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James Erskine Public School

Herald Newsletter

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Important Dates

May

- 28th Biggest Morning Tea
- 29th Sibling School Photos
- 30th School Photos
- 31st Winter PSSA Commences

June

- 10th Public Holiday Queens Birthday
- 18th Year 1 Fairfield City Museum Excursion
- 19th School Reports Go Home
- 21st NAIDOC Cup

From 24th June WK 9 Parent/Teacher Interviews

- 27th Superhero Writing Day
- 28th Last Day of PSSA for term

July

- 5th School Disco/Last day of term

Assemblies for Term 2

K – 2 Assemblies– Term 2	
When	Run By
Wednesday 5th June 1.45-2.45	1C
Wednesday 19th June 1.45-2.45	1V
Years 3 – 6 Assemblies– Term 2	
When	Run By
Wednesday 29th May 1.45-2.45	4A
Wednesday 12th June 1.45-2.45	3/4C
Wednesday 3rd July 1.45-2.45	4/5K

Assembly of Excellence Friday 28th June



News from the Principal

It's good to be back!

After 6 weeks of travelling through the UK, Europe, Spain and Japan, it really is good to be back at school. There is nothing like your own bed and some normality.

In this edition of the newsletter, I really wanted to share one of the many wonderful experiences I had whilst overseas and that was my visit to - Villers Bretonneux. The village of Villers-Brettonneux is in northern France in the region of the Somme. On April 24-25, 1918 the village was the scene of the world's first tank battle between British and German troops which the Germans would win and occupy the township. However, the spontaneous enthusiasm of Australian soldiers, in a few hours chased an enemy ten times their number.

The following quote really tells the story of this small region in France that is forever grateful to Australians – for their sacrifice.

"Soldiers of Australia, whose brothers lie here in French soil, be assured that your memory will always be kept alive, and that the burial places of your dead will always be respected and cared for".

What I found amazing was not only a village in France that feels a debt of gratitude over 100 years on, but how Australia and Australians are still honoured by new generations.

I was lucky enough to also visit the Victoria School. Australian soldiers (mostly from the State of Victoria), with the help of the government, decide to help the municipality and organise a major fundraising in Australia, including in schools in Victoria. This money was used to rebuild in 1923 - 27 the school of boys - now called "Victoria School", on the very site of the one destroyed in 1918. Victoria School is now co-educational and permanently reflects their gratitude to Australia and Australians.



Villers Bretonneux May 2019



Victoria School – this sign is in their quadrangle

News from the Principal

These photos were taken of art works on a small underpass in the village but there were reflections of Australia everywhere you went – in shop windows and even on houses. Made me very proud!



It was such a heart-warming opportunity to see how Australians are remembered. Attending the ANZAC Service in Villers Bretonneux was something that was on my 'bucket' list and it didn't disappoint.

Have a wonderful term everyone.

Corinna Robertson

News from the Deputy Principal

School Photos

School photos will be taken next Thursday 30th May. Envelopes will go home on Monday 27th May and need to be returned on photo day with either the receipt number for online payment or cash or money order. Online payments can be made by using the following code: **X2008EL40J**

Students are expected to be in full summer school uniform. Including white socks and black school shoes.

Sibling Photos

Sibling photos will be taken on Wednesday 29th May. Payment can be made online using the same code or by paying by cash or money order. Envelopes for sibling packages can be obtained from the Office. A schedule for the day will need to be made so sibling photo money or envelopes with the receipt number will need to be brought to school by Tuesday 28th May.

Woolworths Earn and Learn

Woolworths have begun their 'Earn and Learn' program. Stickers can be collected from Woolworths for every \$10 purchase. Stickers can be sent into school to be put inside the collection boxes outside the office or if you are shopping at St Clair Woolworths there is a collection box for JEPS out the front of the store. We thank parents for their support and look forward to being able to redeem our stickers on sporting and classroom resources.

News from the Deputy Principal

NAPLAN Update

Over the last 2 weeks the students in Years 3 and 5 have participated in NAPLAN- the National Assessment Program- Literacy & Numeracy. This year the assessments ran over 2 weeks as most of the assessments were conducted online, the exception being the Year 3 writing task. All students were very settled and attempted all tasks. Mr Rolls played a major role in the implementation of these assessments and we are very grateful for his efforts and hard work which allowed the process to be quite seamless.

Results will be sent home later in the year.

School Attendance

For the majority of our students their attendance at school is excellent. We unfortunately do have a number of students whose attendance is beginning to be of concern. The expected attendance rate for all students in NSW schools is expected to be at 85% or above. At the end of term 1 we had a number of students from each class receive an attendance award for 100% attendance. While we know that 100% attendance is not possible for every student we would like to remind our families that a note or phone call explaining your child's absence is mandatory. If your child is taken to the doctor's a medical certificate can be returned to explain their absence and it will be recorded. When a student is away for 3 days it is part of our procedure for the teacher to phone home, if we have not received any notification, to enquire after the student.

Lateness

In our roll making system not only are absences recorded but so too is lateness to school. Over the first 3 weeks of school this term, we have had on average 28 students late to school each day, and this would equate to one whole class each day. Unfortunately of these 28 students there are a number of students who are repeatedly late. Lateness to class impacts not only the student coming in late but the whole class. Students who arrive late are often withdrawn and don't like the attention that is drawn on them when entering the class or when they need to have instructions and lesson introductions given to them individually. Having to stop a lesson and catch the student up also stops the flow of the lesson and impacts the learning of the whole class.

