Dates for your calendar

**Week 9**
- 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**
- Wed 9th April: Parent Interviews conclude KINDER open classrooms
- Thurs 10th April: Easter Hat Parade & P&C raffle drawn
- Fri 11th April: Last day of term

**TERM 2**

**Week 1**
- Tues 29th April: Students return School ANZAC service

**Week 2**
- Wed 7th May: K/1 Mothers morning
- Fri 9th May: Mothers’ Day Stall P&C

**Week 3**
- Mon 12th May: School Council
- Tues 13th May: Yr 3 & 5 Naplan Language Conventions & Writing
- Wed 14th May: Yr 3 & 5 Naplan - Reading
- Thurs 15th May: Yr 3 & 5 Naplan - Numeracy
- Fri 16th May: Yr 3 & 5 Naplan - catch up day

**Week 4**
- Thurs 22nd May: Cancer Cuppa - Biggest Morning Tea

**Week 5**
- Tues 27th May: Athletic Carnival - Wallsend

**Week 6**
- Tues 3rd June: Athletics Carnival back up date

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**STAGE 2 & 3 EXCURSION PAYMENT SCHEDULES**

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**Harmony Day Celebrations - Orange Day**
Last week was Harmony Week. Our Doing Diversity Differently, Multicultural Ambassador Team, coordinated and presented several class activities that celebrated our nation’s unique diversity. The team talked about the need for everyone to live in peace and harmony as well as promoting the national message "everyone belongs". The team did a wonderful job delivering lessons about united sport, music, art and craft. Some students created some great poems in the classes. The multicultural ambassadors performed incredibly well in their leadership role reporting to the whole school at last week’s school assembly.

**Parent Interviews**
Notes have been sent home for parent interviews for you to nominate your preferred time for a meeting. You will then receive a confirmation slip back.

I encourage you to take this opportunity to meet with your child’s teacher and discuss their progress this term and see some of their class work. We have these interviews at the end of Term 1 as children have settled into the academic year and it is a perfect time for some valuable, two-way sharing of information.

We look forward to seeing you over Weeks 10 & 11 this term.

**Zone Cross Country**
On Wednesday 26th March, 22 competitors from Jesmond Public School went to Stevenson Park, Mayfield, to compete in the Zone Cross Country. They all put in excellent effort in wet conditions and they should be very proud of themselves. Jaylen Boyce came 6th in the 12yrs boys’ event and will represent our school at the Regional Cross Country. Congratulations to all our amazing runners.

Well done to the following students who competed at the Zone cross country representing our school:

- **8 Yrs Girls** – Tenaya and Jaylee
- **8 Yrs Boys** – Nicholas
- **9 Yrs Girls** – Caidence
- **9 Yrs Boys** – Kieren and Thomas
- **10 Yrs Girls** – Sophie, Hoor and Samantha
- **10 Yrs Boys** – Tayler and Karungurungu
- **11 Yrs Girls** – Laine and Juri
- **11 Yrs Boys** – Zac, Fariz and Cody
- **12 Yrs Girls** – Amy, Chloe and Brianna
- **12 Yrs Boys** – Jaylen and Jacob
School Council AGM
Last night the Annual General Meeting for the JPS School Council was held. Congratulations to the following, who now hold positions on the council -
- Mr Moore - President, Secretary & parent representative
- Mr Stove - Community representative
- Mr Saravanakumar - Parent representative
- Ms Porter - P&C representative
- Mrs Howard - Principal representative
- Mr Bannister - Staff representative
- Mrs Lobsey - Staff representative

Farewell to Mr Chris Lawrence who announced his departure from the JPS School Council last night after nine years of service to our school. Thank you for the contribution you have made over the years and we wish you and your family all the best.

Green Canteen - Congratulations Deb!
Last week the school had a visit from the Hunter Health "Healthy Canteen" person who spent time with Deb reviewing the canteen menus and available foods. The feedback was extremely positive and she was impressed with our progress towards becoming a "Green Canteen." Congratulations to Deb and the P&C for their success in providing our students with only the best!

P&C News
On Friday 4th April, the P&C are having a Raffle Easter Egg donation and Out of Uniform Day. Tickets for the raffle are due back this day. All sold and unsold tickets are to be returned with the money.

Good for Kids, Good for Life representative Tess Delaney paid a visit to our canteen last Thursday to check our canteen menu against the traffic light system. Our fridges are totally Green which is the highest level achieved. Congratulations to Debbie and all our volunteers for all their hard work and efforts.

NO CANTEEN ON FRIDAY 11TH APRIL, LAST DAY OF TERM.

Community News

HOLIDAY HELPER NEWCASTLE
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