

18th February 2022

Dear Parents & Carers,

School **starts** at 8:50am
School **finishes** at 3:05pm



Welcome back to a brand new school year, and welcome to our new JPS families and Staff!

We have twelve new reception students starting school with us, plus four new students in year 2, 3 & 5, and five new staff members! It was wonderful to see the return of happy faces in the yard on Monday when the rest of our Home Learners returned to school. It's been a nice start for our youngest students, who have had the school almost to themselves for the first two weeks!

Our new students

Welcome to Olivia, Skylah, Haylee, Rylee, Aya, Archer, Max, Riley, Hudson, Chase, Floyd, Cooper, Ruby, Lizzie, Hunter & Storm.



Our new staff

Welcome to Elissa (Principal), Kiri (Yr 5/6), Elise (Yr 3/4), Serenity (R-2), & Jake (SSO)



Elissa
(Ms Hunter)



Kiri
(Miss Thompson)



Serenity
(Miss Carson)



Elise
(Mrs Hams)



Jake
(our new
classroom SSO)

And we also welcome back Rachel (Mrs Edwards) in the 3/4 class, team teaching with Elise.



This is just a brief communication as we start Term 1 of the new school year, with some important bits of information – particularly for our new families.

There is a little bit of paperwork coming home for some families; information we require to support and care for your child while they are at school. We appreciate your cooperation to complete and return forms as soon as you can to avoid us having to chase and remind you! Forms include:

- ✓ Family Permissions (as from 2022, this will only need to be completed ONCE, covering your child's entire time at JPS – if your circumstances change, you will need to let us know!)
- ✓ Bus permission (if not already returned)
- ✓ Medication plan review (if applicable)

Absences are to be notified to the Front Office prior to or on the day of absence:

- ✓ School stream (download the app onto your phone & search for Jervois Primary School)
- ✓ phone call to 85723279 or 0419 618309
- ✓ text message to school mobile 0419 618309
- ✓ email dl.0194.info@schools.sa.edu.au

Important bits & pieces you need to know.....

- ✿ If your child has any **health condition** which we will need to monitor or assist with (e.g. asthma) we need to know immediately. A health plan must be in place and instructions for any medication required. Please pop in and speak with Michelle or Jo to ensure correct processes are in place.
- ✿ All students have been invoiced for their 2022 Materials & Services fees (School Fees) this week. Jo has sent out invoices to families today. School fees for 2022 are **\$253** per student.

Options to pay: cash or cheque to Jervois Primary School; EFT to school bank account (details on invoice); payment plan – please see Jo to organise this. School card applications can be processed online – check out this link for more information and to apply online:

<https://www.sa.gov.au/topics/education-and-learning/financial-help-scholarships-and-grants/school-card-scheme>

School Card approval is based on the following Income Limits:

Number of Dependent Children	Gross Annual Income Limit 2020/21 Financial Year	Gross Weekly Income Limit
1 child	\$62,440	\$1,201
2 children	\$63,555	\$1,223
3 children	\$64,670	\$1,245
4 children	\$65,785	\$1,267
5 children	\$66,900	\$1,289
More than 5 children	add \$1,115 for each child	Add \$22 for each child

If approved, School Card covers the cost of your child's School Fees for 2022.

- ✿ **Bell Times** – Our regular school days look like this:
 - **8:50am** start of the school day
 - **11:00am** Recess play time (canteen open on Tuesday & Friday)
 - **11:20am** end of recess (back to class for eating time)
 - **12:45pm** Lunch play time
 - **1:15pm** end of lunch (back to class for eating time)
 - **3:05pm** end of the school day

Note: for the last day of each term, we finish school an hour earlier (at 2:05pm), with the bus also leaving an hour earlier than normal.

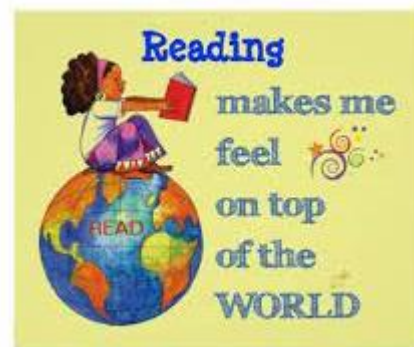
- ✿ **Covid check in** - When entering the front office it is still a department requirement to check in. Please also be aware of density requirements. It is also a requirement to wear a mask upon entry.
- ✿ **COVID Guidelines** - The guidelines if a member of the school community tests positive for COVID-19 can seem quite complex, but in essence; if a student or staff member tests positive for COVID, there will be no necessity for other classmates to isolate or be tested, unless they develop COVID like symptoms (even mild). Teachers who are considered to be classroom contacts will be given Rapid Antigen Tests which they will need to take every day for 7 days. Providing they test negative, they can continue to work.
If your child shows any symptoms (even mild), please keep them home and have them tested as soon as you can. If a child tests positive to COVID please notify the school as soon as possible so we can put our protocols in place. We will notify you immediately we are aware, if your child has been a classroom contact of a positive case. Our notification will be by text AND through Seesaw (or a printed note for those who don't access Seesaw).
If a child does test positive to COVID, their identity will not be disclosed publicly. SA Health will advise you of any quarantine restrictions you will need to follow should your child or any member of your family test positive.
There have been a number of queries regarding vaccination and entry to the school: Only volunteers, including Governing Council members, contractors and paid employees of the Department for Education need to be vaccinated to enter the school. Parents who are not vaccinated may enter the grounds to drop students off, pay fees or meet with teachers; but they **are** required to wear masks whenever they are **indoors**.

