

'Wings'

J.J. Cahill Memorial High School

school newsletter



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PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE



WELCOME

We welcome back our students and offer a warm welcome to the new students in all years as well as their families. I trust all have had a refreshing holiday.

The school community also welcomes our new staff. Ms Kelly Foulser joins the Science Faculty, Mr Brent Wilkinson joins the HSIE Faculty, Mr Michael Fox will be relieving for Ms Housego as PD/H/PE teacher and school promotion officer until mid-Term 4 and Mrs Anggadi, returning from maternity leave, will be teaching in the Support unit as well as some Maths. We welcome the return of our counsellor Ms Naomi Conaty from a year's leave, Mr Glenn Evans, Head Teacher Maths/Science, who was relieving deputy principal at Matraville Sports High School for the past 2 ½ years and Mr Joachim Cohen who returns as our teacher librarian. Ms Stathis will continue to relieve as Head Teacher Support this year. We also welcome Mr Marc Sneddon who joins the English Faculty and Ms Maria Perez who will be our Language teacher, specialising in Spanish, for 2014. Mrs Dawkins replaces Ms Panayiotou as our Welfare Coordinator. Parents may contact Mrs Dawkins regarding any welfare or harassment issues.

YEAR 12 INFORMATION

Years 11 and 12 students will need to be well prepared for the rigorous study leading to the HSC. It is important that parents/caregivers keep

COMING EVENTS

03 March – Year 7 Meet and Greet BBQ
07 March – Year 7 Vaccinations
18 March – Parent Teacher interviews
04 April – School Photos
11 April – Last Day of Term 1
28 April – School Development Day
29 April – Day 1 of Term 2 (Students return)

abreast of the requirements for senior students to support them and keep them motivated as they manage their study and assessment commitments.

Timetables were given out in the first week. Each student has their own copy but these need to be looked after and it is recommended that the timetable be written in the school diary. This should be in pencil as our changing enrolments could mean that there will be a new timetable in the next few weeks. If lost, a replacement copy of the timetable will cost students \$1 at the office.

Students need to be working to the best of their ability to ensure they achieve success in the HSC. Marks need to be kept high for all students. This ensures our school cohort has a good mean. Obviously, students need to be focusing on individual achievement but at the same time consider the responsibility they have for their colleagues. EXCELLENCE is one of our school's three core values. All students should be aiming to do their personal best.

CONTINUED HSC SUCCESS

Congratulations to our students in Year 12 2013, who worked consistently in their senior years, and achieved success. A number of our students have gained entry to university and others have been successful in gaining placement at TAFE or other tertiary education providers. This great effort continued the fine record our Year 12 students have set over recent years.

MAKING A DIFFERENCE

There are many opportunities for all our students but these are valueless if students do not make the most of them and that includes what happens every day in the classroom. Respect includes treating others fairly and courteously, remembering to say please, excuse me and thank you.

ACCEPTING RESPONSIBILITY AND 'DOING THE RIGHT THING'

School starts at 8.45am when roll call and morning assembly takes place. Students are not to be at school before 8.30am as there is no supervision. Any playground incidents, after arriving from 8.30am, should be reported to the office. Administrative staff will then contact teaching staff. Students are reminded to be well behaved and to act responsibly at all times, including as they make their way to and from school.

BIKE RIDING

Our Student Representative Council (SRC) has provided bike racks for the purpose of storing bikes for those who make their way to school this way. Students should obtain an information package from the office and complete an agreement to avail themselves of this privilege. Helmets must be worn at all times whilst on a bike. Scooters and skate boards are banned from the school due to safety issues.

SPORT

Sport costs are to be paid in advance for the year. This payment will cover all aspects of sport. Prompt payment will mean your child will have preference for first choice. There will be opportunities for knock-out teams as the term progresses so if students have skills in a particular area, they need to be paying attention on

assembly and reading the newsletters when they are distributed.

HELPING STUDENTS TO BE ORGANISED – SCHOOL DIARIES.

To ensure good organisation and to provide information about our school and about learning that can be referred to on a regular basis, all students have been provided with a school diary.

Regular checks will be carried out to ensure students are using these productively, maintaining good habits in preparation for the HSC.

LOTS OF LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES, INCLUDING HOMEWORK.

Students should write up their homework in each lesson and attend to this when they arrive home after school. If there is no homework, students should be forming a habit of reading through what they have written in class throughout the day and practising any difficult tasks or formulas. When you analyse the amount of work covered in any given day and multiply that by the days in the week then the number of weeks in a year, there is certainly a lot of information students have to remember.

