UPCOMING DATES

**Week 4**
- Thu 29 Oct: Payment for Swimming Scheme due
- Fri 30 Oct: Day for Daniel

**Week 5**
- Mon 2 Nov: Kinder Orientation 9:30am – 10:50am

**Week 6**
- Mon 9 Nov: Swim School begins
- Kinder Orientation 9:30am – 11:20am

**Week 7**
- Fri 20 Nov: Swim School Finishes

**Week 8**
- Fri 27 Nov: Recognition Assembly

**Week 9**
- Wed 2 Nov: Volunteers’ Morning Tea
- Fri 4 Nov: Presentation Day 9:30am

**Week 10**
- Thu 10 Dec: Carols Evening

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**Congratulations - Hunter Regional Maths Competition Results**

Every year our students from Years 5 & 6 sit the Maths paper for this competition. This year we have received some outstanding results. Congratulations to the students listed below for their significant achievements. Certificates will be presented at next week’s Friday assembly i.e. 6th November 2015.

**Year 5**
- Distinction Awards: Matthew Dorado, Alice Cho
- Merit Awards: Keerthika Peddireddy, William Teoh, Sophie Henderson, Ashleigh Cox

**Year 6**
- High Distinction Award: Mitchell Moore
- Distinction Award: Minh Thang Pham
- Merit Awards: Eyerusalem Mengistu, Zac Matevski, Shantay Mcleod

**CEP Outdoor Digital Media Festival**

Tickets for Callaghan College Outdoor Digital Media Festival will be selling this Friday at the following times:
- Lunchtime, prior to the assembly
- 3.00pm – 3.15pm.

Tickets will be on sale underneath the school COLA in front of the hall, at $5 per person or $10 per family.

The Festival is showcasing short films from over 18 schools in the local area. It takes place on Thursday 12th November from 5.00pm - 9.00pm at Callaghan College Waratah Campus, Turton Rd, Waratah.

**Fabulous Fete Fun**

Wow! What an amazing afternoon was held by all at Year 6’s final fundraiser of the year. The Year 6 Mini Fete was held on Tuesday afternoon and despite the gloomy weather it was the biggest and best yet.

Unfortunately, those wanting to throw wet sponges at the Year 6 boys will have to wait for sunnier skies to take part in that activity. All other events went ahead without a glitch, with students having lots of fun stalls to choose from. The lucky dip, ice creams, face painting and hair spraying were the most popular, with some new games and activities also drawing the crowds.

A huge thank you to all of the families who donated items to the fete. This was a significant factor in the success of the event. We raised more than $780.00 for our Year 6 gift to the school which is a record for this annual event.

Well done to all students involved and a special thanks to the helpers from Year 4 and Year 5 who helped our senior students with the running of the events.

**Red Day for Daniel – Friday 30th October**

Just a reminder tomorrow is Red Day for Daniel. Please see flyer for more details.

**Swimming Scheme**

All money and permission notes are now overdue. Please return as soon as possible to keep your place.
Year 6 Farewell
It’s almost that time again! Our Year 6 Farewell helpers have swung into action and plans are underway for an exciting evening to say goodbye to our graduating class. The farewell is planned for Tuesday 8th December 2015 in the school hall. Year 5 and 6 children will be bringing home notes this week asking for payment to enable our helpers to start purchasing items for the evening. Invitations will follow soon. If you are a parent or family member who would like to help out, it’s not too late! Please see Mrs Curry as soon as you can. If you would like to help out but are unable to spare the time to join our organising committee, there are other ways you can help. Our committee has suggested interested families could make small donations of appropriate items to help make the night even more successful. The donation of a carton of soft drink, for example, would be a wonderful help. If you would like to help in this way, please see Mrs Curry for some suggestions.

Office News – No Payments after 10.00am on Fridays
Parents are reminded that due to school banking arrangements on Fridays, we are unable to accept any payments for excursions/school activities after 10.00am. Please ensure any payments are given to your child’s teacher or handed to the office before this time.

