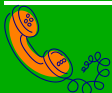


# John Purchase Public School

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## THE CALENDAR

For future dates please refer to the "calendar" tab located on the school website  
[www.johnpurch-p.schools.nsw.gov.au](http://www.johnpurch-p.schools.nsw.gov.au)

<b><u>MON 17 DEC</u></b> Talent Quest Showcase for K-6 Students	<b><u>TUES 18 DEC</u></b> Talent Quest Showcase for Parents	<b><u>WED 19 DEC</u></b> Last day of school.  Year 6 Walkout	<b><u>WED 23 JAN</u></b> <b><u>2019</u></b> Office open for new enrolments	<b><u>TUES 29 JAN</u></b> <b><u>2019</u></b> Staff return
<b><u>WED 30 JAN</u></b> <b><u>2019</u></b> Students Years 1-6 Begin	<b><u>WED 30 JAN –</u></b> <b><u>FRI 1 FEB 2019</u></b> Kindergarten Best Start Assessments	<b><u>MON 4 FEB 2019</u></b> Kindergarten students begin full day of class (with staggered times in the morning)		

## FROM THE PRINCIPAL

### Happy Holidays

As our school year comes to a close, I would like to thank our wonderful community for your support and assistance throughout 2018. Each person within our wonderful learning community helps to make our school the best it can be.

I wish all of our families a safe and happy Christmas and holiday break, and look forward to welcoming you back next year.

### Welcome Laura

Next year we warmly welcome Laura Feeney from Oakhill Drive Public School, who will be looking after our kindies. Laura has been relieving in the assistant principal at Oakhill Drive this year and we are delighted she has been selected to relieve as assistant principal in a temporary capacity at our school in 2019.

### Useful Dates

The last day of the school year for students and teachers is quickly approaching, this **Wednesday 19 December**. The office will be open on Thursday 20 December and Friday 21 December from 9am to 3pm.

The office will also open from **9am to 11am** on **Wednesday 23 January** for new enrolments. Students from Year 1 to 6 return to school on **Wednesday 30 January 2019**. The kindies begin their Best Start assessments on this date with their first full school day being **Monday 4 February 2019**. Teachers and staff begin on **Tuesday 29 January 2019**, but please note the teachers will be involved in training on this day and the office will be **closed for mandatory training until 10am on Tuesday 29 January**.

### **What will happen on the first day of school in 2019?**

If your child is going to be leaving the school and you have not notified the office or if your child/ren is/are going to be absent in the first day back, can you please let the school know in January in writing or by email: [johnpurch-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au](mailto:johnpurch-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au) This will ensure we can firm up enrolment numbers quickly at the beginning of the school year.

When the children return to school on Wednesday 30 January, they remain in their 2018 classes for the beginning of the 2019 school year, while enrolment numbers are finalised. On the first day back for children, which is Wednesday 30 January, the children from Years 1 to Year 6 (that is, this year's K- 5) will line up in the same place as they did throughout this year for morning lines with their 2018 class group under the COLA.

A map will be placed on the office doors and windows in the afternoon prior to pick up showing students' classrooms.

### **Stationery Lists**

Stationery lists for 2019 outline the equipment for parents to purchase for their children for next year. These stationery requirement lists will be emailed to parents and will also be placed on the website under the *Communication, Notes & Forms* tab so that parents can refer to these over the holiday period. Providing the stationery list early will enable parents to make the most of their vacation time and January specials. Please ensure your child/ren's equipment is clearly labelled with their name when they bring it to school next year.

### **Class Placement Requests**

Over the recent weeks some parents have notified us of special considerations for their child's class placement next year. In response to the requests received, please be assured that the teachers at our school take many factors into account as they place students into classes. Factors considered include:

- student abilities, to ensure a spread of ability in each class
- special needs
- social, emotional and relational factors
- student behaviourspecial considerations raised by parents this year (please note previous requests are not considered), friendships – we endeavour to place at least one friend with each student. We understand that friendships are important but also understand that children benefit by working with students who may not necessarily be in their social group.

