Jamison High School

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NEWSLETTER

September 2020

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CALENDAR EVENTS							
WEEK 8 A							
August 31	Wednesday	Deadly Dreaming					
WEEK 9 B							
September 16	Wednesday	Deadly Dreaming					
WEEK 10 A							
September 25	Friday	End of term 3					
TERM 4 2020							
WEEK 1 B							
October 12	Monday	Staff & Students Return					
October 14	Wednesday	Deadly Dreaming					
October 15	Thursday	Yr. 12 Graduation Assembly					
WEEK 2A							
October 20	Tuesday	Yr. 12 HSC Begins					

WHO'S WHO

PRINCIPAL	DEPUTY PRINCIPALS
Mr Glyn Trethewy	Mrs Clarinda Oliveux
Mi Giyii Hethewy	Mr Luke Grahame

SCHOOL CAPTAINS 2020	SCHOOL VICE CAPTAINS 2020
Emily Cox	Kalani Fitzmaurice
Jalal Slaibi	Ella Homan
	Tamira Reid
	Connor Burke
	Jacob Craft
	Kobi Hind



PRINCIPAL'S REPORT



From the Principal

As I write this newsletter report we continue to implement all advice from the Department around managing the school site during this pandemic. In line with Department guidelines only essential meetings and programs that support teaching and learning may be held at the school. As a result, parent access to the school site is still limited. Please continue to phone the office on 47316150 should you need to contact staff. Any person entering the school site for an essential meeting, deliveries or maintenance purposes is required to complete a visitor acknowledgement form. These forms are in the front office.

A reminder regarding health. If your child is sick and has flu like symptoms, please keep

them at home and have them tested for COVID-19. Please inform us if your child is tested. Students who become sick at school and who present with flu like symptoms will be sent home. They will be required to undertake a COVID-19 test. Students who undergo a COVID-19 test must be kept at home until a negative test result is received and they are symptom free. The school must be provided with a copy of the negative test result prior to the student returning.

Activities that continue at school include;

- Library use and access
- Whole School assemblies (limited to 15 minutes)
- Year group meetings
- Allied health providers, wellbeing and case management professionals
- Practicum teaching for tertiary education students
- Official visitors and dignitaries (consistent with current protocols)
- White Card training
- Face-to-face TAFE attendance
- School-based apprenticeships and traineeships, VET Work Placement and work experience can occur provided employers have a COVID-19 safety plan

Activities that remain on hold include Year 7 2021 orientation, school camps, all excursions, as well as parent and carer attendance at assemblies.

We thank our parent community for their cooperation and understanding at this time. We are maintaining hand sanitiser and disinfectant wipes in all classrooms and learning spaces as well as ensuring soap is supplied in all bathrooms.

In line with current restrictions, we have had to cancel the Year 9 and Year 11 Camps which were scheduled for early Term 4. Any money that has been paid by parents as deposits for these events will be refunded to parents.

In response to the challenges of this year we have implemented some new initiatives. We are currently operating a senior study in our library for Year 11 and 12 during selected periods. Mrs Green, Mrs Elliott and a tutor, exstudent Mr Chirgwin, are available to work with Year 11 and 12 students in completing tasks, preparing for assessment and ensuring students meet course requirements. Students who have current N-Warning that indicate they have work incomplete need to ensure they access this support.

At the start of term, we held our elections for our school leaders in 2021. There were a number of impressive candidates who spoke to their year group about their commitment and passion for the school. It gives me great pleasure to announce that the captains elect for 2020/2021 are Grace Lees and Nicklas Lusch, and they will be supported by our vice captains Sara Baburi, Katie Meier, Rhiannon Paget, Tyler Consolacion, Liam Firth and James Hewitt. While we were unable to hold our official induction assembly for them, we presented badges on our full school assembly. Their first official event will be the Year 12 Graduation at the start of next term.

During the period of remote learning, the Department announced that Year 12 students would have normal lessons run right up to the start of the Higher School Certificate. This means that normal lessons will run during week one of next term. The Higher School Certificate commences on Tuesday 20 October 2020.

To mark the end of schooling for our Year 12 students and in line with current restrictions, we will be holding a Graduation Assembly on Thursday October 15. To include our parents in this important occasion, we are organising to livestream the assembly. Details on accessing the livestream and about the day were contained in correspondence sent to Year 12 families earlier this week. For students to participate in the livestream we will need the General Permission to Publish and disclose information forms to be returned to mentor teachers prior to the end of term. We have also hired an official photographer to take a graduation photograph of each student. We have planned to ensure that all the usual elements that mark this milestone for students have been included in the assembly.

This week we had our next group of Year 9 students inducted into the Western Sydney University Fast Forward Program. This is a highly valuable program that connects students to the University as they run a variety of workshops and opportunities in post school educational opportunities, promoting the benefits of lifelong learning and the pathways that further education can open up to students. It was great to join the program via Zoom.

