**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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**HONESTY – What does honesty look like at our school:**

Behaving in a trustworthy manner – always telling the truth, admitting when you are wrong and accepting the consequences, and returning lost property to the office.

Demonstrate integrity & fairness – treating others as we would want to be treated, trying to resolve issues fairly and calmly and not accepting poor behaviour of others.

Be honest and thoughtful of others – listening carefully and respecting other points of view and being constructive with our feedback.

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| **FRIDAY 4 MARCH** | 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 6.00pm |
| **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 |
WORDS THEIR WAY
This year Jells Park will be introducing a spelling program call *Words Their Way*. The *Words Their Way* program teaches students the importance of word study through phonics, vocabulary and the study of word patterns and their meaning. The main benefit of *Words Their Way* is that it differentiates instruction, allowing each child to work at their appropriate instructional level.

Students will be tested on their developmental stage when they reach the end of their category. For each spelling test we will ask students to spell a random group of 10 of their words. Students who spell these words correctly will move onto the next category. *Words Their Way* focuses less on memorisation and more on allowing students to have a hands-on approach to their learning.

We are very excited about the *Words Their Way* program and look forward to working together to help your child improve their skills in spelling.

SCHOOL PHOTOS
School photos are on Monday 7 March. Please ensure that your child/children are in the full school uniform and are at school on time. Could all students please wear the current polo tops, not any of the old style tops. All Year 6 students are reminded to wear their badges.

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 jells.park.ps@edumail.vic.gov.au or by calling in and updating your details in person.

NEW CLASSROOMS
A contract with the builders has been signed and work will begin shortly. We are hoping that these will be completed by the end of term 2 so that the Year 2 students can be settled in their new rooms for the start of term 3.

SWIMMING PROGRAM
The Year 3 to 5 swimming program is nearly complete and has been very successful. Students have extended their skills in the water and gained confidence with survival techniques. Swimming is a very important life skill, particularly for Australian students who have ready access to water sports and activities in a warm climate.

SCHOOL SPEED ZONES and PARKING RESTRICTIONS
Just a reminder that School Speed Zones and Parking Restrictions are being enforced. Petronella Avenue has a permanent 40km speed zone outside the school and Jells Road has restricted hours 40km zone either side of Petronella Ave. We encourage all parents to observe these restrictions along with safe road usage in the interest of protecting all children and adults in the school community.

Please remember that on both sides of Petronella Ave, before and after the school crossing has No Standing and 2 min Drop Zones between 8:00 - 9:30am and 3.00 – 4.15pm. This means you are not allowed to park and leave your car OR park and sit for more time than it takes for your child(ren) to get in or out. Please be considerate of other drivers when driving around the school as we do not want any accidents or injuries.
STUDENT ACCIDENT INSURANCE
Parents are reminded that the Department does not provide personal accident insurance or ambulance cover for students. Parents and guardians of students are responsible for paying the cost of medical treatment for injured students, including the cost of ambulance attendance/transport and any other costs. Insurance policies can be purchased by parents from many commercial insurers including EBM Insurance. A flyer was sent home earlier this week.

EARLY STUDENTS
Once again there a number of students who are arriving at school early? I would remind parents that the school grounds are supervised only from 8.40 – 8.55am before school. In the interest of safety of all students, NO child is permitted on the school grounds before 8.40am, unless part of an organised and supervised school activity. This reminder is in the interests of the safety of your child.

EVERY DAY COUNTS - STUDENT ATTENDANCE
We’re committed to providing your child with an excellent education. The building blocks of a great education begin with all students coming to school each and every day. Regular school attendance is vital and missing school days can have a big impact on a child’s future – missing one day a fortnight will miss four full weeks by the end of the year. By Year 10 they’ll have missed more than a year of school.

There is no safe number of days for missing school – each day a student misses puts them behind, and can affect their educational outcomes. If for any reason your child must miss school, for a period of time, there are things we can do together to ensure they don’t fall behind.

