



# Jarvisfield State School

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We acknowledge the traditional custodians (*the 'Juru' people*) of this land and pay our respects to the Elders both past, present and future.



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## **Principal's Message:**

Reading is one of the key focusses here at Jarvisfield State School. Thank you to those parents who have donated their time to our Parent Reading Programme. It is refreshing to see all of the students being so eager to read and it is having a massive effect on their reading ability. We have recently assessed the reading levels of all students and I am proud to report that all students have improved their reading ability this term.

Students have also set new reading goals, writing goals and maths goals. Their Student Profiles with their goals and assessment pieces are all up to date and all parents and family members are always encouraged to come into the classroom before or after school and have a look at their child's assessment tasks and goals.

These Student Profiles will form the results in the report cards which will be sent home at the end of this term. At this time, all parents and carers will be given the opportunity to have a formal interview with Mrs Bostock and I where we will discuss the assessments in your child's Profiles but you are more than welcome to come in and view your child's work.

Sincerely,  
Mr Troy Patti

## **Disappointing Behaviour**

It is disappointing to report that over the last few weeks that we have experienced an increasing number of poor behaviour incidents. Most of these have occurred in the playground where some students have been excluding students from games and changing rules to hinder certain students. Poor behaviour has then escalated from there as students are becoming angry at the students changing the rules. This is not okay.

The constant message from staff to students is that the rules of all games need to be decided prior to the game starting and I am disappointed that many students have not been doing this despite the regular reminders and assistance from staff to set rules for games and fair play. Some students have even been using their leadership role or age to tell other younger students that they must agree with the rules set by the older students. Again, this is not okay.

Staff will continue to assist students to set the rules of games before they go out to play. We will also continue to reward fair play behaviour with Gotchas. We will also continue to urge students to use their 5 strategies to deal with problem behaviour and report any poor behaviour to a staff member immediately. Over the next 5 weeks, until the end of term 2, we will also be holding peer mediation sessions with some of our senior students and other students who are experiencing conflict. During these sessions, students will be guided to set goals for themselves and other students to ensure that they are getting along and everyone feels welcome at Jarvisfield State School. Progress towards these goals will be monitored by all staff and students will meet every week with Mr Kiloh, our Behaviour Support Teacher, to check in on their progress and work through any conflicts that may arise in the future.

As parents and carers, please encourage your child to play fairly by setting rules, following them, sharing equipment and including all students in their games. Please stress to them that they must report poor behaviour to a staff member

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immediately after they have tried their own behaviour strategies such as walking away, ignoring and speaking firmly. Lastly, if your child tells you something that has happened at school that they have not reported to a staff member, please contact the school immediately so that we can deal with the issue. If we all work together, we can provide the safest and most supporting learning environment possible

### **P&C Annual General Meeting**

The AGM of the Jarvisfield State School P&C will be held at 3:00pm on **Monday 30 May** in the Jarvisfield Community Learning Centre (JCLC). So far this year, the P&C have finalised the Centenary, endorsed the Annual Implementation Plan for Jarvisfield State School and have discussed a number of other ideas that will improve Jarvisfield State School. I encourage all parents and carers to come along to our P&C Meetings. The P&C provide

- A voice for parents and carers in their child's education.
- A group that allow the school to be a part of community events.
- The opportunity to sell goods such as uniforms, book-packs and food and drinks to students.
- Much needed fundraising opportunities for our school.

Without a P&C, these benefits cannot happen.

At the AGM, all executive positions will become vacant. I encourage all parents and carers to nominate for the executive positions to ensure that our P&C will continue to function and benefit the school.

### **NAPLAN**

Congratulations to KJ, Johben, Kyle Gudge-Bollman, Layla and Ashley who sat the NAPLAN tests last week. These students put in their best effort in all 4 tests and will get their results during term 3. These results do not go on their report card but they are good to compare them against other students in year 3 across the state and nation.

### **Backyard League**

Over the next four Thursday afternoons, members of the North Queensland Cowboys Community Development Squad will be coming to Jarvisfield State School to conduct one lesson on how to lead a healthy lifestyle and three backyard league sessions. I am sure that these sessions will be very informative and enjoyable.

### **A Swag of Tales**

On Friday, our students went to Brandon State School to watch the play "A Swag of Tales". The play was very funny and provided lots of information about Australian History. Many students enjoyed seeing Ashley being dressed up in the fashions of the mid-1800s.

### **Camp**

Jarrold, Kain, Amelia and I headed off on the bus to Paluma Environmental Education Centre today. They joined Mr Harrington and the students from Gumlu State School. The camp is a science camp that is being attended by a number of schools. We will return to Jarvisfield State School at 3:00pm on Friday afternoon this week. I am sure that Jarrold, Amelia and Kain will have a great time and will sleep exceptionally well on Friday night! For all students who are not going on camp, there will be a normal week of school. See you all on Friday! Have a great week!

### **Staffing for Term 3**

With Mrs Bostock returning as the Acting Principal for next Term, we have recently advertised for her position as a classroom teacher to be filled. I am pleased to announce that Ms Kristen Berril is the successful applicant. Ms Berril will teach on Mondays and will cover the same learning areas as Mrs Bostock has been covering throughout Semester One. She will be coming out to our school over the next five weeks to meet the staff, students and community. Welcome Ms Berril!

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