FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Parents, Carers and friends of the school community,

State-wide ASD provision. The new government is currently in the process of developing policies and processes for capital building works and will keep us informed of any progress in this area.

REMINDER

Monday 4th November, 2013 – Curriculum Day
Tuesday 5th November, 2013 – Melbourne Cup Day – Public Holiday

Students are not required at school on these days

Volunteers Morning Tea

Over 30 volunteers attended the special thank you morning tea on Tuesday 22nd October. It was a lovely celebration of the contributions our volunteers make to JSA. Volunteers were presented with a Special JSA Coffee Mug as a small gift of appreciation.

School visit

Nicholas Pole, Deputy Secretary Special Education, was invited to visit JSA on Tuesday 22nd October. Mr Pole toured the school and met some of the staff and students. Mr Pole was delighted to see first hand the work that has been done this year. The Senior Management Team also discussed regional and

Baby News

Congratulations to Elizabeth and Brian Smith on the very late but safe arrival of their first daughter Sophie Rose Smith, born on 13th October.

We look forward to a visit from Elizabeth and Sophie in the near future.

Congratulations to Samantha Williams (one of our casual staff members) and her partner, on the safe arrival of Slater Ray born last week.

2014 Class lists

Staff are currently in the process of developing classes for 2014. There are number of factors that influence the placement of students and it is quite a complex task for the leadership team to facilitate. All efforts are made to develop classes that will blend well and most importantly, for students to reach their full potential. If parents/carers would like to share information that would be relevant to the groupings, please contact your child’s sub school leader to discuss this with them. We have already had quite a number of parents sharing information with us and will welcome your contributions. Due to the complexities of the task, it may not be possible to meet the requests on every occasion but we will endeavour to support your child where there is flexibility.
New Secondary School Uniform

The new secondary school uniform will be gradually introduced next year. We are now taking orders for 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. Only students in the secondary years of schooling will receive the order form.

Hume City Council – Sunbury area

There have been a number of enquiries regarding proposed changes to the Hume City Council boundaries as part of a local council restructure. There has been no official outcome of the proposed changes however I want to reassure families that the transport for government schools is not fixed by local council boundaries. Schools have their own Designated Transport Areas (DTA’s) that are negotiated via Department of Education and Early Childhood Development (DEECD). Any local council rezoning will not affect the enrolment or transport zones for JSA.

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. Families and staff have been kept updated about the recent grounds works and it’s a great way to receive updates from the school on your smartphone. Facebook is a free app from the iTunes store.

Calender of events

Term 4 Fundraising Meeting dates – new members welcome
Final 2014 Meeting - Thursday 21st November 10.30 – 11.30

Grounds Works

Our lovely new courtyard is finally complete. The students are thrilled with the newly developed space which encourages students to ride on the bike track. There is also a sand pit and a shaded quiet area. Check out the JSA Facebook site for the progress photos.

Family Support Meeting

Association for Disability 21st November – 9.15am

Aspect Workshop is now on the JSA website and open for registrations 30th, 31st October and 1st November. Some spaces still available.

Corinne Pupillo

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Fundraising Committee News

Shopping Tour

Congratulations to the fundraising team for the outstanding success of the 2013 shopping tour. A special thank you to Lisa Sette for organising the event. Well done ladies.

An open thank you letter from the Student School Council.

On behalf of Jacana School for Autism and all students, I would like to thank all volunteers for all their assistance through the year. Parents on School Council, Fundraising, Classroom assistance, BBQ’s, Lunch days, shopping and all excursions. Also a big thank you for all the resource work, laminating, pasting and the setting up of the Library.

Without your help and assistance many of our children’s programs couldn’t have taken place.

I would like to take this time to thank you for all your fantastic efforts and hard work. It has been greatly appreciated. (Lachlan Ball—Room 22)
Early Years A
Room 12

Group art work

Class Picnic

Construction

Writing

Dress Ups

Show and Tell

In the OT room
Early Years B
Room 4 working hard in cooking, breakfast program and work sessions.
Room 16 enjoys working together in class and out on excursions. We had a great time at the concert. We are looking forward to our last term of 2013.
Rooms 18, 23 and 24.
Adapted PE at Victoria University.

ADVANCE Program.

Students from Rooms 18 and 22 and some students from Rooms 23 and 24 received a First Aid certificate in CPR, bandages and choking.
Our new teaching and learning space
Open letter to all our Volunteers.

On behalf of all the students and staff at JSA, I would like to take this opportunity to formally thank each and every one of you for your contribution to our school and the programs we run.

To the parents both past and present who are school council members who have made decisions on policy, planning and the organisation of the school. Thanks to you we have the school we have today.

To the Mum’s (past & present) who are on the fundraising committee, that helps raise money, organise & assist on special lunch days. Your tireless work has allowed for the purchase of much needed ICT equipment and this year our stage for the performing arts program.

To all our classroom helpers & the Mums who help out on excursions; your commitment to turn up each week and allow for that extra 1:1 supervision or support in our students learning.

To our library crew; especially Judy who has worked tirelessly over the past 2 years getting the library up and running and to Deb and Dora who now assist her.

