From the Principal’s Desk

Dear Parents/Carers,

Student Numbers – ceilings
The school has applied to the regional office for a ceiling for Jacana and Lalor Campuses for 2013. After many years of growth next year there will be space for only two more classes at Jacana and then we will be full! It will be wonderful for the Jacana community to consolidate after so many years of increasing enrolments. Lalor Campus commenced with 4 classes and thanks to the cooperation of the classroom teams we have extended to 6 classes to maximise provision. Student transfers from Preston to Lalor will be on a case by case basis as students’ exit but there is no room at the moment for any more class-groups. With Preston’s transfer to Reservoir there will be room for enrolment to grow into the future at the Reservoir site. The reality is that the school can’t expand infinitely and there are limits to the physical space available including playground space, specialist space and car parking etc. Thanks to School Council for your support and advocacy on this matter.

Text reminder system
On Thursday a text reminder about the last day of term early day was sent to all parents/carers – if you did not receive the text can you please contact your child’s campus and update your mobile phone details. We will be using the text messaging system extensively in the future. Thank you.

Reservoir Campus
The expected completion date is the end of Term 1, 2013. We were hoping for the building to be completed by the beginning of Term 1, but the ground works are going to take longer than anticipated. The working party is meeting fortnightly and has established an action plan. It is all systems go with new playgrounds now ordered.

Jacana Campus
• The formal opening of the refurbishment will take place in Term 3 – thank you Corinne for coordinating this event, to Jade for the invitations and Catherine and the choir for agreeing to perform.
• VCAL Kitchen – plans have been drawn up and the old kitchen has been demolished. Works will commence in the holiday break.
• Car Park – work has commenced and will hopefully be complete by the beginning of Term 3.
• Kitchen Garden – Rosalie Scolari (teacher) is establishing a curriculum initiatives kitchen garden for the LY students. Rosalie has applied for several grants from various organisations. Thanks Rosalie.
• Student Toilets – Corinne Pupillo is coordinating the refurbishment of the toilet block over the break.
• Fencing – additional fencing is being installed to improve security and create a new staff access point between the admin’ block and car park. This will also reduce staff traffic down the Early Years corridor.
Lalor Campus - Capital Works

- Roof Repairs - work has commenced on a $20,000 roof refurbishment.
- Room 12 Relocation - plans have been drawn up. Katherine Davies is overseeing the project. This project will free up the multi-purpose room for PE during the wet winter months ahead.
- Heating - there are 99 windows which are louvered high in the walls near the roof. The windows are causing drafts and interfering with the functioning of the heating. We are investigating window seals.
- Outdoor Recreation - the fitness centre will be installed in the holiday break. This will provide a wonderful activity centre for the Lalor students.
- Kitchen Garden/Outdoor Sheds for bikes and gardening program - Katherine Davies is overseeing these curriculum initiative projects. Thanks Katherine for creating new links and obtaining additional funding for the projects.

VQRA Audit
The school is preparing for an audit by the Victorian Qualification Authority. This will take place in August. The audit is the post- secondary school registration visit to ensure we are delivering moderated post-compulsory educational programs. There is quite a bit of documentation to develop.

Special Luncthes
Thank you to the parents at Preston and Lalor for organising pizza for the whole community yesterday – thanks to Cilla and Jan for your support too. Everyone enjoyed the yummy lunch!

OHS Audit
A HUGE thank you to Denise Clarke for preparing the whole school for an OHS audit by Noel Arnold and Associates on behalf of the Department. Thank you to Jan and Lyndall for all your help and hard work at Preston and Lalor. The three of you have worked diligently to create a safe environment for the whole community. Thanks to volunteer Mark who has expertise in OHS for assisting. Thanks to all staff for identifying and correcting unsafe practices – safety is everyone’s responsibility. I am sure each campus will receive an excellent report.

Re-designed Website
Stay tuned for the launch of the re-designed website in early Term 3. Thank you to Cilla for your work on this project which included the development of a prospectus and other stationery for the school.

New Reports
When parents/carers receive your child’s reports in Term 3 you will notice some big changes to the content and presentation. Thank you to all the teachers for so positively adopting the new ‘Acclerus’ program and to Toan, Sue and Pamela for your commitment to this massive project. The whole community appreciates the long hours you have worked to re-develop the pre-VELS learning outcomes, design and refine the reporting system to provide succinct and meaningful information to parents/carers on their child’s progress at school.

