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An Outstanding Comprehensive High School

NEWSLETTER

September 2017

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EVENTS FOR TERM 3		
DATE	DAY	EVENT
WEEK 8		
4 th September	Monday	Year 11 Yearly Exams commence
5 th September	Tuesday	WPC Mock Interviews and Bootcamp
6 th September	Wednesday	CHS Athletics
7 th September	Thursday	CHS Athletics
8 th September	Friday	CHS Athletics
WEEK 9		
13 th September	Wednesday	TVET ends for Term 3

14 th September	Thursday	Year 10 Yearly Exams commence
15 th September	Friday	Year 11 Yearly Exams conclude
15 th September	Friday	R U OK Day Breakfast
WEEK 10		
18 th September	Monday	Year 11 Camp
19 th September	Tuesday	Year 10 Yearly Exams conclude
19 th September	Tuesday	Year 12 day at Jamberoo
20 th September	Wednesday	Year 11 return from camp
20 th September	Wednesday	Year 8 iFLY Maths excursion
21 st September	Thursday	Year 12 Graduation Ceremony
21 st September	Thursday	Year 12 Reports distributed at assembly
22 nd September	Friday	Colour Walk-A-Fun
22 nd September	Friday	Last day of Term 3
EVENTS FOR TERM 4		
WEEK 1 Term 4		
9 th October	Monday	First day of Term 4
13 th October	Friday	Year 10 Drama Excursion
WEEK 2 Term 4		
16 th October	Monday	HSC Examination starts
WEEK 3 Term 4		
27 th October	Friday	Immunisations – 3 rd visit
WEEK 4 Term 4		
30 th October	Monday	Year 8 Assessment week

WEEK 5 Term 4		
6 th November	Monday	Year 7 Assessment week
10 th November	Friday	HSC Examinations conclude

WHO'S WHO

PRINCIPAL Greg Lill	DEPUTY PRINCIPALS Julie Tegart Luke Grahame
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SCHOOL CAPTAINS Emily Simpson Braidon Berridge	SCHOOL VICE CAPTAINS Frankie-Jane Holden Annaliese Peixoto Ishwari Naicker Alexander Higgins Samuel Grant Chadwick Wanschers
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PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE



We are almost at the end of term 3. The year seems to have flown by but that is probably because so many things have been happening that the school year seems to pass quickly. As I write this, year 12 are in the middle of their practical exams and submissions. Good Luck to them and Year 12 in their upcoming HSC examinations.

A couple of important things to mention. First of all, our NAPLAN results are in and it was especially pleasing to see the great growth rates we are getting between years 7 and 9. In the last 5 years we have improved our growth rates every year and we are now up with any comprehensive High School in Western Sydney. My thanks to the staff who have made this possible with a lot of changes both within and without the classroom to make this growth possible. There is more detail on Facebook.

Secondly many thanks to Deputy Principal Julie Tegart for leading the uniform review. Thanks to the staff involved and all of those parents who were part of the committee and kept coming up to school to check out the samples and meet with possible suppliers. It was a comprehensive review and there are some major changes that are detailed on our Facebook feed, but once again it is not possible to meet everyone's wants but as there was a clear mandate from students and parents the change was made. The old uniform will still be OK to 2020 to lessen the financial burden, and as the old uniform is being phased out, it will be considerably discounted along the way. I understand that not everyone will be happy with every single thing, but it was a seriously detailed process.

Congratulations to our new Captains and Vice Captains (see details on Facebook and below). Once again I am always so impressed with the quality of our young leaders and any of the young men and women who put themselves forward would have done a great job.

Can I remind year 12 parents of the Graduation Assembly on Thursday 21st September, and EVERYONE about the Walk-A-Fun on the last day of term. This is the first year that the whole school will participate and we hope that you will support this P&C initiative. Also can I urge all parents to sign up to the Facebook group relevant to their year.

Greg Lill
Principal

Year 7 – 2017 <https://www.facebook.com/groups/JHSYear72017/>

Year 8 – 2017 <https://www.facebook.com/groups/JHSyear7/>

Year 9 – 2017 <https://www.facebook.com/groups/JHSYear8/>

Year 10 – 2017 <https://www.facebook.com/groups/JHSyear9/>

Year 11 – 2017 <https://www.facebook.com/groups/JHSyear10/>

SCHOOL CAPTAINS 2018	SCHOOL VICE CAPTAINS 2018
Bailey Sims Amanda Schembri	Hannah Chang Kayla Godeschalk Harrison Lodge Kenesse Polutele Arshbir Singh Oliver Smith

DEPUTY PRINCIPAL'S REPORT



Deputy's Desk

Bulletin September 2017

Year 11 will commence their Preliminary Yearly Exams on Monday 4th September and conclude these exams 15th September. Please note the examination timetable and exam requirements are on the school website and Facebook page. Students will begin Term 4 as Year 12, commencing their HSC studies in earnest.