The teachers prepare the classes with their colleagues and supervisor on the same grade after much discussion and consideration, with the Principal giving approval to the final lists to ensure the needs of the whole school are addressed. The process involves teachers in the grade meeting to discuss the students' needs and the best mix of students, and this forms the basis of the decisions made. It is important that our school makes class placement decisions in an equitable way, with consideration of all students.

**Farewell**

We wish all those leaving John Purchase, including our Year 6 students, all the best for the future. Thank you to those from kindy to Year 5 who have notified the school if you are leaving us. If your circumstances change during the holidays, please send an email to [johnpurchase.school@det.nsw.edu.au](mailto:johnpurchase.school@det.nsw.edu.au), to let us know so that we can finalise class numbers at the earliest opportunity. If you are going to be late back to school, could you also please send an email with the intended date of return.

**Mrs Leonie Black**  
Principal

**FROM THE DEPUTY PRINCIPAL****Celebrations of Learning**

What better evidence, than to hear how every student at John Purchase Public School is known and valued, than at our unique Celebrations of Learning assemblies. Thank you to the many families who were able to attend and enjoy proud moments and entertaining performances.







### Expectation over the school holidays: Read often!



It has been well-documented that students who don't read over the summer holidays, often experience a 'slump' in their reading ability, when the new term begins. It is important that parents maintain reader engagement; not by making reading an extra chore, but by maintaining interest and enjoyment and also by modelling adult interest and engagement in literary pursuits. Ryan Spencer, Lecturer in Literacy Education, University of Canberra, suggests some ways to help:

#### Think of books that will interest your child

Novelty books that incorporate fun into reading are a great way to engage younger readers with useful book-handling behaviours.

Books with interactive aspects such as pop-up displays, lift-up flaps and tactile elements are much more likely to immerse children, and sway them from the notion that "reading books is boring".

Encouraging children to seek out books based on popular film and television programs is also a great way to extend their interests beyond watching the screen.

After reading parts of these books together, you can discuss with your child how the story varies between the visual and print versions and ask them which they prefer.

### Use technology to engage and assist

Reading isn't just limited to print books alone. Encouraging children to read books on electronic devices can be a way to engage otherwise reluctant children with reading.

Not only are these electronic copies often cheaper than hard-copy books, they also provide other useful features, such as reducing the "hard book" feeling for reluctant readers. Many reluctant readers feel anxious about reading thick books with small print. The eBook removes this as a concern as children can adjust the size of the font with ease and the physical size of the book is no longer a concern.

### Read with your child every day

Regular reading routines are essential to developing effective reading habits. Set aside a time every day when you and your child can read together, and another time when you can discuss your favourite parts of the book. If you are reading with your child and they come to a word that they don't know or aren't sure of, remember the following [simple rules](#):

#### **Wait:**

Give your child a chance to figure out the word on their own. Don't be the instant word factory and supply the word – help your child to be a resourceful reader by allowing them time to gather more information and clues.

#### **Ask:**

Does that make sense? Does the picture give you a clue? Could you read on for more information? Asking these questions reminds your child of the different strategies they can use to figure out what the text is saying.

#### **Then:**

If the child is still stuck on that word, ask them to skip it and read on. You can always drop that word into the conversation as you turn the page. This supplies the unknown word and has the added advantage of not shaming the child for being wrong.

One of the best gifts that you can give your child over the festive season, is to spend time with them finding, sharing and exploring exciting books.

**Happy Holidays JPPS School Community!**



*Wishing all school families a very safe and restful holiday season!*

*Mrs Adela King*  
Deputy Principal

## FROM THE TEACHERS

### Year 6 Farewell

Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> December was a very special night for our Year 6 children. They celebrated the end of 7 years of learning with their farewell dinner at Castle Hill RSL. It was a fabulous night of fun, great food and energetic dancing.

