**Our Mission:** To nurture and develop individuals to become adaptable in a changing environment and to acquire a lifelong love of learning and the skills and attitudes necessary to function successfully in a sustainable global society.

**Our Values:** Respect, honesty, excellence and resilience.

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Year 4-6 Swimming Trials – selected students only |
| **MONDAY 8**    | Whole School Assembly at 3.00pm – Preps Attend  
Friends of Jells Park Meeting 2.00pm staffroom |
| **TUESDAY 9**   | School Banking Resumes                                                         |
| **WEDNESDAY 10**| Prep students DO NOT ATTEND                                                    |
| **THURSDAY 11** | New Families BBQ 5.30pm                                                        |
| **FRIDAY 12**   | Year 6 Summer Sport commences 9.00-11.00am  
Term 1 Working Bee 4 – 6.30pm |
| **MONDAY 15**   | Bookings Open 10.00am for ‘Getting to Know you Interviews’                    |
| **WEDNESDAY 17**| Prep Students DO NOT ATTEND  
Parent Information Evening 6.30-7.30pm |
| **MONDAY 22**   | Year 3-5 Swimming Program commences for 2 weeks                               |
| **TUESDAY 23**  | ‘Getting to Know you Interviews’                                               |
| **WEDNESDAY 24**| Prep students DO NOT ATTEND  
Finance Meeting in Staffroom 6.00pm  
School Council Meeting in Staffroom 6.30pm |
| **MONDAY 29**   | Divisional Swimming Selected Year 4-6 Students                                 |
| **WEDNESDAY 2 MARCH** | Prep students DO NOT ATTEND                                      |
| **FRIDAY 4**    | Year 2 Excursion – Werribee Mansion                                           |
| **MONDAY 7**    | School Photographs for all students  
Regional Swimming Selected Year 4-6 Students |
| **WEDNESDAY 9** | Prep students DO NOT ATTEND                                                    |
| **FRIDAY 11**   | Year 1 Excursion – Werribee Mansion                                           |
| **MONDAY 14**   | Labour Day Public Holiday – STUDENTS DO NOT ATTEND                            |
| **WEDNESDAY 16**| Preps attend each Wednesday from today  
House Athletics Year 4-6 students |
| **FRIDAY 18**   | Jells Park Parent Committee – Moonlight Movie Night                           |
| **WEDNESDAY 23**| Finance Meeting in Staffroom 6.00pm  
School Council Meeting in Staffroom 6.30pm |
| **THURSDAY 24 MARCH** | Last Day of Term 1 – Students dismissed at 2.30pm  |
WELCOME BACK TO ANOTHER EXCITING YEAR

Welcome back to another exciting year with a special welcome to all our new families.

All our students have settled in to the school year extremely well and are very happy and enthusiastic. A very confident start by all! The parents held up exceptionally well too, no tears this year!

STAFFING – We warmly welcome Angela Hatzis to the School Office, Hayley Lakeman to Year 3, Amy Little to Year 6 and Rose Fearon to the Music Department. We also welcome Claire DeVilliers back to EAL and Year 6 after her year at a Language School. Our Leading Teachers for 2016 are: Scott Zachariassen, Nadia Costabile and Lauren Newton. Melissa McLeod has stepped up to acting Assistant Principal, joining David O’Kane. We also say farewell to Carla Wyllie who is off on maternity leave to await the birth of her third child. Good luck Carla and we look forward to seeing you and bub very shortly.

NEW FAMILIES BARBECUE

All our Prep families and all our new families throughout the school are warmly invited to attend our New Families Barbecue on Thursday 11 February from 5.30pm to 6.30pm. This is an opportunity to meet other families, school councilors, representatives from our Parent Committee and many of the staff. Food, water and cordial will be provided by the School Council. I look forward to having the opportunity to chat with you on this occasion.

PARENT INFORMATION EVENING – WEDNESDAY 17 FEBRUARY

This year’s Information Evening will be held in classrooms where class teachers will explain classroom expectations, organisation, communication and procedures. The evening will provide parents with the opportunity to meet their child’s teacher, to view the classrooms and to ask questions about the year ahead. It will also be an opportunity for parents of Year 3-6 students to gain information about this year’s camp. I hope you are able to join us for these very important sessions. Information was in your envelopes sent out last week.

