FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Parents, Carers and friends of the school community,

School Council News:

Proposed new Secondary School Uniform

Thank you to the families that have responded to the brief survey in regard to the Student Council proposal of a new secondary school uniform. 78 families responded to the survey we distributed. 57 families responded for the new secondary uniform (black with red trim) and 21 families expressed they would like to remain with the current blue and red uniform. After a great deal of discussion, school council agreed to move towards the new secondary uniform and support the student council request. Families will be given 12 months to gradually introduce the new colours across the secondary area of the school in 2014 where it will be phased in over the school year. Orders will be taken prior to the end of the school year for any families wishing to purchase the new JSA tops. If you do not wish to purchase the JSA top with school logo you can purchase a red or black top from Best & Less, Kmart or Target. All other items can be purchased at these department stores as well.

Policy Development & Review

In line with our regular cycle of policy review, school council endorsed a number of policies at the September meeting. If you would like to be sent copies of any of the JSA school policies please contact Carlee at reception and she can forward you a copy.

Policies that were endorsed by school council at the September meeting included:

- Bus, Drug & Alcohol Policy
- Emergency Management Plan
- Duty of Care Policy
- External Providers Policy
- Student Health Policies
- First Aid Policies, including:
  - Anaphylaxis Policy
  - Asthma Policy
  - Medication Policy
- Student Medical Care Policy
- Distribution of Medicine Policy
- On Site Supervision Policy
- Safe use of Technology
- Esmart and the Internet Policy
- Safe Workplace Policy
- Smoke Free/Acohol Free-School Policy
- Facebook Policy (new)

JSA Facebook Page

JSA now has a Facebook page that is administered by the admin and leadership team. Please like us on Facebook to keep updated on all the news and events.

https://www.facebook.com/JacanaSchoolForAutism

Please see attached the new Facebook Policy for implementation and guidelines.

End of Term - early finish

Friday 20th September is the last day of the school term. Students will arrive home 1 hour earlier on this day. We are now experiencing some lovely spring days and I hope winter is well and truly behind us. Please take the opportunity to have some rest and relaxation with family and friends over the break.

School resumes on Monday 7th October.

Lucky Student Number

JSA was donated 80 Hoyts tickets by Retina Australia. The Leadership Team randomly selected 20 families to receive 4 movies passes. The lucky students are:

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2013 TERM DATES:

- Term 1: 31 January—28 March
- Term 2: 15 April—28 June
- Term 3: 15 July—20 September
- Term 4: 7 October—20 December
Early Years A
Ayden Duncan - Room 7
Alex McGrace - Room 8
Joseph El-Hassan - Room 8
Giovanni Pisano - Room 9
Toby Amlale - Room 11
Summer Hughes - Room 12

Early Years B
Damien Ahmed - Room 1
Santerro Mummadivski - Room 2
Firas Neshabe - Room 3
Stefani Zivkovic - Room 5
Dylan Drummond - Room 5
Emma Basham - Room 6

Middle Years
Zane Shennan - Room 13
Jordan Schembri - Room 15
Khaled El-Al - Room 14
Kelly Graham - Room 17
Jean-Pierre Sartore - Room 19

Later Years
William Ward-Boas - Room 18
Adam Tsgeridis - Room 20
Jordan Downes - Room 21
Nathan Prigg - Room 22
Stone Taufale - Room 24

Thank you to Retina Australia for the kind donation. I hope families enjoy the opportunity to visit the movies over the holiday period.

Annual Concert
JSA concert is always a very well attended community event and this year was no exception. There was a fabulous turn out to all sub school concerts where all our students had the opportunity to perform in front of their proud family members. Laura Soall, our concert co-ordinator has done a great job to make sure everything ran smoothly behind the scenes on both days.

Nationally Consistent Data Collection on School Students with Disability
JSA is one of 20% of schools selected to participate in the 2013 Nationally Consistent Data Collection on School Students with Disability. This national Data Collection is taking place in schools across Australia and will provide information about the number of students with disability in schools, where they are located and the adjustments they receive. The information provided by this new data collection will enable all Australian governments to better target support and resources. This will assist students with disability in government and non-government schools across Australia to complete school and go on to further education or find employment. All students at JSA are eligible to be included in the Data Collection, please remember to complete the Privacy Information and Consent Form. Inclusion in the Data Collection is voluntary. If you wish your child to be included in the Data Collection, you can complete the Privacy Information and Consent Form and return to the school.