We continue to monitor and plan for student progress at this time. Year 9 students recently completed the Checkin Assessment. This was a NESA initiative that has been put in place due to the disrupted nature of teaching and learning for students this year. The assessments are mapped to the NSW Syllabuses and National Literacy and Numeracy Learning Progressions. The Check-in assessment targeted reading and numeracy. We will analyse this data and make plans and provisions for students between now and the end of the year.

A final reminder about attendance. It is important that students attend school for the full day of learning. Our school day commences with a bell at 8:25 am and students are expected to be in Homeroom by 8:30 am. Homeroom is an important part of our day as we check and monitor attendance and support students in being ready to learn. If your child is absent, please ensure you provide us with a note or reply to the SMS message so that we can monitor attendance and ensure students stay engaged with their learning.

Our next Parents and Citizens Association meeting will be on Tuesday 8 September starting at 6pm . Please contact the office if you would like to attend the meeting as it will be held online. If you give us your contact details, including an email address, we will set up the meeting space and send details of how to log in prior to the meeting.

Glyn Trethewy Principal Jamison High School

DEPUTY PRINCIPAL'S REPORT





HSC Major Works

Over the last ten months, many of our Year 12 students have been working hard to plan, develop, research, create, compose, rehearse, sew, paint and lacquer their HSC Major Works. These are an integral part of their HSC courses and require an extremely high level of motivation and ongoing commitment. Students and their dedicated teachers have been working in class, during lunch, after school and even coming into school on weekends and in school holidays to ensure they are completed to the highest standard. This year, our students completed major works in the following subjects:

- Design and Technology
- Drama
- History Extension
- Industrial Technology Timber
- Music
- Society and Culture
- Textiles and Design
- Visual Arts

In addition, many subjects also require the development of a design portfolio or detailed journal to document their creative process. Both the completed work or performance and accompanying portfolio are marked against NESA criteria and many are externally marked by NESA examiners.

Year 11 & 12 Parent Teacher Night

Our Year 11 and Year 12 teachers conducted Parent Teacher interviews last Tuesday between 3:00-6:00pm. In order to ensure safety for all members of our community, online bookings were made and teachers called parents according to allocated time slots. All interviews were conducted over the phone and over three hundred phone calls were made to parents to discuss students' progress throughout the year.

For Year 11 students, it was an excellent opportunity for parents and students to gain feedback and advice as they prepare for their Yearly Examinations commencing Monday 7 September, 2020. For Year 12 students, it provided the opportunity for parents and students to discuss areas for further study and revision following their recent HSC Trial Examination and, in the lead, up to their final HSC Examinations.

Although very different to previous years, the phone call format ensured that these quality discussions could still take place. We thank our community for their ongoing support as we adapt events such as this due to current circumstances.

Luke Grahame

Clarinda Oliveux

Deputy Principal Years 7, 9 & 11 Deputy Principal Years 8,10 & 12

ATTENDANCE MATTERS

"So, my child is sometimes late for school - does it matter that much?"

School is usually the first place where children are made aware of the importance of regular timekeeping.

Arriving early will boost your child's confidence for the day, and set them in the right frame of mind for learning and achievement. If a child arrives late the whole class is disrupted and the teacher has to repeat the same things over and over again-losing valuable teaching time. Punctuality and good attendance will always be important—at school now and later at work.

Help to make sure your child is given a good start in life by ensuring they arrive at school on time.

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

What time does school start?

School **starts at 8:25**. Students are to make their way to home room at the sound of this bell. All students should be seated in home room by the 8:30 bell. A student who arrives after the 8:30 bell, must report to the office to sign in.

What Do I Do If My Child is Late to School?

You may do any of the following:

- 1. Accompany your child to the front office and provide a verbal explanation
- 2. Phone the school to provide a verbal explanation
- 3. Send a written explanation with your child when they arrive to school on the day they are late

What to do if my child is persistently late?

If your child is persistently late, they will be interviewed by their mentor or year advisor and an improvement program will be implemented. Consequences may be imposed if there is no improvement made.

What can I do to help my child?

Below are some common reasons for students arriving late to school and what you can do to support your child:

Overslept	ightarrow Have a back-up plan in case the alarm fails to go off	
Late Night	ightarrow Go to bed early - save the late nights for the weekend	
Can't find my shirt, book etc	ightarrow Be organised and have everything ready to go the night before	
Dawdling on the way to school	\rightarrow Walk faster!	
Stopping off at the shops	ightarrow Leave the shops by 8:15	
Missed the bus	ightarrow Parent to ring the school, written explanation to follow	
Appointment e.g dentist, driving test	ightarrow Do your best to avoid scheduling appointments during school hours	

CAREERS NEWS

Coming Up

Many universities and TAFE are holding their virtual open days in the coming weeks. Make sure your student accesses the Careers/Transition Google classroom for the links to register for these events.