To Nicole who assists in making resources for myself and other teaching staff. You have enabled me to set a base supply of classroom visuals for our staff to access at any given time.

To Thi our ICT volunteer, who is assisting Toan to keep our school ‘running’ with all the ICT equipment we have.

To Benson & Theresa – for coming in each week and allowing the students to kiss, cuddle, tug, pull, take for walks, be brushed and loved to death.

Without each and every one of you putting your hand up to help in whatever way, our lives here at JSA would be a little tougher.

So again from the bottom of our hearts, with thank you for everything you do.

Sue
"Thank you to our volunteers"
Did you know....?

That oral language skills form the building blocks for reading and writing?

By helping our children to develop their oral language skills, we can assist them to lay down the foundations for later reading and writing development. If the foundation is weak, the house will fall down!

Oral Language = the ability to understand and use spoken language

It is easy to get hung up on the mechanics of teaching our children letters and how to figure out what written words say, but if their oral language skills are weak, they may struggle to read print accurately and will struggle to understand what they are reading (written comprehension). This is especially true for many students with Autism who become skilled at reading words but have no understanding of what they have read.

At Jacana School for Autism, you will see us working on the above oral language areas as well as on letters, sounds and words. Of course, not all of our students will go on to read and write and of those who do, there will be varying levels of ability and efficiency. But for all our students, we can work on improving their communication skills!
Here are some things you can do with your child...

**Parallel Talk**
Parallel talk involves describing out aloud what you and your child are doing.

**Make comments**
Engage your child’s emotions and Have FUN!

**Observe, wait, listen**
Give your child a chance. They might have more to say then you think!

**Repeat, Repeat, Repeat!**
Say new words lots of times in a natural way to help your child learn them.

**Follow your child’s lead and include their interests**

**Sing Songs and Nursery rhymes and do the actions**

**Expand:**
Copy what your child says and add a little more.
Child: “Throw ball”
Adults: “Yes, she is throwing the ball.”

**Share books**
Take turns with your child to:
- Talk about objects and characters in the book.
- Comment on what is happening in the pictures.
- Predict what will happen next.
BRITE Plants
OPEN DAY
Saturday
23 November 2013

- Plants at wholesale prices
- Potted Fruit Trees
- Huge range of herbs and veggies
- Hanging baskets
- Strawberries
- Potted colour (Salvias, Hellebores, Penstemons and more!)
- Homemade cakes, chocolates and fudge (be early, very popular!)
- Sausage Sizzle
- Raffles and prizes to be won
- Free Gardening and Landscaping advice

Cnr Belfast Street & Dallas Drive, Broadmeadows,
GLOBAL BILLY CART DERBY
12.30pm

Bring your own billy cart and get ready to race!

Every participant receives a medallion and great prizes

You need a team of two to race – one to drive and one to push.

Categories:
- Junior (under 12 years)
- Youth (13-18 years)
- Adult (18+) and child (under 12 years)

To participate, complete the registration form before Thursday 7 November.

For more information contact Darrell Marr on 9309 3301.
Registration Form – Global Billy Cart Derby
Due: Thursday 7 November 2013
Broadmeadows Fiesta (Civic Plaza, Pascoe Vale Road)
Sunday 10 November 2013, from 12.30pm

First participant
1. Name: __________________________________________ Age: ______
2. Number: __________________________ Email: __________________________
3. Address: __________________________________ Suburb: ______ Post code: ______

Second participant
4. Name: __________________________________________ Age: ______
5. Number: __________________________ Email: __________________________
6. Address: __________________________________ Suburb: ______ Post code: ______

Team questions
7. Team name (two people per team): __________________________
8. Team category:
   □ Junior (under 12 years)
   □ Youth (13-18 years)
   □ Adult (18+) and child (under 12 years)
9. Country that your billy cart will represent: __________________________

Rules and regulations
- Two people per team are required to race in the Global Billy Cart Derby – one pusher and one driver
- Categories include: Junior (under 12 years), Youth (13 years -18 years), Adult (18+) and Child (under 12 years)
- Billy carts should be decorated to represent a country to fit in with the multicultural theme of the festival.
- Those registering who under the age of 18 require parent/guardian permission.
- All participants must bring their own helmets to wear whilst racing

Terms and conditions
1. If under 18 years of age, my parent/guardian has my consent to register
2. I accept full responsibility for myself or my child (if under 18 years) participating in this event and give consent to the event organisers to obtain emergency assistance if required. I also understand that I will meet any expenses incurred as a result of a medical emergency.
3. An indemnity form is required to be completed by all participants on the day of the event (parents/guardians to sign for those under 18 years of age)
4. The judge’s decision is final

Declaration
I agree to the above terms and conditions and agree to indemnify Council, its servants, officers and agents against all actions, claims, expenses, penalties, demands and proceeding whatsoever which may be brought or made in respect of personal injury, loss or damage at the Broadmeadows Fiesta to me or my child. If participants are under the age of 18, a parent / guardian are required to sign on their behalf.

