

From the Principal



Welcome to 2021

We are already in Week 6 of 2021. This year seems to be powering ahead. Our new Year 7 students seem to have settled in well with the support of their year adviser, Ms Melissa Begg.

Year 12 is off to a strong start focusing upon their HSC. As we all know, this is a very important year for them. They will need all of our support to help get them over the line!

Please get involved in our school's P&C

As Principal of JJ Cahill Memorial High School, I would like to invite any and all parents or carers who would like to be involved.

Your level of involvement is up to you.

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What's on?

3 March – Swimming Carnival

10 March – Zone Swimming Carnival

17 March – Harmony Day

23-24 March – Year 7 Camp

1 April – Last day of Term 1
2 April – Good Friday

Pursuing Excellence



PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE CONTINUED

In 2021 we will meet twice per term on Wednesdays, starting at 6:30pm and going through to 7:30pm. We will meet in Weeks 3 and 7 of each term. We will begin by meeting in a Zoom meeting. I will send the link to you prior to the meeting.

Term 1	Term 2	Term 3	Term 4
10/2/2021	5/5/2021	28/7/2021	20/10/2021
10/3/2021	2/6/2021	25/8/2021	17/11/2021

Thank you to parents who joined us for our P&C Zoom meeting in week 3.

This year we will focus upon:

- Becoming incorporated so that we can raise and access money raised for the school;
- Discussing the new school plan to understand what you see as most important for your child's education at JJCMHS;
- Look at a fund raiser that we can do this year. I hoping that Big Night Out goes ahead as a BBQ is good way to raise money. Also, I know there will elections onsite this year, which will allow for a second sausage sizzle and potentially a cake stall.
- Keeping parents updated on school initiatives, successes and challenges.



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We meet again in Week 7 at 6:30pm to 7:30pm. I will send an invitation to your email before the meeting. When you join, please rename your connection so I know who is at the meeting. Even if people wish to turn their cameras off for most of the meeting please start with them on so that we can all meet one another.

Extra teacher support learning and engagement for students impacted during Covid-19 in 2020

Last year was challenging for students, parents and teachers. As a result of the impact of Covid-19, some students fell behind and became disengaged from their school and their learning. As a school we understand and are working hard to reconnect with students whose learning may have been affected.

To achieve this, the Department of Education is funding schools with Covid-19 learning support money. We are currently identifying students where there is clear evidence that their learning and engagement was impacted during 2020 and implementing a number of strategies to support them in their learning. As part of this strategy we will be employing extra teaching staff.

Different strategies for junior and senior students



We are supporting students from all school years with specific programs. The junior years will focus upon literacy and numeracy as well as study skills and being organised for learning. The senior years will also focus upon study skills and this will involve a teacher working with students to get their assessment tasks in on time.

They will also help students who have fallen behind, helping them complete and submit assessment tasks and any classroom work they may have missed. A teacher will work with the students during their study periods and during Wednesday sport time. If your child is in Year 11 or 12 please encourage them to make use of this valuable support.

New mobile phone process

I emailed the draft mobile phone technology process to you to make you aware of a change to the school's behaviour management processes around mobile phone use at school. The purpose of this process to provide clear expectations, supports and consequences for students in making better choices about mobile phone use during learning time.

We began to implement the process on Monday the 22nd of February 2021.



Before developing this process, we consulted with the community through a survey in 2020 and at the P&C meeting on the 10th of February 2021. We also published the results from the mobile phone survey in a school newsletter in 2020.

The results from the survey made it clear that parents saw mobile phones as a distraction to learning and agreed that mobile phone technology should not be accessed during learning time.

Please note that many schools are beginning to ban mobile phone technology across the whole school not just the classroom.

We are moving forward in a considered way by initially focusing upon learning time in the classroom and during sport to ensure that student learning is free from this distraction.

Thank you for working with the school to support your child's learning.

If you have any questions please contact the school on 9669 5118.

