



Principal's Message

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Principal - Mark Marciniak

As we quickly draw towards the end of Term 1 2023, it has been extremely rewarding to be back in the full swing of things after more than two very difficult and challenging years. During this term we have been able to provide our students with all the expected learning and social activities that schools initiate every term. Students have had the chance to get back to normality and participate in regular events that we have previously taken for granted. These include school and public social events such as excursions, school camps, meet the teacher events, Open Evening, NAPLAN Tests and carnivals.

Congratulations to all the students who have returned to school in Term 1, full of enthusiasm and committed to learning.

Whilst we are on the topic of being enthusiastic and committed to learning, congratulations to our new Year 7 students who have transitioned exceptionally well to high school. These young men have successfully navigated their way around a new school, reading school timetables, using their new laptops to learn through Google Classroom, going on the school camp, meeting new friends and teachers, having a parent teacher evening, participating in NAPLAN and competing in the school's athletics carnival. That's a fantastic effort by our Year 7 students. I would also like to thank our Year 7 parents for their ongoing support of the school and congratulate them for assisting their sons in a great start to high school.

Open Evening

On Tuesday the 28th of February, JCBTHS was able to showcase our wonderful school to the community on our Open Evening. This event is aimed at students and their parents who are selecting a high school for their sons in the next couple of years. We had a fantastic turnout of interested students and parents from our local community. Our teaching and support staff were available to speak with parents and students about the great learning we provide for all our students at JCBTHS. Visitors were provided with demonstration lessons, a school tour of our amazing facilities, a BBQ that was hosted by our students and the P&C as well a coffee cart.

Thank you to all the staff, P&C representatives and current students who attended to support a very successful evening.

ANZAC Day

This year ANZAC Day falls at the end of the school holidays (Tuesday the 25th of April). On Tuesday, a group of staff and students will represent JCBTHS to pay our respects at Ramsgate RSL Club's dawn service. JCBTHS has been attending the service for the last nine years. If you and your son would like to attend, the service starts at 7am out the front of Ramsgate RSL Club.

New STEM building

JCBTHS is very excited to announce that the successful tenderer has been awarded the contract to start work on the new STEM building refurbishment in the next week. It is expected the work will take approximately seventeen weeks to complete. This means the project should be finished for the beginning of Term 4 2023. Once completed the building will boast a fully equipped food technology kitchen to accommodate twenty four students, a new theory teaching space, breakout study rooms and an open plan STEM project room with adjoining specialist spaces. The facility will be fitted with contemporary finishes and will be a truly amazing space for students to learn and extend their practical knowledge and skills in STEM and food technology.

Meanwhile Ms Eloss is cooking up a storm in our demountable kitchen to satisfy our students enthusiasm and curiosity in the kitchen. This term students have cooked hamburgers, hot dogs, nachos, salads, ANZAC cookies and damper. The students have learnt so many important skills through this process and have also accessed the school's garden to garnish their culinary delicacies with organic ingredients.

HSC holiday workshops

Students in Year 12 and those sitting subjects for the HSC in 2023 will have the opportunity to participate in subject specific workshops during the first week of the upcoming school holidays.

This is a very important opportunity for students to immerse themselves in a three-hour block of concentrated learning. It is highly recommended that all students attend these workshops.

Additionally, all Year 12 and students sitting the HSC in 2023 have been provided with their own teacher mentor to assist them in developing a successful study timetable, as well as provide them with goal setting targets and ongoing coaching and support through the lead up to the HSC examinations. The mentors are accessible for students to meet in formal and informal sessions. Each student's program is individually designed to support their particular goals and ability with the emphasis squarely focused on each student being provided the opportunity to achieve their academic potential in a high challenge, high support environment.

Year 7 and 9 Camp

JCBTHS' Best Man Program supports students' social and emotional development through students transitioning from Year 6 to 7, all the way through to Year 12. This program is supported by our Year Advisors, our Well Being Coordinator, the Student Support Officers, and the school Chaplain. An integral part of the program is to provide students the opportunity to learn and be challenged outside of the school environment. This occurs on the Stage sequenced camps during Year 7, Year 9 and when students start Year 12 at the end of Term 3 each year. Each camp focuses on different aspects of social emotional growth ranging from building resilience, developing relationships, understanding, and accepting different perspectives to goal setting and raising personal expectations. The camps are a culmination of the workshops that students participate in during the school year. The workshops are primarily led by our Student Support Officers and are complimented by guest speakers. The program has been successfully running for the past eight years and is responsive to the changing needs of our students and the community.

SRC Induction and Easter Morning Tea

On Thursday the 6th of April our 2023 SRC will be inducted. Part of the process involves the students reciting the SRC pledge and receiving their badges. This has become a customary process over the last nine years. These nominated students will continue to show their support toward the school and the community over the next twelve months and many of those that are elected will become our future school captains and senior leaders. To accompany the induction a morning tea will be provided for the students, parents, and special guests.

During the SRC induction ceremony the rest of the school will be enjoying the Easter Morning Tea that is annually supported by the school Chaplain and external providers.

P&C fundraiser

The James Cook Boys High School P&C Association are running another fundraising campaign to raise money to improve the school's quadrangle and STEM garden. The P&C are selling Bite Size "Fun" raising Bites.

These are Australia's highest award-winning biscuits!

If you would like to participate in the fundraiser, you can purchase a Carry Box of Gourmet Bites for \$75. Each box consists of 15 packs of biscuits that sell for \$5 each. Purchased packs can be sold to family, friends, work colleagues and neighbours.

If you would like to participate by purchasing a Carry Box, payment can be made by EFT to the P&C's Bank Account – BSB 032-158 Account No. 297779 Reference: Student's Name and Year. Please see the "FUN" raising poster on James Cook Boys Technology High School Face Book page or contact the school's office on 9587 1770. Purchased boxes can be collected at the school's office or Student Services Office.

In addition to the Bite Size "FUN"raiser boxes, the P&C are hosting a sausage sizzle BBQ at Rockdale Bunnings on Saturday the 20th of May. All proceeds will go towards improving the school's quadrangle and STEM garden. If you would like to volunteer to help on the day, please email Irene Omeros at jcbhspc@gmail.com.

The P&C meet each term to discuss important information and to plan activities to support the students and the school. Our next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday the 3rd of May at 6pm in the school's common room. New parents are most welcome to attend.

Term 2 School Development Day

All public schools across New South Wales will have a mandated focus on Aboriginal Education on Monday the 24th of April. The focus on Aboriginal Education is to improve outcomes for Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander students K-12 and increase knowledge and understanding of Aboriginal histories and cultures.

Schools play a central role in the day-to-day educational experiences of Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander students. The commitment of teachers and school leaders to sustained positive change is a critical factor in ensuring Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander

Ramadan

For those families in our community who have started the whole month of Ramadan we wish you and your families a blessed Ramadan. Ramadan Mubarak and Eid Mubarak for later in the month.

Important dates**End of term**

Last day of Term 1 is Thursday 6th of April

Return dates.

Staff resume school on Monday 24th of April

Tuesday the 25th is ANZAC Day (Public holiday)

All students resume Term 2 on Wednesday the 26th of April

Upcoming dates in Term 2

Tuesday 2nd of May – School Cross Country

Wednesday 3rd of May – P&C meeting 6pm

Tuesday 16th of May – Year 12 parent teacher evening.

Saturday 20th of May – P&C fundraiser at Rockdale Bunnings.

Tuesday 27th of June – Year 7 and 9 parent teacher evening

Thursday 29th of June – Year 8, 10 and 11 parent teacher evening.

Last day for Term 2

Friday 30th of June

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