First Participant
Signed: __________________________ Date: ________________

Second participant
Signed: __________________________ Date: ________________
HUME CITY COUNCIL LEISURE CENTRES
UNIVERSAL CHILDREN'S DAY ACTIVE KIDS EXPO

It will be a fun filled day of activities which include:

- Live entertainment
- Free rides for children
- Giveaways
- Sporting group displays
- Art and craft stalls
- Food galore
- Free farmyard animal petting
- Kids computer swap meet
- Crazy characters visiting during the day

Where
Craigieburn Leisure Centre
127-147 Craigieburn Road,
Craigieburn

When
Sunday 27 October 2013,
10am to 3pm

For more information contact Customer Service at the Craigieburn Leisure Centre
on 9205 2650 or leisure@hume.vic.gov.au

9205 2200  www.hume.vic.gov.au
Dear Parents/Carers,

In order to get into the Christmas spirit we have been invited by the Lions Club of Glenroy to participate in their project called "Letters from Father Christmas". All you need to do is read the 6 letters that have been attached and choose the one you would like your child to receive.

If you are interested please fill out the form below and return it to the school attached with $3.00 by Monday 25th November 2013.

***If you would like to see full size examples of these letters please feel free to come into the office to have a look***

Child's Name: ____________________________

Number of chosen letter: ______________

Address: ____________________________________________

_______________________________________________

Contact Number: ____________________________

Please have this slip returned by the Monday 25th November 2013
LETTER NO. 1
Ho, ho, ho
It's almost CHRISTMAS TIME again. I am writing to tell you that I am looking forward to visiting your house after I have been brought there by my wonderful reindeers in my sleigh.
Some children go away at CHRISTMAS. Others stay at home. But do not worry. My reindeers are very clever. They always find every child who expects me to visit.
Even if someone's house does not have a chimney. I have magic which allows me to get in.
Actually, I don't like chimneys very much. My SANTA suit gets dirty and my reindeers have to lick it clean. But they have magic too, so it does not take very long.
I hope you like what I bring and that you have a very happy day with friends and people who love you.
YOUR FRIEND,
SANTA CLAUS

LETTER NO. 2
Dear,
Very soon it will be CHRISTMAS EVE. While you are sleeping, I will be on my way in my sleigh, ready to visit all the boys and girls who are expecting me.
I hope you will enjoy what I leave for you and that you have heaps of fun with the people who love and care for you.
MRS CLAUS and my team of helpers are almost ready to load up my sleigh with gifts. The reindeers are getting very excited as they love the trip they take with me once a year.
But they have some food and a good rest when they return to the NORTH POLE.
I hope that you and your loved ones where you are will have a wonderful time on CHRISTMAS DAY.
YOUR FRIEND,
FATHER CHRISTMAS

LETTER NO. 3
DEAR
My reindeers have been groomed by my helpers to be ready for our long journey to visit your house on CHRISTMAS EVE.
They will have plenty to eat before we leave the NORTH POLE in the sleigh with many sacks of presents.
They have been doing their work for a long time now and are very fit.
They love the chance to take to the sky with me.
I am sure that you will like what we bring to your house. Perhaps you will get a big surprise.
I hope that you have a lot of fun with friends and the people who care for you.
YOUR FRIEND,
FATHER CHRISTMAS
LETTER NO. 4
Dear
Another big sack of letters has arrived at my workshop at the NORTH POLE where I am very busy with MRS. CLAUS and my helpers getting ready for our long trip to AUSTRALIA. Your letter was among the mail delivered. Thank you for writing to me. I love to receive letters and drawings from children in many parts of the world. I will do my very best to bring you what you would like for CHRISTMAS. Sometimes many children ask for the same things and I run out of certain presents. But you will know that I will choose your special gift, maybe more, with care and love. I hope you and your friends and loved ones will have a very happy and peaceful day.
YOUR FRIEND,
FATHER CHRISTMAS

LETTER NO. 5
DEAR
Your letter has arrived at the NORTH POLE. What a wonderful surprise. Thank you for writing. I do hope to be able to bring you what you would like. But sometimes my sleigh is very heavy and I cannot deliver everything that every child wants. Yet I am sure that on CHRISTMAS DAY, you will be happy with what I can deliver from my sleigh, when I land on your roof with my reindeers. I am still busy with MRS. CLAUS and my helpers but the reindeers are ready to go. They get very excited about flying across the world just once each year. Have lots of fun on CHRISTMAS DAY with everyone who loves you. I am sure you will have a fantastic time with lots of good food to eat.
YOUR FRIEND,
SANTA CLAUS

LETTER NO. 6
DEAR
Did you know that I have many ice birds? They fly from the NORTH POLE to find out what children from other places would like for CHRISTMAS. Sometimes they hear whispers from people who love and care for children. The ice birds fly back to me to tell me what they have heard. I try to make or find what children want but, sometimes too, a few presents run out and I cannot deliver the very same things. But usually, every child is happy with what I bring. HAPPY CHRISTMAS. I hope that everyone with you today has a very special and happy day.
YOUR FRIEND,
SANTA CLAUS