This term’s dates for your calendar

**Week 6**
- **Mon 3rd Mar**: Premier’s Reading Challenge begins K - 6
- **Tues 4th Mar**: Waratah Campus 4pm Years 5 & 6 parent/student afternoon, 4-5.30pm
- **Thurs 6th Mar**: School Photos, K-6
- **Fri 7th Mar**: Year 6 Transition Day Waratah Campus

**Week 7**
- **Mon 10th Mar**: Yr 6 High School EOI to go home
- **Fri 14th Mar**: School Cross Country

**Week 8**
- **Mon 17th Mar**: Kinder Best Start interviews
- **Fri 21st Mar**: Harmony Day Celebrations
- **Fri 21st Mar**: Yr 6 High School EOI returned to JPS
- **Fri 21st Mar**: Yr 6 High Achievers applications for Waratah Campus returned to JPS

**Week 9**
- **Mon 24th Mar**: School Council AGM 7.20pm
- **Tues 25th Mar**: P&C Meeting 6.30pm
- **Wed 26th Mar**: Zone Cross Country

**Week 10**
- **Mon 31st Mar**: Parent / Teacher interviews, Yrs 1-6 commence
- **Fri 4th April**: Out of Uniform, Chocolate donation for P&C Easter raffle

**Week 11**
- **Thurs 10th April**: Easter Hat Parade

**Callaghan College Creative Arts Opportunity**
We are very happy to have Mrs Candece Bergin-Brown from Callaghan College working with us Wednesday mornings starting next week. Mrs Bergin-Brown will be teaching Mr Bannister’s class the recorder and then taking a Ukulele group from 10.30 - 11am in the hall.

At this stage children will need to provide their own ukulele. If you would like to purchase one through the school, please collect an order form from the office. Parents interested in learning the ukulele are welcome to come along and see how it is done.

**Congratulations to the following students who received awards at last Friday’s assembly**

**Gold Award**
Alice, Minh Thang and Minh Phuc

**Superstar**
Keerthika

**Parent Survey**
With your help we would like to collect information from the school community to review and report on our performance in specific areas of school operation and student learning.

We will also be collecting information from senior students and school staff in these areas and you will be able to read the findings in the 2013 Annual School Report which will be available towards the end of this term.

Thank you for taking the time to complete and return the survey **by Friday 14th March** to either;

- your child’s class teacher
- the front office or
- a labelled box outside the hall.

**School Photos**
School Photos for all classes K-6, will be taken on Thursday 6th March. A variety of packages will be available, ranging in price from $20 - $43. Envelopes have gone home but please do not send any money until the day of the photos. Family photo envelopes are available from the office.
Voluntary School Contributions
Voluntary school contributions for 2014 are:

- 1 student $40.00
- 2 students $55.00
- 3 students or more $65.00

A letter regarding fees will be sent home soon.

Home Readers for Years K-2 will be provided to students by the school at no cost to families.

School fees help to cover the costs of paper, copying, supply of workbooks, stationery etc. which we incur providing resources to all students at no charge. Thank you for your contributions.

Student Assistance Reminder
This year our funding model has changed but we are still allocating a similar amount of money as 2013 to assist families experiencing financial difficulty meeting schooling expenses. 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 28th February. Once all applications are in we can divide the money and then advise you of your allocation.

Sport
JPS Swimming Carnival 2014
The Swimming Carnival was held on Friday 14th February at Mayfield Swimming Pool. The rain held off and the students had a really good time. Whether it was cheering from the grass or swimming as fast as they could, every student should be proud of their efforts on the day.

Strong performances and outstanding participation saw Paterson house become Swimming Champions for 2014.

The school congratulates the following students for placing in their age championships.

Congratulations must go to the house leaders who organised junior students and their team songs.

A big thanks to all the parent helpers on stop watches and to those who came to support the school. We couldn’t do it without you.

Kieren, Laine, Nicholas, Sophie, Zac, Winsen, Amy, Chloe, Tayler and Jaylen represented our school at the Zone Carnival at Lambton Swimming Pool on Wednesday 26th February.

David Horton
Sports Co-Ordinator

Active After-school Program
Active After-school Program commenced this week with a fantastic response from the students.

Keep active,
Rachean Boyce – Active After-school Coordinator

High School Transition
There are a number of exciting activities coming up for our Year 6 students. Even though it is only Term 1, parents and carers need to be thinking about high school applications and preparing their child for this transition. The following events are great opportunities designed to support our senior students and their families during this time.

