**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.

**RESPECT – What does respect look like at our school:**

For self – care and responsibility for our belongings and pride in what we do

For others – talk politely, listen, value and tolerate others’ ideas, opinions and differences

For property and environment – using school property responsibly and caring for our school environment

For the school rules and safety requirements

**Newsletter No 2**  
Thursday 18 February 2016

| MONDAY 22 FEBRUARY | Year 3-5 Swimming Program commences for 2 weeks |
| TUESDAY 23 | ‘Getting to Know you Interviews’ |
| WEDNESDAY 24 | Prep students DO NOT ATTEND  
Financial 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  
School Disco - Prep – 2 attend 6.00pm - 7.15pm  
School Disco - Year 3 - 6 attend 7.30pm - 9.00pm |
| MONDAY 7 | School Photographs for all students  
Regional Swimming Selected Year 4-6 Students |
| WEDNESDAY 9 | Prep students DO NOT ATTEND |
| THURSDAY 10 | Walk-a-thon Fundraiser |
| 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 |
| TUESDAY 22 | Egg Drop – 11.30am – 12.30pm |
| WEDNESDAY 23 | Finance Meeting in Staffroom 6.00pm  
School Council Meeting in Staffroom 6.30pm |
| THURSDAY 24 MARCH | School Assembly – Easter Raffle to be drawn  
**Last Day of Term 1 – Students dismissed at 2.30pm** |
| MONDAY 11 APRIL | First Day of Term 2 |
PRINCIPAL’S REPORT

WELCOME TO OUR NEW PREPS
What a wonderful start to school for our marvellous Preps. Our days have been packed with exciting new experiences. We got to tour the school and meet all the other students and teachers. We even got to visit Mr Oakey in his office!
COMMUNICATIONS FOR 2016
As previously indicated, JPPS has adopted a digital communications strategy from 2016. This is aimed at improving communications between parents and the school, as well as allowing greater input from parents and exposure of the work and activities being done in school by students. The following methods will be available to all parents.

- **EMAIL**
  Staff and parents can communicate by email this year, replacing Communication Books and Diaries. You should have a ‘Welcome’ email from your child’s Home Group teacher by now. Please contact the school office immediately if your email address changes. This format is for parents and teachers to communicate individual issues about their child(ren). Teachers will also use this method to provide updates on grade activities as required.
  **Emails are being sent to the nominated preferred parent. If you would like to change this or add a second parent please contact the office.**

- **SCHOOL BAG**
  This app is available on mobile phones and iPads and will be a major method of communication from the school to parents. Please ensure you have this downloaded. We will issue notices, reminders and urgent messages using this app.

- **FACEBOOK**
  Jells Park PS has an ‘official’ Facebook page. This is used only to ‘celebrate’ school activities and demonstrate achievements. It is not used for communicating messages and is blocked from all return posts and messaging.

- **WEBSITE**
  The website is the access point for a copy of all notices and important policies, and dates of events.

**STUDENT LEADERSHIP POSITIONS YEARS 3-5**
Congratulations to our Class Representatives from Years 3-5 who were elected to represent their class for this semester:

**ASSEMBLY ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS**
Congratulations to the following students who have received Assembly Certificates:
- Preston B (Prep B), Gemma P (Prep J), Mitchell J (Prep J), Isabella S (Prep M), Jordan T (Prep N), Issac F (1C), Anna F (1C), Thomas R (1D), Ruby M (1MC), Jaz O (1W), Zak C (1C), Evie C (1D), Ben R (1MC), Isaac M (1W), Lily M (2B), Jordan J (2C), Zeik K (2H), Brooke J (2B), Julia H (2C), Inka N (2H), Josh C (2H), Elissa R (3B), Hunter S (3F), Ellaha R (3L), Violet C (3N), Olivia B (3B), Ella D (3F), Lisa L (3L), Sam B (3N), Tara N (4W), Raam Q (5C), Jack C (4W), Ella N (5M), Hanson Y (5S), Emma G (6J), Craig L (6L), Cy H (6DZ) Jack Y (5C), Toma C (5M), Ella M (6J), Michael G (6DZ), Angus Q, Hayden V (P.E) and Harrison C (6L), Josh Mc L (Music), Jaden L (P.E) , Shelby V (LOTE), Constance D (RR).

**SCHOOL PHOTOS**
Annual school photos are being taken on Monday 7 March. Please ensure that your child wears full school uniform on this day. All students will be given an order envelope to return to school prior to photo day. Should you wish to have a photo taken of your children together ‘Sibling Order Envelopes’ can be collected from the office. All order envelopes should be returned to your child’s class teacher.

