5 February 2015

Principal’s News

Now that the dust has settled and students are warming to their new routines, I can take the opportunity to inform you of our new staff members in 2015.

Ms Tara Haskins has obtained the role of Master Teacher. The Master Teacher role is a new one to the school and across many Queensland state schools. Ms Haskins will work predominantly with teachers, coaching and providing professional development for staff while ensuring her work aligns with the school’s improvement agenda.

Ms Callie Baker has come to us from Rainworth State School and joined the Year 3 team. We hope Callie enjoys her time with us at Jindalee.

Should you have any questions or concerns regarding your child’s education throughout the year, please contact your child’s teacher. If you have any further concerns, please contact the school office. Our highly organised and well experienced staff at Jindalee will be more than happy to assist you with your needs.

Please take time to read the important messages below:

Parent Information Sessions

Parent Information Sessions will be held in Week 3. These Information Sessions will be held in your child’s classroom. This is an excellent opportunity for parents to find out more about the classroom and general information about the year level. There will be two year levels some nights and all sessions will begin at 6.00pm and conclude at 7.00pm in your child’s classroom. Year Level Parent Information sessions will be held on the following nights:

- Prep – Monday 9th February
- Year One – Monday 9th February
- Year Two – Wednesday 11th February
- Year Three – Thursday 12th February
- Year Four – Tuesday 10th February
- Year Five – Wednesday 11th February
- Year Six – Wednesday 11th February

We are aware that there will be a small number of overlaps. If this should be the case for your family please let your class teacher know and we will work to organise a solution so you can get the information that you need. There have been enquiries from parents about students needing to attend this evening and we would like to let you know that it is not necessary for students to attend as the evening is aimed to provide information to you as parents. We look forward to seeing you there.

School Photos

2015 class photos, student leader photos and individual student photos will be held at a different time of the year from that of previous years. Please mark Tuesday, 31 March on your calendars as the date for these photos. Extra-curricular and sport photos will be conducted on 20 August.

BYOD Parent Information Night

Wed 18th Feb 7pm Kirinari Building

Uniforms

Jindalee State School’s Uniform policy is available for all parents on the school website. The policy is due for review this year, however in the meantime all students are required to adhere to the policy, including tucking their shirts in. Uniform policies are created and approved by P&C’s, after consultation with the school Administration Team.

Use of Playgrounds out of School Hours

Students should only play on the playgrounds after the 8.30am bell. Staff supervision is not provided before this time. In the afternoons we ask that parents and children leave the school grounds before
3.30pm. Thank you to the parents who encourage their children to leave with them before this time.

Parents are reminded the Prep playground is not supervised before 9am or after 3pm and should therefore not to be used by students or their siblings out of school hours.

**Getting Organised for the Day**

Parents – please note that it will not be possible for office staff to send messages regarding after school locations and activities to students in class times as we cannot disturb teachers during learning time. Please make arrangements with your child the night before, or in the morning before school. Only urgent messages will be delivered to the classrooms.

**Smoking banned 5 metres around school grounds**

Smoking any tobacco products or using an electronic cigarette within five metres of any state or private school grounds has been banned. This applies before, during and after school hours as well as over weekends and school holidays.

On the spot fines can be issued by environmental health officers, police or other officers authorised by the local government to anyone found in breach of this legislation. The ban does not extend to businesses or residences that share a property boundary with a school.

Smokers are asked to put out your cigarette and dispose of the litter thoughtfully well before you reach the school boundary.


**Peanut Allegies**

Parents are requested to consider not sending lunches and snacks containing nut products for children attending Jindalee State School. This is to protect the significant number of students who have anaphylactic allergies to traces of peanuts and other nuts. Some of these students are so allergic that even a minute amount of peanut butter or Nutella could cause an anaphylactic reaction.

The problem products include Nutella, Peanut Butter and any other snack product that contain traces of nuts which could put other students at risk.

Thank you for helping us keep all of our students safe. We ask that everyone please consider the needs of our anaphylactic students whose reaction to nut products could be fatal.

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**Important Messages from the Office**

**Parents / Guardians**

Please note that the Student Resource Scheme letter that was sent home on Monday has incorrect banking details for Direct deposit into our account.

The correct account details are: Jindalee State School General Account BSB 064-173 Account Number 10022815.

Apologies for the inconvenience created.

**Student Personal Details**

As we enter a new year, we request that families ensure that all contact details and email addresses are up to date. It is important that we have updated information, particularly in regards to phone numbers, so that we can contact parents in the event of an accident or illness. Please ensure that the numbers we have on file are correct and have not been disconnected.

