**Hello Jesmond**

It is lovely to be back at school and a real joy to catch up with everyone and hear about the terrific things the school has been doing over the past weeks. Thank you to Mr Bannister for the wonderful work he did as relieving principal and all the school staff and school community for supporting him. Looking forward to a great second half of the year.

**Child Protection Syllabus – Personal Development**

Term 3 is when class teachers teach the Child Protection aspect of the PE/PD/Sport curriculum. Across K-6 the syllabus sequentially focus on:

- **Growth and Development** e.g. self-esteem, the body, changes and values
- **Interpersonal Development** e.g. types of relationships, families, friends, groups, qualities of positive relationships and communication.
- **Personal Health Choices** e.g. making decisions
- **Safe Living** e.g. personal safety, developing support networks, responding to unsafe situations, assertiveness and rights and responsibilities.

The themes are very broadly recognising Abuse, Power in Relationships & Protective Strategies.

The content for each class is age appropriate and is aimed at teaching children ways to protect themselves from abuse. The aim is to ensure they are “enlightened without being frightened.”

Parents are most welcome to speak to the class teacher, Mrs Mitchell or myself if you would like more information, have any questions or would simply like to look at the curriculum materials we use to teach this unit of work.

We have found that our students often reflect on these lessons and like to discuss them with their families so if you find you need any clarification throughout the term please see us any time.

**Anti Bullying - It’s Everyone’s Responsibility**

**Workshops Years 3 - 6**

**Wednesday 20th August**

To support the Term 3 Child Protection unit of study the school is offering Bullying Awareness Workshops at school on Wednesday 20th August for Years 3 - 6.

We are very grateful that the cost of these Interrelate workshops is being subsidised by our P&C who support our school culture of awareness and concern around this issue.

The Stage 2 session ($4) runs for 60 minutes while the Stage 3 session ($5) runs for 90 minutes. Information and permission notes have already gone home but copies are available from the school website or your child’s teacher.

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

**Gold**

Yaeseo, Laine, Kane, Sophie, Amy, Ruarai and Chloe
Could all notes and money please be returned by Monday 18th August.

**Bike Safety - Helmets**
A reminder that students riding bikes to school are required, by law to be wearing a helmet. Teaching staff have a "duty of care" to ensure children travel to and from school as safely as possible so please assist by making sure your child complies.

**Cluster Choir**
The choir has been preparing for their cluster choir performance on Thursday 4th September 6pm at Waratah Technology Campus.
Notes have gone home to choir members detailing our combined cluster choir rehearsals and transport arrangements. Please ensure that you have returned the signed permission slip and paid the $12 by next Tuesday at the latest. The children have been working extremely hard to learn the catalogue of songs and we are all looking forward to a very memorable evening.

**Year 5 Excursion - Friday 15th August**
On Friday 15th August, Year 5 will have an excursion to Woolworths Jesmond. Year 5 will be learning about fresh healthy eating and what foods are healthy. Students will be learning about fresh produce and how some products are made.

**Champions Speak Out**
This Friday, our Public Speaking Champions will present their Stage-winning speeches at our weekly assembly. We've heard so much about how well these wonderful students performed at zone level so this is your chance to hear them for yourselves.
Our Friday assembly will be held as usual at 2.15-3.00pm. Our Year 6 students will be at the University for an AIM High day. Four of our Year 5 students will be running the Assembly. They are Ming Thang, Mitchell, JR and Aqsa.

**Trash, Treasure and Talent Thank You**
Thank you to all of the families who supported our Year 6 Trash, Treasure and Talent Day yesterday. All students had a wonderful time shopping for new (pre-loved) items and were thrilled with their purchases.
Our Talent Show was a highlight, with many of our multi-talented students showing off their skills to an enthusiastic audience. Congratulations to all who took part.

Thankyou to the Year 6 Social Events Committee for organising this event.

**P&C Thank You**
On behalf of the staff and students of Jesmond Public School I would like to thank Ms Monique Porter for her work as P&C President over the past nine months. Ms Porter recently resigned from her executive P&C position as president and Mr Peter Cox is now acting P&C President.
During her time as president of the P&C, Ms Porter has led the P&C through fundraising activities including the Woolworths BBQ, Mother’s Day Stall, Easter Raffle, a Lego Fundraiser and last Christmas’s wonderful P&C contributions for the end of year celebrations. Thanks Mon.

**P&C Position Vacant**
Thank you to Mr Peter Cox for acting as our P&C President while the position remains unfilled. If anyone would be interested in the position please speak with Peter Cox, myself or Alecia Walters about what the role involves.

**AIM HIGH University Discovery day - Friday 15th August**
Thank you to Mrs Curry for escorting our Year 6 to the University of Newcastle for the University Discovery day this Friday. This is part of the UON AIM High program and we are sure there will be lots of great stories to share next week.

**AIM HIGH Year 5 Careers Through reading**
The University of Newcastle will be running a "Careers through Reading", program in our school with our Year 5 students beginning next week. The aim of this program is to raise awareness with our students of the status of various professional careers and the pathways to these careers while building a love of literacy.
It involves university students reading to small groups of our Year 5 students books that are related to the KLA areas they are studying. This program will run on Mondays for five sessions, ending on 15th September. I wonder how many students will want to be teachers?

**Lost Property**
At the moment we have a large number of unlabelled clothes and belongings in our lost property bin. Next week, teachers will be displaying all lost property items under the COLA each day before and after school. Please come and have a look for any items that may belong to your children. At the end of the week, any unclaimed items will be donated to our clothing pool.
Library News
Thank you to Zoie, Kaiden and the Williams family for their fabulous and generous donation of books to our library.

Live! Life! Well!
The Live! Life! Well! team would like to thank Jesmond Woolworths for their ongoing donations of fruit and breakfast food for the breakfast club. Sumo loose mandarins are in season and are only available at Woolworths.

Healthy vegetable sandwich fillings:
- cheese with sliced celery or cucumber
- grated cheese and carrot
- egg and lettuce
- canned salmon with lemon juice, lettuce or spring onions
- sweet corn with lettuce
- avocado, low-fat cottage cheese or hummus

Class 5/6C Writing Sample
LEGEND OF NIGHT AND DAY
One day the Sun and Moon shared the sky so half the world stayed dark and the other half of the world stayed bright.

But the Sun got angry that she always stayed in one place and demanded to swap with the Moon. The Moon said yes and they swapped spots.

The Sun didn’t like her new spot because everyone wanted the darkness. But the Moon did like his new spot because he got to see new things.

The Sun asked to swap back. The Moon answered no, so the Sun chased the Moon to burn it to pieces for revenge. The Moon had no choice but to run!

So they chased and ran, chased and ran, chased and ran, chased and ran! To this day they are doing the very same thing! This is why we have night and day.
By Mitchell

Community News
What’s On at the Hunter Valley Electric Vehicle Festival

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Do you have a child or know a child starting school in 2015?
Come in and see the ladies in the office to start your child’s enrolment & find out about Jesmond Public School’s Kindergarten Orientation for 2015.

Our Kindergarten 2015 Parent Information Session will be held on:
Tuesday 26\textsuperscript{th} August at 6.00pm in the hall.

All are welcome to come and meet some of our teachers and have a guided tour around the school.