STUDENT SAFETY

For those students that do have a mobile phone, we would strongly recommend that parents download the ‘Help Me’ app, created by the Daniel Morcombe Foundation. This app has a number of functions that help with children’s safety in emergency situations.

‘GETTING TO KNOW YOU’ INTERVIEWS

‘Getting to Know You’ interviews are being held on Tuesday 23 February from 3.40 – 8.30pm. This is an opportunity for parents to share any information with teachers that will assist them in catering for your child. Many parents will find that email communication will be adequate, however this is an additional opportunity to speak to teachers. Booking information was sent home in your envelope last week. Any parent wishing to have an interview with a specialist teacher may book this through the school office. Bookings for classroom teachers can be made at www.schoolinterviews.com.au using code CMRZP from Monday 15 February at 10.00AM.

PUPIL FREE DAYS

Schools may now select days that meet their specific needs. This is advanced notice of the three pupil free days at Jells Park for 2016. They are Friday 20 May, Friday 19 August and Monday 31 October.
INTERNATIONALISING EDUCATION
To increase our students’ knowledge of our geographic neighbours, each year level has adopted a country. This is an informal way for students to gain a better understanding of the culture, history and geography of some of our neighbours. Parents are encouraged to talk to their child/children about what country they are learning about and take the opportunity to learn more about this country together. The Prep unit is studying Australia so they can begin by learning more about our own country. Year 1 – Grade 6 are studying the following countries:

Grade 1  Indonesia
Grade 2  Japan
Grade 3  China
Grade 4  North Korea & South Korea
Grade 5  Vietnam
Grade 6  India

EXCURSION LEVY & YEAR 6 SPORT LEVY
Just a reminder that the 2016 Excursion Levy and the Year 6 Interschool Sport Levy were to be paid in 2015. If you have not already paid these fees, please pay by Friday 5 February to ensure that your child does not miss out on any upcoming activities. Thank you.

STUDENT INFORMATION AND PERMISSION FORMS
Parent information envelopes were distributed to every student on their first day this year. Please ensure that Student Detail Forms and permission forms enclosed are returned to class teachers by Friday 5 February.

STUDENT LEADERSHIP POSITIONS
At Jells Park we like to provide as many leadership opportunities for our students as possible, starting in Prep and developing as the years pass. By Year 6 we are confident that our leaders have developed a high level of skill and appropriate attributes to be effective role models for the rest of the school.

On Monday all our Year 6 students were introduced to the school community and presented with their Year 6 badges and their Leadership badges. Our Captains, Vice Captains and Monitors are:

**School Captains & Vice Captains**
- Tom B & Sarah B
- Zach M & Olivia B

**House Captains & Vice Captains**
- Bradman
- Emma F & Armaan S
- Mackenzie C & Jono P
# House Captains & Vice Captains

## Fraser
- Charlotte G & Angus Q
- Ellie K, Angus G & Lachie W

## Freeman
- Jessica B & Declan C
- Georgia S & Cooper W

## Perkins
- Ella C & Jack B
- Dani G & James T

## Performing Arts
- Tahli S & Harry B
- Lavinia W & Evan K

## Environment
- Caitlyn G & Riley D
- Alicia W & Olivia A

## Media
- Elle M & Declan W
- Ida L & Mason S
THE YEAR 6 MONITORS FOR 2016 ARE:

Assembly: Mathew, Jesse, Marlee, Michael K, Claire, Siobhan
Art: Kyralee, Olivia Z, Marianne
Kiddy Mail: Bishoy, Boon Hean, Brayden, Samuel, Monique, Estelle, Sara
Lost Property: Ian, Julius
Library: Jenna, Olivia B
Bins: Hamid, Craig
Paper Recycling: Sasha, Josh, Harrison, Ash, Amy, Sophie, Emma, Alysha, Emily, Tara, Jack, Rhiannon, Hannah, Michael K, Jesse
Sport: Rya, Ethan, Harvey, Cy, Jordyn, Will
Flag: Michael G
PMP: Alissa, Greer, Ruka, Rhiannon, Hannah
Library Computers: Harry, Sam C
Goal Post Pads: Marnath, Charlotte H, Ruka, Greer

These are very important roles and I am confident that all our students will carry them out responsibly and reliably and I appreciate their commitment to the school community.

