

St Johns Park Public School Newsletter

Term 1, Week 2
Monday, 4th February, 2019

Dear Parents,

Welcome

Welcome back to all students and their families to St Johns Park PS 2019. As a part of the Department of Education's Strategic Plan 2018-2022 our purpose is "to prepare young people for rewarding lives as engaged citizens in a complex and dynamic society". It also states that "Every student is known, valued and cared for in our schools." This is definitely our focus and students are at the centre of all our decision-making. We are looking forward to a great year together at St Johns Park Public School.

Students have been placed into temporary classes until Thursday, 7th February. This is the date set by the Department of Education for schools to confirm their student enrolments. Our staffing entitlements are based on the number of students enrolled. Please let our office staff know about any student who may still be on holiday and will be returning to our school. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact the office to make an appointment to see myself, Mrs McCammond or Miss Presot.

We will be having a 'Meet the Teacher' afternoon in the coming weeks, on a date to be advised.

Staff News

We have had some changes to staff for 2019. We welcome three permanent appointments - Miss di Iorio (3K), Mr Russo (6R) and Mrs Mehandru (EALD Thursday & Friday). I know that you will make them feel welcome. We also has several new Temporary teachers – Miss Heang (RFF), Mrs Portela (EALD) and Miss Liu (Community Language – Chinese). We are awaiting the appointment of 2 positions – EALD and a teacher position.

Uniform

As you are aware, we have a new polo shirt. The old light blue polo may still be worn until it is phased out at the end of next year. Boys and girls should wear the royal blue shorts with their polo. Boys can wear grey shorts but like the light blue polo, only until the end of next year. The sports shorts should only be worn on sport days. A sport shirt will be available soon.

Students should be wearing plain **black school shoes** on most days and **NOT** coloured sport shoes. Sport shoes should only be worn on sport days. All students must wear a hat when playing outside, preferably a school hat. Please ensure all items are clearly labelled with your child's name and class – jackets and hats are easily misplaced, so having them labelled will minimise loss of these items.



Uniforms

Uniforms can be
purchased from the
School Office
8.30am - 2.30pm
Monday to Friday.

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smartphone or tablet.

Principal's Message...Continued

Communication

Our newsletter is an important way for our school to communicate with families and the community. We publish a newsletter fortnightly, even weeks – 2, 4, 6, 8 & 10, on **Mondays**. We will also continue to use our school's website to regularly publish information for you to access from home. Our school web address is www.stjohnspark-p.schools.nsw.edu.au.

Our **school app** is available and **free** from the App store for iPhone and android phones. Simply search 'St Johns Park Public School' and download. You will receive notifications about upcoming events, be able to access notes that are sent home and access newsletters.

We also have 2 social media accounts – **Facebook** and **Twitter**. Our students should not be accessing these as they are too young (you must be 13 and over to have these accounts). We have these accounts as another form of communication with our community.

P&C Meetings

The P&C will be having their first meeting and Annual General Meeting (AGM) on Wednesday, 13th February at 9.30am. The P&C is an excellent opportunity for parents to be part of the whole school community and make genuine contributions to the school's decision making processes. I would encourage all parents to come along.

At the AGM, elections for the positions of P&C President, Vice President (2), Secretary and Treasurer will be held. You must be a financial member to vote and this is set at \$1 for the year. We hope that we have many parents attend this important meeting.

Crunch&Sip at SJPPS

The Crunch&Sip program is an easy way to help kids stay healthy and happy!

Crunch&Sip is a set break during the school day (usually midway through our morning session) to eat salad vegetables and fruit and drink water in the classroom. Students should bring vegetables or fruit to school each day for the Crunch&Sip break. Each child should also bring a bottle of water into the classroom to drink throughout the day to prevent dehydration.

Giving students the chance to re-fuel with fruit or vegetables helps to improve physical and mental performance and concentration in the classroom, as well as promoting long term health.

Quote for Week 2:

"And now we welcome the new year, full of things that have never been".

Rainer Maria Rilke

D. Donatiello
Principal

Positive Behaviour 4 Learning Update

Week 2

Area: All Areas

Expectation: Be Safe Focus: Keep hands, feet and objects to myself

You are doing the right thing when you hear:

'Thank you for keeping your hands, feet and objects to yourself.'

Week 3

Area: All Areas

Expectation: Be Safe Focus: Be Seen

You are doing the right thing when you hear:

'Thank you for walking with the group.'

'Thank you for being seen at all times.'

Anti-Racism Contact Officer

Anti-Racism Contact Officer for St Johns Park Public School

It is a Department of Education requirement that all schools have a trained Anti-Racism Contact Officer (ARCO). I would like to inform the school community that I am the school's designated Anti-Racism Contact Officer. (ARCO) My role is to assist parents, staff and students who have complaints regarding racism and facilitate the complaints handling process. There are four major aspects to the role:

- 1. Mediator Role** - On receiving a complaint, my role as the ARCO, in certain circumstances, may attempt to negotiate an informal resolution.
- 2. Procedural Role** - If an informal resolution is not appropriate or satisfactory then the complainant has the option of lodging a formal complaint.
- 3. Educational Role** - As the ARCO, I assist the principal to ensure the school community is aware that the school has an ARCO, who the ARCO is and what the ARCO role involves.
- 4. Monitoring Role** - The ARCO assists the principal to implement actions arising from complaints of racism, collect data, identify significant statistical trends in relation to complaints and identify and maintain records of complaints and allegations concerning racism.

G. Simons

Anti-Racism Contact Officer (ARCO)

2019 Lunar New Year

2019 Lunar New Year – Year of the Golden Pig

To recognise and celebrate the 2019 Lunar New Year, we have invited Dragon Dancers to our school this Friday. All students will have the opportunity to watch this amazing performance. We encourage parents and families to also attend.

The performance will be in Playground D at 2.30pm on Friday, 8th February. At the conclusion of the dance the students will receive lucky red envelopes organised by Mrs Nguyen, our Community Liaison Officer, which have been kindly donated by the Commonwealth Bank.



D. McCammond

Deputy Principal

Important Dates

Week 2

Thursday, 7th February, 2019

- BYOD Parent Information Session
(for students in the BYOD classes)

Friday, 8th February, 2019

- PSSA Trials (Years 3-6)

Week 3

Monday, 11th February, 2019

- PSSA Trials (Years 3-6)

Wednesday, 13th February, 2019

- P&C Meeting

Friday, 15th February, 2019

- PSSA Summer Competition
Commences

Week 4

Tuesday, 19th February, 2019

- Swimming Carnival Years 3-6