Long term memory is much more reliable than short term memory and crammed information. Of course homework needs to be balanced by some exercise, fresh air and healthy food. A mistake many students make is that they turn television on as soon as they arrive home or they turn the computer on and start playing games. Whilst these games can develop skills they can also be addictive and time wasting.

LOCKERS

Our SRC have purchased lockers for students to store their school gear, thus preventing heavy bags and books being carried from lesson to lesson throughout the day. Basketballs and footballs may also be stored during lesson time. Lockers are available for hire for \$30 per year plus a \$10 bond and the purchase of a combination lock. Students who have hired a locker in 2013 need to renew the hiring by paying this fee by Monday 17 February. After this date, locks will be removed from the lockers to allow others to use them. As there is currently insufficient for each student to have a locker, the demand will be high, particularly with Year 7 having already had these offered to them. It will be on a first in first served basis.

Applications need to be completed prior to hiring and these may be obtained from the office.

LOOK SMART, BE PROUD OF YOUR SCHOOL.

Please ensure that correct uniform is worn. All items are available from either the school or our supplier, Berelle, at Maroubra. Repeated infringements will incur a penalty so please make sure you have all the items needed. For all students this includes the correct sport/PE uniform for Sport and PD/H/PE lessons. Sports shoes need to be all white leather as stated in our uniform policy. These are available from Mathers and Williams shoe shops at Eastgardens. Paul's Warehouse also have many styles available (can order online).

For all boys it is compulsory to wear the shirts with the school's emblem embroidered on the pocket. For girls it is compulsory to wear the school blouse. Berelle supplies both these items. There is limited stock of the girls' blouses at school.

The supply of girls' trousers has caused concern as the style is no longer available and the new style is not regarded as being complimentary to the many shapes of our female students. The uniform committee will be considering options including just having a skirt rather than the trouser option. If your daughter's size is unavailable at Berelle she will need to wear a skirt until further notice.

For all girls, the length of the skirt is to be no more than 10cms above the bottom of the knee. Please ensure that hems are not cut, to allow for this. Skirts should also not be hitched or rolled up at the waist or on the hips. A number of complaints have been received regarding the skirts being too short causing embarrassment for those behind particularly whilst walking up the stairways.

School shoes are to be plain black and covered -in, to meet Department of Education and Communities (DEC) safety requirements. In line with my legal responsibility as site manager, students who are not wearing the correct shoes will be withdrawn from the classroom and will not be able to return until they meet DEC requirements. Senior students may be sent home to change into uniform.

SUBJECT FEES AND CONTRIBUTIONS

Thank you to the many parents who have paid these. All subject fees are to be paid if students wish to continue in the courses selected. For those who have not, please make sure they are paid promptly. Materials are purchased in bulk to keep costs down and assist our families but we also need to pay our bills.

GREAT BOOKS TO BORROW – LIBRARY BOOKS AND TEXTBOOKS

Students have access to lots of interesting books in our school library. Of particular importance is the textbook and library levy. This levy of \$50 for junior years and \$100 for senior years allows for overnight borrowing and includes a refundable deposit of 60% that students can access when all books are returned in good condition when they eventually leave the school. Year 11 students need to top up the junior levy by the payment of an additional \$50 to bring the total levy to \$100.

PRINTING FEE

The computer fee of \$30 includes \$10 worth of credit for printing and photocopying. Students will not be able to print at school unless this levy is paid. Keeping abreast with changes in technology, our copier in the school has a colour printing facility and will allow for printing from USBs as well as the school network. Students can find out more about what they can print when they visit the library.

BE PREPARED – EQUIPMENT REQUIREMENTS

These are listed in the student handbook that has been distributed. If any student has not received one, they are able to collect a copy from the office. Having a single book for all subjects is not satisfactory. An A4 folder with booklets in sections usually works well for senior students. The trend of handbags being brought to school is not acceptable (for boys or girls). Particularly at senior level it is expected that students are serious in their academic pursuits especially in regard to taking down notes and keeping well organised folders at home in order to study and prepare assessment tasks of a high standard.

MOBILE PHONES AND OTHER ELECTRONIC EQUIPMENT

A reminder to everyone that students are strongly discouraged from bringing the above to school. If this unavoidable, they are to be turned off at all times except at recess and lunch times. Communication between students and parents

during class times is to be via the office. No responsibility will be taken for these items as they

are not part of the school's requirements, they are expensive and our staff do not have time to devote to following up on them when they go missing. The advice is that it is best to leave them at home.