Class Representatives from Years 3-5 will be presented with their badges at the Assembly on 15 February.

WORKING BEES
Working bees are held once a term and do lots of great work around the school but we realise that most families are very busy and many are unable to attend. With this in mind the School Council has established a tax deductible building fund and parents are asked to contribute $50 per child per year if they are unable to attend the working bees. Parents who regularly attend the working bees are exempt from this contribution. Please note that parents need to make this decision at the start of the year as refunds cannot be given. The first working bee will be on Friday 12 February 4.00 – 6.30pm.

STUDENT ALLERGIES
There are an increasing number of students in our community who suffer allergic reactions to a range of products. Some reactions, although distressing, are able to be managed relatively easily. Unfortunately some students suffer life threatening allergic reactions. The most serious of these is to nuts and nut products. At Jells Park we train all staff in the use of Epipens and have clear processes in place to implement the medication if required, but the consequences of not getting it right or of being too late are fatal. Our School Council requests that no child bring nuts or nut products to school. Council is aware that this will cause problems for some families but feels strongly that we would never want a child to die as a result of inadvertent contact with a nut product. If anyone has a concern about this please contact me.

SLOW DOWN – SCHOOL’S BACK
We would like to give a timely reminder of the speed limits around Jells Park Primary. Petronella Avenue has a 40km/hour restriction at all times. Please also be aware of the speed and parking restrictions on Jells Road during school drop-offs.

CHILDREN LEFT IN CARS
As the summer is set to heat up again it is important to remember that children should never be left alone in a car. The temperature inside a car on hot days begins to rise as soon as the door closes and within minutes the temperature inside can be double the temperature outside. Young children are at a much greater risk of life-threatening heatstroke, dehydration and other serious health risks. Victorian legislation makes leaving a child unattended in a car a criminal offence. If you are travelling with a child in a car and you need to get out, make sure you take your child with you. No exceptions. No excuses.

WEBSITE
All notices distributed are available on the school website. You can visit www.jpps.vic.edu.au to have a look. The bulletin board on the front page has information about current topics of note and upcoming activities.
PERSONAL PROPERTY
This is a reminder to all families that the Department of Education and Training does not hold Insurance for personal property brought to schools and it has no capacity to pay for any loss or damage to such property. This may include mobile phones, calculators, toys, bikes and sporting equipment. We make all efforts to take care of student property and ensure classrooms are locked when not in use, but it is advisable not to bring valuable items to school and certainly do not leave valuables in your car as we have had thefts of bags left in cars.

BIKES AND SCOOTERS
The bike racks are currently out of action due to the renovations to the Year 2 classrooms. Until we relocate the bike racks, we will temporarily store bikes and scooters in the Gallery located next to the court yard. This is not necessarily the most secure location, so parents may reconsider sending bikes and scooters to school at the moment.

NEWSLETTER - SUSTAINABILITY
Jells Park is a sustainable school and is continually looking for ways to protect and conserve our environment. As computer technology is so advanced now I would think that the majority of our families would have regular access to the internet and so we have once again decided not to send hard copies of the newsletter home to each family. We would like to encourage all our families to access our newsletter on our website or from Skoolbag, where it can be enjoyed in colour and at your convenience. The school’s website is www.jpss.vic.gov.au. School can be found by searching ‘Jells Park Primary’ on your phone’s app store. Downloading is free. Alternatively many families choose to receive the link via email each fortnight. If you have not received an email link to this week’s newsletter and would like to, please enter the information on the website (only if you are not on our email list already). Any family who requires a hard copy of the newsletter can send in a written request to the Office. Newsletters will be available on Thursdays in weeks 2, 4, 6, 8 and 10 in each term.

Did you know??? 1 ream of paper = 6% of a tree and 5.4kg CO2 in the atmosphere, 3 sheets of A4 paper = 1 litre of water

SPECIAL RELIGIOUS INSTRUCTION (SRI)
SRI is again being offered as a lunchtime activity for those families that enroll their child/children. This enrolment form for SRI was included in the information envelopes that went out to all students at the start of the year. Parents are reminded that these forms are required to be returned by Friday 5 February, 2016. This will allow the school to determine interested numbers arrange instructors and timetable the sessions. In 2016 SRI will be supervised by a member of the school staff. If there are any questions please contact the school office.

