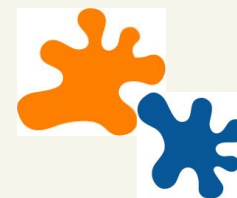




# Parent Update



## Book Week at JIMS!

### UPCOMING DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

- 16th Sept  
PTA Meeting
- 17th Sept  
Last day before mid-semester break
- 18th Sept - 2nd Oct  
Mid Semester Break
- 28th Sept - 2nd Oct  
JIMS Holiday Program
- 5th Oct  
Students return to school
- 9th Oct  
Fun Sports Day

The primary students have been enjoying a variety of Book Week activities this week. The theme for the week has been Roald Dahl and his amazing contribution to children's literature. The students have listened to his hilarious and thoroughly entertaining stories and watched some of them on the small screen. There was particular excitement in preparation for today's cooking activities. The chance of making 'Stink Bug eggs, Willy Wonka

chocolates and Frobscottle' certainly got everyone's attention!

On Wednesday students received the Holiday Program schedule, there is a wonderful array of activities and students can choose which days they attend. Those wishing to register for the program should return their form and money by next Wednesday.

Students have also received the latest Book Club catalogue this week.

There are hundreds of books to choose from and something for everyone. Order forms were attached to the catalogue. Those wishing to purchase should return their forms by Wednesday. This will allow an order to be placed before the mid-semester break and delivery hopefully during the first week back.



**The Redwoods are enjoying their literature studies. Check out two of their 1984 essays on Page 2.**

### PTA Meeting

The first *Parent Teacher Association* meeting this school year will take place on **Wednesday 16th September at 10am** in the library.

It is a wonderful opportunity to meet other parents and become involved in the school.

Come and join us!



### Late Passes

A new 'Late Pass' system has been implemented this week. Students arriving late to school must visit the office before going to their classroom. This signing in procedure allows the school to keep accurate attendance records and fulfill our duty of care from the moment a student arrives on campus.

**Our Redwoods have been studying one of George Orwell's most famous novels; 1984. In the essays below Yuuki and Zahid discuss some of the conditions described in Orwell's fictional city of Oceania.**

In 1984, the party rules the people. No one is individual. Everyone is the same. Yet there are still a minority who are capable of thought-crime, of thinking against the dictatorship of Big Brother, of being an individual. The party blames it on the language, so now the party is trying to destroy individuality by destroying the language.

To the party, the main reason why people commit thought-crime is because of language. There are still too many words that let people think, let them imagine. That's why the party created Newspeak, which is a new way to say and write words. With it, the party believes that they can stop people from thinking, from expressing themselves. As Winston's comrade, Syme, pointedly notes: "If you have a word like `Good` what need is there for a word like `Bad`? `Ungood` will do just as well." This control of vocabulary has the main goal of making society into a mass of unindividual, unthinking robots.

Even with Newspeak, people still commit thought-crime, so the party assigns certain people the job of making the Newspeak dictionary. Most people believe that those who work on the Newspeak dictionary create new words, but in reality their job is to destroy words. "Don't you see that the whole point of Newspeak is to narrow the range of thought? In the end, we shall make thought-crime literally impossible, because there will be no words in which to express it." What Syme is implying is that by destroying words, the party can also destroy thoughts, therefore making everyone mindless.

In this way, the party hopes to gain full and complete control over everyone, which is the real reason why the party started to destroy words.

By Yuuki



Language is used for expression and communication, but in Oceania, Orwell's 1984, their language is limited. Every year they would destroy, remove and diminish words from their dictionary, which is getting smaller and smaller every time. Big Brother and the party want to narrow the range of thought and expression, trying to remove individuality, and, ultimately, freedom. Compared to 'Oldspeak', 'Newspeak', the party's enforced language, is almost impossible to express with. Synonyms, verbs, adjectives, antonyms and nouns vanish nearly every day. They even have a job in which this is their sole activity, destruction. 'Thoughtcrime', which involves thinking about what the party does not want you to think about, like rebelling against the party or leaving the country, is what they want to prevent. Thoughtcrime, individuality or expression, was what Oldspeak could provide. Expressing yourself through writing is also forbidden, against the law. Probably in the near future, no one, not a single living human would be able to understand Oldspeak or even hear about it.

By Zahid



**Nanny/Career Waiting Area**

**A waiting area has been created for nannies or careers underneath the stairs in front of the library. Can you please advise your nannies/careers of this new arrangement.**

**Access to the Cafeteria**

**It is important nannies/careers and parents do not enter the cafeteria while the students are eating. Our students must eat their meals independently, becoming responsible for feeding and cleaning up after themselves.**