JPPS Fortnightly Update

Week 2 Term 1 2026

What a great first week back at school. This week is actually Week 2 on the school calendar as last week was scheduled Staff Development Days. A fortnightly update will be sent as an email and on the school news feed.

Welcome to all our new families. I truly hope you have had a great start to the school year with us and that your children are enjoying their learning. We have over 100 Kindy students and 40 new students in Years 1-6.

We will be having our 'Meet the Teacher' morning on Tuesday 24th February from 8.15-8.50am. This time is designed for general introductions and viewing the classroom space. It is not intended for individual discussions about students. We will not be holding a slideshow presentation in the hall or classroom. We have found in past years, many parents were only able to attend part of the presentations. All important information you need will be part of the 'Welcome Back to School' letter which will give specific times/days for activities for each. We look forward to welcoming you to the school and sharing a glimpse of your child's learning environment.

From next Monday, we will return to dropping off at the school gate in the morning. Allowing and encouraging your child to walk independently from the school gate to their classroom brings several positive benefits. It fosters independence and confidence as they navigate the school environment on their own and builds their self-reliance and decision-making skills, which are important for their personal development. It also reduces congestion around the school, making it easier for teachers to monitor all students effectively. Streamlining drop-off to the gate ensures a smoother, quicker start to the school day and allows staff to maintain better supervision. Thank you for your understanding.

We are looking forward to our competitive swimming carnival next Wednesday at Riverstone Pool. It is always a great day for our swimmers and sporting captains to cheer each other on. Hopefully the weather plays nicely for us. Best of luck to all our competitors.

I would like to share with you that this year I have made the decision to work four days per week. This adjustment is an important step for me to prioritise and manage my health more effectively. By reducing my working days, I aim to create a better balance between my professional responsibilities and personal wellbeing. My commitment to delivering quality education and supporting our community remains strong, and I believe this adjustment will help me contribute more effectively overall. Thank you all for your ongoing support. Mrs Cutting will be relieving for me each Friday.

I have attached a complete staff list for everyone at JPPS.

I hope you all have a wonderful weekend when it arrives!

Lisa Crawford