This term’s dates for your calendar

**Week 7**
- Fri 15th Mar: School Cross Country

**Week 8**
- Thurs 21st Mar: Back up Cross Country
- Fri 22nd Mar: Yr 6/7 EOI returned
- Out of Uniform - Chocolate donations for P&C

**Week 9**
- Mon 25th Mar: Kinder parent interviews begin
- Tues 26th Mar: Years 5 & 6 Bike safety
- P&C Meeting 6.30pm
- Wed 27th Mar: Easter raffle drawn
- Thurs 28th Mar: Easter Scripture performance
- Fri 29th Mar: Easter Friday - no school

**Week 10**
- Mon 1st April: Easter Monday - no school
- Tues 2nd April: Yr 1 – Yr 6 parent interviews begin

**Week 11**
- Mon 8th April: Yr 1 – Yr 6 parent interviews continue
- Tues 9th April: Zone Cross Country
- Aboriginal Culture Day
- Weds 10th April: First instalment for Myuna Bay paid
- Thurs 11th April: Yr 6 ANZAC excursion
- Fri 12th April: School ANZAC service
- Last day of term

School Council
- Congratulations to the following people who were elected to the 2013 school council last night.
  - President: Mr David Moore
  - Vice President: Mr Chris Lawrence
  - Secretary: Mr Carl Mc Ewen
  - Treasurer: Mrs Jacqueline Howard
  - Staff rep: Mrs Jane Lobsey
  - Community rep: Mr Hugh Gordon

Myuna Bay Excursion Yrs 3 – 6 $260 per child
- Instalment payment due dates for the Myuna Bay excursion are:
  - **Wednesday 10th April**: $100 deposit paid in full
  - **Wednesday 5th June**: $80 second instalment paid in full
  - **Wednesday 17th July**: $80 third & final instalment paid in full

This allows the school to meet the Myuna Bay payment deadlines.

These compulsory payments must be met. However, anyone wishing to pay the excursion costs off weekly or fortnightly is most welcome, as long as the total amounts are paid by the deadlines. Your child will receive a receipt for each payment.

Please note that this excursion cost is reduced due to the $1000 donation by the Jesmond P&C towards the cost of transport to and from Myuna Bay.

We are currently invoicing each student attending so please do not start sending in any money to school for the excursion until next Tuesday. Thank you.

Voluntary School Contributions
- As you are aware we have many costs associated with classroom teaching and learning. This year we are using very few workbooks which has reduced costs to parents. It does however increase the cost to the school in copying and paper use to ensure we have the resources for quality learning in our rooms.

Please see attached a list of Voluntary School Contributions for the year. Prompt payment will be greatly appreciated and will help our budget.

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

**Brody, Minh, Lainey**

Super Star Award

**Ashleigh**
Sport

Cross Country Carnival
Tomorrow is our annual cross country carnival at Jesmond Park. The first race will start at 11:30 and it will be the 8/9 year old students. The last race of the day will be the 12 year old students. Remember to pack plenty of water, aerogard, a hat, lunch and recess.

On Monday Years 3-6 participated in a rugby league clinic. All students and teachers had a fantastic time learning new skills with some students learning the skills of throwing and kicking a football for the first time. School clinics such as this one are a great opportunity for our students to be exposed to a range of skills and physical education activities.

Live Life Well @ School
Be Healthy – Be Active
- Children and adults need physical activity every day.
- Activity helps build better bones, muscles, joints and helps maintain a healthy weight.
- Physical activity can also reduce the risk of heart disease, type 2 diabetes and some cancers.
- Get active anyway you can – walking, riding, swimming and playing active games such as Duck Duck Goose.

Student Behaviour Returning Home from School
We have recently had a number of visits and calls from people in the Jesmond community advising us that students from our school, wearing school uniform, are acting very inappropriately along the bikeway/overpass area and down at Jesmond shops after school.

This is very disappointing as the wider community is getting a negative impression of our wonderful school.

Please speak to your child/children and encourage them to speak to the class teacher or myself if they observe anything that should not be happening or anything that concerns them coming to and from school.

Thank you