Year 12 Students complete their studies this term. Students are expected to attend all scheduled lessons and make productive use of their time up to and including Thursday 21st September. On Tuesday 19th September, Year 12 will attend a bonding day at Jamberoo Recreation Park. The formal Graduation assembly will take place on Thursday evening 21st September. Year 12 now need to develop a comprehensive revision and study program. During this time teachers will be available to assist students with areas they are unsure of, extra tuition and marking practice exam questions. It has been a pleasure being associated with this group of students. Good luck Year 12.

It has certainly been a busy school term. Whilst uniform is good, it is important to remember as we head into the warmer months, that students ensure all parts of their uniform are correct, particularly footwear and shorts. Boy's school shorts must be grey woven style, not stretch material. Once again we remind you that we are a workplace and therefore are governed by WH&S guidelines, therefore adequate protective footwear is required even if you are not actually in those specific areas of most risk. It is also timely to remind students of school policy in relation to mobile phones, that is, the use of mobile phones during the school day is banned and that consequences exist if this policy is continually breached.

Research has highlighted the importance of the role parents can play in their child's learning outcomes. In light of our focus on Parents as Learning Partners we are about to introduce an innovative program called "We're all in this together" – focusing on Year 12 and their countdown to the HSC. This will involve a series of Parent Workshops addressing issues such as Homework, Assessment, Food for thought, ALARM (Literacy model), questioning techniques, Internet, Social Media and Gaming, Research skills and other relevant issues for our Year 12 students, aimed at empowering parents with the necessary knowledge to best support their child through all areas and facets of school life working as "partners" with the school. Our first Parent Forum for this program is planned for parents of Year 12 (2018). Stay tuned to Facebook and our school website for details. We are really excited about the prospect of working closely with parents during these forums as they are meant to be an avenue for open communication.

As the Term concludes we wish our outgoing Year 12 students every success as they prepare for their HSC exams. We are looking forward to our final day Walk-A-Fun including the Colour Run.

I would like to extend a big thankyou from our school community to the staff and students that have worked, much of it in their own time, to organise such valuable learning experiences. It is always pleasing to be part of the many successes that take place in the Jamison High School community. Wishing you all a safe and happy holiday.

Julie Tegart

Deputy Principal

UNIFORM POLICY REVIEW UPDATE

The purpose of the School Uniform Policy is to provide additional opportunities for increased school safety; encourage our students to experience a greater sense of school identity and belonging; encourage an improvement in student behaviour; reduce school clothing costs; encourage a high level of program participation and improve and expand academic excellence.

DEPARTMENTAL REQUIREMENT TO REVIEW UNIFORM

The Department of Education and Training mandates schools in NSW review and document school uniform or dress code requirements in consultation with their communities and develop strategies for the wearing of school uniforms. This policy is available to all parents and caregivers and can be found online here: <https://education.nsw.gov.au/policy-library/policies/school-uniform-policy>. The documentation of the school's uniform policy and the school uniform requirements, together with a brief statement about consultation undertaken, will be kept on file at Jamison High School.

THE UNIFORM POLICY REVIEW COMMITTEE 2017

The review committee was comprised of one member of the Senior Executive, one Head Teacher, a classroom teacher, parent representatives and community representatives.

PROCESS OF THE UNIFORM REVIEW 2017

Term one, 2017 saw the committee established and the creation of an online survey began. Once approved, this survey was distributed to parents and students electronically at the end of June and the start of July. This survey received 630 responses. As a result of this process, there was overwhelming support for the following changes to Jamison High School uniform:

- Boys socks change to white
- PE uniform redesigned and re coloured
- Inclusion of choice for pants/shorts/skirts to include elastic waist and expander waist option
- Inclusion of unisex corporate (school) grey microfibre pant
- Grey colour Pants/Shorts/Trousers for both male and female ALL years
- Junior polo/shirt colour – blue
- Senior polo/shirt colour – white
- School sloppy Jo/Jumper/Jacket remain **unchanged**

Corporate refers to garment displaying JHS Logo (as per new design). The new logo is for Pants/skirts/Cap/PE attire. School Crest to be used for Shirts/Jackets/Blazer. We have released the “draft” mockup of our JHS uniform on our Facebook page (29/8/17).