Parking around schools

We have included information in this newsletter from Bayside Council about parking and driving near schools. As a school we are focused upon the safety of our students and request that families ensure that they follow the road rules when coming to our school by vehicle.

Please refer to the full-page flyers at the back of this newsletter for details.

Thank you,

Ralph David.
Principal

WELCOME TO YEAR 7!



Year 7 Orientation Day 2020

Year 7 students enjoyed decorating their own cupcakes with home-made frosting in the Food Tech kitchen.

Year 7 worked with Year 12 students to create the tallest balloon tower.

Year 7 Induction Week 2021

Year 12 students led a team building activity during the Year 7 Induction week. The teams had to create the most interesting outfits out of newspaper.



EXCITING NEWS FROM THE SUPPORT UNIT

The Support Unit students began the new school year participating in an exciting art workshop, presented by Sculpture by the Sea, Bondi 2021 Sculptors to Schools Outreach Program.

For the first time, the program involved the opportunity for schools and students to have artists who have exhibited in Sculpture by the Sea and educators to come into classrooms to conduct informative, stimulating and multi-sensory sculpture-making workshops.

This program provided a unique opportunity for our SU students, by offering a sculpture making workshop. Students met and worked with an artist, Katie Stewart, and actively explored materials, themes and sculpture making skills based on the artists' ideas, processes, and creative practice.

The students had a great time and learned and developed skills such as problem solving, collaboration, fine motor, dexterity, creativity and communication. Their collaborative sculptures were hung in the tree for everybody to enjoy.



Food Technology

SU1 and SU2 are enjoying Ms Ryan's Food Technology class. Today they cooked yummy cupcakes for their peers and for the staff meeting. They are developing their life skills, learning to follow a recipe, hygiene and safety procedures. We are having a lot of fun!



SU2 Technology Class, February 2021



Students in this class are now working on their second project - but they have just finished the 'DICE' timber project with Mr Morris in Wood Room 2 and the computer room.

Their second project is the Noughts and Crosses Game.

They used the tenon saw to cut the timber, and with the teacher's help - the disc sander and drill machines.

Mr Morris
Teacher, TAS





SPORTS REPORT

Boys' Volleyball

Our boys' volleyball team travelled down to Heathcote HS and played a tough but competitive game of 2 sets. We lost the first set by only 2 points and the second set only by a few more but the team played to the best of their ability as reflected in each point being won through many rallies across the net.

Well done to the team which consisted of David, Stefan, Dom, Jamal, Berat, Von, and Ronny (pictured below).



Girls Volleyball

On Thursday of Week 5, the girls' volleyball team visited Rose Bay Secondary College where they were met by a friendly but competitive opposition. Rose Bay won the first set but JJ lifted in the second to take the set convincingly which forced a deciding third set. The third set was evenly matched and our team could not control their excitement mid-way when they were in front on the scoreboard. In the end Rose Bay were slightly more organised in their set plays and took the win.

One of the highlights was seeing ex-JJ teacher, Mr Goudis, working at his new school, and Mr Potter's bus tour of where the rich and famous live, all included in the \$5 bus fee.

Well done to the team which consisted of Sila, Felicia, Poppy, Taliah, Jen-Jen, Oyuka, Rosemary, Mehana, and Alicia.

Boys' Basketball

On Tuesday of Week 5, our boys' basketball team hosted Jannali HS at our school. It was a high energy game of 4 ten-minute quarters where both teams refused to be dominated.

After the first quarter JJ slowly built a healthy lead up to 15 points in front at times, only for Jannali to persist and reel our lead in. The last quarter shaped up for a showdown not seen in Mr Potter's memory of his 12 years at the school.

Both teams stepped up to the plate and scored points with Jannali proving they wanted the win. In the final few minutes with the score locked in at 48-46 JJ's way, it all came down to the final 60 seconds with multiple time pauses, as well as opportunities for JJ to pull away or Jannali to steal the win. In the end no further points were scored and JJ took the win.

