Mission and Values

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.

Resilience
What does resilience look like in our school:

- Maintaining a positive attitude – students have a positive and cheerful ‘can do’ attitude to all school work and activities, attempting all tasks, even if they appear difficult. They also learn from their mistakes.

- Maintaining flexibility - students demonstrate flexibility and patience with teachers & peers.

- ‘Bounce Back’ when faced with difficulties - students demonstrate persistence when faced with challenging tasks and adopt a ‘never give up’ approach
Dates to Remember

Term Dates 2016
Term 2 - 11 April - 24 June
Term 3 - 11 July - 16 September
Term 4 - 3 October - 20 December

April
Monday 25 April
Anzac Day - Students do not attend
Wooribinda Camp Depart
Wednesday 27 April
Finance Committee Meeting 6.00pm
Friday 29 April
Wooribinda Camp Returns 3.30pm

May
Wednesday 4 May
House Cross Country Year 3-5
School Council Meeting 6.30pm
Monday 9 May
NEVR Choir Rehearsal
Wednesday 10 to Thursday 12 May
NAPLAN Year 3 and 5
Monday 16 - Friday 19 May
Education Week
Tuesday 17 May
Prep Information Session 9.15am
Grandparents & Special Friends 2.30pm
Wednesday 18 May
Open Night 6.00 - 7.00pm
Friday 20 May
Report Writing Day - Students DO NOT attend
Monday 23 May
NEVR Choir Rehearsal
Tuesday 24 May
NEVR Choir Youth Concert 7.30pm
Wednesday 25 May
Year 2 Excursion - Chesterfield Farm
Thursday 26 May
Year 1 Excursion - Chesterfield Farm
Monday 30 May
Year 6 Students Depart for Canberra

June
Wednesday 1 June
Finance Committee Meeting 6.00pm
Thursday 2 June
Division Cross Country - Selected Students
Friday 3 June
Prep Excursion - Museum
Year 6 Students Return from Canberra
Wednesday 8 June
School Council Meeting 6.30pm
Monday 13 June
Queen's Birthday - Students DO NOT attend
Thursday 23 - Friday 24 June
Year 3 Students attend Sovereign Hill Camp
Friday 24 June
Last Day of Term 2 - Students Dismissed at 2.30pm

July
Monday 11 July
Term 3 Starts 8.55am
Monday 18 July - Friday 21 July
Year 5 Students Attend Coonsawara Camp
Wednesday 27 July
Finance Committee Meeting 6.00pm

August
Wednesday 3 August
School Council Meeting 6.30pm
Friday 19 August
Curriculum Day - Students DO NOT attend
Wednesday 31 August
Finance Committee Meeting 6.00pm

September
Monday 5 - Thursday 19 September
Prep Year 2 Swimming Program
Wednesday 7 September
School Council Meeting 6.30pm
Friday 16 September
Last Day of Term 3 - Students Dismissed at 2.30pm

October
Monday 3 October
Term 4 Starts 8.55am
Tuesday 11 October
Year 2 Adventure Day
Wednesday 19 October
Finance Committee Meeting 6.00pm
Wednesday 26 October
School Council Meeting 6.30pm
Wednesday 26 - Friday 28 October
Year 4 Students Attend Phillip Island Camp
Monday 23 October
Report Writing Day - Students DO NOT attend

November
Tuesday 1 November
Melbourne Cup Day - Students DO NOT Attend
Wednesday 16 November
Finance Committee Meeting 6.00pm
Wednesday 16 - Saturday 19 November
Year 6 RACV Challenge - Maryborough
Wednesday 23 November
School Council Meeting 6.30pm

December
Tuesday 10 December
Last Day of Term 4 - Students Dismissed at 1.00pm
Principal’s Report

New Format
Welcome to the first edition of the Jells Park News in the Newsletter format.

Not only is the preparation and formatting easier and more time efficient for the office staff but it is also user friendly on all electronic devices. We will be able to showcase student achievements, events and important activities in a variety of ways that are highly appealing.

Principal’s Comment
Former P&F President Ronald Regan once said:

To make a difference in this world, we need average people, like you and me, to stand up and do something extra. As teachers and parents it is incumbent on us to educate and empower students to think outside their own needs and listen to see how they can help others, whether that be helping an individual, a community or an idea.

At Jells Park PS, I am beginning to implement some attitudes, strategies and programs that will aim to develop a greater social conscience in our students. Some readers may have noticed the ‘mushrooming’ done by our staff, with the articles on Debbie Hengartner helping raise funds for HS and, in this newsletter, the work that Brian Clarke does with the CIA. Our Student Leadership group will be focusing on supporting the community as part of their leadership development program and the SAE will lead the school in activities that will support specific charities, like the $1500 raised by the Easter Baskets for the Royal Children’s Hospital.