Speak with your classroom teacher and find out what work your child needs to do to keep up
Remember, every day counts.

MANDARIN QUIZ
Dear Parents,
Please encourage your child to participate in the Mandarin quiz as it will help them to consolidate what they have learnt in their Mandarin lessons. Year 5 and 6 children will only participate in the Level 4 quiz. The Year 3 and 4 children will only participate in the Level 3 quiz. Children with all correct answers will have their names entered in a draw for the prize and it will be drawn at the last school assembly for term one. The closing date for entries is the 11th March 2016.

Level 4
Write down the Mandarin word for the following animals which are in the Chinese zodiac:

1. Rat - _________  7. Horse - _________
2. Cow - _________  8. Sheep - _________
3. Tiger - ________  9. Monkey - _________
4. Rabbit - ________ 10. Rooster - _________
5. Dragon - ________ 11. Dog - _________

Level 3
Match the following words/questions to its Mandarin translation:
E.g Ni hao - Hello (to one person)
Come in - Hello (to more than one) Goodbye
How are you? What is your name? Hello teacher! Thank you.

1. Nimen hao - ________________________________
2. Ni jiao shenme mingzi? - ________________________________
3. Nin hao, Laoshi! - ________________________________
4. Qing jin - ________________________________
5. Zaijian - ________________________________
6. Ni hao ma? - ________________________________
7. Xie xie - ________________________________

Could students please write down their answers with their name and class and give to Mrs Gordon.
LAST DAY DISMISSAL
Parents are reminded that on Thursday 24 March the students will be dismissed at 2.30pm following an assembly at 1.45pm. Parents are most welcome to attend this assembly where our Easter Raffle will be drawn.

CONGRATULATIONS
We would like to congratulate Scott and Holly Zachariassen on the birth of their beautiful baby boy, born Thursday 3 March and named Cohen Peter Zachariassen

SCOOTERS AND BIKES AT SCHOOL
We would like to remind all families and students that riding bikes and scooters whilst on school premises is not allowed. Riding through the playgrounds when there are small children and families around at the beginning and end of the day is extremely dangerous for everyone. Please ask your child(ren) to push their scooter or bike until they are off the school premises.

ASSEMBLY ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS
Congratulations to the following students who have received Assembly Certificates:
Laura Williams (PB), Amelia Hahesy (PB) Alannah S (PJ), Harry H (PJ), Jimmy Shi (PM), Xadrian B (PM), Janice L (PM), Jake VM (PN), Kai W (PN), Grace C (1C), Xander Hoult (1C), Liam B (1D), Gemma H (1D), Sienna H (1MC), Eleni C (1MC), Eva L (1W), Hunter B (1W), James C (2B), Jackson H (2B), Molly P (2C), Tavit M (2C), Charlie D (2H), Lexie BC (2C), Cooper H (3B), Gabriella M (3B), Gloria J (3F), Benji B (3F), Logan L (3L), Harley B (3N), Savannah K (3N), Chante B (4K), Connor S (4K), Brannon Q (4W), Bella S (5C), Tahlia M (5C) Brady P (5M), Jolie J (5M), Aimee H (5S), Bailey H (5S), Ryan S (5S) Kyralee M (6J), Sarah B (6J), Michael G (6DZ), Evan K (6L), Rhiannon J (6L) Chloe C (Art- 4K), Sasha K (Art- 6J) Shreyaj G (Music- 3L), Melody L (Music- 1D) Mia H (P.E- 5M), Hayley VG (LOTE- 3F), Bridget G (LOTE-5).

