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.

PRINCIPAL’S REPORT

NEW FAMILIES BARBECUE
All our Prep families and all our new families throughout the school are warmly invited to attend our New Families Barbecue **TONIGHT from 5.30pm to 7.00pm.** This is an opportunity to meet other families, school councilors, representatives from Friends of Jells Park 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.

STUDENT LEADERSHIP POSITIONS
Congratulations to our Class Representatives from Years 3-5 who were elected to represent their class for this semester: 3B Daniella P and Jack S, 3C Sharna B and Charlie P, 3M Charlotte D and Will B, 3L Emily J and Connor C, 4C Caitlyn G and Andy L, 4PW Jordan A and Nicholas C, 4W Chloe V and Benito S, 5D Hannah P and Anthony K, 5F Charlotte A and Jake R, 5/6Z Michelle D and Joel W.

WORKING BEES
The first working bee for this year is on Saturday 17 March from 9am to noon followed by a barbecue. Tasks for this working bee include replenishing the sand pit, adding mulch to the playgrounds and planting around the gym area. All families are welcome.
DISTRICT SWIMMING
Yesterday selected Year 4, 5 and 6 students represented Jells Park PS in the District Swimming Carnival. They made us all proud with their efforts and good sportsmanship. It was an exciting afternoon and Jells Park again won the competition, although we had some strong competitors. Congratulations to all the students and to Andrew Farmer for his excellent organisation. Thanks to all the staff for their assistance and to the parents for their support.

SCHOOL COUNCIL 2012
Congratulations to Tanya Pensa who has been elected and to Clare Jerram, Scott Henderson and Chris Norman who have been re-elected to two year terms. Also congratulations to Andrew Peake who has accepted a one year consequential vacancy. Leah Kaliviotis and Anne Davies have also been re-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.

SCHOOL PHOTOS
This is advanced notice that school photos will be taken on Monday 19 March following assembly. Order forms will be distributed shortly. Photos are usually finished by about 1pm.

‘GETTING TO KNOW YOU’ INTERVIEWS
‘Getting to Know You’ interviews are being held on Tuesday 28 February. This is an opportunity for parents to share any information with teachers that will assist them in catering for their child. Many parents will find that the Communication Book or the feedback proforma is adequate but the opportunity is available for parents to visit classrooms and meet the teacher.

For the first time this year we have used an online booking system for parents to book their own interview times. School Council decided last year to introduce this system for parent/teacher interviews and for the booking of concert tickets later in the year. It has significant benefits for parents as you are able to book your own time and receive immediate confirmation – no more relying on paperwork to find its way to you via the school bag! It also frees up teacher time. We are interested in your feedback which can be via an email to jells.park.ps@edumail.vic.gov.au, in the communication book or via the suggestion box in the school office.

PARKING
Parking around schools at drop off and pick up times is always a challenge but it is very important to keep all our children safe. Monash Council has recently added some extra 2 minute parking areas to facilitate drop offs and pick ups and they patrol these areas regularly. With this in mind, I would ask parents to be considerate and not park in these areas. Two minutes allows enough time for children to enter or exit the vehicle. Parents should never leave their car unattended in these zones and move out quickly so other parents can make use of the space. When parents park in these areas it causes frustration and leads to a build up of traffic. I would appreciate parent cooperation in this very important matter.
UPDATING CONTACT DETAILS
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.

Gillian Brookes
Principal

OSHCLUB NEWS
Welcome back everyone and a special welcome to all our new Preps and their families. Our theme for this week is Painting. Some of the activities we will be doing this week are: paint a wacky bowling pin, feather frolic, glitter painting, sand painting, sugar painting, face painting and finger prints.

We have started our Active After School Communities sports for this term. On Wednesdays we will be playing cricket and on Thursdays we will be playing netball. We have also started up a paper recycling bin and all our waste paper goes straight into this bin. We have already spoken about the benefits of recycling and the children are all very keen to do their bit and recycle the waste paper from the centre. If you have any questions please either come and see me between 7-9 in the morning or 3-6 in the afternoon or call on 0422032371.