**SCHOOL COUNCIL 2016**
Congratulations to Jim Kokkinias, Jason Scarlett, Hanna Dusink and Belinda McLaren, who have been elected for a two year term. Kevin Oakey, Gillian Dodd and Sue Ward have been elected as staff representatives. School Council is an important body in the school which formulates policies and manages budgets and school development. I appreciate the commitment of our parents to this important role and I look forward to seeing them at our first meeting on Wednesday 24 February at 6.30pm in the staff room.
STUDENT ACCIDENT INSURANCE ARRANGEMENTS
Parents are reminded that the Department does not provide personal accident insurance for students. Parents and guardians are responsible for paying the cost of medical treatment for injured students, including any transport costs. Student accident insurance policies are available from some commercial insurers. These cover a range of medical expenses not covered by Medicare or private health insurance. They can be obtained by parents/guardians for individual students.

NEW FAMILIES BARBECUE
It was lovely to meet all of the new families to the Jells Park community at our BBQ last Thursday night. The feedback from the families who attended was very positive with many welcoming the opportunity to meet other families as well as teachers in a relaxed and friendly environment. Thank you to all of you who attended, it was a perfect evening and the children enjoyed this time playing on the oval.

‘GETTING TO KNOW YOU’ INTERVIEWS
‘Getting to Know You’ interviews are being held on Tuesday 23 February. Parents are invited to take the opportunity to come and meet new Home Group teachers and discuss their child’s needs with them.

SCHOOL ATTENDANCE
Coming to school every day is the single most important part of your child’s education. Students learn new things every day – missing school puts them behind. We all want our students to get a great education but if students miss school regularly they miss learning fundamental skills.

SPECIAL RELIGIOUS INSTRUCTION (SRI)
Religious Education classes will commence soon. The timetable for all classes should be available by the next newsletter. They will be held at lunchtime, Tuesdays and Wednesdays commencing in March. Supervision will be by Mrs Gordon and Mr Farmer.

JELLS PARK PARENT COMMITTEE
The AGM of JPPC was held last week and I would like to congratulate Ani Artinian who was again voted the convenor and Danie Boyd, who was voted secretary. These are very important roles which enable our parent committee to operate effectively. Thank you to all parents who attended the meeting and welcome to all of the new families who volunteered to be part of this group during 2016.

A big thank you to the 2015 JPPC committee that raised $22,000 towards the installation of additional stations for the Fun and Fitness track, and new readers for the classrooms. The parent committee contributes significantly to the fundraising for the school and to the provision of activities for the students including the discos, the Parents’ Day stalls and the concert. In 2016 the target is to raise the $15,000 needed for a new, larger kiln in the Art room.

WORKING BEE
An enthusiastic bunch of 30 families turned up for the twilight working bee last Friday 12 February. Soft-fall was spread throughout all the fun and fitness stations, sand put in both sandpits, gutters and drains cleared, leaves swept and weeds pulled. Thanks to all the students and parents that turned up to help – your support is appreciated.

STUDENT BANKING
We are most grateful to our parent volunteers who assist with the Student Banking. 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 commenced on Tuesday 9 February.

PREP ENROLMENTS FOR 2017
There is already a high level of interest from new families wanting to secure Prep places for 2017. To ensure that all of our current families with a sibling due to commence Prep next year are able to secure their place it would be appreciated if you could collect and complete enrolment forms as soon as possible.
UPDATING CONTACT DETAILS - Parent contact forms were sent home at the start of the Year
On occasions we do need to make contact with parents during school hours. It is important that we have your current phone and address details as well as details for an alternative emergency contact in case we are unable to contact you. If any of your details have changed in the recent months and you have not advised us could you please contact the office either via email at jeills.park.ps@edumail.vic.gov.au or by calling in and updating your details in person.

GRADE 6 LEADERSHIP PROGRAM
Mr Jenkins has been taking the Grade 6 Captains and Vice Captains through a structured Leadership Program, which I am sure will introduce them to some of the vital skills needed to become effective leaders in this school and in future settings. I had the pleasure of listening to some of the student's presentations on "My Passion" and was very taken by the speech by Evan K. A good leader has to have some affinity with the people around them, and family surely heads that list. Really thoughtful work Evan.

FAMILY
By Evan K

Everyone's family is incredible. You can't not love your family
The love of a family is life's greatest blessing.

You shouldn't hate your family if they don't give you something or you don't get what you want.
Love your family for everything that they do

Don't think of what they've done now, think of what they've done before
If they are sick treat them well, if they are hurt help them, if they are running and out of breath help them up and tell them to keep going
They do a lot for you, so you do a lot for them

Your family are the ones that really care for you in your life

Kevin Oakley
Acting Principal
CLEAN UP AUSTRALIA DAY
On Sunday 6 March, it is ‘Clean Up Australia Day’ for our nation. Jells Park Primary School has registered for this and will doing our own clean up on Friday 4 March. Our environment Captains will be coordinating the day and students from all levels will participate with the Prep-2 classes cleaning up our school and the 3-6 students cleaning up local parks and reserves around our neighbourhood. More information will be sent home closer to the date. We welcome any parent helpers who would like to assist with this event.

Scott Zachariassen, Leading Teacher, Community Engagement

MUSIC NEWS
In Years 2-6 this week, we have been learning about the Lunar New Year and creating "Lion Dance Bands." This has involved reviewing "beat & rhythm” and playing on percussion instruments for some classes.

