**Jesmond Public School - Newsletter**  
**Wednesday 27th August 2014 Term 3 Week 7**  
**We Nurture the Future**

**Dates for your calendar**

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**Dress up alerts for busy families**

| 11/9/14 | Multicultural Day |
| 12/9/14 | Wear something green for Bilby Day |
| 19/9/14 | Come dressed as your favourite fairy tale character |

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

- **Gold**
  - Hamish, Rekha, Kiara, Mitchell, Jordan, Riley, Minh Thang and Regina
  - Superstar
  - Ruarai and Minh Phuc

**Bike Safety**

A reminder that your child must wear a helmet when riding a bike in any public place - it’s the law.

Please see the following NSW Transport information to ensure you and your child are meeting all your responsibilities for safe cycling.

**Go Green for Bilbies Day - Wear Something Green**

**Friday 12th September**

After all the excitement of Multicultural Day on the Thursday we can have a gentle, environmentally friendly "Go Green to save the Bilbies" day on the Friday. Children are invited to wear something green and teachers will read Bilby stories as well as doing some smartboard investigating about these endangered little animals. A gold coin donation would be appreciated to go towards the green day Challenge to save our Bilbies.

**School Planning - Community Meeting**

**Thursday 18th September 6 - 7.30pm**

We are beginning our planning for the next three year school plan 2015 - 2017. The first part of this process is to look at the strengths and weaknesses of what we are currently doing i.e. what is working well, or what could change.

The school will be reflecting on:

- our students’ achievements, program and activities,
- the effectiveness of our teaching and leadership and
- our partnerships with parents, Callaghan College and the wider community

The school staff invites you to come along at 6pm on Thursday 18th September to the school library and be a part of our planning.

Your favourite people, (your children’s teachers), will lead you in a small group discussion gaining your opinions about future directions for Jesmond Public School. Next week’s newsletter will have a special invitation for you with an ‘intention to attend’ note so we can organise the night well.
Canberra Update
Just a reminder that the final payment for the Canberra excursion was due YESTERDAY. Please make sure payments are made as soon as possible.

Anti-Bullying
Last week on Wednesday 20th August, many students from Years 3 to 6 participated in a Bullying Awareness Workshop. We learnt about all the different types of bullying. This included Cyber-Bullying, Group Bullying and Verbal and Physical Bullying. We were given lots of strategies on how to handle all of these situations. Now that more students are aware of all the different types of bullying and how to handle it in our playground, we hope it will be a much safer area for everyone.
Zoie Williams and Amy Phillips

Library News
The Premier’s Reading Challenge concluded last Friday. Thank you to all students who participated in the Premier’s Reading Challenge for entering their books.

Book Club
Thank you to everyone that has purchased through this issue of Book Club. The order will be placed on Friday and we will distribute them as soon as they are available.

Active After School Dance Group
We are well underway learning our ‘Real in Rio’ dance for Multicultural Day. A note has been sent home in regards to the costumes (a coloured shirt and black pants/tights). We will be holding a costume-making workshop, so if you can lend some time please see Mrs Ross.

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, Mrs Howard or Alecia Walters about what the role involves.

Live! Life! Well!
Food is an important part of special occasions and should be enjoyed by everyone. Your child may be invited to a party with lots of foods high in fat and sugar or to a meal at a fast food restaurant. These meals will do no harm as long as they are only eaten occasionally. But remember, children’s parties don’t need to be filled with ‘sometimes’ food to be fun. Try to include some healthy foods as well.

P&C News
Father’s Day Stall – Friday 5th September
Prices will range from 50c to $6.00. An example of each gift available for purchase will be on display in the canteen from 2nd September. We will also be having a raffle with tickets 20c each. There will be 1 raffle prize and this will be on display in the canteen as well.

Community News
Affordable, Quality Tutoring Available
Hi all, I am offering in-home maths tutoring to primary school students in the Jesmond area.
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Helmet and safety on wheels

Your child must wear a helmet when riding a bike in any public place – it’s the law. Your child’s helmet must comply with the Australian and New Zealand Standards. It must be securely fitted and fastened on their head.

Check that your child wears a bicycle helmet whenever playing or riding on wheels – bikes, foot scooters, rollerskates, skateboards or rollerblades. The helmet should be firmly buckled so it fits without wobbling or slipping to the sides. It must protect the forehead.

Although children quickly learn to pedal, steer and brake, they are not ready to cycle near traffic or on the road.

Children under 12 and adult riders accompanying and supervising them may ride on the footpath, unless there are signs specifically prohibiting cycling.

When riding on the footpath, cyclists must keep to the left and give way to pedestrians. Children need to take special care at driveways where vehicles may be driving in or out. At intersections, children must dismount and wheel the bicycle across the road as a pedestrian, following the ‘STOP! LOOK! LISTEN! THINK!’ procedure.

For more information visit roadsafety.transport.nsw.gov.au