

Jamison High School

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An Outstanding Comprehensive High School



NEWSLETTER

AUGUST 2018

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	TERM 3	
WEEK 7B		
September 3 rd	Monday	CAPA HSC Works Showcase Evening
September 3 rd -7 th	Monday-Friday	TVET Trial HSC Exam Week
September 5 th -7 th	Wed/Thurs/Fri	CHS Athletics
WEEK 8A		
September 11 th	Tuesday	Yr 12 Maquarie Uni Presentation
September 13 th	Thursday	Yr 12 TAFE Presentation
WEEK 9B		
September 19 th	Wednesday	Yr 8 iFly Excursion
WEEK 10A		
September 25 th	Tuesday	Yr 12 Jamberoo Excursion
September 27 th	Thursday	Yr 12 Graduation Night
September 28 th	Friday	Last day Term 3

WHO'S WHO

PRINCIPAL

Mr Glyn Trethewy

DEPUTY PRINCIPALS

Mrs Julie Tegart
Mr Luke Grahame

SCHOOL CAPTAINS 2018

Bailey Sims
Amanda Schembri

SCHOOL VICE CAPTAINS 2018

Hannah Chang
Kayla Godeschalk
Harrison Lodge
Kenesse Polutele
Arshbir Singh
Oliver Smith

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE



Principal's Message

It has been a pleasure to join a school community with such a diverse range of programs and initiatives that support and extend student learning. It has been a very rewarding time as I have got to know students, staff and parents at this school and started to get an understanding of just what makes Jamison such a great example of a comprehensive public high school.

From the first assembly where I got to meet the staff and students to my first meeting with the Year 12 student leadership team, it has been an impressive place. Arriving at the start of Term three, I have been able to see Year 12 students complete major works and performance pieces for their Higher School Certificate, only then to turn around and watch them deal with the pressure and workload of their trial examinations. I have also had the pleasure of meeting next years potential school leaders as we have worked through the process to elect our new student leaders for 2019 from Year 11.

Parent meetings have also been a feature of the last few weeks with the UConnect session offering advice for Year 12 parents on how to support their child over coming weeks into the Higher School Certificate Examination period proving very popular. It was also great to see the partnerships that have formed as Teacher Mentor meetings occurred between students, parents and teachers as Year 10 students were guided through the subject selection process. This help will assist students as they complete Year 10 and move into the Preliminary courses for the Higher School Certificate next year. Partnerships such as these are important ways we can work together as a school community to support student learning and I look forward to being a part of these in coming years.

Jamison High School continues to develop students ability through some very impressive STEM initiatives. Focusing on the areas of Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics; students have recently run a program for one of our feeder primary schools. Under the leadership of Mr Littlejohns, Year 9 students have prepared and presented STEM lessons to all of the students at Penrith South Public School during science week. Centred around the fun activity of designing and firing bottle rockets, the activities combined high level and specific subject knowledge in key areas. Reports from the primary school on the way our students led these workshops were very positive as they shared their enthusiasm for STEM with every student. Well done Emma Lawrence, James Hewitt, Liam Shaw, An-Chieh (Andre) Tsai and James Chirgwin.

Congratulations also goes to students in 7A who participated in the 2018 Education Perfect English Championships. This is an online competition based on the Australian and New Zealand Curriculum and was designed to complement classroom work. It also had the advantage of a competitive edge through versing other students in other schools. This competition proved a motivating factor as students in 7A managed to answer 87,000 questions over a one-week period, an outstanding effort. Their achievements in this competition have seen them achieve first in NSW, first in Australia and first in the World in our category. Well done to 7A and Mr Kozlowski for their efforts in this competition.