- ☀ **Hats ON** – for Term 1, 3 & 4 it is compulsory for all students to wear hats while outside during play time and for physical activity. Hats can be purchased from the Front Office: Legionnaire \$7, Bucket \$8, and limited stocks of broad brim hats for \$8 each. We have plenty of legionnaire & bucket hats; please make sure your child has one for school!
- ☀ **Bus families** – remember to please let us know if you are collecting your child/ren from school instead of taking the bus home, so we can make sure our bus list is up to date for the day. Bus permissions have been sent home to families who have not yet returned forms.
- ☀ **End of day school pick-ups:** if someone other than your normal pick-up person is collecting your child/ren from school, **you need to let us know**. We will not send children home with other people or families unless we have been notified by a child's parent/carer.
- ☀ **Canteen** will be open on TUESDAY and FRIDAY for ice blocks and snacks only. A canteen menu is included on the back of this newsletter with all information including what is available and the current pricelist. Until volunteers are allowed back on site, we won't be offering lunches through the canteen. When things change, we will let you know!
- ☀ Our Whole school **assembly** is usually held fortnightly, but at the moment we are unable to have them. Once we can, we will let you know if and when parents/carers are able to come along too.
- ☀ Each fortnight we produce a school **newsletter**. They are available on our school website, via email to families, or through our School Stream app. If families need, we can send home a printed copy, but prefer an electronic option as it's more sustainable.
- ☀ **Governing Council** is a format for interested parents to join to be involved with decisions about our school. We have had quite a few parents on Governing Council who have left our school: we are seeking interest for more members for our 2022 Council – if this is something you might be keen to know more about, please speak with Elissa or one of our existing Governing Council members: Jo Flett, Craig Clark, or Danielle Wohlschlager.
- ☀ Normally, all students would have participated in Swimming Lessons this week, at the Murray Bridge Olympic Swimming Pool. Unfortunately with the staggered start to the school year and restrictions in place from participating in extra-curricula activities, we had to cancel our planned sessions. We have some plans in motion to meet the water instruction part of the school curriculum, and will keep you informed once they are confirmed. It will be most likely much later in the year.
- ☀ If your **contact details** change, please let us know (including mobile, email and emergency contact people). It's vital our records are up to date in case of an emergency, so we are able to contact you.

If you have anything you are unsure of and would like to discuss, please speak to your child's teacher or give us a call and chat with Michelle or Jo. It is always tricky keeping up with everything at the start of a new school year, so bear with us while we get all of the compulsory information we need! We are here to support you, so if there is ever anything you are unsure of – please ask!

Look forward to seeing you when we can have parents/carers & volunteers back on site and meeting our new families.

Kind regards,
JPS Staff



Principal Piece (a quick word from Elissa)

What a start to 2022! I must say I have been impressed by the calibre and resilience of both the teaching and support staff at Jervois, during this time. Such an amazing school, and I'm so pleased to be a part of it. Welcome to our brand new Receptions who have taken to learning and school life all in their stride, and welcome to our new staff members, Kiri Thompson, Elise Hams, Serenity Carson, and Jake Prosser. I hope they find their time at Jervois fulfilling and enjoyable.

Reading rewards is back for 2022, so please encourage your child to read every night so they can take advantage of the weekly rewards. Also remember, children don't necessarily need to read to adults: reading to older siblings is just as effective.

Keep an eye out over the coming weeks for rescheduled events. We have yet to have Community Night and a Governing Council AGM, which I am very much looking forward to. I am keen to get to know families in this community, so if you see me in the yard don't hesitate to say hello!

A reminder that if your child is unwell, please keep them at home.

Have a great week.

Elissa



Ann's Wellbeing Words

Welcome back everyone! It was so nice to see such excited and enthusiastic children on Monday, eager to catch up with friends and meet with new students and staff at JPS.

Each class was busy with their peers and teachers: from making Valentine wishes to designing P.E. activities. Morning Muster involved the whole school; with our older students buddying up with the younger ones. They shared a Mexican Hat dance together then went off on a Run Around Australia lap, being conscious of moving together as a pair.

We welcome Mrs Hunter (our new principal), new staff and students; we hope they enjoyed their first day.

We also welcome back Anna, our PCW (Pastoral Care Worker) who will be working in all classes over several days. She will also be continuing with her Lunch Time Club in our NEW WELLBEING ROOM.