A GREAT ATTITUDE AND POSITIVE START

A positive start is what everyone wants for our students. Students need to start with all the right gear – uniform, books, a polite manner, and a great attitude to school and learning.

Robyn Cowin
Principal

On behalf of all the teachers of JJ, we all look forward to continuing the educational partnership we have supporting your child's development.

John Mifsud
Deputy Principal

STUDENTS ENJOYING THE FIRST WEEKS BACK AT SCHOOL!



DEPUTY PRINCIPAL'S REPORT



WELCOME

2014 has started well for all students and the school has an atmosphere of excitement with the commencement of a new year, new classes, teachers and for students of Years 7, 9 and 11 the anticipation of commencing new elective courses chosen last year.

School newsletters play a vital part in the communication to the school community. Should our newsletters not find you then please be aware that you can access important information about school events and changes to procedures on the website. Please access our school website for future updates and information to keep abreast of changes and new developments. You can also access the school calendar to inform you of all future school events.

Should you require further information about your child's academic progress please call the Year Advisor of your child's year group for a collection and summary of that information from each teacher.





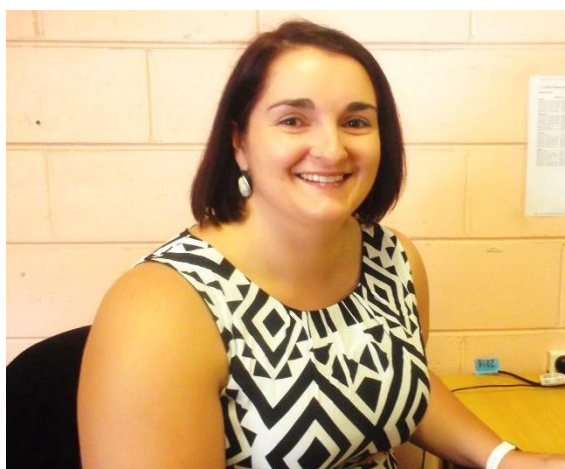
OUR NEW STAFF!!



Mr Marc Sneddon (English)



Mr Brent Wilkinson (HSIE)



Ms Maria Perez (Languages)



*Ms Kelly Foulser (Science) and
Year 10 Adviser*

BIG BAND UPDATE

Thanks to funding from the Graphic Arts Club, last year saw the creation of the JJ Cahill Big Band. The band performed to great acclaim in 2014 at the Big Night Out and Presentation Day. This year we are looking to expand the band to accommodate interested musicians particularly from Year 7. The band rehearses twice a week and we have vacancies on saxophone, trumpet and trombone. If you or your child is interested in finding out more information about the band please email me at thomas.fienberg1@det.nsw.edu.au.

Thomas Fienberg
Big Band Conductor

2014 SWIMMING AGE CHAMPIONS

Age	Name (Females)	Name (Males)
12	Jessica Budak	Jonathan Khan
13	Kody Millar	Eslam Bakr
14	Litia Togoloa	NIL
15	Taylah Sturgeon	Haydn Scott
16	Pembe Sevgin	Lachlan John
17+	Brianna Seers	Isaac Real

Winning House: GREEN

LIBRARY NOTICE!

Extended Opening Hours

With 2014 already well under way students will soon see a rise in homework and assignments!

Once again this year the JJ Cahill Memorial High School Library will be open before and after school to provide students with access to the internet, printing, text resources and computers.

Everyone is welcome at
JJ Breakfast Club
Monday to Friday 8.00am to 8.30am



Come and have some toast or cereal. The teachers cook the toast and you put your own spread on it. Drink a juice and get a good start to your day. It's free and all you need to do is clean up after yourself. There are different teachers on each day so you can have a nice friendly chat while buttering your toast!!!



JJ has joined **facebook**

Search "JJ Cahill Memorial High School Official"

OR

Go to www.facebook.com/JJ.Cahill.Memorial.H.S

Give the page a  to receive updates, reminders and news from your school.

NOTE: The page has been set up so that we cannot see your personal Facebook pages. You will still have your privacy and receive updates from the school. It will only show the number of 'likes' the page has to us. This means you can get updates and see what is on there while maintaining your privacy.

At JJ Cahill we have a uniform code that is supported by the staff, parents and students and variations are NOT acceptable.