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2016 CAMP DATES

To assist parents in preparing for camp payments and informing students the camp dates for this year are:

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STUDENT BANKING
Saving and budgeting are very important life skills that can be learned by participating in weekly Student Banking. We are most grateful to our parent volunteers who assist with the Student Banking and this year we ask for some new volunteers to fill vacant positions to enable this valuable program to continue. If you can spare an hour each on alternate Tuesday mornings please see the office staff. Bank accounts can be established at any Commonwealth Bank. Bank books with deposits should then be sent in via the classroom each Tuesday morning. Banking will recommence Tuesday 9 February.

Get involved in the School Banking program
The School Banking program provides children with an opportunity to deposit money into their Commonwealth Bank Youthsaver account at school each week. The program is about how often your child makes deposits, not how much they deposit.

New School Banking rewards now available!
Exciting new Term 1 rewards with an Outback Savers theme are now available, while stocks last! For every deposit made at school, no matter how big or small, students will receive a silver Dollarmites token. Once students have individually collected 10 tokens they can redeem them for exclusive School Banking reward items in recognition of their regular savings habits. There are 2 new items released each term so be sure to keep an eye out for them! Thank you for supporting the School Banking program and don’t forget that TUESDAY is School Banking day!
If your children are not currently involved in the School Banking program and you would like to know more, please ask for a 2016 School Banking program information pack from the school office.

SCHOOL CONCERT – ADVANCE NOTICE
The School Concert this year is on Tuesday 29 and Wednesday 30 November, with a possibility of a matinee on the afternoon of Wednesday 30 November. We are very appreciative of Caulfield Grammar for making this available. As always it will be a wonderful way to conclude the school year. Please put these dates in your calendar.

CONSIDERATION
With the school year starting I would ask all our families to be very considerate of our neighbours. Please do not park across driveways or obstruct small streets and courts and encourage your children to respect the gardens and footpaths around our school by not picking flowers or dropping litter.

REMEMBER…….following on from our 2015 Grade 6 Graduation, a quote from Dr Seuss.

Kevin Oakey
Acting Principal
ART
Thank you to all students across the school who have already brought their art smock to school. All students are required to wear an art smock for each Art lesson. This is to protect their school uniform from the various materials used in the Art Room, such as, paint, clay, dyes, etc. There are a number of unclaimed art smocks from 2015 that are situated in the art room if your child’s is missing. It would be appreciated if you could send to school a named suitable smock that is large enough to protect your child’s school uniform. A useful and inexpensive idea can be the use of an old adult sized shirt as an Art Smock.

Do you have any of the following at home or work that are no longer required? We need bottle tops, blank paper, buttons, wool, construction card, the Art room would greatly appreciate any of these items for the students to use. Any donations can be dropped off to the Art room before or after school or left outside the interior Art room door.
Many thanks for your support of the Art program.

Brian Clarke, Visual Arts Teacher

SPORTS- School Sport Victoria State Team nominations
Year 5 and 6 students have the opportunity to try out for the SSV State Teams in a variety of sports. This is an extremely high level of representative sport and Jells Park has had a number of participants over the last few years. The nomination and registration process is to be done by the parents. Any parents wishing to register their child are encouraged to visit the School Sports Victoria website and make sure their child meets the criteria for their selected sport. https://www.ssv.vic.edu.au/TeamVic/Pages/default.aspx

Scott Zachariassen, Interschool Sports Coordinator

P.E. UPDATE
The Jells Park Sports Academy is getting back into full swing for 2016, preparing the students for the Rio Olympics in August!!! We already have a Sports Incursion booked into the school in August with former professional athletes to work with the students and more details will follow nearer the date. PLEASE remember to ensure your child wears a hat to school on all days and particularly for PE lessons. If they can have sun screen applied on the morning of the PE lesson it will enable us to perform safely outside.

The Sporting Schools Soccer and Cricket Clubs will begin on Tuesday 9 February for seven sessions up to Tuesday 22 March. This term the clubs will be aimed at Year 5 and 6 students with other students to be invited in following terms.

The Year 3 to 5 swim program will run daily from 22 February to 4 March, and the Prep to Grade 2 program will run in Term 3 for nine days from September 5 to 15. We would encourage all students to participate in this vital program that teaches water safety skills as well as basic swimming techniques.

