



Junior Primary Newsletter
Term 3, 2017

Thursday July 27, 2017

Dear Parents,

We hope that you have had a Wonderful Winter break and are ready to launch into Semester Two. We are thrilled with the fantastic learning, growth, care, play and attitude of our Junior Primary students during Semester One.

Primary School Production

Our term begins with our **Primary School Production** and the students are already doing a fantastic job of practising for their two songs. The first two weeks of term will be very busy as we get ready for the performance. **Please send in costumes by the end of week one (Friday July 28)** or speak to your child's teacher if you would like some assistance. Attached is also a copy of a Social Story about practising for the Musical Production that would be helpful to read through with your child.

CORE STUDIES: Children of the World

In our Core Studies unit for Term Three, we will be exploring world geography and the beauty and richness of God's Creation. We will be looking at the lives of children in different countries and the ways in which we are similar and different. A key element within our unit is understanding that all children are wonderfully created by God and precious to Him. We will be particularly looking at the areas of food, shelter, education and play, and understanding the value of diversity in our world. We will also explore the way children don't always have access to the same opportunities and resources and ways that we can be more mindful of this in our lives. As part of our many learning experiences this term, children may have opportunities to taste food from other cultures, please speak to your child's teacher if you have any concerns about this.

Children of the World Gallery of Work and Dress-up Day: Wednesday September 20th

During the term, students will be working in small groups to research the life of children in another country. To celebrate and further their learning, we would like children to dress in the style or colours that are traditional for that country for our celebration day. A notice will advise you of what country your child is researching in about Week 6 of the term. We would like to invite families to visit our Classroom Galleries at 2:30pm on Wednesday September 20th. Students will be conducting tours of their Classroom Gallery and sharing about their group research projects.

IMPORTANT DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Friday July 28 (Week 1)	Production costumes due at school for JP children
Thursday August 3 (Week 2)	Primary School Production Matinee Performance 1:30pm
Friday August 4 (Week 2)	Primary School Production Evening Performance 7pm
Tuesday August 8 (Week 3)	Whole School Assembly 10am. Coffee available in the staffroom - 9am
Thursday August 17 (Week 4)	JP Connect Morning Tea 8:45am in the staffroom
Wednesday September 20 (Week 9)	JP Children of the World Gallery/Exhibition (2:30pm-3:00pm)
Thursday September 14 (Week 8) Tuesday September 19 (Week 9)	Parent/Teacher Interviews – Primary
Friday September 22 (Week 9)	Last Day of Term 3 (3.15pm)
Monday October 16 (Week 1)	First Day of Term 4

As you can see, it is going to be a very busy term of rich learning and fun in Junior Primary. We are all very excited about the term ahead and look forward to journeying with our students in this new learning adventure.

Blessings,

Fiona Murray, Vivian Theunissen and Kaye Smith
Junior Primary Teachers