



JAMBOREE HEIGHTS STATE SCHOOL

P & C NEWSLETTER

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FIRST P & C MEETING – 18th FEBRUARY!!

WELCOME TO 2008

Welcome to the P & C Newsletter! Those of you who are new to the school may find it interesting that both the School and the P & C have a newsletter. But we have found that parent's receiving information about what's going on in your child's school is a big key to their educational success.

So look out for the **white** school newsletter and the **bright yellow** P & C newsletter as there are different articles and information in each.

Not getting your newsletters? Well sign up to receive them by email! Visit our website www.jhss.com.au, fill in your name and email and you're done! No more soggy news!

UNIFORM SUPPORT

Our wonderful OSHC provides a Uniform Support service after 9 am.

This includes giving students an item of appropriate clothing to wear if they have come to school without it, and organising short and long term loans of clothing if needed.

All items given in place of an incorrect uniform item are required to be washed and returned the next school day.

If you have any questions regarding this service, please feel free to contact the school office.

OSHC 2008

Get in early to book your place in our great Outside School Hours Care for 2008.

We have qualified, Blue-Carded staff, who run great morning and afternoon programs and are embracing healthy eating plans.

Our building has also arrived with great new facilities so don't miss out!

Call Dawn or Tara on
3725 5645 or 0412 066 341

WRITE THESE DOWN

Feb

- Mon 11th Safety Committee Meeting 1:00 pm
Year 5 Parent Information Night 6:00 pm
Year 7 Parent Information Night 7:30 pm
- Tues 12th Music Committee Meeting 7:00 pm
- Wed 13th Year 4 Parent Information Night 5:00 pm
Year 1 Parent Information Night 6:00 pm
Year 3 Parent Information Night 6:30 pm
Year 6 Parent Information Night 7:00 pm
- Fri 15th District Swimming Carnival
- Mon 18th "You Can Do It" Parent Night 5:30 pm
P & C Meeting – After YCDI
- Wed 20th Year 2 Parent Information Night 7:00 pm

SCHOOL DRESS CODE

The P & C and you, our parents, supported the process that went into creating our lovely uniforms, and all the tireless volunteers that made that process possible.

Therefore we completely support the wearing and enforcing of our uniform.

The complete school uniform includes:

- a choice of formal checked shirt/dress or polo shirts
- a choice of shorts/culottes/skirts (jeans/denims/boardshorts are not allowed)
- a school hat (blue/red with 7cm brim)
- jewellery may include a watch & 2 pairs of stud/sleeper earrings only
- hair ties/bands must be school colours (not scarves/bandanas).

School staff will explain and remind students for one week.

The following week beginning February 18, these consequences will be applied:

- parents contacted & notation on class behaviour records,
- students given opportunity to borrow items from school reserve kept in OSHC block,
- after discussion with parents, persistent offenders may incur lunch time detention.

Parents may request exemptions in writing for emergent or health reasons for a short period. In anticipation of your support, we thank you and appreciate the efforts parents/carers take to ensure our students are well presented and proud to wear school uniform.

TRAFFIC SAFETY HAZARDS

To all new parents of the school, and reminding old parents, there are strict parking and loading zones in Beanland St, Horizon Dr, and Patrol St.

These are not put here to inconvenience you. They have been planned by the Brisbane City Council, the School Admin, and the P & C to offer safety, ease of dropping off and picking up, and to keep traffic moving.

Here are some of the big offences to remember and avoid:

NO cars inside the school grounds at drop off and pick up times.

NO parking at all, getting out of the car at all, or stopping for longer than **2 MINUTES** in the **2 Minute Zones** outside the front gate, **Patrol St** and the side gate on **Horizon Dr**

NO standing or parking in the zone outside the old Preschool between **3:00 and 3:30 pm**

NO U-Turns using school or other drive ways – that's what a round-a-bout is for

NO creating **3 LANE TRAFFIC** when driving out of Beanland St – stay on the **correct** side of the road

NO parking in either of the Good News Lutheran School parking areas

NO dropping off or picking up children while **IN LINED TRAFFIC** – you become a road hazard and your child becomes invisible to other cars

NO driving **THROUGH** the pedestrian crossing when **ANYONE** is still standing or walking on it

To avoid the rush on parking and traffic jams waiting for the loading zone there are several other options:

- Put your child's name down for a **Walking School Bus**. These are run by the P & C, with Blue-Carded, trained volunteers, who walk your child to and from school on certain days.
- Put your own name down to be a Walking School Bus Leader and get active!
- Park your car at Bilo and walk to pick up the children.
- Park your car in Gertrude McLeod Cres and walk either by Horizon Dr or on the track near the golf course to pick up the children

TRAFFIC FEEDBACK

Thank you to everyone who gave their opinions last year on the traffic upgrades. But we still need more feedback, and are interested in new parents' suggestions for improving the traffic conditions around the school.

We had new lines marked and signage for the 2 minute zone on Beanland Street and an improved pedestrian island on Patrol Street, completed in the September 2007 holidays from the \$90,000 BCC Grant.

We need to know what you think of the improvements so we can give feedback to the BCC.

So please let us know what you think here:

www.jhss.com.au

info@jhss.com.au

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You can remain anonymous if you like.

