

# John Purchase Public School

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### THE CALENDAR

<b><u>MON 14 DEC</u></b> 7pm P & C Meeting via Zoom Talent Show for Students	<b><u>TUES 15 DEC</u></b> Class parties Talent Show for Parents	<b><u>WED 16 DEC</u></b> Last day of school for students Office open 8.30am – 3pm	<b><u>THURS 17 FRI 18 DEC</u></b> Holidays for students Office open 8.30am – 3pm	<b><u>THURS 21 JAN 2021</u></b> 9.30am – 11.00am office open
<b><u>FRI 29 JAN</u></b> Yrs 1-6 start Best start	<b><u>MON 1 FEB</u></b> Best start	<b><u>TUES 2 FEB</u></b> Best start	<b><u>WED 3 FEB</u></b> Kindy Official start	

### FROM THE PRINCIPAL

#### LAST DAY PICK UP

Students will be dismissed using the same process that as been used for the term. While there will be a walkout arch way for the Year 6 students, this will occur earlier in the day, with the students (Kindy to Year 5) only. Parents will not be able to come on to the school site on the last afternoon as they usually would, due to COVID restrictions.

We ask that parents continue to keep their 1.5 metre social distancing while picking up children on Purchase Rd.

**HOLIDAY READING**

We encourage all of our students to continue regular reading throughout the summer break. To facilitate this, *Sunshine Classics* online will continue to be available throughout the holiday period.

Additionally, families can also access traditional and virtual books through The Hills library service:

<https://www.thehills.nsw.gov.au/Library/eResources-for-Kids>

**THANK YOU AND HAPPY HOLIDAYS**

As our school year comes to a close this Wednesday, I would like to thank our wonderful school community for your support and assistance throughout 2020. All stakeholder groups within our wonderful learning community help to make our school the best it can be.

A heartfelt thank you to:

- Our amazing students – what a joy it was to congratulate each and every child at our *Celebrations of Learning* assembly, on the progress they have made this year.
- The leadership team – Mrs King, Mr Johnson, Mrs Martinez, Mrs Robbins, Miss Salazar and Mrs Cole. Your outstanding instructional leadership has been invaluable in strengthening teaching and learning across the school and ensuring it is of the highest quality.
- The teaching staff – we are incredibly fortunate to have such a dedicated, caring and capable teaching team.
- The administrative staff led by Mrs Cattell and Mrs Ratnarajah. The significant work carried out on a daily basis ensures the school continues to run smoothly.

The General Assistants – Mr Crumb, Mr Florence and Mr Moore. Our grounds have been upgraded during the year and look amazing and our facilities and equipment are kept in excellent working order.

- Our parent community, including the P & C – you are your children's most important and long term educators, I thank you for supporting your children's learning and our school. It was lovely to see so many parents and carers at our special celebration assemblies last week, after not having you on site for such a long time.

I wish all of our families a safe and happy Christmas and holiday break, and look forward to welcoming you back next year. To those leaving our school to move on to high school, opportunity class, international, interstate or other schools, I wish you all the very best for your future endeavours.



**SCHOOL RESUMES IN 2021:**

For Years 1-6, school will resume on Friday 29 January 2021. Kindergarten classes commence on Wednesday 3 February, with *Best Start* appointments taking place from Friday 29 January through to Tuesday 2 February for incoming kindy students.

**WHAT WILL HAPPEN ON THE FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL IN 2021?**

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 on the first day back, can you please let the school know in January 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 Friday 29 January, they remain in their 2020 classes for the beginning of the 2021 school year, while enrolment numbers are finalised. On the first day back for children, which is Friday 29 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 2020 class group under the COLA.

Drop off and pick up arrangements for the first day will be communicated next year, once the revised COVID details are communicated to us by the Department of Education.

**STATIONERY LISTS**

Stationery lists for 2021 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 behaviour
- special 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 senior executive 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. This will enable us to 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.

### **HINDI CERTIFICATES**

Congratulations to the students receiving awards for their Hindi classes this year.



### **COVID-SAFE SUMMER PACK**

As we come closer to the end of the school year, we'd like to extend our thanks to you, our parent community, for demonstrating so much resilience and patience towards the circumstances we faced together. We strived together to get the best outcomes for our students despite the pandemic and you have stayed by our side the entire time. Thank you again.

We will be sending a COVID-safe summer pack to each student before the year ends. The contents of the pack will help students maintain healthy hygiene practices and to stay COVID-safe during the school holidays.

Here are some quick tips to help you and your families stay COVID-safe during the school holidays:



- Encourage your children to use their packs whenever they leave the house
- Meet outdoors whenever possible and wear sunscreen
- Meet in small groups
- Encourage good hand hygiene practices and remind your children to cough and sneeze into their elbow
- Keep up-to-date with the latest health information by monitoring the [NSW Government website](#)External link

From all of us at John Purchase Public School be safe and enjoy the school holidays.