Open Afternoon
Callaghan College Waratah, our partner high school, is holding an open afternoon on Tuesday, 4th March from 4pm to 5.30pm. The event will be held in the Hall. Parking is available at the rear of the school and afternoon tea will be provided.

All parents of interested Years 5 and 6 students are welcome to attend and find out more about the school.

Transition Day
All Year 6 students will take part in an excursion to Callaghan College Waratah on Friday, 7th March. Students will be picked up from Jesmond Public School in a bus and be taken to high school for the day, where they will experience lessons with high school teachers and have a look around the campus. Mrs Curry will accompany students on this excursion. Students will return to Jesmond Public School before 3pm. There is no cost for the day.
All Year 6 students, regardless of their intended destination high school, are expected to attend this event. Please ensure permission notes are returned as soon as possible to Mrs Curry.

Information evening
To assist families with the processes involved in enrolling your child in high school, Jesmond Public School has decided to host an information night for Year 5 and 6 families to help you through the process.

The information evening will be held on Monday, 10th March. Mrs Howard, Mrs Curry, Mr Bannister and the Principal of Callaghan College Waratah, Mr Dana Fuller, will be available to explain the application process and answer any questions you may have.

Information about local high schools and their selective classes like CAPA and Gifted and Talented classes will also be available. It is imperative that parents consider their options now to ensure their child has a smooth transition to their desired high school.

On this day, parents will also receive their Expression of Interest forms, which is the first step to enrolling your child in Year 7 2015.

We look forward to seeing you there!

Before & After School Care
Footsteps Family Day Care (Joel & Kathryn Adams) provide before and after school care with a school drop off at Jesmond Public School in the morning and a pick up from school in the afternoon. If you are interested please call 0422 104 024 or visit their website at - footstepsfamilydaycare@live.com.au

Library News
Yesterday, the Newcastle Library launched their new “Bilingual Children’s Book Collection”. This library has a selection of children’s books in a variety of languages, as well as thousands of books written in English.

The Newcastle Library is situated on the Ground Floor in Laman Street, Newcastle.

The library is open on Monday to Friday 9:30am – 8:00pm and Saturday 9:30am – 2:00pm.

They also have Premier’s Reading Challenge books available, which will start on Monday 3rd March.

Book Club
Thank you to everyone who placed an order. We will order books on Friday and will notify the students when they are in.

Premier’s Reading Challenge
Premier’s Reading Challenge will commence on Monday 3rd March. A note explaining Premier’s Reading Challenge will follow soon.

Band News
School Band commenced this week. It is held Wednesdays, in the school hall from 8.20 – 9.20am. Private lessons have also commenced this week. A note with lesson days and times have been sent home with your child last Friday.

Kinder News
What a fabulous start to school! Kindergarten have been busy learning their letters and sounds with the Jolly Phonics program. Each sound has an action and song to match. So far we have been learning:

Week 2 – s, a, t
Week 3 – i, p, n, c/k
Week 4 – e, h, r, m
Week 5 – d, g, o, u.

Home Reading has started this week and Kindergarten students are very excited and proud of how clever they are getting.

Mrs Ross & Mrs Boyce

Spare Clothes Needed
We are looking for donations of small school uniforms for Kindergarten (shirts, pants and socks). If you have any at home that are no longer needed, please bring them in to Mrs Ross.

P & C News
The P&C held a fundraising Sausage Sizzle at the new Masters Store at Heatherbrae on Sunday. Even though it was short notice we managed to raise a great amount of money for our school.

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We would like to thank our volunteers that assisted on the day. Nick and Joy Dorado, Ken Brett, Fiona and Steve Shiner, Michael Karnaghan and John Gosden. We look forward to future BBQs and your support.

Community News

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Friends for Life Program

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9 - 11 yr olds

The Friends for Life Program is for kids 9-11 yrs old who have difficulty regulating their emotions. Each class will focus on the emotions they experience in everyday situations.

The program is helpful for:
- Reducing Anger, Sadness & Anxiety by finding healthy ways to deal with these emotions appropriately
- Increasing Self-Esteem & Self-Confidence & Resilience
- Reducing Bullying Issues & Building Positive Peer Relationships

The program will run on Tuesday Afternoons after school from 3:30-5pm for 10 weeks, starting Tuesday March 18th 2014 at Jesmond Neighbourhood Centre.

Pathways to Resilience Trust

If you would like your newsletter sent to you via e-mail, please fill in the below information.

Parent Name: ______________________________
Student/s Name: ____________________________
Email address: ___________________________________________________

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