A logo/symbol competition was also established to include the student body. Finalists in this competition have been announced and voting for the new design has begun.

Following is the suggested timeframe for implementation.

2018	Jan 2019	Jan 2020
Pink shirts removed- September 2017 (New junior blue available for purchase)	Only new uniform stocked	All students in new uniform
White socks for all students		
White blouses & Shirts available for seniors to purchase		
Juniors to purchase blue shirts/blouses/polos- from September 2017		
White polo for seniors, current stock until new colour inserts added to the stock		
PE uniform to be re-designed and sold as current stock is sold		
New skirt introduced T2 2018		

Note: *There will be a 20% reduced price during the transitional period (2018).*

After the transitional period (i.e. from Jan 2019) stock will return to normal prices. Please be aware that the request to change the quality of some clothing may result with a few items having to slightly increase due to the quality of the clothing.

We are working closely with all stakeholders to make this process as efficient as possible.

Greg Lill

Principal

English News

Term Three is flying by so fast and the English Faculty is bustling with activity.

Year 12 students have recently finished their trials. I would like to take the opportunity to congratulate them for their efforts. For those seeking an ATAR it is time to use their ALARMED SCAFFOLDS to embark on serious study regimes. This is a crucial time for students to improve their results. Please seek guidance from your teacher if you need help.

Year 11 students are currently completing their Yearly Examinations; their first real taste of the requirements of the HSC. The English Staff hopes they have been able to prepare adequately. This Year 11 Examination will complete their formal assessments before their HSC begins next term.

Year 10 is also heading into the RoSA Accreditation Examinations. The Year 10 Assessment will continue Term 4 with 25% of marks to be obtained by completing the Stan Grant Assessment Task in their course booklets. Year 10 students should be speaking with their teachers about the appropriate English course for them to complete in Preliminary English.

A note to Year 10 and Year 11 students: there are a few students who are yet to have resolved their N-Awards. Please discuss the work requirements for you to be satisfactory in English.

Years 7, 8, 9 - have normal assessments this term. Good luck to you all. I look forward to seeing your progress.

English Competition-The time to win a 10kg block of Cadbury's Chocolate is almost here.



All Jamison High School English students were emailed the Essential English Competition. If students cannot find the email, it can be found here: <https://padlet.com/robooz/x0sh65gw39jz>.

Rules:

- ✓ This competition is open to all Jamison High School students.
- ✓ Only one attempt at the test will be allowed.
- ✓ Every correct understanding will give you 1 House point. (You do not need to memorise the terms. You need to understand them.)
- ✓ Any person receiving 25/25 will receive 10 bonus House points.
- ✓ For every **FIVE** correct definitions, you will receive **ONE**

entry into the chocolate draw.

(ie: 6/25 correct= 1 entry, 11/25= 2 entries, 25/25= 5 entries).

✓ Your English teacher will tell you the day the test will take place. It will be Week 9, Term 3.

All students in English classrooms will complete the test.

You can learn/play here: <https://quizlet.com/218429106/essential-english-competition-jhs-flash-cards/>

GOOD LUCK TO ALL.



Congratulations 7A.

7A participated in the English Education Perfect Online Global Championships held over 1 week in July.

In their category, the class came 1st in NSW, 1st in Australia and 2nd globally.

Overall, 7A came 92nd out of 1,100 schools who participated worldwide. The class answered 31,000 questions and achieved seven bronze and eight credit awards.

For their efforts, the class won a Pizza party. An awesome job!



*Looking for a unique
experience next holidays?*

Pop-up Globe, the world's first full-scale temporary working replica of one of the greatest theatres in history, the second Globe, will pop-up right next door to the iconic Sidney Myer Music Bowl. Performances will be held from 21 September – 12 November 2017. Only in Melbourne. *Henry V*, *Much Ado about Nothing*, *As You Like It* and *Othello* are available for your entertainment. Since I cannot go to the real-deal in London (where my favourite, *King Lear*, is currently showing) I'll have to pop down to Melbourne to the pop up theatre!

I can't wait.

Julie Robertson and the English Staff.