# Jamberoo Public School

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Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome to Cooinda for 2018. I am very pleased to once again be teaching Stage 3 at Jamberoo Public School. Many of you will know me well from last year and I would like to extend my greetings to families which are new to Stage 3 and particularly those new to our school. Jamberoo is a fabulous place to work and learn.

Below I have included some information about the class this year. Some things will be the same as last year, however there are many areas that have had a revamp. Please read the information carefully and feel free to contact me if you have any questions, concerns or information that might help me in teaching your child.

Class Structure

At present the Cooinda class is made up of 17 Year 6 students and 9 Year 5 students. At various times we will include the Year 5 students from Nuninoona in stage based lessons. There are 10 girls and 16 boys. I will teach the class on Monday to Thursday, and Mr Speirs will be on class on Friday.

Student Expectations

Students in Cooinda are expected to demonstrate our positive behaviours for learning (care for yourself, care for others, care for this place) at all times and in all contexts. As school leaders, they are required to set a positive example and be of assistance to younger students and staff. In order to earn privileges such as school camp and a visit to Jamberoo Recreation Park, Stage 3 students complete tasks which are of service to the school such as sports shed, recycling and leading assemblies. They must complete these tasks responsibly.

Class Culture

We are working hard to build a class culture which is positive and conducive to learning. This means that we celebrate success and focus on positive behaviours. We measure our own growth and set goals for our learning. Mistakes are respected and reflected on so that we can grow as learners. It also means that we persevere, work hard and provide support and encouragement for each other. Students have been involved in explicit lessons about these vital aspects of learning.

Student Welfare

Please familiarise yourself with our school Student Welfare Policy, which will be followed when dealing with any issues that arise regarding student welfare throughout the year. Communication is also very important. Please connect on Class Dojo as soon as possible (instructions on the invitation). This is the best and most reliable way to communicate with me, keep up with class news, see current work samples and monitor you child’s behaviour at school.

Care Monkey

Thank you for joining Care Monkey, this will be the way that I gain formal permission for school events and excursions throughout the year. No more soggy notes in the bottom of school bags! Please continue to send money in a labelled envelope or pouch to the office when payment is required.

Attendance

Please avoid unnecessary absences as this can affect your child’s learning and social development at school. If your child must be absent from school (sick, family leave) please provide a written explanation as soon as they arrive back at school. You may notify me via Class Dojo.

Sleep

This might seem like a funny one…. Please try to help your child to get to bed at a reasonable hour on school nights. They may seem very grown up now, but their bodies are rapidly growing and changing and they need as much sleep as possible. Tired kids can find concentrating in class difficult and are generally not very nice to be around. So, tell them, “Mrs Larsen said its bed time!”

Timetable

Please see the attached timetable for Term 1. Take note that Sport is Friday, PE is Thursday and Library is also Thursday. Students interested in Debating will meet at 8am on Tuesday mornings with Mrs Behl Shanks.

Homework

Please see the attached note regarding homework. Managing homework is an important part of gaining independence in Stage 3 and preparing for high school. I have not intended to overburden the students (or their families) and have included tasks which will be of significant educational benefit. I will explicitly teach homework routines and procedures next week. Please provide an A4 workbook to be used for homework and make sure to sign off on home reading. Pease contact me if homework is becoming a struggle or taking excessive amounts of time and we can discuss the matter.

Awards

Students may receive class merit awards at Friday assemblies in recognition of excellent work at school. Learning Habit awards are also presented from time to time. Twice a term homework awards will be presented to students who meet the criteria (see homework handout). Once a term, students will have their uniform inspected and receive an award if they comply (hint: wear black shoes….). Please collect and keep all awards. Awards must be presented to the office to qualify for Bronze (5 awards), Silver (10 awards), Gold (20 awards) and Diamond (40 awards). Only students who achieve gold level will attend the rewards day at the end of the year.

Class Dojo

Families from 2017 will already be connected into our 2018 Class Dojo, new families and some Year 5s will need to activate their account. More than one parent can connect and their correspondence with me will be private. Follow the instructions on the invitation to download the app and connect. Please see me if you have any problems with getting set up. Consider allowing notifications so that your device will alert you to new information coming through.

Parent Help and Volunteering

If you would like to offer some time to volunteer in our class it would be greatly appreciated. There are always many opportunities to be of help. Also, if you have a particular area of expertise or interest that may fit well with our units of work, feel free to let me know. Please contact me if you are available and interested.

Thank you for taking the time to read this information. As always, feel free to get in touch if you have any questions, concerns or ideas. I am looking forward to a wonderful year with Cooinda 2018.

Kind Regards

Mrs Larsen

Class Teacher  
Cooinda 2018