Rose Fearon, Music Teacher

WESA SWIMMING CARNIVAL
On Wednesday 17 February, all the Year 6’s and selected Year 5 & 4 students travelled to the Harold Holt Swimming Centre for the WESA Swimming Carnival. The day entailed a schedule of 50m swimming events and a variety of novelty events in the leisure pool. Jells Park PS students performed outstandingly once again and showed why we are a sporting force in this district. We placed in the top 3 in majority of individual and relay events in the main pool, while many students returned from the leisure pool with ribbons and huge smiles. As usual the standard of sportsmanship and support for team mates was very high among the Jells Park students. In the end we won the trophy for the main pool comfortably. Thanks very much to all the parents that came to support the students and helped the staff with various duties. Congratulations and good luck to the students who qualified for the next level of competition (Division), which will be on Monday 29 February.

Also, we are holding the House Athletics Championship at the Knox Athletics Track on Wednesday 16 March. Parents from Years 4 to 6 available to help on that day would be much appreciated. Please see me to volunteer or send in a note with your child.

Scott Zachariassen, Sports Co-Ordinator
ART SMOCKS
All students are required to wear an art smock in Art – many of the planned activities are very messy and it is important to protect school uniforms. Could all parents please make sure that your student has an Art smock by the end of this month.

Brian Clarke, Visual Arts Teacher

P.E. UPDATE
The Year 3 to 5 swim program begins on Monday February 22 and runs through to March 4. If you can make sure students have names in their bathers and towels and a plastic bag for wet clothes to return in. Students may come to school with bathers underneath their school uniforms for the duration of the program.

The Sporting Schools Soccer and Cricket clubs are now full up for Year 4 to 6 students. Sessions will run from 3:30 to 4.30 pm on the school oval each Tuesday up to and including March 22. If parents could come and collect students participating from the oval please.

We have had a wonderful hockey clinic run by Knox Hockey Club. Other such clinics will happen for other year groups as the term continues.

Andrew Farmer, PE Teacher

JELLS PARK PARENT COMMITTEE
Hello Everyone! We have a number of exciting events happening during March.

On Friday 4 March we will be having the School Disco. This is always a popular and fun event for the students. Cost of entry is $5 per student. We look forward to seeing all students at the disco with their dancing shoes on and ready to have a good time dancing to their favourite songs. Preps - Year 2 attend between 6.00pm - 7.15pm and Year 3 - 6 between 7.30pm - 9.00pm. Information about this event has been sent home with students.

On Thursday 10 March we have the popular Walkathon. This is a great day for students to engage in some physical fitness and raise vital extra funds for the school. This year we have a 'Crazy/Easter Hat' theme for the event. Come dressed in your house colours and wear a Crazy/Easter themed Hat for this fun event Bonus House Points will be awarded for the House raising the most sponsorship money AND for the best CRAZY / EASTER HAT for each year level. The Walkathon benefits all students so please get involved and support our school for choosing this health based fundraiser!!! Information and sponsorship forms will be sent home soon.

On Friday 18 March we have our first Moonlight Movie Night. This event will be held on the school oval and we will be screening the Pixar movie - The Good Dinosaur! Tickets will be $25.00 per family (up to 5 people) and tickets will be available to purchase via trybooking.com from Friday 4 March. There will be Popcorn, fairy floss and other yummy treats will be available to purchase on the night and you can BYO food, drinks and picnic rugs too. All proceeds from this event will go towards purchasing and installing a new Pottery Kiln for the School’s Art Department.

Coming up on Saturday 19 March we have a Family Photography Fundraising day. It is a great opportunity for families to have memorable photos taken that will always be treasured. More information about this event and how to book your photography session will be sent out to students very soon. So please look out for your flyer and do not miss this fantastic opportunity.
The new email address for Jells Park Parents Committee is parentcommittee@jpps.vic.edu.au
I can also be contacted on 0434 146 228 if anyone has any further questions.

Next Meeting: Monday 7 March at 2.00pm in the Gym Meeting Room.

Ani Artinian, JPPC Convenor
OSHClub NEWS
I would like to welcome everyone back and hope you all have an amazing holiday.
We have had a very busy and exciting start to the New Year. We have a number of new families attending both Before School Care & After School Care and it has been very pleasing to see them settle into the OSHClub family so quickly. A big Thank You to my staff Leah, Di and Jenni and the kindness and care of the children who regularly attend OSHClub, in helping the new families feel at home. Please remember, if your child is not coming to the service or has gone home early, you need to let me know ASAP. BY doing this, I know not to go looking for your child/children when they do not turn up. You can call, text or come in and tell me. Thank you

Anne Hanify - OSHClub Coordinator Tel 0422 032 371

SCHOOL UNIFORM LABELLING
To ensure uniforms are returned if misplaced please make sure labelling is clear and obvious to all students and staff so that they can be returned quickly to your child. Our lost property boxes are already filling up.

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