There has also been a range of student performances in the Creative and Performing Arts area already this term. Special mention must be made of the students who performed in the Pulse Concert at the Sydney Opera House. Pulse is a showcase of excellence in the Arts in Western Sydney Public Schools. Students from Jamison High School prepared an audition video in term one and were lucky enough to be selected to be a part of the event. Our students were part of the massed choir of 600+ students from Years 5 – 12. They performed to an audience of over 2,600 people. Students rehearsed once a week after school to prepare for the concert and met up with the other secondary schools on two occasions in the lead up to the concert. Congratulations to the students involved, Wendy Lim, Layla Gibbs, Chloe Ryan, Jemma York, Jessica Rochfort, Ashlie Finn, Riley Jones, Chelsea Ennis, Charli Ford-Lillie, Ceara Wilson, Stephanie Jones.

There will be a few changes for next term and these were discussed at the Parents and Citizens Association meeting. All parents are encouraged to attend these meetings as they are an important way to have a voice in school programs and to find out about what is happening at Jamison High School.

During the last few weeks we have been busy preparing for the tender process for Jamison High School canteen as the previous canteen operator will end their lease at the end of this term. We are currently calling on tenders for the operation of the Jamison High School Canteen and have advertised in print media seeking tenders to start next term. Anybody from the local community who is interested in operating the canteen should contact the school for further details. Tenders will close at 3pm on 14 September with a view to a new operator running the canteen from day one term four. More information on the successful tender will be made available towards the end of term.

Next term will also see the introduction of emailed student invoices for school accounts and excursions. We plan to introduce the School Bytes program which will offer the convenience of an emailed invoice with a secure link to the Departments online payment portal for parents. This is in response to an increase in the number of parents opting to use the secure online payment portal to pay for school excursions and subject contributions. It needs to be noted that people who do not wish to use the online

payment system may opt to make payments through the front office in the usual way. There will be more information provided as we move to this system that will include an update of contact information as the new system will operate through email addresses. Other schools in the area have adopted this program and it has been well received by the community.

I look forward to the induction of the new student leadership team which will occur next week and the Year 12 graduation Assembly that will occur in the last week of term.

Glyn Trethewy

Principal

DEPUTY PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Deputy's Desk



As we head into our second semester we have had many opportunities to celebrate the ongoing successes of our school community. Reflecting on first semester and our achievements as a school community ensuring *'every student in every classroom'* as our focus, it has been a pleasure to work with our new Principal, Mr Trethewy in showcasing these achievements.



The term began with our shared network staff development day. The Penrith Education Alliance consists of our local high schools, Cranebrook, Cambridge Park, Glenmore Park, Erskine Park and Kingswood HS joining together to provide professional learning opportunities for all teachers in the network. The day provides a valuable opportunity for teachers to come together to share knowledge and expertise to improve the learning outcomes of our students.

Year 12 students complete their studies this term. The formal Graduation Assembly will take place on Thursday evening 27th 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.

Year 11 are about to complete their Preliminary Examinations. We wish them every success. We will see the election of our new school captains by the end of Week 7 and will celebrate their inauguration at a formal assembly towards the end of term.

Year 10 have been busy organising their subject selection for their Preliminary HSC year. A very important time for students as they are making choices about subjects that will aim to give them the

best possible outcome at HSC level. Students have been assisted by their mentors since the beginning of the year and it is pleasing to see the level of engagement by our parents in this process.

As the newsletter goes to print, our Yr 10 Job Quest students held a wonderful morning tea in our School Café to raise funds for our farmers. The initiative was a fabulous success with \$600 raised. Job Quest spoke highly of our students and the work they have been doing representing Jamison High School.

Our Junior School have also been involved in subject selection with Year 7 selecting courses for Year 8, 2019 and Year 8 selecting courses for Year 9, 2019. Students have had many opportunities to make informed decisions with assistance from their mentors and also their classroom teachers.

Year 8 STEM update: Earlier in the year the Year 8 STEM initiative focused on the environment including relating learning activities to issues in our local area. All KLAs involved link their mini-projects to the overall context. Year 8 STEM has continued into Semester 2 with the focus on the Human Body which incorporates a project on forces and ratios, innovation and emerging technology.