Mrs Leonie Black  
Principal

## FROM THE DEPUTY PRINCIPAL

### **'Celebrations of Learning' Assemblies**

Last week, seven significant assemblies were held under the COLA to celebrate the achievements of each student at JPPS. It was wonderful to welcome parents back on site for these special events. Our students were excited to perform dance and percussion items in their grade groups. Some of Kindergarten are pictured below, preparing for 'Jingle Bells', dressed in their Santa hats. Year 6 students' dance item (also pictured below) was called 'Come Alive'. Once again, our COLA proved to be a wonderful venue to hold performances en masse.



## Special Group Photographs

The School Photographer has advised that the group photographs taken at school on Friday 16th October, are available for online viewing. The photos will only be able to be purchased online directly, from The School Photographer website. Details are as follows:

View and order online at:

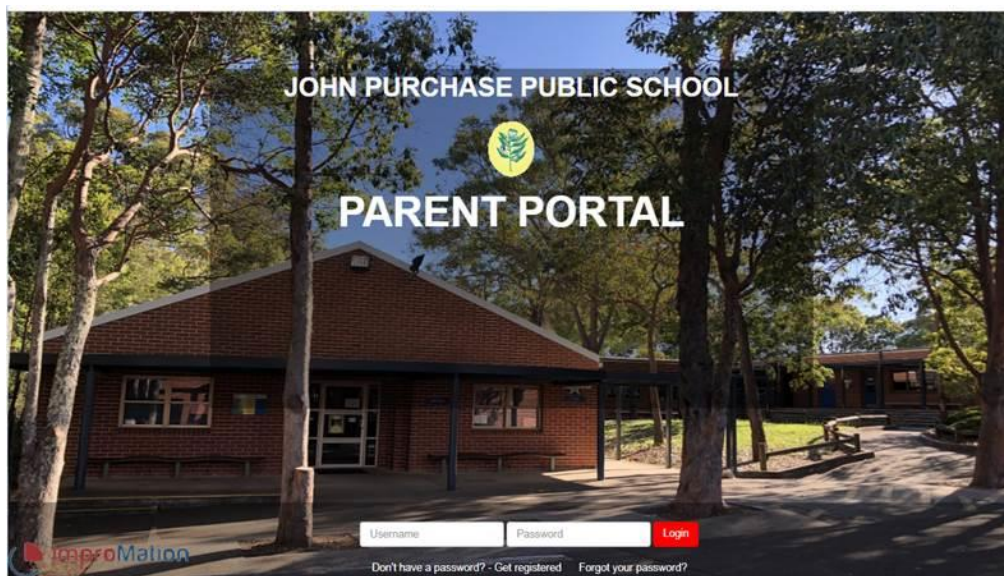
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## Semester 2 Student Reports

Your child's school report and achievement level distribution data, for Years 1 to 6, are now available online, via the John Purchase Parent Portal (pictured below).



## Parent Survey about Semester 2 Student Reports

Last Friday, all parents were emailed a short survey via a Google Form link, specifically about the Semester 2 student reports. We do hope that you will be able to provide us with some feedback, after you have had a chance to review the contents of your child's report. The survey will close at 9am on tomorrow morning, Tuesday, 15th December.

## HPG Class Placements

Parents are reminded that advice regarding placement in one of our High Potential and Gifted (HPG) classes, will occur via letters sent home with the students who applied, in Term 1, 2021.

## JPPS School Expectations



This week's expectation is:

### Aspire: Read every day during the holidays

Congratulations to the students who have demonstrated our school expectations of **RESPECT**, **RESPONSIBILITY** or who have tried to **ASPIRE**.

#### Purchase Pride Badge (10 Purchase Prides)

Congratulations to the following recipients:

Leah (6N x2), James H (1M), Henry L (6N x 4), Samuel A (1M), Aiesha (4-O), Makayla S (6N x 2), Mason S (KM), Aarika D (2B), Taj L (KE), Eloise S (KM), Gabriel (KM), Arisa (KB), Saliha (6N x 2), Suryaa (KB)

#### What do I do with my Class Awards?

Please store your class awards safely over the holidays, for receipting next term.

10 Class Awards = Bronze 20 = Silver 30 = Gold 40 = Bronze Medallion 50 = Silver Medallion 60 = Gold Medallion 75 = Platinum Medallion and Principal for the Day!

#### BRONZE MEDALLION AWARD (40 Class Awards)

Congratulations:

Jayne C (6N)



*Season's Greetings!*



Wishing all families, a restful, safe and very happy holiday.

*Mrs Adela King*  
Deputy Principal

## FROM THE TEACHERS

### CLASS PARTIES

Class parties are being held tomorrow. Children can bring their own treats, but treats will not be shared with others due to Covid.

Students can wear sport uniform tomorrow for the class parties.

## FROM THE P & C

Topic: December P&C Meeting is tonight

Time: Dec 14, 2020 07:00 PM Canberra, Melbourne, Sydney

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85820737865?pwd=R2g0RHVpbHdQREZQd3NaWjVmK25GUT09>

Meeting ID: 858 2073 7865

Passcode: 199274



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