

# John Purchase Public School

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## THE CALENDAR

For future dates please refer to the "calendar" tab located on the school website  
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<b><u>MON 4 FEB 2019</u></b> Kindergarten students begin full day of class (with staggered times in the morning)	<b><u>THURS 14 FEB</u></b> School Photos	<b><u>WED 20 FEB</u></b> Parent info night K – 4.45pm S1 – 5.30pm S2 – 6.15pm S3 – 7.30pm	<b><u>THURS 28 FEB</u></b> Swim trials Sydney Nth 1.50pm Induction Assembly First Assembly 2019	<b><u>MON 4 MAR</u></b> JPPS Swimming Carnival
<b><u>FRI 8 MAR</u></b> Zone Swimming				

## FROM THE PRINCIPAL

### A Warm Welcome

Welcome to our wonderful John Purchase community for 2019! A special welcome to all of our new kindies and the 40 new children we have welcomed from Years 1 to 6. Our school community is a friendly and supportive one. I am sure you will find us welcoming and nurturing and you and the children will find many people more than happy to help with the transition to a new school environment. Please don't hesitate to ask us at the office should you have any questions about our programs and/or procedures and we will direct you to the best person to speak to. I know you will treasure your time with us.

I hope all of our families enjoyed a wonderful break and that you shared some special time with the children, family and friends. The children looked bright, bubbly and enthusiastic to be back with us, and were keen to catch up with friends and teachers when they returned to school.

We were delighted that we were able to once again form our 2019 classes on the first day back. Classes are formed following careful consideration by the staff of the students' needs. This is a very complex process and I thank the teachers and learning support team for the thought and time they have put into placing the students, particularly since the structure of classes changed as new children arrived.

A huge congratulations must be extended to our fantastic students for such a settled, sensible transition to their new 2019 classes. It has been a delight to visit classrooms to witness the students hard at work, setting learning goals for the year ahead and striving to do their very best.

With great excitement, our gorgeous new Kindergarten children commenced this morning, quickly embracing all the fantastic opportunities that big school offers! You can't help but smile as you encounter their infectious enthusiasm and ear to ear grins! Our Year 6 students have embraced their leadership roles with care and commitment and have been the kindest, most supportive buddies.

### Meet Our New Teachers

We warmly welcome a number of new staff members to the JPPS team this year.



Miss Laura Feeney is relieving in the assistant principal position and will be teaching KF.

Miss Lara Gallagher will be teaching 6L.

Mrs Noeli Lara will be teaching 4N.



Miss Sammy Nelson will be teaching 2N.

Miss Kate Scholz will be teaching 1S.

We also welcome back our lovely Mrs Rebecca Taylor (nee Lock) who returns to us on a part-time basis following maternity leave. It is lovely to have such enthusiastic, capable teachers join our JPPS team this year.

Towards the end of the holiday period, Mrs Denise Graham was successful in gaining a 12 month position at Hornsby North, which is close to her home. We wish Mrs Graham all the best for this position. I know you will join me in extending a very warm, friendly welcome to our new staff members. Be sure to pop in, say hello and introduce yourselves as I know they would be so appreciative.

**BABY NEWS**

Late last year Madeline Annika Maree Vella arrived weighing 3.32kg & measuring 50cm in length. Mum recovered quickly and Scarlett is loving her role as big sister. Congratulations Mr and Mrs Vella.



An enthusiastic congratulations is also extended to Mr and Mrs French as they welcomed their beautiful baby boy on Saturday afternoon at 1.39pm. Henry Alan French was born at 41 weeks. He weighs 3.728kg and measures 52cm in length. Jack is extremely excited to have a little brother and mum and dad are over the moon.

**Visiting our school**

The safety and security of our students and staff is always of the highest priority. All visitors and volunteers to our school must ensure they sign the electronic visitors' register at the office and they should collect the visitor's ticket which is printed after signing on. This includes times when meetings are arranged with your child's teacher and when assisting with a class.



From time to time, parents may also need to pass messages to their child's teacher or deliver items to their children. The appropriate means to ensure messages or items are delivered is to visit the office. Any urgent messages that need to be passed on to staff or children may be given at the office and will be passed on to the teacher at an appropriate time during the day. Where possible, it is best to give all messages to children before they leave home. We ask that parents please support us in regards to this and I thank you in advance for your understanding.

### **Join Our Wonderful P &C! It's a great way to get involved in our great school!**

We are very fortunate at John Purchase Public School, to have an active, supportive and dedicated team of parents on the P & C. We warmly welcome our community to our first P and C meeting for 2019 next Monday 11 February. This will be held in the annexe from 7pm. We have another exciting year ahead and you will have a much greater understanding of how our school operates through your attendance at these meetings. P & C meetings are held on the second Monday of every month during term time and new members are always welcome. This is a great opportunity for our parents/ carers to get a feel for the school culture and to meet some lovely people.

