FROM THE PRINCIPAL

SCHOOL VALUES

EMPATHY ~ RESPECT ~ RESPONSIBILITY

Dear Parents, Carers and friends of the school community,

FOCUS written by Daniel Goleman

The last chapter of The BIG PICTURE – Leading for the longer future, provided a great summary of the types of aperture that a systems leader requires. Goleman explains that effective leaders possess the ability to concentrate on the foreground as well as expanding their focus to a further horizon, even decades beyond.

The challenge continues to be that our daily work requires us to look up and view the long term global picture that may impact on our day to day job of learning and teaching. Great leaders don’t settle for systems as they are, but will see what they could become therefore, transforming to benefit the widest circle. Our work with the regional Autism Connect Program, research opportunities, and reference groups allows us to think beyond the here and now.

Thank you for engaging in our fortnightly synopsis of 7 sections of the book. I hope this has provided a clearer understanding of some of the professional opportunities I provide the leadership team, ensuring that we all continually challenge our thinking and increase our skills and knowledge to be effective in our role here at Jacana School for Autism.

School Council

Casual Vacancy – Parent Member: I am pleased to announce that Bridget Kille has been co-opted to the casual parent vacancy on school council. Bridget brings experience and knowledge of DET school council as she is also a member of the school council at Westbreen Primary School.

Building and Grounds

The tender process for the administration upgrade has now been finalised. School Council approved DECA Building’s tender.

The total budget allocation of $400,000 includes:

- Construction
- Building report
- Engineers report
- Project Management fees
- Furniture
- Small contingency amount

We are anticipating some minor interruptions two weeks leading up to the September school holidays. This will provide the contractors with much needed preparation time so they can be in a position to undertake most of the construction during the break when there are no students or staff on site. In preparation for the works, staff have already commenced the process of decanting office spaces into temporary areas and the storage container.

Policies reviewed and endorsed

- Anaphylaxis Policy
- Asthma Policy
- Camp Policy
- Excursion & Incursion Policy
- Distribution of Medicine Policy
- Enrolment Policy

Please contact Carlee at reception for copies of any of our policies.

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

School Improvement – 2015 Parent Opinion Survey

If you received a confidential Parent Opinion Survey, please take the time to respond, as your feedback is very important in the future planning needs of the school. If you have returned your survey then your name will be drawn for a $50.00 COLES/Myer voucher. Survey’s must be returned by Monday 17th August to be eligible for the draw. The lucky winner will be notified Tuesday 18th August.

Student Support Group Meetings

A special thank you to families and teaching staff for taking the time to meet to discuss the mid-year progress reports. At the SSG meetings, Individual Learning Goals are reviewed and reported on so that students are on the continuum of learning.

School Performance

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

**Wednesday 2nd September:**
- Rooms 1 – 6 (9.30am – 10.30am)
- Rooms 7-12 (1.30pm – 2.30pm)

**Thursday 3rd September:**
- Rooms 14 – 19 (9.30am – 10.30am)
- Rooms 13 & 20-25 (1.30pm – 2.30pm)

Please log on to the website and follow the Trybookings link. Alternatively, please contact the general office for assistance with bookings and tickets. There is no cost to attend the school performance.

Staffing

**Education Support Staff - ES Month**

In appreciation of all our wonderful Education Support staff, a special lunch was organised on Wednesday for all staff to celebrate. The Potato Man provided a baked potato for each staff member to enjoy on their lunch break. This is a great way to encourage staff to enjoy a nice lunch with their colleagues and get served.

**DET - Review of Program for Students with a Disability**

Reminder: The review focuses on the transition from primary to secondary school and the specific needs of students with autism and dyslexia.

The review is being informed by research, expert input, stakeholder engagement and a comprehensive analysis of the effectiveness of the program. It will ensure support and resourcing is sustainable and delivers improved learning and wellbeing outcomes for children and young people with disabilities.

The Department of Education and Training have now commenced the consultation process for the review and welcome your input, please use the link below for more information about the process.


**Family Support Meetings**

Reminder: Our next Family Support Meeting will be held on Thursday 27th August 9.15am in the PLC. Elizabeth Smith, our Autism Coach will provide information regarding strategies that work really well with students on the autism spectrum. Make sure you mark this date in your diary, as it will be a great follow up session to the Positive Behaviour Support session last month. Please contact Deb Munt for more information about the Family Support Meetings.

**Fundraising Committee**

Our next Fundraising meeting will be held on 27th August 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 JSAl)
- **Book Fair** – Wednesday 19th and Thursday 20th August
- **Bunnings BBQ** – Broadmeadows 29th August
- **Father’s Day stall** – Tuesday 25th and Wednesday 26th August
- **Dress Up Day** – Wednesday 26th August – Book Character Theme / Gold Coin Donation
- **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.l@edumail.vic.gov.au
**Essendon Symphony Orchestra**

Essendon Symphony Orchestra are having a one hour kids' concert at the Clocktower in Moonee Ponds on Sunday 25th August at 2.30pm.

A visual story for the concert has been put on the Essendon Symphony Orchestra's facebook page and also the website, so it can be downloaded and saved and/or printed from either of these locations. The visual story includes a program for the concert and can be used in whatever way is appropriate for your child. Perhaps you could save it to an iPad or print it out and talk about it before the concert, and then your child can also refer to it during the concert!


