This term’s dates for your calendar

**Week 3**
- Fri 15th Feb: Swimming carnival

**Week 4**
- Thurs 21st Feb: Canteen opens

**Week 5**
- Mon 25th Feb: P&C AGM 6.30pm School library
- 26 – 27th Feb: Zone swimming
- Fri 1st Mar: Student Assistance Application returned

**Week 6**
- Thurs 7th Mar: School Photos K – 6

**Week 7**
- Mon 11th Mar: School Council AGM
- Fri 15th Mar: School Cross Country

**Week 9**
- Fri 29th Mar: Easter Friday - no school

**Week 10**
- Mon 1st April: Easter Monday - no school

**Week 11**
- Tues 9th April: Zone cross country
- Aboriginal Culture Day
- Fri 12th April: Last day of term

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**STUDENT ASSISTANCE**

Every year the school receives a small amount of money to assist those families experiencing financial difficulties. This money can be used to contribute to your child’s book fees, school uniforms from the school uniform shop and major excursions. If you would like to apply for assistance please collect an application from the office and return it by Friday 1st March. Once all applications are in we can divide the money and then advise you of your allocation.

**Sport News**

Our annual Swimming Carnival is on tomorrow (Friday) for all year 3-6 students and those students turning 8 this year. We are looking forward to having a fantastic day. Please remember sun safety.

Congratulations to Hayden who has been selected to represent NSW in the U12 Japan squad in June this year.

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**Reminder - Band 2013**

*Monday & Friday mornings with Mrs Alecia Walters*

*Notes back as soon as possible*

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**School Council AGM**

The School Council AGM will be held on Monday 11th March at 7pm. This will be followed by a School Council meeting.

**P&C Annual General meeting – Reminder**

The 2013 Annual General Meeting of the Jesmond Public School P&C will be held on Monday 25th February at 6.30 pm in the school library.

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**P & C News**

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**Congratulations to the following students who received a Gold Award at last Friday’s assembly**

Gold Awards
*(five merit awards)*

*Corey    Minh Phuć*
Canteen – Will open on Thurs 21st Feb. At this stage canteen will only open on Thursday’s. **HELPERS DESPERATELY NEEDED** if the canteen is to open any other day(s).

Community News

BMX Australia  
Come and try the excitement of BMX Racing for FREE  
Lake Macquarie BMX – Mary Street Argenton  
23rd February from 10.00am-2.30pm.

Phone Trish Anderson for details: 04090452342.

Wallsend Diggers  
Monthly Kids Disco are held at Wallsend Diggers from January – May. $15.00 per child.  
The Little Scallywagz Show is on Wednesday 17th April at 11.00am. Tickets are $5.00.  
Please phone 49517000 for details.

Waratah Mayfield Junior Rugby League is registering player from 5 years-18 years. Beginners most welcome.  
Please phone Joanne 0431 700274 for details.
Attention: Kindergarten, Year 1 & 2 parents and care-givers

Soon Kindergarten, Year 1 & 2 students will begin the **Fun Friends** program.

An information meeting for parents will be held on **Wednesday 20th February 2013 at 6pm** at school. This meeting will be finished by 7pm. There will be no childcare available.

“The **Fun Friends** program has been developed to encourage students to develop their self-worth and resilience. Research shows that they are more likely to become happy and successful people in their later years. It is strongly supported by the World Health Organisation.” [http://pathwayshrc.com.au/](http://pathwayshrc.com.au/)

Students will be given homework for this program. Please come and find out more.

Complete the attached note to indicate your attendance.

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I will be attending the **Fun Friends** program on **Wednesday 20th February 2013**

**Name:** ____________________________________________

**Parent/Caregiver Signature:** __________________________