Congratulations to the team consisting of Von, David, Stefan, Dom, Jamal, Sanele, Sheldon, Yigit, Berat, and Yasin, and to Mr McNaught for all the opportunity for training last year which has made a big difference. We look forward to our next round in boys' basketball where we will play either Matraville or Sydney Tech. Watch this space....



Zone Football Trials

Well done to Angelo (pictured, right) who was selected for the Eastern Suburbs Zone boys football team at the recent Zone football trials

The trial games recognise individual talent and serve to select a Zone team to play at the Sydney East football trials on 25th March. This is a great achievement for this Year 10 student considering most, if not all other players selected were senior students.

Congratulations to our female football players!

Congratulations to Aliya, Alexia, and Esra who were selected for the Eastern Suburbs Zone girls football team after participating in the Zone football trials.

We wish them and the Zone team well at the Sydney East football trials on the 10th March.



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VIRTUAL REALITY WITH MS KHARITOS

This term, JJ Cahill Memorial High School has launched a pilot Virtual Reality option for sport on Wednesday afternoons.

This group of students has had an opportunity to engage with a range of programs which are set in a Virtual Reality realm. Some simulations we have experimented with are exploring space, travelling to popular places like Tokyo or Paris in Google Earth, piloting some of the first planes ever made, as well as creating with some 3D art tools.

Using this technology, students are able to engage in real time experiences without causing any harm to themselves, another person or to expensive equipment.

Although we are just starting out, we have had lots of fun exploring our Virtual Reality kits!

Ms Kharitos
Teacher, English-EAL/D





COOGEE WHITE TIGERS FOOTBALL CLUB

2021 WINTER SEASON Term 2 & 3 (April to August)

START YOUR OWN TEAM OR JOIN ONE!
LEARN. DEVELOP. PLAY.

- FOR BOYS & GIRLS AGES 2.5 TO 11 – SAME TIME, SAME PLACE EACH WEEK!
- ALL FEES INCLUDE
 - MID WEEK PRO COACHING (FOR AGES U6-12)
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FREE WORKSHOP

For Parents and Supervisors of Learner Drivers



Helping Learner Drivers Become Safer Drivers

The two-hour session will offer practical advice about:

- ★ Current driving rules and requirements for L and P platers
- ★ How learners benefit from supervised on-road driving
- ★ How you can help make learning to drive a safe and positive experience

Presented by Bayside Council and Georges River Council in partnership with the NSW Government.

Thursday 25 February 2021
6:00pm to 7.30 pm

Online Zoom Meeting
Link will be provided when booking

To reserve your place contact:

Bayside Council
sue.watson@bayside.nsw.gov.au
or **Georges River Council**
Melinda Grobbs on 02 9330 6170





PARKING SAFELY AROUND SCHOOLS

ROAD RULES REMINDERS



HOLDING HANDS IN TRAFFIC

- ▶ Children need assistance in the traffic environment until at least the age of 10. They are not equipped physically or developmentally to make the crucial decisions to keep themselves safe.
- ▶ All children need to be actively supervised in and around moving vehicles including on footpaths, shared paths, driveways and car parks; at traffic lights, zebra and other road crossings; and on quiet streets and busy roads.
- ▶ Your children are always watching and want to be just like adults. Make sure you always set a good example around traffic and talk to your children about why you are stopping at the kerb and what you are watching and listening for. Explain where and when it is safe to cross and why.
- ▶ Hold hands with your children around traffic. If your hands are full, make sure your child holds onto your bag, pram or even your arm or sleeve.

Fines and demerit points for school parking infringements are determined by the State Government and subject to change.

The nominated fines and demerit points listed in this brochure are current as at July 2020 (updated Feb 2021).

Unaware of any changes to date

DOUBLE PARKING

Do not double park at any time. Double parking is illegal and dangerous especially around schools. It reduces visibility and blocks the road for other motorists.

