**Dates for your calendar**

**TERM 3**

**Week 10**
 Tues 7th Oct   Students return
 Thurs 9th Oct  Canberra Excursion
 Fri 10th Oct  College Aboriginal Recognition Ceremony
 Fri 11th Oct  State Athletics (2 days)

**Week 1**
 Mon 13th Oct  Kinder Orientation
 Tues 14th Oct  Kinder Orientation
 Wed 15th Oct  Bandfest

**Week 2**
 Mon 20th Oct  Kinder Orientation
 Tues 21st Oct  Kinder Orientation
 Wed 22nd Oct  School Council

**Week 3**
 Mon 27th Oct  Kinder Orientation
 Tues 28th Oct  Kinder Orientation
 Wed 29th Oct  Canteen Closed

**Week 4**
 Mon 3rd Nov  Kinder Orientation & new Kinder’s Parent Meeting
 Tues 4th Nov  School Council
 Wed 5th Nov  CEP Movie and Choir performance 5.30 – 9.00pm

**Week 5**
 Mon 10th Nov  Remembrance Day
 Tues 11th Nov  Bandlink Performance
 Wed 12th Nov  Student Leaders speeches & election

**Week 6**
 Mon 17th Nov  Class Recognition Assembly
 Tues 18th Nov  Presentation Day

**Week 7**
 Mon 24th Nov  Year 6 Farewell
 Tues 25th Nov  Year 6 Excursion

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**Dress up alert for busy families**
19/9/14   Come dressed as your favourite fairy tale character

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**Diversity Opportunity Success**

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

**Gold**
Jessica-Maree, Amy, Tesla and Gurbilaas

**8.30 School Supervision Start**
A timely reminder as the days begin to get longer that children are not allowed in the school grounds before 8.30am. There is no staff supervision of students until 8.30am. Thank you for your assistance in this matter.

**Planning - Community Meeting**
Thursday 18th September 6.00 - 7.30pm
We need your help to discuss the strengths and weaknesses of Jesmond Public School i.e. what is working well, or what could change. This will help us in developing our three year plan. We look forward to seeing you there.

**Multicultural Day**
BRAVO Jesmond Public School!
Last week, our Multicultural Festival, the celebration of the wonderful diversity in our school community, was a huge success. The Multicultural Ambassador Team of students showed wonderful leadership on the day. They introduced our performances and demonstrations and were wonderful compères in the Opening Ceremony and Finale. Congratulations leaders.

We were very privileged to have a traditional Welcome to Country and Smoking Ceremony performed by Uncle Bill. This spiritual event was very significant.

The workshops were truly fantastic and lots of fun for all students. Thank you to our visitors and volunteers who came in to engage children with various cultural and traditional activities. It was also fabulous to see our past students from the high school doing such a marvellous job in the face painting and craft room.

A special thank you to our truly committed canteen volunteers. Without their dedicated time and effort, we
wouldn’t have been able to enjoy the variety of delicious lunches on this special day. And what a wonderful finale! All students performed beautifully and the artwork that was produced was so significant that it could be used by the United Nations. Lastly, a very big thank you to our talented staff who always come together to bring opportunities to students that are unique to our school. Be proud Jesmond Public School community ... YOU ALL ROCK! Renata Ninevski

**Canberra Update**

**Reminder**

Please be aware that the bus for the Canberra Excursion will be leaving at 6:30 am sharp on TUESDAY 7th OCTOBER 2014. We have to leave right on this time due to an early afternoon booking in Canberra. Please be at school ready to have student's names marked off and luggage loaded on to the bus at 6:00 am. Please be aware that if your child falls ill over the holiday break, extra medical consent forms will be available on the morning of departure. These notes are also available on the school’s website.

**Library News**

Thank you to everyone who purchased a book from the Book Fair. With your help, we were able to purchase $399 worth of books. Well done Jesmond Public School.

**Live! Life! Well!**

**Choose water as a drink**

Tap water is not only thirst quenching, but it also contains fluoride which helps make teeth stronger. Water is:

- cheap
- readily available
- a thirst quencher without any kilojoules or sugar
- essential for the optimal function of the body

Children need around 1.2 litres of fluid each day to stay hydrated (more in hot weather). Most children enjoy drinking water if they get into the habit from an early age. Make water ‘the norm’ in your household by always having water available for children and drinking plenty of water yourself.

**Bilby Day**

Last Friday, we raised $62.50 for the Save the Bilby Foundation.

**P&C News**

**Canteen**

Deb Adams would like to thank the Teoh family for supplying the wonderful lunch at our Multicultural Day last week.

**Uniform Shop**

Jesmond Public School is exploring the possibility of introducing a new logo polo shirt into our school uniform range. It will be black and gold fabric. We’re going to be choosing an easy care, durable and comfortable fabric that hides stains well. Stay tuned for more information during Term 4.

**Community News**

**Selective High Information Night**

Merewether High School is holding an information session for Year 5 students and parents intending to sit the Selective School Test in 2015 for entry to Year 7 in 2016.

**Place:** Bensley Hall, Merewether High School
**Day:** Wednesday 8th October
**Time:** 5pm
**RSVP:** Please email the following email address to indicate how many people will be attending.

merewether-h.school@det.nsw.edu.au