It is my strong belief that helping others is an enriching, feeling and an attitude that needs developing and nurturing at an early age. As Anne Frank said:

I hope that the school community, students, parents and teachers support this belief and will support the programs and activities that we will be encouraging students to participate in. I hope that students will also be able to understand that giving is not just financial, but also the giving of time, energy and emotion that makes it special.

Be kind. Make a difference.

Kids Hope

It is fantastic to see the Kids Hope Program up and running and we were able to welcome all mentors to the school with a morning tea. Kids Hope provides one-to-one mentoring to children in need for one hour per week. Thank you to all the mentors for their time and commitment to our school.

New classrooms

Work has started! The Building Permit has been obtained and万亩 Construction has commenced work. Student safety is advised to exercise caution in the area to ensure they are safe at all times.

School Council

At the School Council meeting on Wednesday 27 March, the following business was addressed:

- Out of School Hours Care contract review
- Drug Education and Sport Program review
- Approval of 2013 Annual Report
- Approval of 2014 Annual Implementation Plan
- Approval of Newsletter Implementation
- Discussion on school Future Direction

Next Meeting will be Wednesday 4 May 2016.

Portfolios

Term 1 portfolios were sent home for families to enjoy over the holiday period. Please return them as soon as possible so that more work can be added.

Congratulations

We would like to congratulate Lyndal and also on their engagement during the school holidays.
EDUCATION WEEK 2016
Education Week will be held from Monday, 6th to Thursday, 9th of May. Staff and students are looking forward to making the week as meaningful and rewarding for all our students as the previous years have been.

Fun with food in Numeracy
This week has been an interesting exploration into an aimlessly enjoyable mathematical world that keep us out on the lookout. Inside week we were treating our appetite for mathematics and by the end of it we were definitely very satisfied. The Numeracy officers created the ovens which you can watch and learn everything you wanted to know about fractions, decimals, percentages and graphs.

by Tracey J

NAPLAN 2016
The National Assessment Program Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) will be administered on Tuesday, 10th. Wednesday, 11th and Thursday, 12th. If your child feels sick, please contact your child's teacher to obtain a medical certificate. Find out more by logging onto the NAPLAN website.

Premiers' Reading Challenge 2016
The Premier's Reading Challenge is an annual program where schools encourage students to read in the English language. Join the challenge at www.premiersreading.com.au/ & enter your child's details. The winner of the Premier's Reading Challenge will be announced on Monday, 23rd May 2016.

SRI
Special Religious Instruction commence next week and will be delivered by instructors under the supervision of the homonomists. The classes are available Wednesday, 11th; 16th; 23rd; 30th of May. Please ensure that your child is on time.

Year 6 Egg Drop
This is a great opportunity for Year 6 students to witness a small scale demonstration of the laws of physics. The students were taken to the roof of the school where they were shown the physics of eggs. They were then given the task to design a way to protect the eggs from breaking when dropped from the roof. This was a challenging task and the students came up with some very interesting ideas. The team that has the most eggs unbroken at the end of the day will be the winner.

RACV Energy Breakthrough Challenge
For the RACV Energy Challenge in conjunction with the week-long energy awareness program. Students will be working in teams to design and build a wind turbine that will generate electricity. The turbines will be set up outside the school and will be operational for the duration of the week. Students who wish to take part in the challenge should see their homonomist for more information.

New School Banking rewards now available!
Welcome to Term 3 School Banking. Earning more rewards available for your child!

For more information please contact your child's teacher. We look forward to involving the whole school in this important aspect of community service.

If your child is not currently involved in the School Banking program and you would like to know more please visit www.schoolbanking.com.au or phone the following number.

1300 655 891

School Banking - Term 3 2016

SPORTING SCHOOLS PROGRAM

The Soccer Program for Year 3 and 4 students will begin on Tuesdays from 3:30 to 4:30 pm commencing Tuesday 26 April for a seven week block. I am hoping to share the extra-curricular club opportunities amongst the year groups throughout the year so watch out for next term when another year group will get a turn to join. Also in Term 3 we will run our successful lunch-time clubs program with Mr Meredith organising and running these during the winter months from July onwards. So there is lots to look forward to and well done to all teachers and staff involved. Other students will get an opportunity in future terms.