There was an extremely successful combined incursion to the School Hall on Wednesday 22/8/18 to collect the necessary data for the Science Year 8 Student Research Project, the Mathematics Ratio Assignment and Industrial Arts Toy Building Project. The students and the teachers enjoyed their time working together.

This focus area concludes with a very exciting STEM excursion to Ifly and Aqua Golf – Penrith Panthers; which is focusing on forces and the human body on Wednesday 19/9/18. The final date of payment is Tuesday 4/9/18; we are really looking forward to this day.

Our Year 9 and 10 Aboriginal students participating in the Western Sydney University, Pathways to Dreaming Program, attended the Muru Mittigar Cultural and Education Center at Rouse Hill. Students participated in full day workshops focusing on language, art and boomerang throwing. Discussion was also had on Aboriginal environmental responsibility and connection to the land. Our junior Young Mob students recently graduated their participation this year and we see our senior Young Mob students begin their participation for Semester 2.

Various welfare initiatives have also been taking place for our Junior School, including programs from various outside agencies eg. Year 8 and 9 – The Creating Chances Program, Resilient Me, Love Bites and Fast Forward. Bridging the Gap will run an SRC leadership day early next term. These programs are designed to promote well-being and ensure we build resilience in our student body to ensure success.

Our Stage 4 Support Unit students have been participating in a range of interesting learning activities. Students have been writing speeches related to their study of the Media and how the Media persuades our views on contemporary issues. Other students have been working with clay on art sculptures. Most recently students have been conducting some ‘eggcellent’ experiments (in their words) where they have

been developing strategies and solutions to dropping eggs from a height without breaking them. The students displayed their engineering solutions to the Deputy's with much excitement.

Our Reward BBQ's were held celebrating the success of over 70% of our school population who are referral free. These BBQ's reward students for their positive contribution to our school community by being Safe, Respectful, Aspirational Learners at all times. Congratulations and well done.

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 school caps, footwear, shorts and socks. Boy's school shorts must be grey with Jamison Logo, woven style, not stretch material. Once again we remind you that we are a workplace and are governed by WH&S guidelines, therefore adequate protective footwear is required. School socks are white, black socks are NOT part of the Jamison High School Uniform. The school provides a school cap for our students that is available from the school uniform shop. We are very pleased with how our students have embraced the importance of wearing a school cap, particularly given the dangers of the sun as we head into the warmer months.

I would like to extend a big thank you 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.

Deputy Principals Julie Tegart and Luke Grahame

UNIFORM SHOP

New design Uniforms now available at the Uniform Shop!

New design sports shorts \$32

New design boys grey elastic shorts \$37

New design girls grey trouser \$40

Girls grey skirt \$42

All items have the new school emblem on them and are available in store or online

Shop opening times Tuesday's 12:30pm - 4:30pm & Friday's 7:30am - 11:30am.

Phone number during opening times – 0422 888 364

Email – jamison@daylightcorp.com



Jamison High School Uniform Shop is located at the front of the school adjacent to the staff car park.

English

Term 3 is flying by so fast and the English Faculty is bustling with activity.

- **Year 12** students have recently finished their Trials; a challenging experience which prepares students for the HSC Examination. For those seeking an ATAR it is time to use their 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 heading into 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 a final Assessment Task which is available 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 have not yet 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.





WORLD CHAMPIONS

Congratulations 7A

Congratulations to 7A English for your outstanding results in the *2018 English Education Perfect World Championships* which were held online from 25 July - 1 August 2018.

1st in the World

1st in NSW

1st in Australia in our category.

Over 87,000 questions were answered by 27 students - beating schools who had over 1200 students participating which included selective and private schools from all around the world. Congratulations, an inspiring effort.