### **PLEASE NOTIFY THE SCHOOL ABOUT YOUR CHILD'S HEALTH**

We welcome information from parents about your child's health, even if you are not requesting specific support from our school. Our school asks for medical information when you enrol your child. It is also important that you let us know if your child's health care needs change or if a new health condition develops. Information about allergies, medical conditions such as asthma and diabetes and other health care related issues (including prior conditions such as medical procedures in the last 12 months) should be provided to the school by parents. Please provide this information in writing to the principal. This will greatly assist our school in planning to support your child's health and wellbeing.

If your child is injured, for example, has a broken leg or arm, please contact the office, preferably before your child returns to school. Our school will work with you to devise a plan to assist with the safe return to school.

### **HAVE ANY CONTACT DETAILS CHANGED?**

Please also remember to notify staff in the school office of any changes to your contact details or to the contact details of other people nominated as emergency contacts.

### **WORKING WITH CHILDREN DECLARATION**

At JPPS, we welcome and appreciate our incredible volunteers who so generously give their time to support our school. It is important to note that all volunteers who are working within classrooms, around the school, on excursions or at any time children are present are required to complete a WORKING WITH CHILDREN Declaration. If you are new to our school and/ or volunteering/ assisting for the first time you are required to complete a WWCC declaration as well as a 100 point proof of identity check. Upon completion of the form, our office staff will need to sight original proof of identity documents. Mrs Clare Cattell, our Business Manager in the office, will have copies of this declaration available at our upcoming meet the teacher sessions for you to complete if you are considering volunteering at our wonderful school. She will also be able to sight the 100 point identity check documents. We thank you in advance for assisting us with this. Please note this only needs to be completed once while your child is with us, unless changes to regulations and/or departmental policies take place.

### **Our Grounds**

Over the holiday period Mr Moore has been very hard at work tidying our gardens and cleaning the cement and brickwork along the school entrance way and outside the front office. Mr Moore will continue his work in the gardens this year, spending one day each week in the gardens. This allows Mr Florence to spend his time on the many other maintenance, storage, lawn mowing and miscellaneous jobs around the school. Thank you to those who have commented on how amazing the school is looking! Thank you Mr Moore and Mr Florence!

**Thank You**

Thank you Michael Zhou from Norwest Chess Academy who has donated \$400.00 to the school this year - \$200.00 in July and \$200.00 at the end of the year. WE are very appreciative of this donation. This money will go towards purchasing library resources.

**Mrs Leonie Black**  
Principal

## FROM THE DEPUTY PRINCIPAL

**Welcome** back to another exciting year at John Purchase Public School! It was lovely to meet the many new students and their families, who attended our welcome meeting in the library last Wednesday.

**School Photographs 2019**

This year, our class, individual and family photos (siblings only), will be taken at school on **Thursday 14 February**. Envelopes detailing photograph and package costs were distributed to all classes today. **Please do not return these envelopes to class teachers until photo day.** If you require a family order form, please pop in to the administration block and collect one from our office staff.

**Parent Information Evenings**

At JPPS, we highly value positive relationships between home and school. Our teachers are keen to invite all parents to a 45 minute information session about their new classes. Please mark this date in your diaries: **Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> February** (and Tuesday 12 February for 4/5B only). Details as follows:

Which classes?	Start Time	Locations
Early Stage 1 (Kindergarten)	4:45pm	Hall (first 20 minutes) all groups 5:05pm move to 3 Kinder classrooms
Stage 1 (Year 1 and Year 2)	5:30pm	Hall (first 15 minutes) all groups 5:45pm move to Stage 1 classrooms
Stage 2 (Year 3 and Year 4)	6:15pm	Presentations will occur in individual Stage 2 classrooms.
Stage 3* (Year 5 and Year 6)	7:00pm	Presentations will occur in individual Stage 3 classrooms. *Please note that Miss Brennan will hold the 4/5B session on Tues 12 Feb at 6:15pm.

**Induction of 2019 Student Leaders**

Families and friends are cordially invited to attend the Induction of Student Leaders' Assembly, to be held under the COLA at 2:05pm on **Thursday 28 February**. School leaders, house captains and SRC representatives, will be presented with their badges in a short ceremony.

Our four school leaders and junior and senior sporting house captains were elected at the end of 2018. As classes settle in to their new routines, students in Years 2-6 will also elect SRC representatives. Two students from these classes, along with the four student leaders, will form the Student Representative Council for 2019. Our student leaders assist Kindergarten and Year 1 classes throughout the year. I look forward to presenting all new school leaders to you at this Induction Assembly.