HAPPY HOLIDAYS
From the leadership team and school council, thanks to each and every staff member for your hard work this term. Happy holidays to all the staff as well as the wonderful children and families. May you all return safely in Term 3. Enjoy snuggling up and having a good rest this winter break.

Anna Rigoni
Principal
Jacana News

Connecting Hume PC Awards
Congratulations to Ido Mamudovski for being awarded with a new PC and internet connection at the recent Hume City Council Awards. A great achievement Ido!

Staffing update
Mel Winch and Megan Kennedy will commence maternity leave and Peter Drenen and Karen Kanwal will be employed until the end of the year. We wish Mel and her husband Cliff Tuffnell best wishes on the arrival of their second child. We also wish Megan all the best for her first baby. We also farewell Helen Li from room 8. Next term we welcome Michelle Hughes and Tracey Bonson to the Jacana campus next and Jess Okines is returning from maternity leave.

Term 3 – Literacy & Numeracy Week Monday 3rd – Friday 7th September
To celebrate Literacy & Numeracy week we will be holding a Book Fair. This was extremely successful last year and a great fundraising activity for all the students. It was a fabulous opportunity to browse the stall and for students to select books of interest.

Front Entrance Works
Thank you to our families and visitors for your patience and co-operation this week while the contractors undertake the front entrance upgrade. It is anticipated that the entrance will be complete for the commencement of term 3.

Works have commenced on the new front entrance
Fundraising News
The special lunch order day was a big success. Thank you to the fundraising committee for organising the special pies/pasties/ sausage roll and drink lunch package. We raised $354.10. Lisa Sette, Teresa Beasy, Marisa Griffiths, Rosa Figliola, Jasmine Sheta and Anne Graham assisted the committee on the day. We really appreciate your support.
Father’s Day Stall will be set up from Monday August 20th – Thursday 23rd August for students to purchase their dad, step dad, grandfather, uncle a special gift.

The Shopping Tour is back by popular demand! Please mark this date in your diary – Sunday 28th October

Thank-You
A very big thank-you to Nat Patane Elite Building & Maintenance for donating the carpentry services for the development of New Healthy Living Kitchen

Hand, Foot and Mouth Disease
There has been another confirmed case of hand, foot and mouth disease reported at Jacana campus. This presents with a person having a fever for a few days and a sore throat. The person will then have a rash on their hands, feet, inside the mouth or on the face. This rash will turn into blisters. Children need to be excluded from school until all blisters have dried.

School holidays
The staff would like to wish all our families a very safe and happy break. We thank you for your ongoing support and look forward to seeing you all back on the 16th July.

Corinne Pupillo
Campus Principal
Early Years A

We were visited by some very cute farm animals last week. The children got to feed sheep and goats, hold rabbits, guinea pigs and baby chickens as well as brush the calf. The children enjoyed it and were able to experience patting and feeding a variety of animals.
Early Years B
Room 5 students feeding and playing with the animals that came to visit school.
During this term we have made face biscuits and chocolate balls. These activities have given us the opportunity to practise making requests and to predict what comes next in the process.

We enjoy eating the food we make!!

We also have a new ES in the room. Her name is Kellie.
Later Years Sub school – Basketball Clinic
On Monday 18\textsuperscript{th} June, Basketball Victoria came to NSA and held a basketball clinic for the Later Years students.

We were very lucky with the weather and the rain held off for the duration of the clinic.

There was lots of dribbling, bouncing, shooting and throwing on the court.

Tim from Basketball Victoria got the students to do lots of drills and focused on ball skills. Then there was the game, students were rotated in the two teams, so that everyone got a turn of playing a game.

The students really enjoyed the clinic and got a great workout on a cold day.

Thankyou Basketball Victoria who come to our school very year and deliver a clinic for free!
Northern ASD Network

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Auditory Processing and the young child with Autism Spectrum Disorder

Lesley Tan is a Clinical Paediatric Audiologist who has worked with children with hearing and communication problems at the Royal Children's Hospital for many years. Lesley now has a clinic called Listening Works, which specialises in children who have problems with learning, language and/or behaviour.

Lesley will talk about Auditory Processing problems in young children with Autism Spectrum Disorder and discuss strategies to assist. Auditory Processing booklets will be available for purchase on the night.

This training is suitable for Parents and staff working in PreSchool, Child Care, Family Day Care, Occasional Care, Early Childhood Intervention and Maternal & Child Health.

