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Dear Parents, Carers and friends of the school community,

SSG's - Term 2

A special thank you to families and teaching staff for taking the time to meet to discuss the progress of our students. At the SSG meetings, Individual Learning Goals are reviewed and reported on so that students are on the continuum of learning. Various assessments are used depending on the goals and students and these will also be discussed with families at the SSG’s.

Your child’s Mid Year Report will be sent home on 24th July and term 3 SSG’s are scheduled for weeks 3 & 4. (Monday 27th July – Thursday 6th August). We look forward to seeing you again to discuss your child’s progress.

FOCUS written by Daniel Goleman

Our most recent chapter on Smart Practice provided a valuable insight to the importance on working smarter. Smart practice is mindful meditation, focused preparation and recovery, positive emotions and connections, and mental "prosthetics" that helps improve habits, add new skills, and sustain excellence. Smart practice always includes a feedback loop that lets you recognize errors and correct them. Learning how to improve any skill requires top-down focus at first. As you come to master the new routine, repeated practice transfers the control of that skill to the bottom-up circuits that eventually make its execution effortless.

Smart practice is about positivity and rest. Thinking positively stimulates openness to new ideas and objects, widens our span of attention where we are free to take it all in. In the grip of positivity, our perceptions shift. When we are feeling good our awareness expands from our usual self-centred focus on “me” to our more inclusive and warm focus on “we”.

It is also important to ‘take a rest’. This doesn’t mean surfing the web or playing a violent video game, but rather finding a totally different immersive activity to engage in, such as taking a walk in nature or connecting with a trusted friend.

Goleman refers to Breathing Buddies which links closely with many of the programs and strategies we implement with our students when teaching self-regulation. By teaching our students the skills that help them to calm down and focus, we lay the foundation of self-awareness and self-management on which we can scaffold the social and emotional learning skills such as active listening, identifying feelings and so on. Students, who can ignore impulses filter out what’s irrelevant and stay focused on a goal, fare best in life while being able to name your feelings and put that together with your memories and associations turns out to be crucial for self-control.

We look forward to sharing the next section of Daniel’s book – The Well Focused Leader

Staffing

Congratulations to Lauren Tippett for her successful appointment to Croydon Community School. Lauren was on Family Leave from JSA after having her first child last year. On behalf of the school community, I would like to thank Lauren for her contributions across the school as a Sub School Leader and wish her well in her new role. Andrew Ma, the DET Technician who has also been at JSA for 4 years is also moving on to a new school and will be replaced by Loc Nguyen. A special farewell was given to these staff members at an afternoon tea last Friday.

2015 TERM DATES:
*Term 1: 30 January—27 March *Term 2: 13 April—26 June *Term 3: 13 July—18 September *Term 4: 5 October—18 December
JSA Facebook Page – 300 Likes

We have reached 300 likes on our school Facebook Page. Facebook is a great way to keep connected. For many of our families there is not the time to keep updated with all the great news stories and the newsletter is only published fortnightly. JSA Facebook is a great way to keep abreast of all the activities and news.

Get on board and like our page.

School Performance

Reminder: School performances will be held on Wednesday—2nd September and Thursday—3rd September.

Wednesday 2nd September:
Rooms 1 – 6 will be held in the morning
Rooms 7 -12 will be held in the afternoon

Thursday 3rd September:
Rooms 14 – 19 will be held in the morning
Rooms 13 & 20-25 will be held in the afternoon
Bookings will be open on the JSA website early next term by logging on to the Trybookings link.

School Council

Parent Representative - Casual Vacancy:

Danielle Smith has resigned from the School Council and there is now an opportunity for a parent to join. I would like to thank Danni for her contributions to NSA and JSA School Councils. As a long-standing member of JSA, Danni has served on the NSA and JSA School Council over the years and her commitment to the school has been appreciated. This now has created a casual vacancy on the council for a new member. Please speak to me if you are a parent and interested in joining the School Council and learning more about how the school operates and contribute to the great community we have built together.

Shipping Container

JSA has purchased a second shipping container to assist with some of our storage issues. A rather large shipping container was delivered and craned into playground 4. The purpose of the container is to provide secure storage for the administration. Thank you to Sonja for organising this for the school.