YEAR 3 NEWS
Fun Times (tables) in Year 3
It has already been a very busy term in Year 3! We have been enjoying all of our Literacy and Numeracy work, as well as exploring a bit more about ourselves in our “Who am I?” integrated unit. Each day in Numeracy, we have been testing our number skills and recall by conducting a time trial challenge. We time how long it takes us to complete a set of random times tables. We have seen dramatic improvements and love racing our own times from previous days. We also took to the school yard to use our feet as a measurement tool, measuring several outdoor spaces. We are looking forward to even faster recall times in our time trials and more fantastic numeracy activities in the weeks to come!
**MUSIC NEWS**
This week in music the Preps have been learning about the "Beat" and moving their bodies with the "Beat". The Year 1’s & 2’s have been extending their learning in "Beat & Rhythms" as well as cultural music and instrument sounds. The Year 3’s & 4’s have been learning about steps, skips and leaps which is working towards stave reading and recorder next term. The Year 5’s & 6’s have been composing a song about themselves on their iPads.

**Rose Fearon, Music Teacher**

**STUDENT BANKING**

School Banking Day Reminder
Thanks to the students and their families for participating in school banking. It has been a fantastic start to the year.

Don’t forget that TUESDAY is School Banking day and students should bring in their weekly deposit. Our school receives $5 when a student makes their first ever School Banking deposit and 5% on every deposit made through the school (to a maximum of $10 per individual deposit). School Banking is a great fundraiser for our school.

If your child has an existing Commonwealth Bank Youthsaver account they can start banking straight away. They just need to bring their deposit in every week on School Banking day using their Dollarmites deposit wallet. If you have lost your Dollarmite deposit wallet, just bring in your account details and money enclosed in an envelope and we will issue a new wallet.

Keep up the great work and remember to bring in your School Banking deposit every Tuesday. Thank you for supporting the School Banking program.

School Banking Co-ordinators

**DIVISION SWIMMING**
On Monday 29 February, students from Years 4, 5 and 6 represented our school in the Division Swimming Championships at Monash Sports and Aquatic Centre. We had 6 relay teams competing in 6 events and a number of individual swimmers in selected events. Our school performed extremely well, coming up against some private schools with their own pools and coaches. At the end of the day we had 1 relay team go through to the next round, as well as the other students in their individual events.


Scott Zachariassen, Sports Co-ordinator

**PE/SPORTS UPDATE**
The Melbourne victory Soccer Club continues to go well on Tuesday nights on the oval with some 46 students from Year 4 - 5 and Year 6 participating regularly this term in the Sporting Schools program. The final session will be on March 22 and any wet or hot sessions will be conducted as last week in the school gym.

House Athletics involving Year 4, 5 and 6 students is being held at the Knox Athletics Track on Wednesday March 16. A permission form will be going home this week and if parents who hold a current WWC check could let me know if you can help out in the morning or afternoon on the reply slip it would be most helpful. Thanks again for all your support that allows the children to participate in such a wide range of extra-curricular activities.

Andrew Farmer, PE Teacher

**WORKING WITH CHILDREN CHECK**
A reminder to parents who would like to be a parent helper, we require copy of your current Working with Children Check (WWC).
JELLS PARK PARENTS COMMITTEE (JPPC)

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 will attend between 6.00pm -7.15pm, and Year 3 - 6 will attend between 7.30pm-9.00pm.

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!!!

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) or $8 each and tickets will be available to purchase via trybooking.com from Friday 4 March. 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 - Advanced Life Studios. This is a great opportunity for families to have memorable photos taken on the day that will always be treasured. For $20, each family receives a photo session, a 10 x 13" family portrait, a wallet sized portrait and a key ring. Opportunity to purchase more photos is available at your viewing session. This is a fantastic offer so please contact Aulia on 0414 512 602 or email aulia@optusnet.com.au to book your preferred time slot. Payment of $20 must be made one week prior to the portrait day.

The 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. All Welcome!

Ani Artinian, JPPC Convenor

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- VCE results – scores of 40+ achieved in a wide range of subjects across the curriculum
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Tertiary Education Partnerships

- Partnerships with Deakin and Monash universities
- ICT
- New infrastructure to support BYOD program

Facilities

- New Performing Arts Centre to be opened in February
- Refurbishments for classrooms, library and VCE Senior Centre
- Development of Master Plan for future building works

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