Year 12

UAC's early bird offer finishes on the 30th September so if your child is planning on applying for university through UAC, please make sure they have done so before then. If they would also like to apply for the Student Recommendation Scheme (SRS) they need to have this done by the 20th September. If applying for UAC it is highly recommended to apply for SRS as well, as your child may receive an early offer to the course they would like to study next year. There are also direct early entry schemes to university such as WSU's HSC True Rewards. A number of our students have already received an offer for a course next year via this path.

For those not following a tertiary study pathway, there are many different options depending on your child's interests. Please ask them to come and see me for help if they need or would like to find out more information about various jobs.

Year 10

Congratulations to Tiana Harrison and Chelsey Marteene who have been selected to attend the 'Health Inspirations' program at Nepean Hospital. 'Health Inspirations' is a 4-day work experience program for students, which has been developed by the Nepean Blue Mountains Local Health District, to help promote careers in the Health industry and in particular, nursing.

Tiana and Chelsey were fortunate to be selected for the program, based on their application earlier in the year, from hundreds of applicants from the Western Sydney area. Congratulations girls!



Year 10 students will hopefully be able to complete a week of Work Experience commencing in Week 8, Term 4, from Monday 30th November to Friday 4th December 2020. Before the placement all Year 10 students must complete a Ready for Work Certificate and a Workplace Learning - Safety Induction and Test.

Work Experience is an important part of the career planning process. It provides students the opportunity to:

- develop skills and attitudes that may assist them in the transition from school to work
- gain insights into a specific career/field by trying out a job in a chosen industry
- experience the real world of work and collect career information
- secure casual or part-time employment if desired
- gain a work reference

Students are encouraged to research and organise their own placements as practise in the job search process. All students will have been given a booklet to assist with this process. Placements should be in an area related to occupational and general interest, where possible.

CAREERS NEWS (cont.)

Students need to consider the following points:

- their ability to travel to the place of employment to meet starting times
- relevance to their future careers
- the opportunity to source casual and part-time work

Work Experience places should be sourced as soon as possible as local employers are usually approached by many students from many different local high schools. However, due to the nature of this year, placements may be difficult to source. If a student is offered a placement, its suitability will be checked by the Careers Adviser, and the student will be given an introductory package to give to the employer. This package includes the Department of Education (DoE) Student Placement Record for completion by the student, parent and employer before work experience can commence.

If there are any questions about work experience or any other careers related issue, please contact me phone or email.

Students can connect their way – from anywhere! TAFE NSW Open Day goes virtual from 9-10 September. Students (and parents) will have access to all the information and expert advice they need to find the career path that's right for them.

TAFE NSW Virtual Open Day 2020 TAFE NSW Open Day 2020 is on! Click (Ctrl + click) on the link

There is so much on offer at TAFE NSW Open Day....

- Live and on demand information sessions
- One-to-one session with our expert teachers
- 4 360° virtual tours of our state-of-the-art facilities
- Personalised consultations with student support services



2021 Degrees Guide



Are your students considering a degree after school? Make sure they check out TAFE NSW 2021 Degrees Guide.

Studying a degree at TAFE NSW means students will learn real-world skills from industry experts and be job ready when they graduate. Ensure your students set themselves up for success.

HURRY- last chance Scholarship!



Destination Australia scholarship applications are still being accepted for Semester 2. The scholarship is valued at \$15,000 for eligible students.

Students can study the **Diploma of Early Childhood Education and Care** at **TAFE NSW Orange.**

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	ITEM	PRICE	<u>SIZE</u>	<u>QTY</u>	TOTAL INCL GST
	JNR Sky/maroon Blouse	35.00			
S I	SNR White/maroon Blouse	35.00			
Girls	Grey Shorts	37.00			
6	Grey Skirt	42.00			
	Grey Pants	40.00			
	JNR Sky Shirt	35.00			
Boys	SNR White Shirt	35.00			
Bo	Grey Shorts	37.00			
	Grey Chino Trousers Beltloop/elastic Waist	40.00			
	JNR Maroon Wool Jumper	72.00			
	SNR Navy Wool Jumper	72.00			
~	Corporate Casual Pants	40.00			
Unisex	Microfibre Jacket	65.00			
in	JNR Fleecy Top	32.00			
	SNR Fleecy Top	32.00			
	JNR Sky Polo	36.00			
	SNR White Polo	36.00			
Creanta	Sports Shorts	32.00			
Sports	Sports Shirt	38.00			
	Apron White	09.50			
	Cooking Hat	06.50			
~	School Hat	11.00			
Accessory	White Socks Regular x 5	20.00			
cce:	White Socks Short Cut x 5	20.00			
Ă	School Tie	20.00			
	Black Tights	09.50			
	Eco Bag	01.00			

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