We know that one occurrence of lateness can happen but for those families where lateness is a regular occurrence we ask that families look at what extra measures and routines that they can put into place that enables students to arrive at school on time. If there is anything we can do to assist with this please contact the school.

Class photos will begin from 8:55am on Thursday 30th May and on this day in particular we urge all students to arrive at school on or before the bell to avoid missing out on their class photo.

News from the Deputy Principal

P&C- Class Representatives

The P&C consists of 6 members who work tirelessly on behalf of our school to raise money and support the school, whilst also working full time. These ladies do an amazing job but they do require assistance for them to carry out the fundraising and events they have planned for the year. Since the beginning of the year we have been asking for a parent representative from each class to assist the P&C. So far we have a representative for; Kinder Racoons, Kinder Owls, Kinder Bears, 1/2J, 4H, 4/5K and 5C.

We would love to have 1 to 2 class representatives for each class. If you are able to assist or would like to represent your child's class you could either speak to a member of the P&C through the uniform shop, your child's teacher or by contacting the office.

Kindness on Purpose

Last week the teachers at JEPS attended their second 3 hour professional learning session on Kindness on Purpose with Katrina Cavanough, the founder of Kindness on Purpose.

Katrina is a well- known psychologist who has developed the Kindness on Purpose Program which is being implemented in schools across Eastern Australia.

The Kindness on Purpose program is a research based school program that connects students to empathy.

When you connect students to empathy there is:

- Increased prosocial behaviour
- Less bullying
- Lower rates of depression and anxiety
- Increased student engagement
- Better educational outcomes
- Positive wellbeing for all students

The teachers are excited about implementing this program. It is hoped that the skills and strategies that we teach our students will be lifelong skills.

Katrina Cavanough is planning on running some sessions with our parents over the year.

We look forward to seeing the positive impact this program will have on every student individually and the school as a whole.

Kind Regards

Kim Dunscombe

Upcoming Event

SUPERHERO WRITING DAY

In week 9 of this term, Thursday 27th June we will be holding a Superhero writing day. On this day, students, teachers and office staff are encouraged to wear a superhero outfit. Superheroes may be based on a known character or students can create their own superhero based on their own unique qualities. On this day the students in each class will rotate amongst their grade to complete some writing tasks that teachers are currently beginning to plan. We are expecting some terrific outfits and some amazing writing on the day.



Office News

Office Hours – 8.30am – 3pm

Kindergarten Enrolments for 2020

Applications to enrol commence from Monday 3 June. If your child is turning 5 by 31 July 2019 they are eligible to enrol. For families residing in Erskine Park you can collect an enrolment package from the school office. If you reside outside of Erskine Park you may complete a 'nonlocal enrolment form'. The following documentation is required prior to enrolment - Evidence must = 100 points;



- Proof of residency – Property Contract, Lease Agreement, Rates Notice
- Utilities Bill – Water, Electricity etc
- Additional documentation – Telephone, Medicare Statement, Electoral Roll Registration etc.

Student Documentation required (originals)

- Birth Certificate/Passport
- Immunisation Statement
- If applicable; court orders/health care/specialist reports

Lost Property

We are constantly receiving lost clothing in the box that goes unclaimed. Please label your child/ren's clothing so it may be returned to the classroom.

Changes to the Daily Collection of Your Children

As the school office is at its busiest between 8.30 to 9.30am and 2.30 to 3.00pm, we would like to encourage parents/carers to make plans prior to school in regards to changes in pick-up arrangements. We understand that emergency situations do arise where you need to deter from your usual collection arrangements and we will assist you as much as we can in relaying this information to your child but it would be more beneficial if you could send a note with your child for the class teacher so that they are directly aware of any changes and can ensure that your child remembers what they need to do or where they need to go.





Reminders

Date Reminders Term 2 – Upcoming Events/Activities:

Date	Activity/Event	Closing Date	Cost
27/05/19	Boys Basketball Knockout	22/05/19	\$7.00
28/05/19	Netball Knockout		
	Biggest Morning Tea		
29/05/19	Sibling Photos	20/05/19	varies
30/05/19	School Photos	29/05/19	varies
31/05/19	PSSA Commences (31/05 – 28/06/19)	24/05/19	\$35.00
05/06/19	Pet Education – K & Yr1		
06/06/19	Pet Education – Yr1 & 2		
11/06/19	Choir Rehearsal @ Clairgate PS	TBA	TBA
12/06/19	NSW Netball Cup		
17/06/19	Blue Mountains Nepean Dance Audition	TBA	TBA
18/06/19	Year 1 Fairfield City Museum Excursion	07/06/19	\$21.00
19/06/19	School Reports Go Home		
21/06/19	Naidoc Cup		
24/06/19	Parent Teacher Interviews Commence		
27/06/19	SUPERHERO Day!!		
28/06/19	ASSEMBLY OF EXCELLANCE		
05/07/19	School Disco	TBA	TBA
25/07/19	Athletics Carnival	28/06/19	\$ 1 0 . 0 0 / \$2.00

For cash/cheque payments please ensure all notes & money are placed in **one** envelope. To assist the office whilst receipting multiple cash/cheque payments for your child or children, it is preferred you place all children's payments in one envelope.

Thank you for your ongoing support.

Mandy Anderson

School Administrative Manager

JEPS P & C

Welcome back to Term 2.