**Supervised School Crossings Information**

Parents and teachers are asked to encourage their children to use the supervised crossing and to set a good example themselves by obeying the School Crossing Supervisor’s directions whenever they use the crossing.

**Stop when the STOP sign is displayed**

When the School Crossing Supervisor holds up the STOP sign all road users must stop their vehicles, clear of the crossing. Road users must not begin to accelerate until all pedestrians including the School Crossing Supervisor are safely on the footpath on either side of the road. If a vehicle has stopped to give way to the pedestrians at a crossing facility, do not overtake the vehicle while it is stationary.

Failure to comply is an offence that will be reported to the Police.

**No Stopping Zones**

The ‘No Stopping’ zones delineate the School Crossing Supervisor’s workplace and serves to protect an area on either side of a crossing facility. It is important to the safety of pedestrians who use the crossing facility that this road rule is followed. If this is ignored the enforcement agencies will be contacted. The design of a crossing facility is a standard layout described in the Manual of Uniform Traffic Control Devices to allow School Crossing Supervisors/ pedestrians to have a clear view of approaching vehicles and vice versa.

School Crossing Supervisors have the authority to report any incidents that affect their personal safety and the safety of pedestrians. They will record registration numbers and details of
offending vehicles and report them. There are no circumstances where a driver can stop in the crossing zone, drivers delivering or waiting for children are no exception and are not exempt.

**Supervised crossing procedure**

The School Crossing Supervisor will ask all pedestrians, both children and adults, to wait on the footpath. When a suitable gap appears in the traffic from both directions, the supervisor will extend the STOP sign to face the traffic and when it is safe to do so proceed to the centre of the road with the STOP sign displayed. The supervisor will blow two blasts of the whistle to indicate that it is safe for pedestrians to cross. When all pedestrians have cleared the crossing, the School Crossing Supervisor then returns to the footpath.

All cyclists, skateboarders, children wearing roller blades or with scooters will be asked to dismount and walk their ‘wheels’ over the crossing.

Please assist your School Crossing Supervisors – they are here to protect your children.

**Welcome to our Korean Study Tour students**

Jindalee State School is playing host to six Korean students over the next two weeks. The students are joining our school to experience learning in an Australian setting and to develop their English language proficiency.

Jindalee has been a part of the international students program for the last ten years in partnership with Education Queensland International. The majority of our students in the tour groups are from Korea. They usually homestay with Jindalee families and their visit allows them to be connected with our school community.

Whilst these visiting students from Korea benefit from the educational opportunities our school has to offer, our own students and staff also benefit from the opportunities working with students from other countries brings in developing our knowledge, understanding and culture.

**Australia Day Citizenship Ceremony**

On Australia Day, 18 of our students, under the direction of Mrs Caroline Duffus, performed at the Rotary Club Citizenship ceremony held in our school hall.

This special choir performed some favourite Australian songs – I am Australian and Waltzing Matilda – adding a special touch to the citizenship ceremony.

The Rotary Club were delighted with students’ performance and these students are to be commended for giving up their time on the last day of the school holidays to perform at the Citizenship ceremony.

**Stepping Stones Triple P Project Seminars**

Supermarket meltdowns? Mealtime tantrums? Battles at bedtime? When you’re the parent or caregiver of a child with a disability, this can be a lot more challenging. Now, parents and caregivers in Queensland can get the support they need with the Stepping Stones Triple P Project – for free!

Jindalee State School, Jamboree State School and The University of QLD have collaborated to offer our parents of children with disability the opportunity to access the Triple P Program to be hosted at Jamboree Heights State School. For more information please speak to one of our SEP teachers or the HOSES.

The details of the first seminar are as follows:

- **What:** Seminar: Changing problem behaviour into positive behaviour
- **Where:** Jamboree Heights State School
- **When:** Tuesday 17th March 2015

**Seminar: Changing problem behaviour into positive behaviour**

Parents are often uncertain how to manage problem behaviour in ways that help children learn alternative and more adaptive behaviour to take its place. Parents are introduced to the key steps of how to do this.

**Seminar: Changing problem behaviour into positive behaviour**

Children with disabilities are more at risk than others of developing problem behaviours. These behaviours can interfere with their growth and development and can be disruptive for the family as a whole. This seminar provides ideas on understanding why a particular behaviour is occurring and practical suggestions for how to promote alternative behaviour.

**P&C News**

**Election Day Stall (31.1.2015)**

I couldn’t believe when the election was called for the first weekend when school goes back! I wondered how we would get the word out to people to donate baked goods and help on the day.
I sent the flyer home and hoped for the best. JSS parents didn’t disappoint as we received heaps of donations which was so awesome and some wonderful people came to help!