For further information about the Data Collection, please contact the Principal or visit Department of Education and Early Childhood Development website


Fundraising Committee News
Federal Election BBQ – Saturday 7th September
Thank you to the following families for your assistance at the Federal Election BBQ.
Lisa Sette, Steve Shennan, Jade Grimaldi, Jenelle Braden, Danni Smith, Sefect Bajrami, Marissa Griffiths, Nhung Trinh, Edward Stoinski, Kristy West, Maria Darby and Anne Graham

Whilst we had lots of support and it was a lovely spring day it was unfortunate that the BBQ wasn’t as profitable as we had anticipated.

Reports of 1,500 people attending the polling booth at JSA were incorrect and staff reported "dribbles and drabs" of voters coming through the gates.

The fundraising committee collected $610, which is much lower than we had hoped.

Volunteers were in good spirits and the new outdoor shelter was a very big bonus. A special thank you to the leadership team: Jenny Bishop, Denise Clarke, Kristie Giannakis, Sue Johnston, Annette McKee, Deb Munt and Kym Tonkin for being on site throughout the day to support the fundraising committee.

On behalf of the fundraising committee thanks again for your support, we really appreciated the team effort and willingness to support the school.
Calendar of events

Shopping Tour – Sunday, 13th October – Fully Booked!
Waiting list applies

Next Meeting – Thursday 24th October 10.30 – 11.30 – new members welcome

Family Support Meeting
Aspect Workshop is now on the JSA website and open for registrations.

JSA Therapy Team Presentation 24th October – 9.15am (TBC)
Association for Children with a Disability—21st November – 9.15am
Grounds works

In the next school holidays, Australian Sporting Surfaces will be working on the redevelopment of the Early Years courtyard. The school is investing $100,000 towards developing new synthetic recreational space for the students in the early years.

Students will have a more practical and safe area to play at the commencement of term 4.

Early Years courtyard before the redevelopment

Corinne Pupillo
Acting Principal

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www.jacanaschoolforautism.vic.edu.au

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Early Years A

Concert
Thank you to the wonderful staff and students for their great performance at the concert. Thank you to the parents for your support.
Concert.

Well done everyone.
Middle Year
Room 14

Staffs: Nelly, Lyn and Kim

Students: Bianca, Christian, Miko, Khaled, Han, John, Ryan and Zahraa

Beginning of Term 1 has been very busy and exciting!

All students are participating in many different programs which have created fantastic learning experiences for each student.
Later Years / ADVANCE Program 2013

Rooms 21 and 22 on the Air at SYN FM

Listen to 90.7FM on Monday 16th September, at 12 noon to hear them!
Talking About Childhood Asthma Live From The Airways

If you have questions about your child’s asthma, you are not alone.

Sunday 27th October 2013
4pm - 6pm

Light refreshments will be served

Ella Latham Auditorium, Main Building, Royal Children’s Hospital

Meet our Royal Children’s Hospital panellists

A/Prof Sarath Ranganathan
Director of Respiratory Medicine

Prof Colin Robertson
Chief of Medicine

Dr Jo Harrison
Respiratory Physician

REGISTER NOW FOR THIS FREE EVENT BY 20TH OCTOBER

Can’t make it in person? Register to watch LIVE online in our first ever asthma webcast

For more information visit: www.asthma.org.au or call (03) 9326 7088
Special Needs Access Program for Families

**Siblings in Sync** is a unique and innovative school holiday program for children with disabilities and their siblings.

It aims to:
- Foster relationships between siblings
- Provide positive shared experiences
- Give children the opportunity to express themselves
- Communicate with their sibling through creative music-making

The session is run by two Registered Music Therapists and will be tailored to suit the individual needs of participants within a small group.

Participants will have the opportunity to:
- Create music together
- Use music technology (including The Special Access Kit)

A music therapist will be in contact with you prior to your session commencing to obtain relevant information in order to plan for individual needs.

All participants must be accompanied by an adult for the duration of the sessions.