Venue: Fountain View Room
City of Whittlesea Council Offices
25 Ferres Boulevard, South Morang
Melways Ref: 183 A10

Date: Monday August 6th 2012
Time: 7.00pm to 9.00pm
Cost: $20 per person
Bookings: Jenny Orso (Mon- Thurs 8.30am - 3.30pm during school terms)
Ph: 9435 8311

Cheques payable to: 'Kalparrin N-ASD Network'
Direct Debit available ABN: 61 827 714 605
Invoice/Receipt available upon request.
Middle Years Special News Flash!

Congratulations to

Ido Mamudovski

from Room 16

On Wednesday the 27th June at 6pm, Ido won an award at the ‘Connecting Hume PC Awards’.

Each year, students who show a keen interest and passion for learning are awarded a personal lap top and 12 months of internet access. 45 students from across the region were awarded this year, and 230 parents, carers, teachers and friends came to celebrate with them.

Ido celebrated the event with his Mum and Dad and brother Sunny, along with his teacher Tash, and the Middle Years Sub School Leader Elizabeth.

Congratulations Ido, we are all very proud of you!
Autism Spectrum Australia (Aspect)  
Positive Behaviour Support Workshop

A free, autism specific positive behaviour workshop for parents  
24th 25th & 26th July 9.30 am – 2.30pm
Glenroy Sports Club, Sewell Reserve, Glenroy Road, Glenroy 3046

Aspect Victoria is pleased to offer our highly successful three day autism specific Aspect Positive Behaviour Support workshop for parents of children and young people aged 6 and 25 years with an autism spectrum disorder in the northern suburbs of Melbourne.

Based on Aspect’s direct experience working with families, this workshop teaches parents how to use contemporary, evidence-based, autism specific positive behaviour support strategies at home with their children.

Aspect Positive Behaviour Support workshops have proven effectiveness

Since 2005, 1200 families have participated in Aspect Positive Behaviour Support workshops. An independent evaluation of the workshop program showed “evidence of an extremely significant decrease in challenging behaviours … and evidence of an extremely significant increase in parental self-efficacy following the 3-day workshop and again at the 4-6 week follow-up.”

Families participating in this workshop will:
- Develop best practice understanding of autism and how an autism spectrum disorder can contribute to challenging behaviours.
- Learn how to create an autism friendly environment at home.
- Learn how to write an autism specific behaviour support plan for one of their child’s behaviours.
- Learn how to write a crisis plan and respond confidently when challenging behaviour occurs.
- Learn how to teach new skills to promote their child’s communication, emotional regulation or independence.

What participants say about Aspect Positive Behaviour Support workshops:
“Fantastic presentation. Very interactive & affirming & capacity building. Ideas not just discussed but taught how to follow through on.”

“Best information session on Autism I have been to, so much clarity about getting to the core behaviour, unpeeling onion, enjoyed all visuals. Thank you so much.”

“I have attended many workshops & seminars with my daughter to try & find answers to what we needed to know. This workshop has been the most informative ever.”

To be eligible for this workshop you must be the parent or carer of a child or young person aged between 6 and 25 years with a diagnosed autism spectrum disorder and you must live in the local government areas of Nilumbik, Banyule, Darebin, Hume, Moreland, Yarra or Whittlesea. Service providers working with participating families are encouraged to attend.

When  
Three day workshop is on 24, 25 and 26 July 2012

Where  
Glenroy Sports Club, Sewell Reserve, Glenroy Road, Glenroy 3046

Time  
9.30am to 2.30pm each day

Cost  
FREE

Register  
Online at www.autismspectrum.org.au

Contact  
Beth Sutcliffe at Aspect Victoria:  
Phone: 03 9377 6600 or email bsutcliffe@autismspectrum.org.au

Autism Spectrum Australia (Aspect) is Australia’s largest not for profit autism specific service provider. Established in 1966, Aspect provides a wide range of services and support. In 2010 Aspect commenced operation in Victoria.

Aspect has been funded by the Department of Human Services to provide a range of positive behaviour support programs across Victoria.
Thank you to all the families and staff who have been bringing in their Woolworths stickers.

Keep up the great work.

**Current tally** is over 9330 stickers.

For all those who shop at Coles - the ‘Sports for Schools’ is now also open.

From June 13\(^{th}\) to August 14\(^{th}\) 1 voucher will be given out for every $10 spent.

Over the past 2 years we have be very fortunate in the physical education equipment we have been able to purchase from this program. A big **thank you** to all the families, friends and staff that have supported the program over the past few years.

Many students are benefitting from this equipment and are in practice for a special “Olympics”day to be held next term – (stay tuned for further information)