It was made all the more special due to the incredible work of our talented parents who did a beautiful job of decorating the room. The theme of 'Black and Gold on the red carpet' was perfectly reflected in the decorations. Thank you to Belinda Ead, Cate Grace, Cherie McLean, Jo Best, Aparna Patankar & Michelle So for all their work in bringing the room to life so wonderfully.

The P&C kindly made a generous donation of \$500 towards the evening. This money was much appreciated as it meant we were able to decorate the venue and provide the students with a memento of their year.

All the children received a jar of jellybeans, thanks to Cates hard work 😊

Lastly thank you to Mrs Black, Mrs King and all the teachers who attended to celebrate the night with the students.

I'm sure the students will have lasting memories of the event thanks to all the work that was put into making it such a lovely occasion.

Ms Lau

Stage 3 teacher



### Working with the school

Many young people report they do not tell an adult when they are experiencing cyberbullying because they are afraid of how adults will respond. Young people report their parents often over-react and try to take control of the situation. Young people need adults to help them to deal with the problem for themselves by acting as a facilitator, listening non-judgmentally and providing support and advice when asked. Ask your child which (if any) strategies she/he has already tried, if they were helpful, what other people have tried and their usefulness, and what they would try next time.

It is important to also let the school know about the bullying situation. However, before approaching the school, ask your child how s/he would like to talk about this issue with the school and discuss what outcome he/she wants as a result of involving the school.

Consider:

- Phoning the school and asking who is best placed to help your child
- Making a time to talk with this person at school
- Explaining what you know about the situation
- Describing strategies your child has tried to date
- Asking for a plan of action that can be implemented at the school and at home
- Consider setting a date and time for a follow-up meeting
- Discussing with your child what happened and what the agreed strategies are.

Leonie Cole  
Learning and Support Teache

**FROM THE P & C****Change of Uniform Shop opening hours.**

Please be advised that the Uniform Shop will be changing to the following opening hours.

**Monday 8:30 - 9:30am**

**Wednesday 8:30 - 9:30am**

**Friday 8:30 - 9:30am**

Ordering is always available through FlexiSchools, which can be found on the JPPS website.

We apologise for any inconvenience this may cause.

JPPS P&C.

**FROM THE BAND****Registering for Band in 2019**

Our award winning JPPS Band is recruiting for 2019. If you missed our band information night in September don't worry. Registrations are still open. Details provided below:

- Register at website: <https://portal.msmusic.com.au/jppsband>
- Click on new registration. You can set up your account with your email and set your own password.
- Choose 2 instruments you would like to play. We will try to offer you your first choice, but cannot guarantee it. It's a first in first served basis...so register fast!!

Should you have any questions or need more information please feel free to contact the band committee on [jppsbandcommittee@gmail.com](mailto:jppsbandcommittee@gmail.com)

**JPPS BAND COMMITTEE**



## FROM THE COMMUNITY

Please note our school publishes events for the convenience of families but does not endorse any activity, person, product

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#### TIMES

- Grades 1 - 6 (2019): 8:45am - 3:00pm
- Preschool & Kindy (aged 4-6): 8:45am - 11:45am

#### VENUE

Chinese & Australian Baptist Church - Thornleigh

#### COST

PROGRAM	EARLY BIRD RATE (Ends 16/12/2018)		STANDARD RATE (Ends 30/12/2018)	
	PER DAY	PER WEEK	PER DAY	PER WEEK
2019				
GRADES 1 - 6	\$20 pp	\$85 pp	\$24 pp	\$100 pp
	Includes morning tea, lunch, Sciency-Fun Gizmos & free travel sketch pad.			
PRESCHOOL & KINDY	\$14 pp	\$50 pp	\$16 pp	\$60 pp
	Includes morning tea, craft & free travel sketch pad.			

- Please contact us for family discount (3+ kids).
- Free music CD if you register for the full week.
- Register online, download a PDF or ask the office.

#### CABC - THORNLEIGH

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CABC Thornleigh Kids Fun Days 2019



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