Thank you to everyone who baked, flipped sausages, stocked the esky, served the voters and did it all with a smile! It was an awesome day and I am so proud to be a part of such a wonderful community.

Here are some photos of the spectacular creations that one of the new Prep mums donated….

Thank you to each and every one of you,

Kara James
JSS P&C Acting President
• BYO food, no food provided.
• Consider leaving the car at home….

We look forward to seeing you there!

Games Night Committee

Seeking Class Reps for 2015

A class rep is a parent or other care taker of a child attending a class at Jindalee State School. Class Reps are always volunteers and play a vital role building and maintaining a strong school community. The role should not take more than a few minutes each week. If you would like to become a class rep please contact your child’s teacher and the current P&C Class Rep Coordinator ( rachel@rachel.ch ).

Class Reps are required to:

• Compile a class contact list for their child’s class (templates for this are available from the Class Rep Coordinator).
• Send emails from the P&C to the class/es they represent. These emails will always and only be school related and are meant to foster the communication amongst the school community.

Class Reps are may also like to, but under no circumstance are required to:

• Relay weekly information from the teacher to the class.
• Organising social outings such as dinners out, play in the park, mum’s/dad’s get-togethers.
• Welcome new families to the class.
• Organise volunteers from their class for the fete.

Each year the aim is to have one or two class reps per class so all classes are kept informed and are contactable. This year we are also seeking a parent rep for SEP and E.A.L. This role is coordinated by the P&C and is a P&C initiative. If you have any questions please contact rachel@rachel.ch.

I look forward to hearing from many interested parents.

Kind regards

Rachel Chitoni

Quickbeds Grassroots Fundraising Program

REMEmBER: if you are booking accommodation for an upcoming holiday or trip away, book it through Quickbeds, and you will help raise funds for our P&C.

http://www.quickbeds.com/?grassrootscode=1202

Uniform Shop

Year 6 Polos

The Senior Polos for Year 6 students were delivered to all classes, Wednesday 28 January. As we’ve been able to deliver them much earlier than other years, you may wish to order an extra polo, as the students wear them most days. If so, order forms are with the class teacher and must be returned by Friday 13 February to ensure delivery by the end of March.

I have a limited number of faulty Year 6 Polos in Size 12 and 14, which are selling for $20 each. These have some blurring of the blue into the white stripe on the collar, otherwise they are perfect. First come, first served, at the Uniform Shop only.

Help is needed in the shop on Tuesday morning. If you have an hour, or even half an hour to spare on a Tuesday morning your help would be greatly appreciated.

Many thanks

Helen
Uniform Shop Convenor

Tuckshop News

Hello and welcome back to another great year. We have a new menu which has been sent home. If you haven’t received a copy, either drop into the Tuckshop, or download one here.

Some things to note, to make using the Tuckshop easier for everyone:

• We have an online ordering system – www.ouronlinecanteen.com.au. The cut-off time for orders is 8am on the day of purchase, but advanced orders can placed up to two weeks ahead.
• All bag orders are to be brought to the Tuckshop before school.
• A separate bag is needed for both the first and second breaks.
• An orange dot on the bag means an item needs to be collected from the Tuckshop.

Please let your children know that, if anything is missing from their order, they should come to the Tuckshop to let us know.

• Due to the high volume of ‘slinkies’ being done, we have been going through a large amount of slinky machines. We have found it necessary, therefore, to charge a small amount to cover the cost of the machines. If students bring apples from home, they will be charged 10c per apple.
Assemblies Timetable

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Easter Holidays

Chess Club

The Chess Club for students of Jindalee State School (years 1 to 6) is recommencing during Term 1 2015, for a period of nine weeks.

Details are as follows:

DATES: Wednesday February 4 to Wednesday April 1 2015 (9 weeks)
TIME: 3.05pm to 4.05pm
VENUE: Chess Room’ (above the Office)

Ash Tennis

Places have filled up fast, but Ash Tennis still has some beginner spots on a Friday afternoon for junior coaching in Term 1, 2015! Got a little one who’s been watching and wants to play like Roger, Novak, or Serena? Give us a call on 0413288874 to sign up, or send us an email on info@ashtennis.com . If you would like more information or enrolment forms, please see our website www.ashtennis.com . Look forward to seeing you on the court!

Simon

iChinese Learning Centre

iChinese Learning Centre has after-school Mandarin classes at Jindalee State School. Cost $15 per hour. For information on enrolling, please download their flyer here.