Whooping Cough
There is an outbreak of whooping cough (pertussis) in NSW, mainly affecting school-aged children. Coughing spreads the infection to others nearby. Whooping cough can spread to anyone at home, including younger brothers and sisters. Whooping cough can be especially dangerous for babies.

Whooping cough starts like a cold and progresses to bouts of coughing that can last for many weeks. The infection can occur even in fully-vaccinated children. Older children may just have a cough that is persistent and may be worse at night.

- Children with these symptoms should see a doctor.
- If your doctor diagnoses whooping cough in your school-aged child, please let the school know and keep your child at home until they have taken 5 days of antibiotics. Keep coughing children away from babies.
- Whooping cough vaccines give good protection against infection but immunity fades with time. Check that all your children are up to date with their vaccines, due at 6 weeks, 4 months, 6 months, 4 years and 12 years of age (offered to all Year 7 students through the NSW school-based vaccination program). A booster is also recommended at 18 months of age.

A booster dose of vaccine is also recommended for adults that are in contact with young children, such as school staff and parents. Pregnant women are recommended to have a booster dose during each pregnancy and this is funded by NSW Health. Those who are new parents or carers of babies should consult their general practitioner about appropriate immunisation.

Your local public health unit can provide advice about whooping cough on 1300 066 055 or visit the NSW Health website for information for childcare and schools about whooping cough.

Book Club
If you are purchasing books from Book Club and pay by CHEQUE, it would make our lives easier if you could please make the cheque out for Jesmond Public School and not Scholastic. Thanks for your continued support.

P&C News
The P&C still need someone to take on the role of Treasurer. 1-2 hours a month is all that would be required to maintain financial records etc. If you would like more information please contact P&C President Megan Gleeson on 0428 104 345, or alternatively enquiries can be made with Mrs Howard.

Uniform Shop
Opening hours:
Monday: 8.45am – 9.15am
Thursday: 2.30pm – 3.00pm
Alternatively, orders and payments can be left at the office.
The uniform shop will also be open during Kinder Orientation.

Canteen
The canteen is open Tuesday 2nd half of lunch for ice blocks as well as the regular days of Wednesday, Thursday and Friday.

P&C Meeting
Due to low numbers that could attend the last P&C meeting, the meeting had to be postponed until Tuesday 10th November at 6.00pm in the school library. All welcome to attend.
School and Community News

Good for Kids Good for Life – Cool & Healthy Summer Snacks

The weather is warming up so here are some healthy snacks to keep you cool this summer:

- Frozen fruit such as berries, orange quarters and fruit kebabs
- Use moulds and low fat yoghurt to make frozen yoghurt shapes
- Make your own icy poles using 99% fruit juice and fresh pieces of fruit
- Make your own ‘ice cream’ using mashed up bananas (it’s deliciously creamy!)
- Use fruit, vegetables and low fat milk or water to make a delicious smoothie and top with plenty of ice. There are heaps of different combinations to try!
AN INVITATION TO CARERS

Do you provide care and support to another person?
You are invited to Carer Connections
Take the Opportunity to Connect with other Carers and listen to our Guest Speaker!
Carers are usually family members or friends who provide support to children or adults who have a disability, mental illness, chronic condition or who are frail aged.

GUEST SPEAKER: interrelate

TOPIC: Managing Stress & Self Care

VENUE: Wallsend Diggers, 5 Tyrrell Street, Wallsend

TIME: 10.00am – 12.00pm

COST: Free - includes Morning Tea

WHEN: Wednesday 11 November 2015

RSVP: Wednesday 4 November 2015

For more information or to Register Contact:
HNE Carer Education & Support Program – Hunter
on: 4924 6146 or 1300 887 776
or Email: hunter.carers@health.nsw.gov.au
(We ask that you RSVP for catering purposes)

If you would like your newsletter sent to you via e-mail, please fill in the below information.

Parent Name: ______________________________

Student/s Name: ____________________________

Email address: ___________________________________________________

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