Fundraising

The P & C would like to thank everyone that supported our Krispy Kreme fundraiser last term, it was a huge success, we hope you all enjoyed something a little different.

Mother's Day Stall

Our Mother's Day was held last week and we would like to thank all the amazing JEPS mums and carers for helping to set up and run the stall. We hope all our JEPS families had a lovely day celebrating Mother's Day.

Uniform Shop News

Our new jackets are in and proving to be very popular, please remember that both jackets are school uniform and the shop has both jackets in stock.

A reminder of our Uniform Shop Hours

Tuesday 8.30-9.00am

Thursday 2.30-3.00pm

Friday 8.30-9.00am



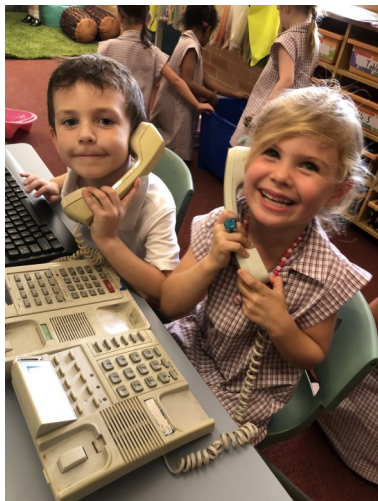
School Disco

Our school disco will be held on Friday 5th July, notes will go home closer to the date.

Thank you for your continued support.

JEPS P & C

Early Stage one News



What a difference a term makes! It is always amazing to see how far our kindergarten students have grown in this time. We are so proud of the way they are lining up each morning, waiting quietly and sensibly in lines, showing us that they are ready to learn. They have settled in really well and we would like to thank all of our kinder parents for assisting with this.

Attendance

A reminder that rolls are marked promptly each morning, so if students are running late, they need to go to the Office to get a late note. When students are away, it is a legal requirement that a note is given to the class teacher within 7 days. Anytime after this, the absence is recorded as unexplained. So please assist us in making sure your child has a note the day they return from an absence.

Personal Items

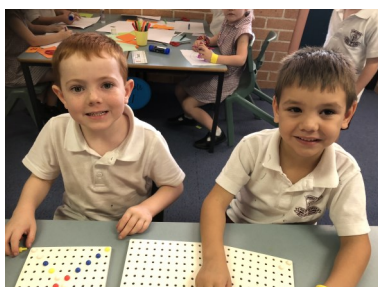
Please remember to name all jumpers, jackets and lunch boxes so that children can find them easily if they get misplaced. Lost items, which haven't been labelled, may be located outside the Office in a tub.

Home Reading

Home Reading has started! Each child selects 2 texts to take home each week and need to return the books in their folder along with the reading log each Friday, so new books can be selected. Just another reminder to please record the book that your child reads on the reading log and leave this in the folder.

Sight words and Sounds

To help your child with their reading and writing, students are also asked to practise reading and writing their sight words and sounds. They are usually tested in weeks 5 and 10.



What's Happening in the Classroom?

All kindergarten students are making pleasing progress with their reading and writing and are feeling very proud of their efforts. They are becoming confident in reading simple texts and are now working on their writing skills.

In Mathematics we have started simple addition and subtraction. We are consolidating our knowledge of numbers to 20 and counting forwards and back-wards to 30.

Each week we also fit in library, singing, drama, health, scripture, fitness, science and history. This makes for a busy and exciting time each and every day.

Important Days to Remember

Sport/Aerobics Tuesdays (students can wear their sports shoes on this day)

Banking Wednesdays

Library Thursdays for Kinder Racoons and Kinder Bears

Fridays for Kinder Foxes and Kinder Owls

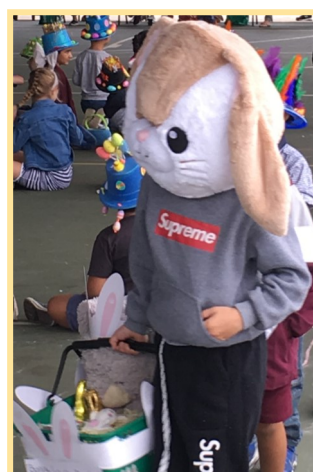


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Easter Hat Parade



How fantastic it was to see so many family members attend our annual Easter Hat Parade. The students looked wonderful with their Easter hats and Easter baskets. We would like to thank all parents for both attending and making the hats and baskets. It is lovely to see the support we receive from our JEPS families. We would also like to take this opportunity to thank the Kinder teachers for organising this event and Mr Rolls for your egg-cellent compering skills.



STAGE 1 NEWS

Welcome back to Term 2.

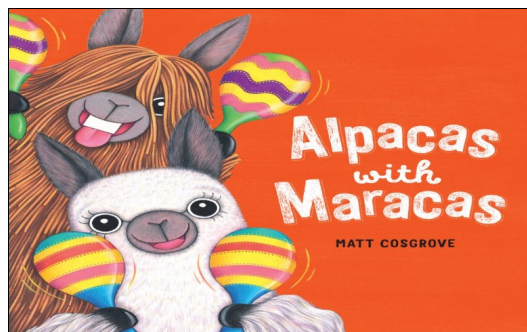
Stage One students are well and truly into the swing of things and are eagerly learning new and exciting concepts. Teachers are focused on further developing student writing. They are providing lots of opportunities for children to write each day by offering free writing opportunities as well as shared, guided and independent writing experiences. Students are participating in the construction of text each day with lots of print material being placed around the classroom as a model of good writing. Teachers have been explicitly teaching text composition through talking and sharing ideas.