Anne Hanify OSH Coordinator.

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.

ASSEMBLY ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS
Congratulations to the following students who have received Assembly Certificates: Brady E (1G), Max H (1N), Harry S (2A), Matthew W (2C), Angus Q (2G), Harry B (2M), Rahul M (3B), Bridget H (3C), Hunter B (3L), Kyla H (3M), Lara S (4C), Ryan S (4C), James M (4PW), Zachary M (ART), Efraim B (ART) Kai VS (1N), Logan V (2A), Mason S (2C), Ida L (2G), Marianne D (2M), Tina V (3B), Campbell W (3C), Connor C (3L), Ian F (3M), Chloe K (4C), Jordan A (4PW), Tilly S (4W), Breanna H (5D), Rani S (5F), Jack R (5/6Z), Josh D (6M), Calum H (6O), Zoe B (ART), Darcy W (ART)

EDUCATION MAINTENANCE ALLOWANCE (EMA) Just a reminder that applications for this semester’s EMA application must be submitted to the school by 29 February with a copy of your current Health Care Card. Please see the office for application forms.

FRIENDS OF JELLS PARK
Ok, so now that everyone is back into the swing of the school routine the Friends of Jells Park committee is ready to start the year by hosting our first Second Hand Uniform Stall on Friday 2 March between 8.30am and 9.15am. This is an opportunity to pick up some quality second hand clothes at only $5 a piece. This service relies on donations from the school community so if you have any clothes to donate please drop them into the office before the stall.

Next on the 2012 calendar is our annual Walkathon on Tuesday 20 March. This is a fun filled day where the children get to dress in their house colours and have fun walking around the oval or parkland areas with their class. We are aiming to raise funds to put towards some new resources including, a cricket training cage on the oval area so look out for the Walkathon form coming home soon so that you can start to collect your sponsorship for this fun event.

A reminder too, that we have a noticeboard in the window near the courtyard area. You will find details of all our fundraising efforts and notices about upcoming events and meetings on this board. Our next meeting is on Wednesday 29 February at 9.15am in the staff room. New members most welcome.

Jean Semple
Friends of Jells Park Convenor
INFORMATION EVENING
Following on from our Parent Information Evening held last week we have had requests to provide the handout discussed regarding Cyber Bullying.

Cyber Bullying Quick Reference Guide for Parents
Patti Agaston, PH.D.
www.cyberbullyhelp.com

What is Cyber Bullying?
Cyber Bullying (sometimes referred to as Internet Bullying) is using the Internet or other digital devices to send or post negative messages, images or video clips about others.

Forms of Cyber Bullying
Cyber Bullying can take many forms, including posting or sending mean or embarrassing comments and or images on chat rooms, message boards, websites, social networking sites, online gaming sites, cell phones, instant messages or e-mail.

Why is Cyber Bullying a problem?
- Cyber Bullying is a form of emotional bullying that causes feelings of fear, isolation and humiliation among its targets.
- Children who are bullied are more likely than non-bullied children to be anxious, depressed and to suffer from low self-esteem.

Prevention of Cyber Bullying
- Parents need to discuss cyber bullying with their children as part of their regular discussions about Internet Safety and appropriate use of technologies.
- Parents can make it clear that using the Internet or cellular phones to embarrass or hurt others’ feelings is not part of their family values.
- Parents should discuss bystander behaviour as well, encouraging children to speak out against cyber bullying they witness and to report it to the appropriate person.
- Parents need to set up guidelines for appropriate use for each new piece of technology that is brought into the home.
- Encourage students to guard their passwords from everyone including their best friend.

Prevention Tips for Students
- Set age-appropriate guidelines.
- Teach us how to deal with conflict.
- Monitor our use of the internet.
- Supervision, not snoopervision.
- Don’t blame the victim.

Warning signs of Cyber Bullying
- Child is visibly upset or angry during or after internet use or cell phone use.
- Withdrawal for friends or activities.
- Drop in academic performance.
- School avoidance.
- Child is target of traditional bullying at school.
- Child appears depressed or sad.
Intervention Tips for Responding to Cyber Bullying

- Save the evidence. Print copies of messages and websites. Use the save feature on instant messages.