FINE EXCEEDS \$349 + 2 DEMERIT POINTS

U TURNS

- ▶ Performing U turns or 3 point turns in school zones is extremely dangerous.
- ▶ Performing U turns across unbroken centre lines is illegal and is particularly dangerous around schools.

FINE EXCEEDS \$349 + 3 DEMERIT POINTS

PARKING/STOPPING NEAR INTERSECTIONS

It is illegal to park or stop less than 10m from an intersection without lights as this blocks visibility for turning drivers and creates a hazard for all motorists.

FINE EXCEEDS \$464 + 2 DEMERIT POINTS

PEDESTRIAN CROSSINGS & CHILDREN'S CROSSINGS

- ▶ Slow down as you approach pedestrian crossings and children's crossings.
- ▶ Do not proceed if the road beyond the crossing is blocked.
- ▶ Do not stop or park in the No Stopping zones on either side of the crossing as this blocks visibility.
- ▶ At a children's crossing you must stop at or before the stop line if there is a pedestrian about to cross or already on the crossing.
- ▶ Do not proceed through a children's crossing until all pedestrians have completely cleared the crossing.

FINE EXCEEDS \$581 + 4 DEMERIT POINTS

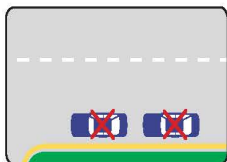


NO STOPPING ZONES

No Stopping signs mean you must not stop here at any time. If times of operation are shown on the sign, the restriction applies only at those times.

An unbroken yellow kerb line is a no stopping line. You must not stop for any reason.

FINE EXCEEDS \$349 + 2 DEMERIT POINTS



BUS ZONE SIGNS

A Bus Zone is a No Stopping zone for vehicles other than buses. If times of operation are shown on the sign, the restriction applies only at those times.

You must not park your vehicle less than 20 metres before or 10 metres after a bus stop.

FINE EXCEEDS \$349 + 2 DEMERIT POINTS



NO PARKING ZONES

You can only stop in a No Parking zone while picking up or setting down passengers or goods. You have a maximum of 2 minutes from the time you stop and must stay within 3 metres of your vehicle at all times. If times of operation are shown on the sign, the restriction applies only at those times. **THIS IS NOT A WAITING ZONE.**

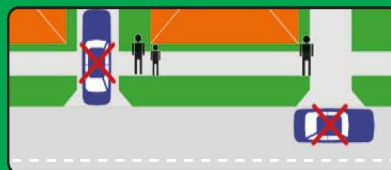
FINE EXCEEDS \$194 + 2 DEMERIT POINTS



DRIVEWAYS AND FOOTPATHS

- ▶ When exiting or entering a driveway a vehicle must give way to pedestrians on the footpath.
- ▶ Driveways are not playgrounds. Be aware that children can go unnoticed in front and behind your vehicle. Do not solely rely on reverse sensors or cameras in your vehicle.
- ▶ Always supervise and hold a child's hand near/crossing driveways.
- ▶ It is illegal to park in or across any driveway or to block a footpath at any time.

FINE EXCEEDS \$349 + 2 DEMERIT POINTS



TIME RESTRICTED PARKING

Parking signs with specified time limits allow drivers to park their vehicle for a maximum period of time, eg 5 minutes, 1 hour etc. If times of operation are shown on the sign, the restriction applies only at those times.

FINE EXCEEDS \$116



USING MOBILE PHONES

- ▶ It is illegal to make or receive a call on your mobile phone while you are driving unless your phone is secured in a fixed mounting or does not require you to touch or manipulate the phone in any way.
- ▶ It is illegal to use the other features of a mobile phone such as texting, emailing etc unless your car is legally parked and the ignition is switched off.
- ▶ Using mobile phones is a major distraction for drivers and incurs higher fines and demerit points in school zones.

FINE EXCEEDS \$464 + 5 DEMERIT POINTS



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