Finally the House Athletics event this term for Grades 4 to 6 will be on Wednesday March 16 at the Knox Athletics Track. Do come and have a chat with me if you need further details or have greater ideas to help our students excel further in their sporting passions.

Andrew Farmer, PE Teacher
JELLS PARK PARENTS COMMITTEE (JPPC)

Happy New Year and welcome to 2016! I hope you all had relaxing and enjoyable holidays.

This year we have many exciting and fun events planned which are sure to please both students and their families. In Term 1 we will be running the following fundraising events:

- **School Disco** - Friday 4 March
- **Moonlight Family Movie Night** - Friday 18 March
- **Family Portrait Day** - Saturday 19 March
- **Walkathon** – In March (date to be confirmed)

More details relating to each of the above events will be available soon.

You are invited to the JPPC Annual General Meeting

**Date:** Monday 8 February  
**Time:** 2.00pm  
**Venue:** Staff Room

The role of JPPC is to provide a means for parents of current students to:
- Develop friendships within the school community
- Support the school by improving the quality of resources available through effective fundraising activities
- Enjoy a greater involvement within the school

The Committee in the past has been involved in managing and co-ordinating a number of functions and events such as:
- Mother's and Father's Day Stalls
- Walkathon
- Second Hand Uniform Stall
- Entertainment Books
- Trivia and Auction Night
- School Disco
- Chocolate Drive
- Pie Drive
- Serving beverages at the School Concerts
- Washing Sick Bay Linen

In 2015, JPPC ran activities and events that generated in excess of $22,000. These funds went towards upgrading the school playgrounds with safety rubber re-surfacing on the grounds. As well as fundraising, JPPC assists and supports teachers and the school, behind the scenes as required. The AGM is open to the greater school community. It is a wonderful opportunity to be updated on the prior year's results and enjoy a chat with likeminded parents and our Acting Principal, Mr Kevin Oakey. JPPC monthly meetings are held on Mondays at 2.00pm in the Staff Room before assembly. The dates will be listed in the fortnightly school newsletter. You are always welcome. Parents with babies and toddlers are welcome to bring their children to the meetings.

**Baker's Delight - Wheelers Hill and Brandon Park:**
Thank you to all families who have been purchasing at Baker's Delight. Remember whenever you purchase at Baker's Delight and mention Jells Park Primary School, our school receives a donation at the end of the year.

**Aussie Farmers Direct:**
Families save time and money shopping online with Aussie Farmer's Direct and they give 2% of their annual total spend back to Jells Park Primary School. When you register, or if you are a current recipient of AFD - make sure "Jells Park Primary School" is selected as your nominated beneficiary of the 2%. The email address for Jells Park Parents Committee is parentcommittee@jpps.vic.edu.au. I am looking forward to seeing you at the AGM.

Ani Artinian, JPPC Convenor
JELLS PARK PARENTS COMMITTEE (JPPC) MOONLIGHT MOVIE NIGHT

In 2016 the JPPC will be focusing our fundraising efforts towards the schools Art Department. Our first event will be a Moonlight Movie Night to be held on **Friday 18th March** on the school oval & screening Pixar – **The Good Dinosaur!**

The JPPC would like to invite you and your family to pack a picnic, bring a bean bag and enjoy a perfect autumn evening whilst supporting our school. The money raised from this event will go towards purchasing and installing a new Pottery Kiln for the Art Department.

Tickets will be $25.00 per family (up to 5 people) and will be available to purchase via [trybooking.com](http://trybooking.com) from **Friday 4th March**.

**There will be popcorn, fairy floss & other goodies available to purchase. Watch this space for more information on this event soon!!**

We are reaching out for support of this event from the school community, should you wish to advertise your business on the evening prior to the movies screening. Please contact Lauren Brown via email [jpmoonlightmovie@gmail.com](mailto:jpmoonlightmovie@gmail.com) to discuss further.
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GUITAR TUITION ENROLEMENT Lessons are held once a week at Jells Park Primary School. They are available for students in Year 2 and above.

Guitar Teacher Paul Varone – has over 20 years experience as a guitar teacher. Modern guitar program with the use of one one iPads. Modern, classic and fun songs taught. If you would like your child to participate in the program or for more details email pvarone1@bigpond.com

HOCKEY VICTORIA ROADSHOW CLINICS