**Venue:** Arts Centre Melbourne, Digital Learning Hub

**Times:** 11am

**Dates:** Thursday 3 October

**Duration:** 60 mins

**Cost:** $25 per family

**Bookings:** For more information or to book, phone (03) 9281 8194, or email snap@artscentremelbourne.com.au.

Thank you to the generous donors who support our programs:
- Anonymous
- Miss Betty Amsden OAM
- Mrs Barbara Raynes
- The Pratt Foundation

Music Therapy is the planned and creative use of music to attain and maintain health and wellbeing. It may address physical, psychological, emotional, cognitive and social needs of individuals within a therapeutic relationship. Music Therapy is a registered allied health profession.

Special Needs Access Program - Early Intervention

Making music is a great way to bring people together and develop new skills in a fun and interesting way. This program brings children with special needs together with their families to create and share music.

Heard over six 45 minute sessions in small groups, the program is run by two Registered Music Therapists and is tailored to suit the individual needs of the children.

Goals of the program include:

- Positive interaction between family members
- Shared music making
- Developing communication skills
- Developing social skills

Participants will have the opportunity to:

- Create music together
- Use music technology (including The Special Access Kit™)
- Learn strategies for using music in other settings

Venue: Arts Centre Melbourne, Digital Learning Hub
Times: 10.15am or 11.30am on Thursdays
Dates: Six weeks: 10 October - 14 November
Duration: 45 mins per session
Cost: $100 (in total, for 6 sessions)

Bookings:
To register or for more information phone (03) 9281 8194, or email snap@artscentremelbourne.com.au

A Music Therapist will be in contact with you prior to sessions commencing to obtain relevant information in order to plan for individual needs.

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Jets Arts Respite

Term 3 School Holidays:

Come and be immersed in the rhythms of Africa!

Learn how to drum and dance with our guest Artist Simon from Melbourne Djembe!

Program also includes an exciting excursion and drama games.

**Venue:** Watermarc, Flinton St, Greensborough

**Dates:** Tuesday 24th September, Thursday 26th September, Tuesday 1st October, Thursday 3rd October

**Times:** 10-2pm  
For: 13-17 year olds with a disability.

**Bookings essential call Jets now!**

Ph: 94677152  
e: jets@banyule.vic.gov.au

www.banyuleyouth.com/aaa

**Jets values:**

Jets focus is to provide a safe place for young people of all backgrounds, abilities and orientations to support in building their personal and technical skills, encourage self expression through creative processes and promote social connectedness.
Are you new to autism?

Do you have a child with autism in your classroom?

Northern School for Autism

Presents:

*Two professional development activities for teachers and educational support staff who would like more knowledge and understanding of autism and its impact upon students in the classroom.*

What is Autism?
Why is it important to use visual aids to support learning?
Thursday 17th October 2013
What teachers need to consider when teaching students on the Autism Spectrum.
Thursday 31st October 2013

Venue:
Northern School for Autism
Reservoir Campus
16-18 Gertz Ave
Reservoir

Time: 4:15pm – 5:30pm

Presented By: Pamela Mathieson, Reservoir Campus Principal and Assimina Simmons, Student Advocate.

Cost $20.00 (inc’ GST) per session includes; hand out notes, examples of visual supports, afternoon tea and a certificate of participation.

Additional Information
Please contact Pamela on 9462 5990 or email mathieson.pamela.p@edumail.vic.gov.au

Reservoir Campus
16-18 Gertz Ave
Reservoir
Phone: 03 9462 5990
Fax: 03 94608158

Lalor Campus
2-4 Lyndon St
Lalor
Phone: 03 94643480
Fax: 03 94644713

northern.sch.autism@edumail.vic.gov.au
Registration Form

Please fax to 9460 8058
Northern School for Autism, Reservoir Campus
Attention - Pamela Mathieson

Name: __________________________

School: _________________________

Address: _________________________

Phone: ___________________________

Please tick professional development session(s) attending

17/10/13  [ ] Why is it important to use visual aides to support learning?

31/10/13  [ ] What teachers need to consider when teaching students on the Autism Spectrum.

Total Cost ($20.00 per session, inc’ GST) $_______________

*Invoices available upon request – please email Bichler.diane.d@edumail.vic.gov.au or ring 9462 5990 to request one.