'If I can think it, I can say it. If I can say it, I can write it.'

This term our Stage 2 students will be participating in the "Responsible Pet Education Program" for schools. The Responsible Pet Ownership Program educates children on living safely with dogs and responsible pet ownership. Please let your child's teacher know if your child is allergic so we can avoid your child touching the visiting dog.

Our Year 1 excursion to Fairfield City Museum will occur on Tuesday 18th June 2019 and links in nicely with our History unit 'Past and Present Family Life'. Notes for this excursion have been sent home with final payment and note due back by **Friday 7 June**. All students are encouraged to dress up in comfortable clothes that were worn in the early 20th century. They will also need to wear closed in shoes.

On Wednesday 22nd May Early Stage 1 and Stage 1 participated in National Simultaneous Storytime where we all read "Alpacas with Maracas" and invited our students to dress up to celebrate the event.



Look what's happening in...



In history this semester we have been learning about the past and the present. We brought in photos from when we were babies, toddlers and now; and we made a timeline with them. We interviewed our parents and grandparents and found out what life was like for them in the past.

In maths we have been learning about place value. We used blocks to represent and count hundreds, tens and ones.



We love when Mrs Powell visits for music. We learn to sing new songs, sometimes they are in other languages and we learn how to sing in high and low notes. We also play different instruments and learn to keep the beat.



STAGE 2 NEWS

What a busy start to term 2, Stage 2 have had! The students are to be commended on their enthusiastic participation and behavior during all events. Some new curriculum areas we will be covering this term are

DRUG EDUCATION - As in previous years, students will be involved in a series of Drug Education activities. The Stage 2 units teach and guide children to develop resilience, courage and self-regulation in responding to social and environmental influences.

SCIENCE - Students will explore how natural processes and human activity shape their surroundings. They will investigate factors that affect the erosion of soils. Also we will be providing students with the opportunity to explore forces and motion.

NAPLAN - Congratulations to all Year 3 students who sat the NAPLAN ONLINE assessments during week 3 & 4. I am sure all students did their best! This diagnostic test is a snap shot of where our students are at in that moment of time. It is only part of the process and is a guide to assist our staff to monitor student progress.

OPPORTUNITY CLASS - Well done to our Year 4 students who elected to sit for the opportunity class placement test on Wednesday 31st July 2019. Regardless of the result, we are very proud of our students' efforts and their willingness to undertake new challenges. We wish them all the very best.

CROSS COUNTRY CARNIVAL - A big thank you to Mr Banzon who organised a wonderful cross country carnival. It was great to see our students trying their very best and achieving pleasing results. Good luck to all of our athletes who are competing at the district cross country carnival to be held on Wednesday 22nd May.

CAMP - The Year 4 overnight excursion to YMCA YARRAMUNDI is fast approaching. Final preparations are being made for our 12th September departure. Camp Yarramundi offers a wide range of exciting activities such as, giant swing, archery, orienteering and kayaking. Camp is also a wonderful opportunity for students to gain independence and team building/social skills. A note with details on what to bring and our itinerary will be coming home soon.

PSSA- On Friday, PSSA Winter sport begins. It will run from Week 5 to Week 9 this term. Please note, that if your child's behaviour is not acceptable throughout the week or during PSSA, they will not be allowed to attend sport.

UNIFORMS- This is just a friendly reminder about the expectations regarding school uniforms, especially as the cooler weather is on its way. It is part of our Bronze criteria that states that students should wear full school uniform each day. Full school uniform includes full black shoes (Monday – Thursday) and school jackets/jumpers. Most students are coming to school in full school uniform which is excellent to see.

SPELLING BEE- Calling on all our Stage 2 spellers - the JEPS spelling Bee is about to commence. Miss King is hosting a school spelling competition as a fun and educational way for primary school students to engage in spelling. So start revising your words!!!

If parents are able to send boxes of tissues to school that would be appreciated. Primary children seem to go through so many tissues! Please continue to encourage sensible bed times, reasonable computer / game time and lots of healthy eating options. Coming to school every day and on time, being ready to work and being positive is something that we should all strive for. Ask your child "What new information" have you discovered/ found out today?

Thanks again for your continued support.

The Stage 2 Team



4H Class Profile

4H have enjoyed a wonderful first semester. Along with lots of terrific learning, we've been fortunate to be involved in some fun, extra curricular activities at our school.



Environmental Ed.

It taught us about recycling, about which things go into each bin and how we can keep our city clean. - **Miranda**

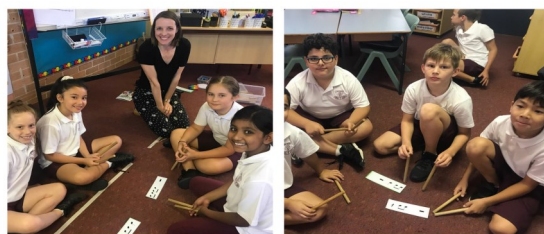
My favourite part was when we got to work in groups on the floor. - **Peter**



Computer Lab

In the computer lab we use the new laptops to go onto Google classroom and Typing Club.- **Christian**

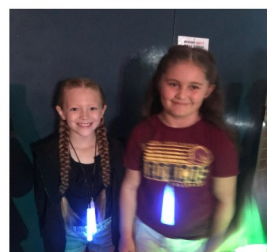
I like that there are no desks and we can sit on cushions with our friends.- **Kayla**



Music Lessons

We learnt about making using by playing with all different types of instruments. -**Labeebah**

I enjoyed using the drums to learn about beat.- **Nicholas**



Disco

I love getting dressed up and dancing at the disco.- **Taya**

You get dressed in your favourite clothes and have fun with your friends.- **Archie**

4H have a lot to look forward to in semester two. Some of the exciting things that are coming up include the athletics carnival, Education Week and our year 4 camp.



