**Dates for your calendar**

**TERM 2**

**Week 9**
- Thurs 26th June: Sportslink Stage 3
- Fri 27th June: Last day of Term 2, No Canteen

**TERM 3**

**Week 1**
- Tues 15th July: Students Return, No Canteen
- Wed 16th July: Canteen Open

**Week 2**
- Fri 25th July: P&C Pie Drive Orders Due

**Week 3**
- Sat 2nd Aug: P&C Bunnings BBQ

### STAGE 2 & 3 EXCURSION PAYMENTS SCHEDULES

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### Mid-Year Holiday

As we enter the mid-year holiday period, I would like to congratulate and thank the teachers and students for their wonderful efforts during the first semester. There has been some amazing learning taking place in our classrooms. I would like to wish all our families a happy and safe winter break. I look forward to seeing you all back here safely for the start of Term 3.

Mr Brad Bannister

### NAIDOC Celebrations

Our school community came together this week to celebrate a special time in our annual calendar. NAIDOC Week celebrations took place on Tuesday 24th June, with the official opening of our wonderful new flagpole. The flagpole, which has been dedicated to the flying of the Aboriginal flag, was donated by our Year 6 Class of 2012. This class committed themselves to raising money to purchase and install the flagpole after identifying the need for our school to recognise and celebrate Aboriginal culture and its contribution to our lives.

Year 6 2012 captains Zjardai, Callum and Carlin returned as special guests to see the realisation of all their hard work.

Uncle Bill and Uncle Edward carried out a smoking ceremony, which cleanses and purifies, before our Indigenous senior students, Cody, Tahlia and Lachlan, raised the Aboriginal flag for the first time.

Following the special assembly, all students took part in a series of rotations throughout the school to celebrate NAIDOC week. These included the very exciting opportunity to make loom band bracelets in Aboriginal colours. Thank you to our wonderful P & C who donated the materials for this activity.

Well done to all involved in making this day such a success.

### Stage 3 Sportslink

Our Year 5 and 6 students participated in the Sportslink carnival today at Federal Park, Wallsend. They had trained very hard to be ready for Kanga Cricket and by all accounts a great time was had by all.

### Office News

To ensure we have up to date health information, School Asthma Action Plans have been sent home with students who have been identified as having asthma. Could parents please complete and return these to the office as soon as possible.

If you did not receive a form, and your child suffers from asthma, please collect one from the office.

### Active After School

Mrs Boyce would like to congratulate all the students who were involved in this program for their fantastic behaviour. A new program will begin next term for Stage 2 and Stage 3 students. A note will go out early next term.

Canberra

Once again, a big thank you to our wonderful P&C who have donated $1000 towards families costs for the Canberra excursion. For students attending this excursion it has brought the final payment down from $50 to $20. The total cost for this excursion in now $370 per child.

Congratulations to the following student who received an award at last Friday’s assembly

**Superstar**

Chloe

Canberra
Outstanding Semester 1 Attendance
Congratulations to the following students who have had 100% attendance for semester one this year.

Kindergarten
Riley, Evie

Year 1
Kamal, Obedi, Shilah

Year 2
Rekha, Brody, Maha, Lina

Year 3
Victoria, Helena, Declan M

Year 4
Alice, Toryalai, Iftikhar, William

Year 5
Juri, Bridgette, Eyerusalem, Kiana, Marie Claire

Year 6
Jaylen, Yaeseo, Winsen

Live! Life! Well!
The Live! Life! Well! Committee would like to say a big thank you to Woolworths Jesmond, for their ongoing donations and support.

Public Speaking winners
Congratulations to all of our wonderful public speakers who presented their speeches to their class, or their Stage, this term.

Presenting a speech in front of an audience is a challenging task and everyone who overcame their nerves to complete it should be proud of themselves.

Our teachers have had the difficult job of selecting two winners from each stage to compete at the Inter-Schools Public Speaking Competition, to be held early next term. This was very tricky, with some wonderful speeches on a wide variety of topics.

The winners are:

Early Stage One
Finnlay, Minecraft
Evie, My Birthday

Stage One
Nicholas, If I Was Invisible
Tesla, Places I’d Like To Visit

Stage Two
Sophie, Chelsea Gordon - News Reporter
Vanessa, Kids Movies

Stage Three
Tayla, My Cats
Tahlia Txt Speak

Well done to our winners and good luck at the next level of this competition.

Band News
No Band practice in Week 1 of next term. We will kick off in Week 2 along with music lessons.

P&C News

Canteen
Just a reminder, there is NO CANTEEN this Friday, the last day of term. We will re-open Wednesday 16th July.

Pie Drive
The P&C are having a Thompson’s Pie Drive. Pie Drive order forms went out on Tuesday and will need to be returned on Friday 25th July (Week 2 of Term 3).

Uniform Shop Winter Sale
The Uniform Shop’s Winter Sale has been extended until end of winter. There are still plenty of items on sale!

Volunteers
A friendly reminder about the pink Volunteer notes; thank you to those people who have a returned these. If you or a family member are able to lend a hand, even for 1 hour, please complete the note and return it to either your child/ren’s teacher or the office. The P&C would greatly appreciate any help offered.

Community News

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