Family Support Meetings

Reminder: Our next Family Support Meeting will be held on Thursday 30th July, at 9:15am – This will be an opportunity for families to hear about Positive Behaviour Support (PBS) at JSA. This is an opportunity not to be missed. The launch of PBS will include a trivia quiz and a show bag for attendees. Staff are excited to present this for our families. Mark this date in your diary. Please contact Deb Munt for more information about the Family Support Meetings.

Fundraising Committee

A special thank you to the following volunteer parents who kindly donated their time to support the Term 2 special BBQ lunch, a total of $329.00 profit was made.

Lisa Sette
Katie Powell
Marisa Griffiths

Mary Thomas
Rosa Figliola
Asma Mubasher

Our next Fundraising meeting will be held on 30th July at 10.30 am.
Fundraising events for Term 3, 2015 include:

**Entertainment Books** — Great way to access discounted food and entertainment (Place your orders at the general office – cost $65.00/ $13.00 profit from each book sold goes to JSA)

**Book Fair** — Wednesday 19th and Thursday 20th August

**Bunnings BBQ** — Broadmeadows 9th August

**Father’s Day stall** — Tuesday 25th and Wednesday 26th August

**School Performance** — community BBQ — Wednesday 2nd and Thursday 3rd September

**Footy Day/Special lunch order day** — Thursday 17th September.

Lisa Sette is our Fundraising Co-ordinator and can be contacted via the school office or sette.lisa@edumail.vic.gov.au

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**JSA School Monitors**

We now have some official student monitors around the school, the boys were officially presented with their badges last week. Our monitors are Nathan Prigg, Harrison Street, Daniel Mattasoni and Jacob Cartelli. All of these boys undertake various tasks independently around the school and are doing their jobs well. Being a student monitor encourages students to learn new skills, show responsibility, be accountable for the jobs they need to complete, be organised and show themselves as good role models to the other students. It is a pleasure to see the maturity of our monitors as they move around the school and interact with other students and staff. Well done boys.

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**Parent Occupation Confirmation**

We are updating our database and we are asking for your assistance by completing and returning the Parent/Guardian Occupation Confirmation form. You will receive an explanation letter and form via the mail, please complete the form and return it with the self-addressed envelope by Monday, 20th July, 2015.

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**School Photos**

School photos are due to arrive the first week of Term 3 and will be sent home with the students once we have received them.

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**Minecraft Exhibition**

Congratulations to three of our students, Tom Holland (Room 18), Emma Davis (Room 2) and Ruben Nunez (Room 2), who will be exhibiting their ‘Minecraft’ Art work at the Minecraft Exhibition at the Darebin Arts and Entertainment Centre from Wednesday, 1st July until Saturday, 25th July, as part of the Autism Health and Wellbeing Expo 2015. Go along during the holidays and see our students work on display!

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**2014/15 School Councillors**

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End of term – Early Finish 2pm

Wishing the school community a very restful and relaxing holiday. The dark winter days are well and truly here but now the shortest day is behind us, we can expect to see more daylight ready for the school break.

I hope that our families and staff are able to spend time with family and friends as well as rest and recharge for another busy term ahead.

Reminder: Our newsletter is published each fortnight and will provide you with important information about the school and events that may be of interest to you. I encourage you to read the newsletter that will be sent home with your child, emailed to you or on the school website.


JSA also has a Facebook Page administered by the leadership team. https://www.facebook.com/JacanaSchoolforAutism

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Room 12

It is week 11 and Room 12 sure has had a busy term. We have been learning this term to play together in different environments. We have been learning new board games and how to play with different toys, such as dolls.

To put all our new skills together we went on excursion to Kids Space and St Kilda Playground.

Also this term we have been learning about plants. We have been focusing on what plants need to grow. We have learnt that they need sun, air, water and soil. We all grew our own grass. Check it out! 😊
This term, Room 17 enjoyed an excursion to Craigieburn Adventure Playground and KidSpace. We all had a lot of fun!!
JSA maiden presence in Victorian Special Schools State Cross Country Run 2015

This has been a great term for JSA Sports as 4 of our students, Memphis (Rm 14), Saphia (Rm 15), Jacob (Rm 24) and Abubakar (Rm 25) represented JSA in the Victorian Special Schools State Cross Country Run 2015 on 19 Jun 2015!

All runners did remarkably well as they braved the cold weather and uncharted race course. Everyone of them sprinted to the finish line and they finished their race strong!

