You are invited to join us for our
Presentation Day Assembly
Friday 4th December 2015
9.30am
Look forward to seeing you there

Recognition Assembly – Tomorrow 1.45pm – School Hall
Tomorrow our Recognition Assembly will commence at 1.45pm in the school hall. This is where students are presented with special end of year awards from their class teachers as well as their Premier’s Reading and Sporting Challenge participation certificates. Please feel most welcome to join us for this recognition and celebration of every child’s achievements.

Volunteers’ Morning Tea – Wednesday 2nd December
Just a reminder that our Volunteers’ Morning Tea is on Wednesday 2nd December at 10.45am. This is a thank you to all our volunteers who have contributed and volunteered their time at Jesmond Public School throughout 2015.

No Newsletter Next Week – Thursday 3rd December
There will be no newsletter next week. Final newsletter for the year will be on Thursday 10th December.

2016 Student Leaders
Thank you to all the Year 5 students who stood for election as a student leader for 2016. Our newly elected leaders for 2016 will be announced at Friday’s Recognition Assembly. These students will take their Leadership Pledges and be invested as 2016 Leaders at our Presentation Day Assembly on Friday 4th December.

2016 School Staffing
While many faces will stay the same for 2016, we will have some change.
Mrs Carrie Karlson will be retiring from Jesmond Public School after many years as our Year 1 Reading Recovery teacher. Mrs Angela Matoka, who is very familiar with our students will be training as our new Reading Recovery teacher in 2016. Mrs Karlson has been an invaluable staff member who has provided our students with quality learning support over many years. Any parents who have been fortunate enough to work with Mrs Karlson will appreciate how much staff and students at Jesmond Public School will miss her wisdom, knowledge and friendship. We have indeed been lucky to have her at our school and wish Mrs Karlson a very happy and healthy retirement.
Other staff who are moving from Jesmond Public School onto full time permanent positions in 2016 are Ms Lisa Baker who has been successful at interview for Newcastle East Public School and Mrs Lauren Main who will resume her permanent appointment at Gillieston Heights Public
Wonderful Writers

Congratulations to our fabulous budding journalists and designers who were involved in the publication of The Jesmond Journal, our contribution to the Newcastle Herald Schools Newspaper Competition earlier this year.

Mrs Curry was lucky enough to be able to take five of the students involved in the project to the awards ceremony this week, which recognised outstanding contributions from primary and high schools.

A special mention to Sophie, who received a Highly Commended Award in the category of Young Journalist of the Year. Sophie was recognised for her enthusiasm to get out in the community to prepare her stories and photos, as well as her teamwork with other students on a number of stories.

Well done Sophie and congratulations to all students involved.

K-2 Blackbutt Reserve Excursion

On Tuesday, K-2 visited Blackbutt Reserve to support the work we are doing in Science and HSIE. We had such a fun day. K-2 loved walking around and spotting many animals. We saw koalas, kangaroos, emus and lots of colourful birds of different colours and sizes. In the pond we saw turtles, ducks and some of us even spotted an eel swimming around!

We built shelters, met some tree frogs, a giant cockroach and learnt about wet and dry environments. We had a great time and learnt lots of new facts. The K-2 teaching staff would like to thank Mr Conway and Miss Delves, who attended as a volunteer, for coming along on the day.

Library News

Borrowing has now finished for this year. Please return all library books as soon as possible to enable annual stocktaking to be completed. Thank you for your help in this matter.

P&C News

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 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.

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

School and Community News
Good for Kids Good for Life – Tips to Encourage Drinking Water
We all know that water is the best drink for children however sometimes it can be difficult to persuade them to choose water over sugary drinks. Here are some tips to help encourage water intake:
- Always have water available and accessible e.g. have a jug of water in the fridge or provide bottles of water for outdoor play
- Remove temptation by not storing sugary drinks such as soft drink in the house
- Keeping water cool or using a water filter may better suit your child’s taste
- Try flavouring the water with lemon or lime slices. You can even add herbs such as mint
- Explain to your child why it is important to stay hydrated and why water is the best choice
Christmas Carols 2015

Who? All JPS students and families

What? A night of singing Christmas songs led by JPS students
BBQ provided by the P & C
Christmas Raffle drawn by the P & C

Where? Jesmond Public School Hall

When? Thursday 10th December
5.30 BBQ, 6.00pm start