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

Sophie, Chloe & Peter

Super Star Awards (three gold awards)

Brody

Chicken Pox Alert

We have been advised that there have been some suspected cases of chicken pox in our school.

Zone Cross Country

Well done to all those students who participated in last week’s cross country carnival at Jesmond Park. All students had a fantastic day and demonstrated great sportsmanship when running in the 2km or 3km races. A BIG thank you to all the parents who supported our carnival by volunteering or cheering on our students.

The 2013 Cross Country Champions and the winning Sport House:

Junior Champions
Finn McEwen and Eyerusalem Mengistu

Senior Champions
Jaylen Boyce and Raba Babo

2013 House Winner
Patterson!

Congratulations again to all the winners. Students, who have qualified for zone will be issued with a note this week.

Bandage Bear/ Teddy Bears Picnic Recess

Friday 5th April

Please see the separate note regarding this activity to raise awareness and funds for the Children’s Hospital at Westmead, Sydney. Let’s hope for a beautiful day with lots of sunshine and recuperating bears.

Parent Volunteers needed !!!!!!

On Saturday 6th April the staff are “manning” the Bunnings BBQ at Kotara to raise money to purchase reading resources for our school. We are having three of these events this year with the aim of getting reading resources which can be used to develop independent work skills in students Years 2 – 6. The resources are around $800 per kit and we are hoping to be able to raise enough money to purchase three kits.

Happy Easter to all Our families
Have a Safe & Enjoyable Break
We will also be selling our “Around the World in a Lunchbox” cookbook at these times with all proceeds going towards reducing the cost of the Stage Three excursion to Canberra in 2014.

Any parents that may have any time to volunteer will be most welcome. Even a few hours will be greatly appreciated. Please contact Mrs Jane Lobsey or Mrs Carolyn Schimann at the front office if you are able to help out on any of the following dates:

- **Saturday 6th April** at Kotara Bunnings
- **Sunday 16th June** at Kotara Bunnings
- **Saturday 31st August** at Glendale Bunnings

### 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.

### C.A.R.E.S Excursion

On Tuesday, 35 year 5 and 6 students travelled by bus to the Central Coast to undertake the Community and Road Education Scheme (C.A.R.E.S). Students learned about safe use of bicycles and general road rules. They heard about the risks and consequences of not using proper protective equipment, like bike helmets. The visit also allowed students the chance to ride bicycles around the track, which was equipped with traffic lights, stop and give-way signs and a multi-lane roundabout. The students had a wonderful day and have come home with lots of new skills and knowledge.

### 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.

Voluntary School Contributions for the year are listed below:

- One Student  $40.00
- Two Students  $55.00
- Three Students  $65.00
- Four Students or more  No cost

Prompt payment will be greatly appreciated and will help our budget.

### Live Life Well @ School

Iodine and learning

Iodine is needed for the thyroid gland, growth and brain development. Sources of iodine include:

- cow’s milk, yoghurt and cheese
- Seafood
- seaweed – as used in sushi or nori rolls

### Jesmond Woolworths helping Teddy Bears

Jesmond Public School is holding a Teddy Bears Picnic to help raise money for The Children’s Hospital at Westmead. Jesmond Woolworths is kindly donating many different types of fruit to eat on the day in addition to the students’ recess. Jesmond Woolworths has helped many charities and last year donated a significant amount of money to different hospitals. Woolworths believes that one of the best ways of contributing to the growth and development of Australia is by ensuring it is a nation of healthy and happy individuals, families and communities.

Thank you Jesmond Woolworths!!
P&C News
The next P&C meeting will be held on Tuesday 7th May at 6.30pm.

Canteen
The canteen will continue to be open on Thursday this term. Debbie can be contacted on 0421 620041 for any queries and/or offers to help out.

Uniform Shop
The uniform shop is open on Mondays 8.45-9.15am

Fundraising
A huge thank you to everyone that donated prizes and bought tickets for our Easter Raffle.

The P&C is here for everyone involved with the school. If anyone has questions, suggestions, comments or feedback, please let us know! HELPERS & VOLUNTEERS ALWAYS NEEDED PLEASE.
Email: jesmondpublicschoolpandc@hotmail.com or joannekokins@live.com.au or on 0420 373133.

Community News
Lake Macquarie Rugby Union
Lake Macquarie Rugby Union Club are holding a holiday program on Tuesday 23rd April and Wednesday 24th April.
Please email Ryan Dunnett: kiwi9coach@yahoo.com.nz for more information.

Blackbutt Bush Rangers!
The Newcastle Permanent Junior Ranger program brings kids back to nature. This school holidays kids will build a shelter, paint a boomerang, hunt for animals, and have a photo with a reptile for a take home bookmark!
Dates: 15 - 19 April 2013
Time: 9:30 - 11:30am
Location: Richley Reserve
Fees apply and bookings are essential.
For further information please contact: Blackbutt Reserve Office - 4904 3344 or visit www.newcastle.nsw.gov.au

Bookbusters Bookclub
Are you in Year 4, 5 or 6?
Share favourite books, games, quizzes & food.
Wallsend District Library
1st Tuesday each month
4.00pm
(weather term only)