Andrew Farmer
PE Teacher

House Cross Country

On, Wednesday 4 May, the Years 3-6 will be competing in the House Cross Country at Jells Park. Students have already received a notice about the event. For this event to run, I require many parent helpers to do a variety of jobs on the day. If you are able to assist from 12:30 - 3:30 on Wednesday 4 May, can you please come and see me.
Thank you

Scott Zachariassen
Interschool Sports Coordinator

Interschool sports

This Friday, our Basketball, Cricket and Hot Shot Tennis teams will play in the summer sport finals at Caulfield G5. We wish these three teams the best of luck as they try to advance to represent our district. The winter Interschool sports competition will begin on Friday 29 April. We again will be fielding two teams of each sport and hope that we have a very successful winter sport campaign. We are a few players short in a couple of the sports so there are still positions available if there are any Year 5 students who wish to participate in our winter sports competition. I am also looking for parent helpers to assist with managing a team. If you can help out on Fridays from 1:00 – 2:30pm please let me know.

Scott Zachariassen
Interschool Sport Coordinator
Community Champions

We would like to give a shout out to our bus drivers. On the bus, it is the bus driver who is the first person you see when you board the bus. They open the door for you, help you find your seat, and ensure your safety during the journey. It is a thankless job, but one that is essential for the smooth running of our school. We appreciate their hard work and dedication.

YEAR 6 EASTER APPEAL

A huge thank you goes to the Year 6 families who provided us with Easter Egg for the Easter Raffle, and to the P&C for their planning and organisation. The Raffle was a huge success and we have decided to donate $500 to the Royal Children’s Hospital in appreciation.

MOTHER’S DAY

Mother’s Day is fast approaching and the Jells Park Parent Committee will again provide a fantastic Mother’s Day Day Out for the mothers of our community. This will happen on Thursday 30th May and will feature a $50 voucher for a set of 40% off clothes and a $200 gift card for one lucky winner. The mothers will then be able to sample the great selection of food and drinks available at the cafe, and to shop to their heart’s content. The event will finish at 2pm with a raffle draw to award all the prizes.

Jells Park PS Golf Day

We have had a positive response regarding the day planned for Sunday 2nd June, but unfortunately, there are some changes to be made. The day will now be held on Monday 2nd June and will feature a $150 prize for the winner. The day will include a delicious lunch and a raffle draw to award all the prizes.

Please visit our Facebook page or our newsletter for more information.

Scott Thompson
Learning Partner in Community Engagement

A Green Easter for Merkenyiya

On Thursday, 28th March, the school dressed up as Easter Bunnies and raised over $500 for the Easter Appeal. The events included an Easter Egg hunt, a bake sale, and a raffle draw. The money raised will be donated to the Royal Children’s Hospital to support their work.

ANZAC DAY CEREMONY

On Monday, 25th April, the students and staff participated in the ANZAC Day ceremony held at Central Downs. The ceremony was attended by local dignitaries and members of the local community. The students presented a moving poem, reflecting on the sacrifice of those who fought for our freedom.

Thank you for all your support.

The Junior School Council
ASSEMBLY ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS

Congratulations to the following students who have received assembly certificates: Alexander H and India S (Prep B), William S(Prep J), Hayden V (Prep M), Reeve W (Prep N), Emily F (1C), Isha B (1D), Emily J (1MC), Kinslie W (1W), Hiruka K (2B), Ria S (2C), Matthew L (2H) Martin K (3B), Bella M (3L), Janey R (3N), Jaxon L (4K) Harper V (5M), Tiana M (5S), Sasha K (6J), Arman S and Tom B (6DZ), Alyssa W (PE), Benjamin B (LOTE).

Super Speedster

Congratulations to Jordan Gilbert (4W) on his outstanding achievement in Athletics. Jordan won the Under 9 60m, 100m and 200m at the State Little Athletics Championships recently. These are hotly contested championships, so Jordan has done extremely well to win the sprint treble.

Past Students

Congratulations to Jack Ross and Jake Gaspar (Graduated 2012) who were selected in the 2016 Vic Metro Under 16 AFL squads. Appears that both boys are well on their way to the AFL.

Congratulations to Lauren Henley (Graduated 2013) who has risen in the ranks of the Australian Girls Choir and is off to tour Europe with the main choir. Maybe a future QANTAS advert for Lauren!!
JELLYS PARK PARENTS COMMITTEE (JPPC)

Hello Everyone and welcome back to Term 2.

By now you should have all received a flyer about the Entertainment Book Fundraiser. The 2016-2017 Entertainment Book and Digital Membership will be available soon from Jells Park Parents Committee. Credit Card orders and Digital Memberships can be purchased via the following secure website www.entbook.com.au/4PGZ4. This is the preferred method of payment. Cash orders only (no book only) can be returned to school with the payment slip on your flyer by Monday May 2, for delivery prior to Mother’s Day. Orders for “pick-up” are sent home with the students.