Uniform	
Trousers	For boys, navy blue tailored trousers (or shorts) ie has belt loops not elastic (elasticised pants, cargo pants, track pants, board shorts, baggy shorts and bike pants are not acceptable). For girls, navy blue slacks (low cut hipsters and trousers with elasticised waists are not acceptable). TROUSERS FOR BOYS & GIRLS MUST BE PURCHASED FROM OUR SUPPLIER ONLY.
Stockings	Navy opaque 70 denier only. No Black permitted. Not to be worn with socks.
Skirt	Tartan box pleat of a suitable length nor more than 10cms above the knee. Skirts are not to be hitched up or rolled down.
Shirt	Junior Boys (Yrs 7 – 10) – sky blue short or long sleeved with collar and buttoned front. School logo on pocket (only available from Berelle's). *Junior Girls (Yrs 7—10) - sky blue short sleeved with Peter Pan collar, button front and embroidered school crest (available from Berelle) Senior Boys (Yrs 11 – 12) – white short or long sleeved with collar and buttoned front and embroidered school crest (only available from Berelle's). *Senior Girls (Yrs 11—12) - white short sleeved with Peter Pan collar, button front and embroidered school crest (available from Berelle)
Tie *	Compulsory for Boys in Terms 2 and 3 and optional for Terms 1 and 4.
Jumper *	Knitted V neck with school crest. No other styles are permitted.
Shoes	All black leather enclosed school shoes (no sport shoes or soft leather slip ons).
Socks	<u>Plain</u> white short socks (no motifs, stripes and not sport socks).
Sport/PE Uniform *	White school sport shirt with JJ logo. Navy school sport shorts with JJ logo. Navy blue track pants with JJ logo. Navy blue jacket Plain all white sport shoes (no stripes or additional colours, no cloth). NO VARIATIONS - <u>Plain</u> white short socks (no motifs and stripes).
School Cap *	Plain navy blue cap.
School Scarf *	Navy blue with JJ logo.
Jewellery and other	The wearing of jewellery is discouraged. Earrings are to be small studs or sleepers. Nail polish is not suitable for school and is unacceptable. Long fingernails are a safety risk for other students and therefore unacceptable. Facial jewellery, with the exception of a very small plastic nose stud, is not acceptable due to safety requirements in the playground. No obvious make-up permitted.
Blazer *	Navy Blue with school emblem. Compulsory for student leaders including SRC.

*Available from school uniform shop which is open every Tuesday morning 8:15am-8:45am.

Where do you buy school uniforms?

Sports uniform and pieces with JJ logo	Available only by ordering through the school. There may be a waiting time of 4 – 6 weeks from when you order.	
School uniform is available from the following outlets:	Berelle 208 Maroubra Road Maroubra Telephone: 9349 2705	
All White Sports Shoes	Mathers, Payless & Williams at Eastgardens	

FEE CONTRIBUTIONS

The General School Contribution helps cover the cost of photocopying, printing, teaching resources, teaching aids, textbooks, library books, ambulance cover and various other items. Parents are encouraged to pay these voluntary contributions. The P&C contribution assists in lieu of fundraising to purchase additional resources.

Contributions are to be paid at the school office. Parents/Caregivers who may have difficulty paying contributions should contact the Principal early in the year and discuss the matter with her. Such communications are treated confidentially. Applications are available from the office.

	Year 7	Year 8	Year 9	Year 10	Year 11	Year 12
School Contribution (voluntary)	95	95	95	95	125	125
P&C Contribution (voluntary)	20	20	20	20	20	20

COMPULSORY PAYMENTS:						
Textbook/Library Levy ¹	50	50	50	50	100	100
Mathletics Program* for those students studying a Maths course	10	10	10	10	N/A	N/A
Business Services					30	30
Computer Technology ²	30	30	30	30	30	30
Construction					60	60
Design and Technology ³					60	30
Mandatory Technology	50	50				
Drama			20	20	40	40
Food Technology			60	60	60	60
Graphics Technology ⁴			20	20	10	10
Hospitality					105	140
Industrial Technology					60	60
Industrial Technology (200 hour course)			50	80		
Industrial Technology (100hour course)			50	50		
Information and Software Technology			40	40		
Information & Digital Media Technology					40	40
Multimedia			50	50	55	55
Music	15	15	40	40	60	60
Sport ⁸	50	50	30	30	30	10
Photography ⁵			100	100	100	100
Retail					30	30
Textiles ⁶			20	20	20	20
Visual Arts ⁷	30	30	60	60	70	70
Engineering Studies					30	30
PDHPE					10	10