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Whats happening at James Erskine

Welcome to the first edition of our **JEPS JOURNAL**. We will be sending this communication out twice a term just to keep you updated with what is going on "inside the gates". We believe it is important for you to know what is happening, not just with your child's learning, but also across the school. You would have received two notes earlier in the term that introduced our 2022 staff. At the end of last year the Department created new positions to support the ongoing commitment to increasing Literacy and Numeracy outcomes in schools. Mrs D'Angelis was successful in gaining this position at JEPS. Mrs Houben was also successful in gaining the same position at Braddock Public School. This has since opened up 2 substantive Assistant Principal positions within our school. The advert for the positions have been published on the *IworkforNSW* site. The process will be finalised by the end of the term and I will be able to announce who the successful candidates are.

Quality Teaching at James Erskine Public School

Our incredible staff have started the term determined and motivated to ensure they are focussing on what matters most – Improving student learning outcomes. Teachers have continued to develop quality teaching and learning programs, participate in high impact professional learning to ensure current research and best practice is at the core of teaching and continue to have students at the centre of their decision making. It has been a tough start to the year with COVID affecting our community and families, the recent rain and flooding and staff shortages across the state have meant teachers have really had to wear many hats and support in ways we wouldn't normally ask. I would like to say to the staff of JEPS – *You are amazing and are doing a fantastic job that does not go unnoticed – Thank you.*

COVID ISLP

Our school has commenced the COVID Intensive Learning Support Program (ILSP). This program is led by Mrs Leanne Davies. Due to the disruptions caused by COVID, the program is aimed at supporting identified students across the school in both Literacy and Numeracy. We have a team supporting students including Mrs Pam Williams teacher, Mrs Jen Hrynuik teacher and Miss Bailea Titheradge as teaching and learning assistant.

Digital devices in schools

We have recently updated our policy to fall in line with the Departments policy and procedures around digital devices. Our policy communicates:

Primary-aged students may not use digital devices during class time, recess and lunch unless approved by the principal or teacher for an educational purpose or for other reasons such as an adjustment to support learning and wellbeing. This includes smartphones, smartwatches, tablets, laptops and any other device that allows connectivity to the internet and applications.

A copy of the policy is available upon request. We please ask that you remind students to check their phones in and out of the office daily. We are currently readdressing our procedures around phone pick-up at the end of the day based on parent feedback that it is taking students some time to retrieve phones and parents are often waiting. Thank you for your patience while we develop these new procedures.



The P&C at James Erskine are always looking for new members to join the P&C Association. If this sounds like something you would be interested in, please come and collect a form from the front office. The cost is \$2.00, this will give you the right to vote and have your say on what we do

within the school. Coming to the meetings is a great way to find out what is happening around the school. Ms Kingi will give a Principal's report at every meeting – outlining what is happening and what is coming up in terms of projects and opportunities for students.

The next meeting is Wednesday 16 March, 6:30pm in the staffroom

The P&C are looking at starting Fundraising Committee this year, if you would be interested, please come along.

Rose Kingi - Relieving Principal