have loved cooking, using the coffee machine and interacting with staff and students.



Senior Secondary News

This year Jackson School has continued its wonderful partnership with Western Health. Students from SSF have been given the responsibility to look after a number of gardens at Sunshine Hospital including the Geriatric Evaluation & Management (GEM) and Palliative Care gardens. These gardens provide peaceful and contemplative spaces for patients and their families as they navigate a most difficult time in their lives. Our students have shown great sensitivity and maturity in carrying out their role.

Operating as a work experience program, students have performed a number of gardening, cleaning and maintenance tasks in order to keep these beautiful gardens in tip-top shape.

Students are learning how to work in a safe fashion while using a variety of tools and equipment. It has been wonderful to witness the dedication, teamwork and growing independence of our class.



It's Not OK to be Away

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.

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What's happening at Jackson

We celebrated Numeracy and Literacy week last week and the students had a fantastic time. Each class decorated their doors and many students made 3D models or stop motion videos. Students learnt how to draw a swimming dog from a published illustrator and designed aliens and planets. We finished the week with so many students dressing up as their favourite book characters. Thank you to our community for supporting this engaging week. A special thank you to our parents and carers who ran the Father's Day stall.



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