This term’s dates for your calendar

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| Week 11 | Thurs 10th April | Easter Hat Parade & P&C raffle drawn |

Reminder -
No school canteen available this Friday

STAGE 2 & 3 EXCURSION PAYMENT SCHEDULES

Great Aussie Bush Camp

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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 within our community and deepening our understandings of how we all live.

Children are encouraged to wear something orange on this day but need to wear covered shoes and to be sun safe.

Our P&C canteen ladies have organised a special pre-order for Friday 21st March to make it an even more special day.

School Band
Well done to those members of our school band who went with Mrs Walters to the combined Bandlink workshop last Friday afternoon at Wallsend Campus Callaghan College. It was a most successful session and will culminate in some combined performances. Very exciting times for Jesmond School Band!!!

National Day of Action Against Bullying & Violence
Classes are continuing to work on this mini unit of work and we are looking forward to their presentations next Wednesday at 11.30am. We anticipate that some of the posters student create around "My School Without Bullying" will be displayed in the classrooms and around the school.

Dogs in School Grounds
Please be aware that dogs are not to be brought into the school grounds unless it is an organised educational excursion e.g. guide dog visit and responsible pet ownership. This is a Work Health & Safety requirement for DEC schools to ensure the safety of our students, parents and staff.

Bicycles at School
Thank you to those responsible bike owners who,
- Ride safely to and from school wearing their helmet.
- Use a bike lock to secure their bike at school.
- Always walk their bikes to and from the school gates while in the school grounds.

To ensure the security of the bike please make sure your child has a bike lock. The school has no facilities to secure student scooters and would prefer they do not come to school.

Mr Bannister has needed to remind all students to stay away from the bike rack during the day, bike owners being the only students near the bikes at arrival and departure times.
Office News
Thankyou to those families who have already returned their Student Contact Health and Emergency Care Card. If you have not done so, please complete and return to school as soon as possible as it is vital we have current information. Where families have more than one student, please ensure a separate card is completed for each student. Extra copies are available at the office if required.

High School Information Evening
A successful information session for Stage 3 parents was held at the school on Monday evening. Parents of Years 5 and 6 students heard about a range of options for transitioning their children into High School and had their questions answered about the process.

For parents who missed the meeting, your Expression of Interest forms for Year 7 were sent home on Tuesday. If you are interested in submitting an application for your child to be placed in selectice classes at Wallsend or Waratah High Schools, please obtain an application form from the office today.

The due dates are as follows:
Expression of Interest (all Year 6 students) due: Friday 21st March 2014
Waratah High Achievers Class: Friday 21st March 2014
Wallsend Creative and Performing Arts (CAPA) class: 21st March 2014
Wallsend Gifted and Talented (GATS) class: Friday 28th March 2014. For further information about High School Transition please see the front office or Mrs Curry.

Book Club
Book Club went out last Friday. It is due back on Thursday 20th March.

High School For a Day
Sixteen Year 6 students travelled to Callaghan College Waratah on Friday for their first transition to High School experience. Students had the opportunity to experience High School Art, Science, Drama and Hospitality lessons.

Highlights included cooking (and eating) banana, strawberry and chocolate pancakes and examining various specimens under a microscope. The students all had a wonderful day at the high school and are looking forward to their next transition activities.

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.

Canberra and Great Aussie Bush Camp
Just a reminder that deposits for both Canberra and The Great Aussie Bush Camp are due next week.
- Canberra, Tuesday 18th March
- The Great Aussie Bush Camp, Wednesday 19th March.

To secure your spot, please ensure that you pay by these dates!

P&C News
Canteen
Canteen will be closed this Friday due to the Cross Country.

Harmony Day Celebrations Friday 21st March
Canteen pre-order forms went out on Wednesday 12th March and will need to be returned by Tuesday 18th March. No late orders will be accepted. Normal canteen menu will be still available on the day.

P&C will be holding an Out of Uniform and Easter Egg donations day on Friday 4th April. Easter Raffle tickets will be sent home on Friday 21st March and are to be returned on Friday 4th April. Raffle will be drawn at the Easter Hat Parade, Thursday 10th April.

A big thank you to Cristy Ellis for her generous donation of $1,500 to the Jesmond Public School P&C Association.

We would also like to extend another big thank you to John Gosden and Protector All Safe for their generous donation of a First Aid Kit for the school canteen.