There are many fantastic savings to be made using Entertainment membership such as dining, takeaway, attractions, retail and travel offers. Jells Park Primary will receive $13 from every Membership sold, so please order yours today and tell your family and friends to buy one too.

Any queries regarding the Entertainment books can be directed to Jacqui Gilbert on 0438019765 or email d.jacq@optusnet.com.au

Mother’s Day is not far away and we are planning to have our Mothers’ Day Stall at Jells Park Primary on Thursday 5 May. All items will be $5 each with a maximum of 4 gifts per student. The students will be taken over as a whole class with their Teacher, to help with any purchases. We have a lovely selection of gifts to choose from to spoil your Mum, Grandmother or Special Person.

Stephanie Tinkelen is leading a small team of parents to organise this special event. Flyers about this event will be sent home shortly.

On Friday 21 April we are having a Second Hand Uniform Stall from 8.30 – 9.30am between the Library and Art Room. All items are $5 each. We are happy to accept any donations of PSW or RMS uniforms that are clean and in good condition throughout the year and that you no longer require. These items can be handed in to the school office.

This year we have a new fundraising activity that consists of recycling unwanted goods. It is called Recycle With Mondo for a Better World. (See their website at http://scrg.com.au/) The program involves families within the school community donating any unwanted clothes, accessories, shoes, toys and linen to the school. These items are then placed in special collection bins and our school will be paid $20 per tonne for each clothing recycling collection. The benefit of this program is that it reduces waste to landfill and provides global communities with affordable clothing and employment. So now is a great time to clean out your wardrobes in preparation for this great cause and help our school raise some extra funds. This fundraising activity will run throughout the entire year. More information about this activity will be sent home shortly along with information posters around the school promoting this event. The two collection dates in Term 2 will be May 27 and June 23. Specially marked bins will be located in the office and you can now start placing all of your unwanted items in these bins before the collection dates. PLEASE NOTE: this is not a trash bin, so donated items still need to be usable.

Thank you to Lauren Brown for organising a fantastic Movie Night last term. The night was a huge success and a very big thank you to all the wonderful and dedicated committee members and parent helpers for assisting on the night with setting up, setting up yummy treats and cleaning up after the event. Despite the weather being cold and wet we all had a fun and entertaining evening in the gym.

Thank you to Aulia Noor-Aran for organising the Family Portrait Fundraiser. We had a very good response to this event. We hope that you enjoy your special portraits.

Thank you to Melissa Beniman and Leanne Tomsenberg who have volunteered to take care of the First Aid Litter in the term. Your help is greatly appreciated.

The email address for Jells Park Parents Committee is parentscommittee@jpps.vc.edu.au

I can also be contacted on 0434144228 or aniketas@optusnet.com.au if anyone has any further queries.

Next Meeting: Monday 16 May at 2.00pm in the Gym Meeting Room.

Best Wishes, JPPC Committee
I would like to welcome everyone back and hope you all had a happy and safe holiday. We had a very successful holiday program with both the children and the staff having fun creating a large variety of items and going roller blading. We also had great fun on our excursion to the Melbourne Zoo. This term promises to be action packed with new projects and lots of engaging craft activities for us all to experience. Please remember, if you have any boxes you would like to recycle, our white box is inside the front door, so please feel free to deposit any items there. The children enjoy going to the box and taking out items in it to create a variety of objects eg: robots and houses. We also have our battery recycle box near the sign in desk, so instead of throwing them out, drop them into our box and I will recycle them.

Please remember, if your child will not be attending before school care or after school care and you have booked them in, let me know. You can call, text or drop in and let me know. As we take the safety of your children seriously, if we know they will not be attending then we know not to go looking for them.

Anne Hanify
Coordinator OSHClub 0422 032 371
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- Guitar lessons are easy to follow, modern and affordable,
Guitar lessons are available for students in Grade 3 or above. If you would like your child to participate in the program, please call SMS Paul Yancey on 0411 123 635.

The Early Reading Brain

Monash Public Library Service

There are a number of strategies that parents can use to support learning in the classroom. The Reading Workshop is a research-based program that helps children in Reception and Year 1 develop a love of reading and a desire to learn.

This free session, presented by Heather, will explain and address these questions:

- What is the Reading Workshop?
- What qualifications is she holding?
- How can the Reading Workshop help my child?
- Tuesday 10 March
- Time: 9-10am
- Monash University Library
- Bookings essential: 9077 5225

www.monlib.unimelb.edu.au