Payment via direct debit
NSA’s Bank Details
BSB: 063234
Account: 10463987
Ref: Please enter your full name and school initials

*No Refunds available
# Autism Spectrum Disorders

**Exploring Autism Spectrum Disorders and the impact on a young child.**

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<td>Information sessions to be presented on Monday evenings, over four weeks.</td>
<td><strong>Week One - 17th Oct</strong>&lt;br&gt;Behaviours&lt;br&gt;Addressing a child's behaviour difficulties</td>
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<td>Commencing Thursday 17th October 2013</td>
<td><strong>Week Two - 24th Oct</strong>&lt;br&gt;Communication&lt;br&gt;Using visual strategies to enhance communication.</td>
<td>Jenny Orso at Kalparrin Monday - Thursday during school terms 8.30am - 3.30pm on Ph: 9435 8311</td>
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<td>6:30pm - 8:30pm (coffee / tea available from 6:15pm)</td>
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<td><strong>Week Four - 7th Nov</strong>&lt;br&gt;Resources&lt;br&gt;Making a variety of resources for use at home or early childhood settings</td>
<td>$120 for 4 sessions. Parent donation Cheques payable to 'Kalparrin N-ASD Network' Direct Debit available ABN: 61 827 714 605 Invoice/Receipt available upon request. Note: Payment must be received with booking, and refunds will not be provided for cancellations.</td>
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Positive Behaviour Support Workshop

For Parents and Carers of Children and Young Adults with Autism Spectrum Disorder

Aspect Victoria is pleased to offer our highly successful, contemporary, evidence-based three (3) day Autism specific Positive Behaviour Support Workshop in the Northern Region of Victoria.

More than 1200 families have participated in Aspect's Positive Behaviour Support workshops. Post workshop evaluations showed an effectiveness of the workshops, with participants reporting decreases in challenging behaviours and increases in confidence and capacity to support their children and young adults.

When: 30th, 31st October & 1st November 2013
Where: Jacana School for Autism
        19 - 39 Landy Road, Jacana, VIC 3047
Time: 9:30am-2:30pm (9:15am for Registration)
Cost: FREE (Morning tea provided ~ participants to bring own lunch)

Registration: Register online at www.autismspectrum.org.au
               Nb: Access registration page through 'Workshop' tab; then search for 'Jacana'

Eligibility to participate in this Workshop:
- Parents or carers of children and young adults aged between 6 and 25 years, diagnosed with an Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD)
- The individual with ASD must be living at home
- Participating families are encouraged to invite professionals or service providers working with them to attend the workshop

Families participating in this workshop will:
- Develop an understanding of autism and how an ASD impacts upon learning and behaviour
- Learn how to be proactive by creating 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 plan to respond confidently when challenging behaviour occurs
- Learn how to teach new skills to promote their child's independence and quality of life

Enquiries:
Contact Amber Day – Workshop Administrator or Heather Kirkhope - Service Coordinator
Phone: 03 9377 6600 or email aday@autismspectrum.org.au

What participants say about Aspect Positive Behaviour Support Workshops:

"Brilliant information and concrete strategies to use, thank you. I have learnt very important self-reflection, being able to step back and really look at and examine behaviour, so valuable. I really value the focus on being positive and improving my child’s, my own and my family’s quality of life. Great workshop – I will highly recommend it to others.”

"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 the onion. Enjoyed all the visuals. Thank you so much.”
Each Cottage is private & spacious
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- TV, VCR, DVD, CD, books, videos, games
- Air conditioner / heater
- All linen, blankets, towels, doonas, pillows provided
- Queen size bed in main bedroom
- Second bedroom has two single beds & two trundle beds
- Third bedroom (3 b/r cottages only) has one double, one single, plus ensuite
- Large bathroom with stepless shower base & hand-held and fixed shower, shower chair & grab rails
- Lounge with divan & recliner chair
- Two bedroom unit has double bed, single bed, woodheater & kichenette
- Undercover BBQ area - also BBQ's at each cottage
- Hair Dryer
- Breakfast provisions supplied
- Wheelchair accessible - mobility aids available
- Four person spa (outdoor, undercover)

Children's playground
- Inground trampoline
- Games room with pool table
- Farm animals - horses, cattle, sheep, chickens

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