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Mrs Lauren Main was working here in 2013 until she went on maternity leave for her third child. Welcome back Mrs Main.

Students and teachers will commence these classes during Thursday. We will have a parent information evening on 12th February for you to meet the teachers and look around your children's classrooms. We will also be holding parent teacher interviews towards the end of this term. Some contact people who may be useful for you are:

- **Sport**: Mrs Curry
- **Student welfare**: Mr Bannister
- **Choir**: Mrs Hawksworth
- **Band**: Mrs Ninevski & Ms Kaie
- **Garden**: Mr Horton

Parent Information Evening

**Thursday 12th February 5.30 – 7.00pm**

Everyone Welcome!

Please come along on this evening to meet the teachers and learn about the exciting things that are happening at Jesmond Public School during 2015. Classroom teachers look forward to this time to tell you about the topics they will be covering, excursions anticipated and all about classroom routines including home reading and homework expectations. I am sure you will have lots of questions too.

Looking forward to seeing you then.

Security Fence

Our new fence is now completed and we also have some extra concreted paths and a covered area for the Michael Street gate in the afternoons.

During school hours from 9.30am - 2.45pm all school gates will be locked except for the middle gate on the William Street side of the school. William Street is the school car park side of the school. Signs numbering each gate and redirecting people to the open gate have been ordered and will be put up as soon as possible.

School Hours

A timely reminder that children are not allowed in the school grounds before 8.30am and after 3.00pm. There is no staff supervision of students until 8.30am and after 3.00pm. Thank you for your assistance in this matter.
P&C AGM  Tuesday 10th February 6pm
School Library
The first P&C meeting for 2015 will take place on 10th February at 6.00pm in the Library. This is the AGM and all positions will be open at this point.
Thank you to the wonderful existing executive committee for donating their time over the last 3 years.

Welcome Kinder
A big welcome to our fabulous new Kindergarten students! Our new Kinders started on Tuesday with lots of excitement and enthusiasm to start their learning journey at Jesmond. The children all settled in quickly and have already started learning classroom and school routines. Meeting their Year 6 buddies was a highlight of the day and all children are looking forward to further activities with their buddies throughout the year.
Kindergarten teachers were thrilled with the positive start to the year and congratulate all children on such a wonderful start.
We are looking forward to getting to know the new families and students in our school and helping the children to grow and develop as active learners this year.

Mosquitoes
As you will be well aware the Jesmond mosquitoes are around again in large numbers. It is a good idea that you provide your child with some insect repellent of your choice before they come to school and perhaps some in their school bag as well.
It is our policy that no aerosol tins or sprays are brought to school so please ensure it is a roll-on or pressure pump insecticide.

Swimming Carnival
Our first school sports event for the year is coming up in Week 4. The 2015 School Swimming Carnival will be held on Wednesday 18th February at Mayfield Pool.
This event is for all students who are turning 8 or older this year, with all students expected to attend. There will be opportunities for everyone to participate in activities throughout the day, regardless of their swimming ability. Poor and non-swimmers will participate in structured, supervised novelty events.
The cost of the day will be $9 per student. This covers the bus and pool entry. Unfortunately, due to changing Newcastle City Council requirements, the cost for students has had to be increased this year.
Students need to return their permission notes and $9 to their class teacher by next Friday 13th February.

Sports Captains and Sound Technicians for 2015
After a School Sports House meeting on Monday the student body voted and elected the following students to house leadership roles for 2015:
Hunter
Captains - Shantay and Jack
Vice Captains - Jordan and Hala
Paterson
Captains - Cody and Zoie
Vice Captains - Cody and Eyerusalem

The following students have also been awarded the responsibility of Sound Technicians for 2015:
Taylo, Minh Thang and Emma

All these students will be presented with their badges for these positions at this week’s assembly. Parents are more than welcome to attend to see these students receive their badges.

Uniform Shop
Congratulations to Julie Moore and her family helpers for the fantastic uniform room MAKEOVER!!!!!! Many thanks to the P&C for supporting Julie’s innovations.

Live! Life! Well!
Why is breakfast important?
♣ Children who miss breakfast are often reported as having poor behaviour and poor concentration.
♣ Children who miss breakfast are often unable to meet their daily nutrient requirements.
♣ Children who miss breakfast are more likely to have a greater risk of being overweight or obese.
• Eating breakfast helps children learn and establish healthy eating habits early in life.

**Book Club**
First issue of Book Club will be issued this week. Book club will be due back on Wednesday 18th of February.

**P&C News**
AGM & P&C Meeting
Tuesday 10th February. Please come along and join us.

**Community News**

**SHORTLAND UNITED JUNIOR FOOTBALL CLUB**

**www.shortland.sportingpulse.net**

INFO DAY: JAN 31st & FEB 7th, 14th & 21st
VENUE: KING ST, TUXFORD PARK
TIME: 9AM TO 12PM
CONTACT: JIM BARKER 0404 484 901

**Register at myfootballclub.com.au**

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**DYSLEXIA OR LEARNING DIFFICULTIES?**

Some children experience reading and learning difficulties as a result of visual perception problems caused by

Irlen Syndrome/Scotopic Sensitivity

Irlen Syndrome can cause Dyslexia and difficulties with:
- Reading
- Spelling
- Writing
- Comprehension
- Concentration
- Ball Sports
- Fatigue
- Eye Strain
- Headaches

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**WALLSEND SWANS JUNIOR AFL CLUB – 2015 REGISTRATION**

Located at Bill Elliot Oval, Maryland Drive, Maryland

Players wanted in all age groups – Under 5s to Under 17s (Footy, Auskick)

Come and have some fun, learn new skills, make new friends in a community team environment – The WallSEND Swans are new players – boys and girls welcome.

No prior training required – the WallSEND Swans have AFL accredited Level 1 & 2 Coaches to bring you up to speed. To pride ourselves on being a Good Sports Club.

Training: Wednedays & Fridays 4-6:30 pm (6:30-7:30 pm for U15s)
Season Start: Sunday 26 April (14 week season plus Finals!)

2015 Registration Dates:
- 31 Jan and 15 Feb 2015 – WallSEND Plaza, Wallsend
- 7 Feb and 21 Feb – Shortland Jesmond 12B

At the Club: (Please contact President – Steve Love on 0419 082 162)

**Pre-season Training:**

Every Wednesday and Friday from 18 February 2015 at 5.00pm – 6.30pm (5.30-7.30pm for U15s)

**Catering:**

NAB Asbake – 5 or 4 Years (Friday Evenings) – $7.50
*(Includes 3 Asbake Cup and Half-time Asbake game at an AFL game on the SDO)*

Juniors: 6 to 17 Years (Sunday) – $15 (50c junior players reserve club polo shirt, shorts & socks)

***** NO WEEKLY FEES *****

For further information please contact the President:

Steve Love on 0419 082 162

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