DO YOU CARE ENOUGH

... about your child's safety at school to do something about it??? We have a small but enthusiastic group of parents who have achieved so much last year for our children. They implemented things like the Walking School Bus, Walking Wheeling Wednesday, bike courses, and safety rails in the Patrol St exit.

BUT we can't be an official committee without at least 4 people at every meeting. If we were an official committee, we would have access to our own fund raising and funding, allowing us to implement and maintain more safety programs.

So... do you care?

HEALTHY CHILDREN

Happy
Energetic
Active...
Let's
Teach
Health!

There are many students at our school who have life-threatening, and other, illnesses and allergies. We want to be a caring, informative, helpful group for parents, students and the school.

But we need you! Get in touch, and help us to make recommendations on care and options to ensure our children have a safe and happy school life.

FREE LUNCH !

That's right... **FREE LUNCH!** Come and book in for 1 hour, 1 day or a regular roster at Tuckshop and not only receive a free lunch, but get to work with friendly people, in air con and put a smile on your children's faces!

YOU CAN DO IT INFO NIGHT

Values Education – You Can Do It – Parent Information Sessions.

The You Can Do It program is used at Jamboree Heights State School. We have found this to be a very successful and effective program.

Our objective is to build capabilities that promote achievement, positive relationships and emotional well-being in young people. This program aligns with the National Values for Australian Schools.

The founder of the You Can Do It program is Professor Michael Bernard, who is an international consultant to educational authorities. He is a Professor of Education at Melbourne University and has worked as a consultant psychologist helping families and schools address the education and mental health needs of children. He has counselled children with emotional, behavioural and academic difficulties.

Dr Bernard advocates You Can Do It sessions for parents. This maximises the benefits of the school program. These sessions were extremely popular and parents who attended these initial sessions here in 2005 found them most supportive and full of good ideas for home and school.

For the first time, data will be presented from the latest research on Student Social and Emotional Well-Being. Dr. Bernard quotes these following reports:

“The often-quoted view that “it takes a village to raise a child” reminds all of us that no one teacher or program can raise the emotional well being of all students. The negative effects of young people growing up without positive parental interest and support, without school success, without positive peer pressure and without strong social and emotional capacity are difficult to eliminate. However, the authors of this survey are optimistic that if we listen to what young people are telling us we can collectively make a big difference.” Bernard, Stephanou & Urbach, 2007.

On **February 18**, our presenter is Jenny Williams who is the National Director of YCDI Education and State Coordinator. Jenny assisted us in the implementation in 2005. She is looking forward to returning for a staff refresher session followed by an information session for parents. **Please put this date on your calendar.**

INVITE TO WINE AND CHEESE

The P & C AGM is a great night out! We provide wine, cheese and other nibbles, and as it is the grand opening of our new OSHC building, bring the kids along for some fun activities!

Unfortunately we will be losing a few familiar faces to high school this year and really need to replace them to ensure the success of the P & C and through the P & C support of the school, allow your child their best chance at a great education.

All positions below will be vacant so come and give it a go!

- President (shared if needed)
- Vice-President
- Secretary (and Assistant)
- Treasurer (and Assistant)
- QCPCA Representative
- Fundraising Co-ordinator
- Grants Co-ordinator
- OSHC Liaison
- Healthy Food Choices Liaison
- Health Management Liaison

This last position is particularly important as the levels of students with allergies and other health issues is increasing, and we would like to be able to support them. We will also be looking at forming a committee this year to advise and assist with future planning and strategies to help achieve the goals set. We need your help in setting the goals and working towards them, so let us know if you have an interest in this area and can help us make the right plans.

We also have great special interest sub-committees that will be holding AGM's very soon as well, so if you have a passion for something or just want to start out small, look out for meeting notices for these:

- Music
- Sport
- OSHC
- Tuckshop
- Healthy Food
- H.E.A.L.T.H
- Safety
- P.E.C.A.C (Parent Extra Curricular Activity Committee)
- Or create your own committee!

SEE YOU THERE !!

NO DOGS PLEASE

In the interest of students' health and safety, it has been decided that no dogs will be allowed inside the school grounds at any time. We hope that parents and the community will show their concern for our children's safety and abide by this policy.

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Yes the P & C has its own website! With features like the tuckshop menu, 2007 fete photos, a calendar, newsletter sign up and local businesses to help you out, we have had great reports from parents and visitors.

If you haven't had a look yet, please do and we'd love to hear from you, even anonymously! Don't forget to sign up for the newsletter while you're there and never miss out on the latest information!

SOUTH WEST UNITED HOCKEY

South West United Hockey Club are looking for you!

If you or your son or daughter are interested in having fun and getting fit, then come and join us!

We have a brand new website with all the information you need about hockey and our club being updated all the time, so go to www.swu.com.au and see if hockey is for you!

All registration information and forms, rules and a brief over view of what to expect are on the website so it's the best place to get all your hockey info without going anywhere else!

Don't forget to send us a contact form while you're there so you can keep up to date on the latest news!

FOR SALE

I have the following school uniform for sale. They were purchased from Lowes last February and are still in good condition, just a little faded. The whole lot for **\$30**, please telephone Joanne on **38189801**.

- 1 x formal shirt size 10 (worn 5 times maximum)
- 2 x polo shirts, size 10
- 2 x navy school shorts, size 8
- 1 x navy PE short, size 8

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