WRITE A BOOK IN A DAY: SUPPORTING THE KIDS' CANCER PROJECT



Congratulations to the 'Write a Book in a Day' team who successfully wrote their book, 'The Confession', on the 15th August 2018. Tyler Consolacion, Emily Grima, Tej Mehta, Katie Meier, Rhiannon Paget and Jordan Pilcher arrived at 8.00am and worked throughout the day (and into the night) to produce a four thousand, one hundred and three word story using specific parameters mandated by the competition.

The Kids' Cancer Project has received their entry and this story will be delivered to the Children's Hospital where it will be read by children with cancer. In the process, they raised \$240, their target, to be donated to this worthy cause. We sincerely thank those of you who donated to such a worthy cause. Team Jamison appreciates it.

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100%

\$240.00

Our Goal: \$240.00

JAMISON HIGH SCHOOL

School/Group: Jamison High School
State: NSW
Division: Middle School
Writing Date: 15th August 2018

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2018 NSW PREMIER'S READING CHALLENGE

Congratulations to all the students involved in the 2018 Premier's Reading Challenge. A reminder that the challenge closes 31 August 2018.

Log your books online.

<https://online.det.nsw.edu.au/prc/home.html>

Coming SOON

English Competition- Win a 10kg block of Cadbury's Chocolate.



- ✓ All Jamison High School English students will be emailed the Essential English Competition at the end of this term.
- ✓ **Rules:**
- ✓ This competition is open to all Jamison High School students.
- ✓ Only one attempt at the test will be allowed.
- ✓ House Points will be awarded for correct entries.
- ✓ Any person receiving 15/15 will receive bonus House Points.
- ✓ For every **FIVE** correct definitions, you will receive **ONE** entry into the chocolate draw.
- ✓ Your English teacher will tell you the day the test will take place.
- ✓ All English students will complete the test.

Julie Robertson and the English Staff.

SRC Environment Team

The SRC has recently started a clean up and environmental initiative on Fridays during recess and lunch. During this time a range of students both senior and junior, wearing protective gear, roam the school and pick up rubbish which has been left behind - while encouraging others to leave the environment in a better place than they have found it. This initiative has been great, using biodegradable plastic bags, encouraging non-SRC members to get involved and be active global citizens in the protection of the environment.



Tree Planting

The SRC of Jamison High School were honoured to have a range of native trees donated by the P&C after they heard about their environmental initiative. The P&C were able to source trees free of charge thanks to the generosity of Penrith City Council. They have commenced planting the trees around the school in order to grow over the coming years providing more shade which our SRC see as another essential issue which they are aiming to tackle.



SPORTS REPORT

Year 10 Blue Datto Incursion



Students in year 10 have been studying Road Safety during PDHPE lessons and focussing on safe behaviour as both a driver and passenger. To complement this learning, we will be having the Blue Datto Road Education Program facilitate a series of activities for year 10 instead of normal classes.

Date: Wednesday 5th September 2018

No Cost

Students have been given a note about this event, if you have any enquiries please contact the PDHPE staffroom and for more information about this program <http://www.bluedatto.org.au>

Ski Trip 2018

On Wednesday 15th August 2018 a group of year 10-12 students travelled to Berridale for an exciting 2 days of skiing. Students started each day with lessons and then built on their skills throughout the day, skiing at Smiggins Hole. Travelling back on Friday night we had an exhausted but very happy bunch who were a pleasure to have at camp. Well done to all students on their behaviour and enthusiasm.



STUDENT HEALTH

To enable staff to support students health at school, on excursions and at camp, it is important that any paperwork that is sent home for this, is sent back to the school office ASAP. Health conditions such as; epilepsy, diabetes, severe asthma, anaphylaxis or a health condition that needs support at school, require an individual healthcare plan that is supported with documentation from the doctor.

Any medication that is required to be administered at school must also be supported with documentation from the doctor.

Students with anaphylaxis must carry a current personal Epipen and ASCIA plan on them at all times on the school site and on an excursions.

If you have any concerns or require more information, please contact the school office on 47316150.

Kelly Morton
Student Health Coordinator