A big thank you to all their parents and staff for the support and belief in them! Special mention goes to Lisa Sette for volunteering to chaperone the students as well as double up as the official photographer during the race.

We look forward to more students participating in such events, living up to the school motto of being resilient and playing an active role in community life!

Do look out for their next race in Run Melbourne 3km Kids’ Race!

"Song Chia, PE Specialist"
**Interclass Games and Celebrations**

During Week 10 of this term, students of Rm 18 and Rm 22 had an opportunity to challenge each other in a friendly and competitive interclass games.

The students had a great time participating in the territorial games, chasing each other in the oval; running to their hearts' content. They also had the pleasure of having the work experience student, Mr Nicholas, joining in the fun with them too! It was a great opportunity for students of different classes coming together interacting and building class as well as school spirit through sports and games. Concurrently, several students from both classes also baked muffins (under the watchful guidance of our chef/ food tech teacher) Julie Stevenson. The students and staff of both classes were treated to the delicious baked muffins as a grand celebration and finale to the term!

"Julie & Song – The Specialist Team"
An exciting event for parents, educators and allied health professionals supporting children with complex communication needs. You will be able to:
- see a range of AAC available
- learn more about AAC and how to support your child to use it
- have a go with fun activities
- talk to speech pathologists from Jacana School for Autism, Yooralla ComTEC and Liberator PTY Ltd

**Augmentative and Alternative Communication EXPO**

**Date:** 26th August  
**Time:** 2:30 - 5:00  
**Location:** 19-39 Landy Rd Jacana
Bring a friend & come to headspace Craigieburn’s first birthday!!

Help us celebrate our first birthday by joining us for ‘happy hour’. We will have our doors open for you to explore our centre and see what we do.

We will have:
- a chill out zone
- giant games
- DJ
- photo booth
- and more!

When
3:30pm to 5:30pm
Friday 17th July

Where
headspace Craigieburn
Suite 1, Level 1, Central Suites
Craigieburn Central (above Amcal Pharmacy)

Contact
tel 03 8338 0919
headspace.org.au/Craigieburn
In individuals with ASD the Central Nervous System (CNS) is significantly impacted.

Vigorous physical exercise and ‘heavy work’ will assist in regulating the CNS – talk to your class teacher to find out more!
Accessible Music Program for Families

siblings in Sync is a unique and innovative school holiday program for children with additional needs 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: The Channel, Arts Centre Melbourne

Times: 11am

Dates: Tuesday 30 June or Thursday 2 July
Tuesday 22 September or Thursday 24 September

Duration: 60 mins

Cost: $30 per family

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

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.

Thank you to the generous donors who support our programs.
Saturday 29\textsuperscript{th} August 2015

Jacana School for Autism has been lucky to have another date to host a BBQ at Broadmeadows Bunnings Warehouse. This is a great opportunity for us to raise funds for the school.

We are asking for your assistance to can help us out on the day.

**Timetable for community assistance**

8.00am - 10.00am – Set up

10.00am - 12.00pm

12.00pm - 2.00pm

2.00pm - 4.00pm

4.00pm - 6.00pm - Pack Up

Please fill in and return the slip below by Friday 14\textsuperscript{th} August if you are able to help assist with the BBQ this day.

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On behalf of the Fundraising Team - Thank you 😊
We welcome you to join us for our very first Open Day. This day is for clients and families/carers to come together to choose program selection for 2016. The day will be full of presentations and stalls showcasing our program choices. Specialists will be in attendance to provide information and guidance on their programs, and help you with any questions you may have. We hope to see everyone there for a day full of fun!!

AUGUST 29TH 11:00am-2:00pm

YMCA Disability Services

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YMCA Holiday Program

We welcome you to join our YMCA disability school holiday program. Keep your children active and entertained with our variety of activities. We offer qualified staff providing high quality care with engaging and stimulating activities for primary and secondary students.

**Saturday 27th June  3-8pm**
**Monday 29th June  10-3pm**
**Tuesday 30th June  10-3pm**
**Wednesday 1st July  10-3pm**

$10 per day (fully catered)

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FREE EXPO

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Sunbury Gisborne CAREERS & JOBS EXPO

Date: 22 July 2015
Time: 3.30pm – 6.30pm
Venue: Sunbury Memorial Hall
Stawell Street, Sunbury

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