**Student Participation in Homework**

In response to feedback from parents and staff, every student will be provided with the opportunity to engage in suitable homework plans this year; designed to be achievable and stress-free for students and their parents, as well as, manageable for teachers. The staff will outline class/stage homework programs at our parent evening, so these programs will not commence until Week 5. However, every student is encouraged to participate in reading at home, every day. We cannot emphasize enough, the importance of regular reading at home. If you choose not to participate in homework activities, we do implore you to maintain and reinforce the importance of a daily reading regime at home.

Please look out for the letters regarding homework which were sent home with students today. Department of Education guidelines are also outlined in this letter. Parents are asked to send in their response slips to class teachers by Friday 22 February.

**Our School Expectations: Respect, Responsibility, Aspire**

**This week's expectation is Respect: care for myself, other people, property and equipment**

**What are Purchase Prides?**

This little card is called a 'Purchase Pride'. Students receive Purchase Prides from staff, in recognition of positive behaviours. When a card is received, the tear off slip is completed by students and added to the correct stage box in the bookshelf directly outside my office. (The card needs to be retained until 10 are earned.) Every Monday morning at assembly, a lucky dip occurs and two students from each stage are given a canteen voucher!

When 10 Purchase Prides are collected, they can be left outside my office, to receive a coloured Purchase Pride badge, which can be worn on the school uniform. Students must label the collection of cards neatly with their name and class, so I can publish these recipients' names in this newsletter. After names are published, a presentation occurs at the next Monday morning assembly.

**Congratulations** to the students who have demonstrated our school expectations of **RESPECT, RESPONSIBILITY** or who have tried to **ASPIRE**. The latest awardees are published below:

#### Purchase Pride Badges

Please note that these badges will be presented at the Week 3 Monday morning assembly (next week). Congratulations to:

**Charlotte** KM 2018, **Armaan** KM 2018, **Kyan** 2W 2018, **Nathan** 1A 2018, **Annabelle** 2B 2018, **Amelia** 1E 2018

#### Silver Awards

Please note that these awards will be presented at the Week 7 Thursday afternoon assembly on **Thursday 14 March**. Congratulations to:

**Louis T 3/4W, Isabelle C 5M, Mitchell W 3L**

#### Gold Awards

Please note that these awards will be presented at the Week 7 Thursday afternoon assembly on **Thursday 14 March**. Congratulations to:

**Felicity M 4/5B**

**Mrs Adela King**  
Deputy Principal

## FROM THE TEACHERS

#### Premier's Reading Challenge

The Gold Awards for the 2018 Premier's Reading Challenge will be awarded this Friday at morning assembly. Congratulations to the following students who will receive a Gold Award for completing the PRC for four years in a row: Adrian Wong, Arnav Singh, Chloe Dellow, Claire Ward, Felicity Moy, Ishaan Kanji, Julia Loh, Kiren Cumaressan, Lachlan Chan, Lilianne D'Silva, Lilly Best, Matthew Howell, Milenna Georgiev, Muhammad Sadozai, Minuki Fernando, Nicholas Sayad, Patrick Sorensen, Rochelle Nevis, Valli Valliappan.

The 2019 Premier's Reading Challenge opens next month.

Miss Brennan

*PRC Coordinator*



### 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.



## Scholastic Book Club- issue 1 out now

Welcome to BookClub for 2019! Don't forget to look for the Book Club catalogue that will be coming home in your child's schoolbag.

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When ordering from Book Club, you are not only helping your children, but you are also helping your school—20% of your spend goes back to your school in valuable Scholastic Rewards, which are used to buy classroom and library resources.

To celebrate the start of the New Year, any family ordering from issue 1 will also receive a free All About Me Activity Journal to help us kick-start our 2019 plans.

For more information about Book Club, visit [www.scholastic.com.au](http://www.scholastic.com.au) or email [Ruth.dsilva@bigpond.com](mailto:Ruth.dsilva@bigpond.com)

Happy reading!



The graphic is enclosed in a light blue rectangular border. At the top, the Scholastic logo (a red book icon) and the word "SCHOLASTIC" in white capital letters are on a red rectangular background. Below this, the text "Book Club LOOP" is displayed in large, bold letters, with "Book Club" in blue and "LOOP" in red. Underneath, the words "for Parents" are written in a smaller, grey, sans-serif font.

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## FROM THE BAND

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- 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

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### English Classes at St Marks Anglican Church, Pennant Hills

**Location:** Corner of Rosemount Ave and Warne Street, Pennant Hills

**Hours:** Mondays, 9.30am to 12pm (during school terms) Term4 begins Monday 4<sup>th</sup> February, 2019. Final lesson Monday 8<sup>th</sup> April, 2019

**Cost:** \$2 per week

**Contact:** Patricia- English Classes Coordinator

**Phone:** 9880 8012

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**Web:** [www.stmarks.com.au](http://www.stmarks.com.au)

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