We Nurture the Future

This term’s dates for your calendar

**Week 6**
- Fri 7th Mar: Year 6 Transition Day Waratah Campus
- Mon 10th Mar: Yr 6 High School EOI to go home
- Tues 11th Mar: Yr 5&6 High School Information night at JPS 6pm
- Fri 14th Mar: Guide Dog visit K - 2

**Week 7**
- Mon 17th Mar: Kinder Best Start interviews
- Wed 19th Mar: Celebrating the National Day of Action Against Bullying & Violence
- Fri 21st Mar: Harmony Day Celebrations

**Week 8**
- Mon 24th Mar: Kinder Best Start interviews
- Tues 25th Mar: P&C Meeting 6.30pm
- Wed 26th Mar: Zone Cross Country

**Week 9**
- Mon 31st Mar: Parent / Teacher interviews, Yrs 1-6 commence
- Fri 4th April: Out of Uniform, chocolate donation for P&C Easter raffle

**Week 10**
- Thurs 10th April: Easter Hat Parade & P&C raffle drawn

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**STAGE 2 & 3 EXCURSION PAYMENT SCHEDULES**

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**Trees in the School Playground**
This Thursday morning a qualified arborist is coming to our school to begin an assessment of the trees in our playground and any safety risks they may pose. If any tree is identified as a risk to students, staff and parents we will get support from DEC’s Asset services to make the area safe around the identified tree/s and have the tree pruned or removed as required.

**National Day of Action Against Bullying & Violence**
Our current value of the month is RESPECT and over the next few weeks teachers will be linking the RESPECT value lessons with discussion and activities around "My School Without Bullying."

This does not replace our Personal Development Child Protection units of study that we teach in Term 3 but supports our students in saying NO to bullying. Classes will share their ideas about "My School Without Bullying" at our combined singing time on Wednesday 19th March.

**Harmony Day Celebrations - Orange Day**
Once again the Multicultural Ambassadors team will lead our school Harmony Day celebrations on Friday 21st March. Student led activities will be organised during the mid-morning session celebrating the cultural diversity with our community and deepening our understandings of how we all live.

Children are encouraged to wear something orange on this day.

**Voluntary School Contributions**
Voluntary school contributions for 2014 are:
- 1 student: $40.00
- 2 students: $55.00
- 3 students or more: $65.00

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.

**Office News**
**Student Contact, Health & Emergency Care Cards**
New Student Contact, Health & Emergency Care Cards (blue card) have gone home today. Please complete and return to your class teacher or the office as soon as possible.
Where families have more than one student, please complete a separate card for each student.

It is vital that we have up to date information, so we can keep all students safe and parents/carers can be contacted easily in the event of illness.

The format of the card has changed to reflect information required by the Department of Education & Communities.

Thank you for your co-operation.

High School Transition

Transition 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 form, which is the first step to enrolling your child in Year 7, 2015. We look forward to seeing you there!

Student Assistance
Families who have applied for student assistance will receive a letter next week advising them if their application was successful and, if so, the amount of financial assistance granted.

The Great Aussie Bush Camp
Thank you for advising if your child will be attending this Stage 2 excursion. A reminder that the payment schedule for this excursion is:

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Sport

On 26th February, nine students from Jesmond Public went to Lambton Swimming Pool to compete in the Zone Carnival. It was the largest contingent in memory that we had qualify for a zone swimming meet. We were extremely successful with many students placing in their heat. Unfortunately, we didn’t have anybody qualify for regional but the students who competed should be very proud of their achievements.

Cross Country
Cross Country will take place at Jesmond Park on Friday 14th March. Students must wear school uniform, bring their recess, lunch and a water bottle. Students will not be able to bring spray on mosquito repellent but are advised to bring roll-on repellent if they have it, as the mosquitos can be quite fierce at the park.

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
Premier’s Reading Challenge
Don’t forget that Premier’s Reading Challenge has started. If you require any further information, please contact your child/ren’s teacher or Mrs Mitchell and Mrs Beatty in the library. Let’s get reading!

Community News