No Bees No Future



On the 28th of March, 2019, 4/5K attended the 'No Bees No Future' Enrichment Day at Western Sydney University's Hawkesbury campus. We participated in a variety of workshops including being citizen scientists where we got to research pollinators in the university gardens and used virtual technology to examine the anatomy and life of a bee.

We also got to visit the famous university glasshouse where David taught us about growing food crops in the future with bees and that different plants can pollinate in different ways. Finally, we got to see some Stingless Native Bees and their hives and we learnt that they are close to the size of an ant! We are looking forward to designing a solution to educate others about bees and how to support our bees in Erskine Park.



STAGE 3 NEWS

Stage 3 staff and students hoped that all our wonderful mums and grandmothers had a very Happy Mother's Day. Thank you to the P&C for organising the Mother's Day stall and the Krispy Crème donuts.

Well done 6G on a successful assembly last week.
Years 3 & 5 completed NAPLAN testing this week.

Friday Week 5, PSSA winter sport will commence and hopefully all teams will have a full squad. Notes were handed out by the sport coaches. Please return bus fees and note to the maroon box inside the office. Rugby league team members do not pay as we play at Peppertree Oval each week.

Year 5 will be heading to the high school to continue science lessons. The students are excited to be given this opportunity to engage in practical lessons in the high school science lab.

Year 6 and 7 students have begun the PE program as part of transition. A small group of talented Year 6 maths students take part in extension mathematics every Wednesday morning at Erskine Park High.

Please continue to make regular payments towards camp. **The full payment for the Year 6 camp must be received before 9:30am on Friday 7th June.** All camp medical notes need to be returned to the class teacher. A copy of the itinerary and list of items for camp has been sent home with the students.

We have purchased new atlas and dictionaries for Years 3-6 students along with reading resources and whiteboards.

Congratulations to all Stage 3 students who have earned bronze.

Attention Year 5 Parents: Please keep your child's reports including NAPLAN for enrolment at the high schools(particularly if you do not live in Erskine Park or are seeking a place in a specialist high school.

Well done to all school representatives in dance, choir, PSSA and district sport teams.

The Stage 3 Team

ANZAC Day



We commemorated ANZAC Day at JEPS with a ceremony on Tuesday, 30th April. Students from Kindergarten to Year 6 attended the service and took a very respectful approach to proceedings. Our guest speaker Mr Ron Kelly gave a moving and sensitive recount of the meaning of ANZAC Day and we are grateful he was able to join us as he has many times over the years.

The service was run by school captains Nadia and Jack , with our Vice Captains Najib and Nekea laying the wreath. Year 6 students Divyanka and Mustafa read an excerpt from the poem 'The Fallen'.

Thank you to the teachers and students who contributed to the ceremony and thank you also to the parents who made the effort to attend. Next year, in addition to our school service, we hope to have student representatives attend the St Marys District RSL Branch dawn service which takes place on ANZAC Day during school holidays.



SPORTS NEWS

Winter PSSA

Winter sport commences on Friday 31 May (week 5 and will continue through until 28 June (week 9). It will then recommence in Term 3 and continue for 5 weeks. Students will either be involved in Home Sport or PSSA sport. **PSSA sport only involves bus travel.** PSSA teams have already been selected and students involved have been issued with a permission note.

PSSA Sport Information -

Travel to the venue is by bus. Children leave school each Friday afternoon at 12.30pm and return before 2.45pm.

Children in PSSA teams must wear sport uniform and a school hat.

Children must also bring a drink and sunscreen.

Bus fares are \$7.00 per week. **The cost for Term 2 PSSA Sport is \$35.00 (5 weeks).**

The \$35.00 payment and note are to be placed in an envelope clearly labelled with your child's details (name, class and sport).

Payment can be made by online payment (see www.jameserski-p.schools.nsw.edu.au) - SPORT description—PSSA cheque or cash. Please note that payments must be made before 6pm for the school to receive notification.

In case of poor weather then payment will be credited to your child for Term 3. Credits do not apply for students when they are absent as the buses are paid in advance.

Winter PSSA Sports:

Netball Jnr (A & B) - Miss Couper	St Clair Netball Courts
Netball Snr (A & B) - Mrs Williams	St Clair Netball Courts
Soccer Jnr (A & B) - Mrs Spratt	Mark Leece/Roper Rd
Soccer Snr (A & B) - Mr Banzon	Mark Leece/Roper Rd
Soccer Snr Girls (A & B) - Mrs Halfpenny	Shepherd Reserve
AFL Jnr and Snr—Mrs Ciciarelli	Cook & Banks Reserve
Rugby League Jnr & Snr—Ms D'Angelis/Mrs Halicek	Peppertree Oval

Participation in all PSSA sports is dependent upon acceptable behaviour at school as well as during Friday sport.