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**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.

What’s happening in Room 8?

There’s lots of Personal Learning about our feelings through the Zones of Regulation program; we’re also enjoying our ‘Classroom Restaurant’ twice a week where we are learning about the expectations for enjoying a meal together. We set the table, try new foods, practice our knife fork and spoon skills, and work together to clean up. During Term 2 we worked hard to further develop Interpersonal Learning skills such waiting, turn taking, and showing good sportsmanship by playing lots of social games. In Term 3 we are joining Room 11 for exercise and team sport activities two mornings per week. We are really good at relay races! Our Literacy program now incorporates the ‘Daily 5’ structure, and our reading skills are flourishing. This term, Secondary students from Room 18 join us during literacy on Wednesday, listening to us reading and exploring books. We are so proud. We use our iPad, computer, interactive whiteboard, and maths games to explore Numeracy concepts in fun and engaging ways. We’ve been on excursions to the Coburg Aquarium to buy our class goldfish, to the Melbourne Aquarium to see all kinds of fish and sea creatures, and to the Collingwood Children’s Farm. We love Art with Rosie, PE with Tonia, Cooking with Julie, and Music with Catherine. School is great in Room 8!
This Term Room 20 has been very busy! Every Thursday we have been venturing out and exploring Melbourne. We have been practising our road safety skills, planning a travel itinerary and reading a train timetable.

We have been to Federation Square, Fitzroy Gardens, Melbourne Library, Hosier Lane, The State Library of Victoria and the Aged Care Home in Glenroy. We have a lot more planned for the rest of the term and cannot wait!
Tips to Increase your Child’s Engagement in Mealtimes

Mealtimes are different for each family, and may even change day to day. For some children with autism (and their families!), mealtimes can be stressful for a variety of reasons. Whether your child is a picky/fussy eater or you would just like to encourage more independence at home, here are some tips to get your child involved in mealtimes:

- **Involve your child before mealtimes, even start:**
  - Ask your child to help put away groceries (helps expose them to new foods with no expectation to eat them)
  - Give your child a role in meal preparation: peeling, cutting, stirring etc
  - Have your child set the table. If you have more than one child, share who does what (eg one sets out the forks, one sets out the knives etc)

- **Have a consistent mealtime routine:**
  - Set table
  - Wash hands
  - Sit at table to eat
  - Wait until everyone has finished
  - Clean table (dishes to sink, wipe table)

- **Set your child (and yourself) up for success:**
  - Prepare your child to be able to sit for the duration of the meal:
    - If your child is a “mover”- get them moving at least 20 minutes before mealtimes: jumping, climbing, pulling, pushing
    - Ensure your child has foot support (it’s hard to sit for long periods with your feet dangling)
    - If your child “wiggles” or needs to move during mealtimes, try seating them on a cushion or pillow to give them a little bit of movement throughout the meal
  - Consider the meal time environment: is it noisy? Are people coming and going? Is there a lot of distractions? Try:
    - Turning off the TV
    - Removing electronic distractions (iPads, DS etc)
    - Having all family members sit and eat together

Written by the JSA Occupational Therapists
An exciting event for parents/caregivers, 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
RSVP Wednesday 19th August 2015
martina.beggs.m@edumail.vic.gov.au
Did you know we have an ASD Coach?

So what does the JSA ASD Coach do?

How does this impact your child?

Come along and find out!

Meet Elizabeth Smith the JSA ASD Coach

Find out all about the role and how her work has an impact on the support provided for your child in their classroom and hear about the long term visionary plan for ASD Educational Practice at JSA

@ The Family Support Group Meeting

Thursday 27th August 9:15-10.30am in the PLC

Followed by a cuppa tea and a chat
Executive Functioning relates to more than just planning and organisation...

Executive Function is an umbrella term for cognitive processes that regulate, control, and manage other cognitive processes. It relates to: **planning, impulse control, inhibition of dominant but incorrect responses** (an inability to answer correctly and instead provide a dominant preferred answer – even if they know the correct answer), **organisation, ‘set maintenance’** (attention) and **flexibility of thought and action**. Individuals with Autism have a deficit in the area of Executive Functioning, so it’s really important to provide structures and learning opportunities to assist in developing skills in all of these areas.
National Disability Insurance Scheme

An Informative Session for people with a disability, family and carers:

- Getting ready to transition to the National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS)
- How do you prepare?
- Look at the schemes strengths and potential
- Questions both personal and technical

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TOUR INCLUDES: 10 outlets and a 2 course lunch at The Croxton Park Hotel with soft drink and tea/coffee. Alcohol will be at bar prices. Also throughout the day on the bus there will be raffles, prizes, giveaways, refreshments and nibblies too!!!

The outlets will be;
Sririco, Toy Worx, Bambis, Beaches, Raglan Fashion House, FILA, Candy Stripes, Natio, Home Direct, Ross’s Nuts.

DATE: Sunday 11\textsuperscript{th} October 2015 PICK UP TIME: 7.30am for 7.45am departure
PICK-UP ADDRESS: Kmart Campbellfield, Hume hwy (across from Hungry Jacks)
DROP-OFF: approx. 6.00pm PRICE: $55 per person (Due 18/9/15)

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