Je Jesmond Public School - Newsletter
Wednesday 16th July 2014   Term 3 Week 1
We Nurture the Future

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Welcome
Welcome back for the start of Term 3. Our students have a wonderful term of learning ahead of them. Welcome back to Mrs Mitchell from her extended break to resume her librarian role. Thank you to Mrs Baker for her efforts in the library toward the end of last term. Mrs Baker resumes her role working with our EALD students. Mrs Laing remains on Mr Bannister’s class and we also welcome back Mrs Cook from maternity leave to resume her role with K-6O. We would also like to thank Mrs Matoka for all her hard work whilst relieving for Mrs Cook.

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

Gold
Zac, Jorja, Helena and Tayla

As you aware, our next instalment of $100 for Canberra is due on Wednesday 30th July.
Please Note: It is vitally important that payments are made on or before the due dates.

Stage 2 Sportslink
This term Stage 2 students will have the opportunity to be involved in the Sportslink initiative. Throughout the term Stage 2 students from 4/5B and 2/3H will practice their Kanga Cricket skills during weekly sport time. The term will culminate with a Gala Day. Notes and further information about this Gala Day will follow in due course.

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.

Nationally Consistent Collection of Data on School Students with Disability – 2014
Our school is participating in the collection of nationally consistent data on school students with disability. We will be collecting information already available in the school about the support that is being provided to students with disability or learning difficulty. Better data will help the government plan for students with disability. The data collection will have no direct impact on the children and they will not be involved in any testing process.
The NSW Department of Education and Communities will provide data to the Australian Government from all NSW public schools in such a way that no individual student or school will be able to be identified. In this way, we will ensure the privacy and confidentiality of all students.

Active After School
A new program will begin this term for Stage 2 and Stage 3 students. A note will go out very soon.

Live! Life! Well!
Selecting Delicious Fresh Produce
Here are some tips on choosing the best fresh fruit and vegetables for taste and storage:
- choose fruit and vegetables in season as they are at their best and cheapest
- select fruit and vegetables that feel firm, smell nice and look fresh
- small or medium sized fruit make good choices for children
- choose vegetables that snap rather than bend

Cluster Choir
Jesmond Public School Choir is enthusiastically rehearsing for their upcoming performance on Thursday 4th September with the Callaghan Cluster Choir. Notes and further information will be provided in the following weeks.

Public Speaking
Congratulations to our Public Speaking champions who have qualified to represent our school at this term's Zone Public Speaking Competition.

Our champions are:
- **Early Stage One**
  Finnlay and Evie
- **Stage One**
  Nicholas and Tesla
- **Stage Two**
  Sophie and Vanessa
- **Stage Three**
  Tayla and Tahlia

These students have received a note this week outlining the timing of their Zone presentation. Students will compete at different local schools over the next two weeks, against champions from our schools in the local area. They have already demonstrated their excellent skills and ability and they should be proud of this achievement. We wish them the best of luck at the next stage of this competition.

Band News
Lessons and Band will commence next week from Monday.

P&C News
Pie Drive
The P&C are having a Thompson’s Pie Drive. Pie Drive order forms went out last term and will need to be returned by Friday 25th July.

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

BUNNINGS BBQ - WALLSEND Sat 2nd Aug
The P&C are having a Bunnings BBQ at the new Bunnings at Wallsend. Volunteers are urgently needed to help between 9am-4pm. If you can spare an hour to help, please leave details at the Canteen or contact Monique on 0431 710 824.

Community News
Diabetes Research
Researchers from the University of Queensland are conducting research into parenting of children with Type 1 Diabetes. They are seeking parents of children and adolescents with Type 1 Diabetes to participate. Participation in this project will involve completing a survey and a telephone interview. The telephone interview includes questions on Diabetes management tasks which parents of children with Type 1 Diabetes experience difficulty with, how parents think and feel about parenting a child with Type 1 Diabetes and their preferences for assessing services to assist in dealing with these behaviours and tasks.
If you are interested in participating in this research or would like further information please email clin.roslyn.pay@uq.edu.au.

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