Parents are welcome at all venues. We do ask that parents remember that these games are a school activity and spectators are asked to set an example in sportsmanship to the children. Any complaints about opposition teams are to be referred to your child's coach.

The final date for payment is **Friday 24 May (Week 4)**

Home Sport groups:

Ms Pears, Miss King, Mr Whitney, Mrs Giles, Mrs Roe and Mrs Farruiga the home sport teachers will plan weekly sporting activities for students who remain at school for home sport. Students should also wear sport uniform and sport hat.

Cross Country 2019



School Cross Country

We were able to hold our Cross Country Carnival as planned on Wednesday 1st May. The 11 and 12 year old students ran 3 laps and the 8/9 and 10 year old students ran 2 laps. Congratulations to all our students for their participation and efforts.

We are very grateful to the parents who assisted us by recording the results and lap marking.

The first 8 students in each race competed in the St Marys District Cross Country Carnival on Wednesday 22nd May at The Kingsway, St Marys.

School Cross Country Results

Girls 8/9

1st	Taya W	4H
2nd	Chelsey T	4/5K
3rd	Briana M	2A
4th	Indyana C	3/4C
5th	Salma E	3/4C
6th	Scarlett R	4H
7th	Taya B	3B
8th	Maria B	4A

Boys 8/9

1st	Ryan S	3W
2nd	Riley	3/4C
3rd	Caleb E	3/4C
4th	Isaac M	2A
5th	Tate W	3B
6th	Kayden	4/5K
7th	Blake P	3W
8th	Samuel S	3/4C



Girls 10 years

1st	Saige M	4H
2nd	Keeley H	5P
3rd	Tyarnie M	4A
4th	Rose A	5C
5th	Allira B	4A
6th	Jordin H	4/5K
7th	Teagan B	4/5K
8th	Leilani R	4A

Boys 10 years

1st	Amos V	4A
2ns	Matius A	3/4C
3rd	Jeremy N	4H
4th	Zayne W	4A
5th	James W	4A
6th	Charlie C	4h
7th	Kade G	4H
8th	Caleb G	4A



School Cross Country Results

Girls 11 years

1st	Lara H	5P
2ns	Mikayla F	5W
3rd	Kodey M	6S
4th	Shae B	5W
5th	Isabella S	5P
6th	Olivia S	5C
7th	Adrianna B	6R
8th	Claudia E	5C

Boys 11 years

1st	Harry F	5C
2ns	Joseph L	6S
3rd	Daniel Z	5C
4th	Jake B	5W
5th	Tyrone M	5W
6th	Jack P	6R
7th	Daniel A	5W
8th	Xavier P	5W



1st	Nekea T	6S
2nd	Sofia A	6G
3rd	Bree-Anna N	6G
4th	Ruby H	6G
5th	Tahnee D	6S
6th	Divyanka C	6S
7th	Abbey M	6G
8th	Tanika A	6S

1st	Mikale H	6G
2ns	Ethan C	6R
3rd	Zac S	6S
4th	Cooper C	6S
5th	Thomas S	6S
6th	Ryan G	6G
7th	Mustafa H	6G
8th	Samson O	6R





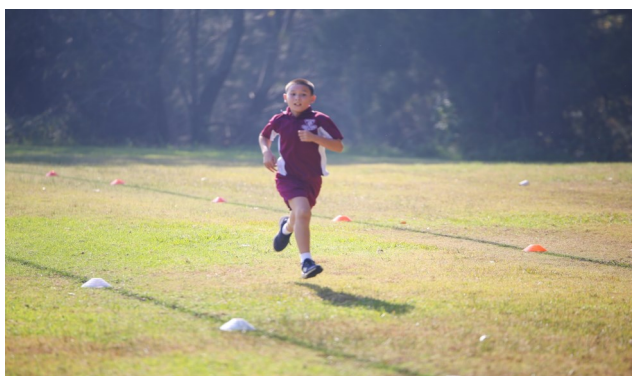
District Cross Country Results

Congratulations to the following students that placed in the top 8 at district and will now go on to represent JEPS at the Sydney West Cross Country on 12th June.

Taya W	Mikayla F	Ryan S	Harry F
Chelsey T	Nekea T	Caleb E	Joseph L
Laura H	Isaac M	Matius A	Mikale H

Well done team JEPS

Andrew Banzon



**Congratulations to our JEPS
District Cross Country Team on
being the overall winning
school.**

SPORTS NEWS

Sydney West Netball

On Thursday 2nd May 2019 the Sydney West Netball carnival was held at Windsor. Nekea T from JEPS was part of the St Marys district team who came equal second. This is the third year running that we have come second.

Nekea played very well all day and gave 100% in every game. She was unlucky not to be selected in the Sydney West team. Four girls from St Marys were selected and they will play in the state carnival in August in cold Orange.

Sydney West is where all netball careers start. Paige Hadley our own Australian Diamonds player started in 2004 by being selected for the Sydney West team.

Pam Williams Coach St Marys District Team



TOPSTEPS Day 2019

On April 9th, 60 JEPS students participated in the annual TOPSTEPS Day. This was the 10th anniversary of this initiative which involves students and teachers from 5 primary schools (Banks, Blackwell, St Clair, Clairgate and JEPS) and 2 high schools (Erskine Park HS and St Clair HS). This year, students from Years 2, 4, 5 and 6 were selected to attend courses run at the various schools. A big thankyou to Mr Rolls, Mr Banzon and Mrs Spratt who ran engaging courses at JEPS. Below are some recounts from some JEPS students who attended on the day.