We look forward to watching ALL our students grow with confidence and resilience as we welcome our new year at Jervois Primary School.Hope you enjoyed your first week x

Ann Cracknell, Wellbeing Leader



*Welcome back everyone!
Classroom learning is now full steam ahead,
both indoors and outdoors!
We shared the LOVE for Valentine's Day!*

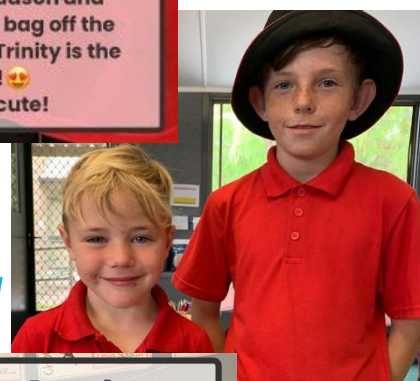
A snapshot of our first few weeks of 2022 – they have been very busy!!



Here is a pic of Hudson and his new favourite person! 😊
Trinity smiled at Hudson and helped him with his bag off the bus. Hudson thinks Trinity is the bees knees! 🐝
he was VERY cute!



We LOVE the interaction between our older and younger students – a special thing with a small school!



Yay!!!! We survived our first day! 😊 The oldies buddied up with a newbie for a scavenger hunt today.



These superstar Room 1-ers were proud to get a sticky today (+ a little round of applause) for their super effort in getting their pegs onto EXCELLENT! 🌟

These little people know the 'excellent' feeling.... super job!



Let's see if we can all reach this and feel good about our day

Reading Reward is BACK!!!!

AND IT BEGINS FRIDAY!!!

1. You listen to your child read their reader for 5 minutes each day or night
2. You sign off after you've listened to them reading
3. I check in on the reading book
4. Those that have read the required 4 nights get the reward time!!
5. If you don't read, you don't get reward, simple

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← Reading is something we place HUGE importance on at JPS: regular reading will help your child in many ways, to set them up for a successful education. Our Reading Reward gives encouragement to students & something to strive to achieve each week!

To encourage safe, kind and caring behaviour, we are using a peg system each class, with the aim to 'peg a person' →



You may be wondering about the significance of these pegs...

We have introduced a new behaviour chart across JPS and all of our learners begin on "ready to learn"

Positive behaviour is reward on the steps above (good & excellent) and even higher than that is "peg a person"



There are also steps below "ready to learn" for not so positive behaviours.

How cool that in just 3 days we've had a number of students already pegging a person for above excellent choices



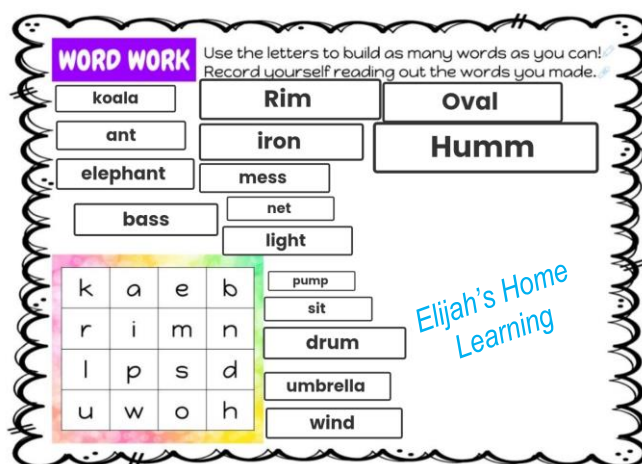
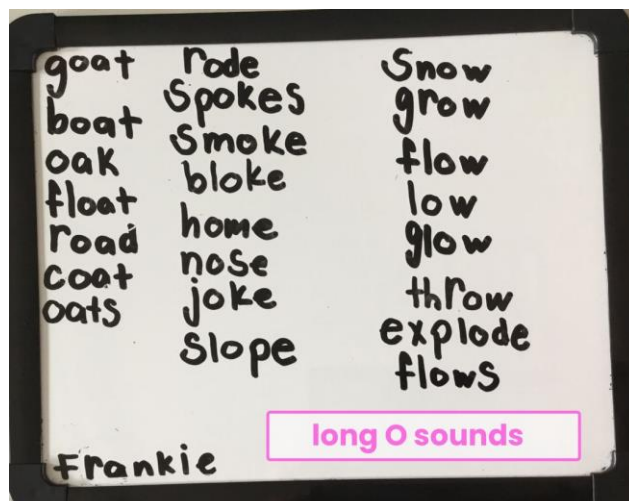
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JUST A FEW PICS FROM OUR DISCOVER-
ERS TODAY!



Frankie's sound brain storming



Elijah's Home Learning

Canteen Price List

The canteen is open each **Tuesday** and **Friday** at **RECESS** time to purchase ice creams and snacks. Please don't send large notes to school, as we only carry small change. It is advisable for little people to have their money in a purse, wallet or zip-lock bag so it doesn't get lost!

Ice Creams

Quelch	50c
Calippo Mini	\$1
Ice Cream cups	\$1-10
(vanilla, strawberry, chocolate)	
Icy Twist	\$1-30
Paddle Pops	\$1-80
(chocolate, rainbow, banana)	



Snack items

Chips, Grainwaves, Noodle snacks 60c ea



From time to time we may stock specials or different items – these will be advised through the newsletter and/or seesaw

All items sold in our canteen meet the 'Right Bite' strategy for School Canteens