- First offence (if minor by nature) – ignore, delete or block sender. Instant message programs, e-mail and cell phones usually have blocking features.

- If a fake or offensive profile targeting your child is set up on a social networking site, report it to the site. The link for reporting cyber bullying and fake profiles can be found under the Help sections of many websites.

- Investigate your child’s online presence. Set up an alert on Google or search your child’s name occasionally through a variety or search engines.

- If the perpetrator is another student, share evidence with the school. Check to see if any bullying may be occurring at school.

- If the problem continues, contact the school to discuss further options to address the issue.

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SACRED HEART GIRLS' COLLEGE Key enrolment dates Year 7 2013. Friday 2 March 2012 Applications close. Friday 20 April 2012 Letters of Offer mailed. Prospective families are welcome to attend one of the February Open Mornings. For bookings please contact College Reception on 9568 5488 or email: registrar@shcoakleigh.catholic.edu.au. For further information visit http://web.shcoakleigh.catholic.edu.au.

WAVERLEY MEADOWS NETBALL CLUB Waverley Meadows Netball Club is looking for players to participate in the Net Set Go & U’11s competition starting in March 2012. Any girls aged between 7 & 10 years old wanting to become part of a team sport are welcome to join. No previous netball experience is required. The Net Set Go program is held at the Waverley Netball Centre and runs from 8am – 9am on Saturday Mornings. The cost is $70 per participant, Girls & Boys between the ages of 7-10 are welcome, and will be eligible to play netball next season. Please contact Diana Toppi on 0413374728.

CALLING ALL YOUNG MUSICIANS: We invite all brass, woodwind and percussion players to play with us in: The John Mallinson Youth Band (AMEB 4-6) or the The Wilf Dyason Wind Ensemble (AMEB 2-3) Time: every Saturday afternoon Venue: Mt Waverley Secondary College Melways 61 F11 http://www.ybp.org.au Email: melaniebennetts@optusnet.com.au

SPEECH PATHOLOGY. Does your child need help with speech, language, social skills or literacy? Designed 2 Shine Speech Pathology currently attends Jells Park Primary School and would be delighted to help your child. For more information, contact Rebekah on 0415 181 278, email info@designed2shine.com.au or check out our website: www.designed2shine.com.au. Option to also be seen at our clinic in Box Hill South.

GLEN WAVERLEY ROVERS JUNIOR FOOTBALL CLUB - UNDER 8's, 10's and 12’s PLAYERS REQUIRED Glen Waverley Rovers JFC require players for their under 8, 10 and 12 teams. Player eligibility for each age group is:
- Under 8’s born in 2004, Under 10’s born in 2002 and under 12’s born in 2000. Please contact Patrick Hosking (Vice President) on 0402 363 444 or patrickh@glenrovers.org.au

GLEN WAVERLEY ROVERS AUSKICK - Open to boys and girls from Pre-school to Year 6 Receive a fantastic benefits pack, free tickets to an AFL match, 17 weeks of Auskick with instruction from accredited coaches and lots more. Register at www.aflauskick.com.au Use the centre locator to find our centre under postcode 3150 and follow the prompts. Pack collection Sunday 18 March, first session Saturday 14 April. Enquiries to David Allen on 0418 361 051 or auskick@glenrovers.org.au

CHILDREN’S MOTOR SKILLS – RESEARCH PROJECT Victoria University is conducting a research study examining why some children have difficulty developing motor skills at an age-appropriate level. They are looking for children aged 8-12, who may not be developing motor skills as quickly as other children their age, to participate in their research study. Children will complete a motor skill assessment and some tasks where they are required to imagine movements. After the assessment, we will provide you with a written report outlining your child’s performance on the motor skill assessment compared to other children their age. If you would like more information about the study or would like to participate, please contact Dr Jacqueline Williams on 9919 4025 or email jacqueline.williams@vu.edu.au

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