Last term, I attended the TOPSTEPS day at JEPS with Mrs Spratt. Firstly, we split into 4 groups and got 10 pieces of paper to try and make the tallest tower. Then we went on Tynker, which is website that we used to create our own online game. After we created our game, we could play someone else's game. It was a good day and I had a lot of fun.

Brianna G- 5C



Last term, I attended TOPSTEPS for Stem at St Clair High School. Firstly, we got pieces of Lego and we had to make a duck. Secondly, we got a giant box full of Lego and we had to make a tower from the smallest piece of Lego to the largest piece. After that, we had to make an animal and Natalee and I made a turtle. Towards the end of the end of the day, we had to split into groups of two and we got handed robots we could build. When we were done making the robots, we got to control them with the laptops. It was a really good day at St Clair High School.

Tahnee. D—6S



TOPSTEPS Day 2019

On the 9th April, I attended TOPSTEPS at Banks PS. Our teacher was Mrs Casis who was always excited by most things. My course was about creative characters and stories. We also got to make handprints in a Year 2 classroom. On lunch breaks, we got to explore the library. I had an absolutely joyful day at Banks PS.

Roumina-3/4C

Last term, I went to St Clair Public School for TOPSTEPS. At TOPSTEPS, I was learning about SOLE learning. In SOLE learning, we had to research a BIG question. My question was "What would the World be like without bees?" It was a very interesting to pick. It was a lot of fun, especially when I got to meet new people. Luckily some friends from school were with me too. It was a fun day.

Brendan-5C

Last term, I went to Clairgate PS and I had a great day. Firstly, we got a piece of paper and we wrote about our favourite place. I chose New York. Then we did a quiz about the top holiday destination in the World. Finally, we booked a holiday to Bali and the cheapest holiday won. My group got second with \$2304. I had a great time and I really want to go back.

Mataius- 3/4C



MUSIC NEWS

JEPS Choir

The JEPS Choir are currently practicing for the upcoming STEPS Music Festival to be held in Term 3. Choir members from JEPS will perform as part of a Mass Choir with other schools in the STEPS community. The Choir is for students in Years 3-6 and we rehearse every Wednesday at lunchtime with Mrs Powell.

There is also a Singing Group for students in Year 1 and 2 that meet every Tuesday at lunchtime with Mrs Lazanski.

Drumming Groups

Selected students from Stage 2 and 3 have been making musical noise with djembe drums, bucket drums and chairs! We have two groups that work with Mrs Powell each week.

IN OUR CLASSROOMS

Year 1 have been learning simple songs and rhymes and use movement, dance and instruments to explore musical concepts.



Students in Year 2 are learning the recorder during Term 2. Lessons focus on basic technique and learning some notes so that we can begin to play simple songs.



The school has recently purchased a set of xylophones and Year 6 are looking forward to testing them out during music lessons in term 2.

OUR MURAL

How the sun was made

For a long time there were only moon and stars – no sun. One day, Dinewan, the emu and Brolgah were fighting and arguing. In her anger, Brolgah took a huge egg from Dinewan's nest and threw it, with all her strength up to the sky.

Then it broke on a heap of gidgee wood, which burst into flames when the yolk split on it. The flame lit up the world below to the amazement of everything on it. They were not used to the brightness, having lived in darkness their whole lives.

A spirit who lived in the sky saw how beautiful the world looked when it was lit up by the fire and decided to make fire everyday. All night he and other spirits collected wood and heaped it up. When the heap was nearly big enough they sent out the morning star to tell everyone that the fire was about to be lit up.

However, no-one saw the morning star because they were still asleep. So the spirits decided there must be some noise to wake the sleepers and warn them that the sun was about to rise.

They deliberated for a long time who should hold this responsibility. One evening they heard the kookaburras laugh and decided that was the noise they needed.

They told the kookaburras that, as the morning star faded and the day dawned, they should laugh their loudest in order to wake the sleepers before sunrise. They said that if the kookaburras would not do this, they would not light a fire anymore and the world would go back to darkness.

The kookaburras saved the light for the world and agreed to laugh his loudest at dawn of everyday, which he continues to do to this day.





EASTER EGG DONATIONS

A big thank you to our generous JEPS community for donating Easter Eggs which were donated to local nursing homes, Nepean Cancer Care Centre and the children's ward at Nepean Hospital. We have received many messages of thanks and appreciation. Below are just a few of the messages the school has received.

Could you please pass on a BIG THANK YOU to the students and staff at James Erskine P.S. The chocolates eggs, but most importantly their beautiful colouring and hand written messages brought a BIG smile to our staff and patients (some of the messages were seriously heart melting). Thank James Erskine P.S for your support and spreading Easter Joy to our staff and patients.

Leanne Hunter Nepean Cancer Care Centre.



I wanted to send out a huge thank you to anyone's children that are at James Erskine P.S. We are currently in Nepean Hospital children's ward. The Easter Bunny just delivered Easter Eggs and big hugs to our little one and totally made her day. The notes attached made my day. Thank you especially to Mustafa H from 6G and Thomas from 6S.

Lauren Callaghan.



I would like to send a very big thank you from a lot of families with sick babies in the children's ward at Nepean Hospital. My son Cyprus is just 4 months old and this is his very first Easter, he is currently sick with bronchiolitis and needing help breathing. This is my 4th day in here but many more families have been in here much longer than me. This has brought a tear to my eye knowing we are still able to celebrate his 1st Easter. Also a very big thank you to Madelyn in KO for the beautiful Easter colouring, it was absolutely beautiful.

Lesha Phelps.



As you can see they were greatly appreciated. Thank you for your continuing support.

Jessica Hatton



On Tuesday 28th May, our school will be hosting Australia's Biggest Morning Tea coordinated by our SRC. All money raised will be donated to the Cancer Council.

We would like to invite our JEPS community of parents, carers and family to join us for a cuppa and some yummy morning tea.

Join us at 10.45am for a fun filled morning and help us support the Cancer Council.

We are a White Ribbon School

To end violence, we must work together to change our attitudes and behaviours.

St Clair and Erskine Park Schools (STEPS) are committed to working together to foster a culture of respect.

We support White Ribbon and promote 'respectful relationships' within our community.

At our school we say:

YES to RESPECT



Parking and Traffic Rules in School Zones




















NSW Police have asked us to remind parents to be aware of the various no stopping, no parking and bus zones outside of the school on Peppertree Drive. Please ensure that you check street signage and park according to the road rules in school zones. The map below is a guide to the zones out the front of the school. We believe there will be some monitoring of this area.



Parking and traffic rules in school zones





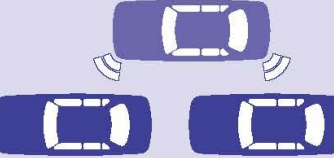

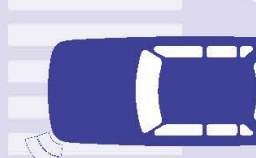

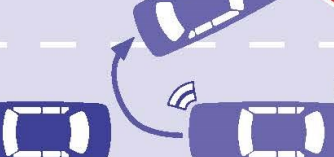



You need to take extra care when driving and parking in school zones. Make sure that you and your child understand the road rules. If you break the traffic rules in a school zone you are putting not only your child but other children at risk. The parking and traffic rules around our schools are there to protect your children. If you break the rules you will be fined. **Please choose safety over convenience.**

QUICK REFERENCE GUIDE TO IMPORTANT SAFETY TRAFFIC RULES

ZONE	WHAT DOES IT MEAN?	WHY IS IT THERE?	PENALTY	DEMERIT POINTS*
	You cannot stop in a NO STOPPING zone for any reason (including queuing or waiting for a space). 	Keeps clear sight lines between drivers and children / pedestrians.	EXCEEDS \$330 	(School Zone) 2 
	You can stop in a NO PARKING zone for a max. of two minutes to drop off and pick up passengers. If no spaces are available you cannot queue on the road way or in any other zones while waiting for a space. You will need to drive away and park elsewhere, only returning when there is space to pull up. You must stay within 3 metres of your vehicle at all times and cannot leave your vehicle unattended.	Provides a safe place for children / pedestrian set down and pick up.	EXCEEDS \$183 	(School Zone) 2 
	You must not stop or park in a BUS ZONE for any reason (including queuing or waiting for a space) unless you are driving a bus. If times are shown on the sign, you are not allowed to stop during those times.	Provides a safe place for large buses to set down and pick up school children.	EXCEEDS \$330 	(School Zone) 2 
	You must not stop on or within 20 metres before a PEDESTRIAN CROSSING or 10 metres after a crossing unless there is a control sign permitting parking.	So drivers can clearly see pedestrians on the crossing.	EXCEEDS \$439 	(School Zone) 2 
	DOUBLE PARKING You must not stop on the road adjacent to another vehicle at any time even to drop off or pick up passengers.	Double parking blocks visibility and forces other cars to go around you.	EXCEEDS \$330 	(School Zone) 2 
	You must not stop on any FOOTPATH or NATURE STRIP , or even a DRIVEWAY crossing a footpath or nature strip for any reason.	You could easily run over a child or force pedestrians onto the road to get around you.	EXCEEDS \$183 	(School Zone) 2 

Please note: The above information is current as of 1 December 2017. Penalties set by NSW State Government and reviewed on 1 July each year.

Safety tips for school zones:

EXITING THE CAR 	 Make sure children use the footpath-side door when getting in and out of a car.	APPLY BRAKE 	 Make sure the park brake is applied when the vehicle is stationary.
PARKING 	 NEVER double park.	CROSSING 	 NEVER park across a pedestrian crossing.
NO U-TURNS 	 NEVER undertake a U-turn in close proximity to the school.	NO 3 POINT TURNS 	 NEVER undertake a three-point turn in close proximity to the school.

Safety tips for students:

BUCKLE UP   Stay buckled up until the vehicle has stopped.	STORE ITEMS   Make sure your school bag and other items are in a safe position.	BE READY  Be ready to get out of the car with your belongings when the car has stopped and you have unbuckled your seat belt.	EXIT SAFELY  Always get in and out of the back seat through the safety door - the rear footpath-side door.
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Demerit Points:

* The **Demerit Points** Scheme is a national program that allocates penalty points (demerits) for a range of driving offences. A driver who has not committed any offences has 'zero' points. If you commit an offence that carries demerit points, the points are added to your driving record. If you incur the threshold number of demerit points within a three-year period, a licence suspension or refusal is applied. The three-year period is calculated between the dates the offences were committed. It ends on the day your most recent offence was committed.

For further information regarding demerit points please visit: rms.nsw.gov.au/roads/safety-rules/demerits-offences/

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