Dates for your calendar

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Congratulations to the following student who received an award at last Friday’s assembly

Gold
Hunter, Nicholas and Kiara

Student Assistance
Student Assistance is once again offered in 2015 to assist families experiencing financial difficulty meeting schooling expenses. This money can be used to contribute to your child’s school uniforms from the school uniform shop and major excursions. If you would like to apply for assistance please collect an application from the office and return it by Friday 27th February. Once all applications are in we can divide the money and then advise you of your allocation.

Voluntary School Contributions
School fees for 2015 are:

1 student  $40.00
2 students  $55.00
3 students or more  $65.00

A letter regarding fees will be sent home soon.

Home Readers for Years K-2 will be provided to students by the school at no cost to families.

School fees help to cover the costs of paper, copying, supply of workbooks, stationery etc. which we incur providing resources to all students at no charge. Thank you for your contributions.

ICAS Competitions (International Competitions and Assessment for Schools)
At our school community meeting last term some parents expressed interest in Jesmond students having the opportunity to participate in external exams and academic competitions. In response to this we are offering to organise and supervise a selection of ICAS competition exams for interested students from Years 3-6 through 2015 as a trial. For 2015 we will be participating in Science, Mathematics and English. Each competition is $8.80 per student entry fee.

If you are interested having your child participate please return the attached note with full payment before Friday 20th March.

School Website
The school website is a great starting point when finding out information about our fabulous school. Class pages are where you can find out about what your child is learning in class. A wonderful feature of the website is that it is now multi-lingual and can be accessed in many languages. It will also have an electronic copy of each week's newsletter and permission notes as they become available. Check it out at the following: http://www.jesmond-p.schools.nsw.edu.au/

Hunter Sports High 2016
Hunter Sports High is holding an open night on Tuesday 24th February at 6.30pm in the Bini hall. Interested parents of 2016 Year 7 students are invited to attend. Please see Mrs Curry at a mutually convenient time if you require further information or go to www.huntersports.com.au.

Student School Hours 8.30 – 3.00pm
Another reminder that school hours for students are from 8.30am – 3.00pm Monday through to Friday. There is NO STUDENT SUPERVISION before 8.30am. Please ensure your child is not on the school grounds before 8.30am.

Office News
Thankyou to those families who have already returned their Student Contact Health and Emergency Care Card and Medical Forms. If you have not done so, please complete and return to school as soon as possible as it is vital we have current information. Where families have more than one student, please ensure a separate card is
completed for each student. Extra copies are available at the office if required. Your assistance in this matter is very much appreciated.

High School transition
There are a number of exciting activities coming up for our Year 6 students. Even though it is only Term 1, parents and carers need to be thinking about high school applications and preparing their child for this transition. The following events are great opportunities designed to support our senior students and their families during this time.

Open afternoon
Callaghan College Waratah, our partner high school, is holding an open afternoon tea on Tuesday 24th February from 4.00pm to 5.30pm. The event will be held in the Hall. Parking is available at the rear of the school.
All parents of interested Year 6 students are welcome to attend and find out more about the school.

Transition Day
All Year 6 students will take part in an excursion to Callaghan College Waratah on Friday 6th March. Students will be picked up from Jesmond School in a bus and be taken to high school for the day, where they will experience lessons with high school teachers and have a look around the campus.
Mrs Curry will accompany students on this excursion. Students will return to Jesmond before 3.00pm. There is no cost for the day.
All Year 6 students, regardless of their intended destination high school, are expected to attend this event. Permission notes will be sent home shortly.

Information Evening
With so much information about enrolling your child in high school, Jesmond Public School has decided to host an information night for Year 5 and 6 families to help you through the process.
The information evening will be held on Monday 9th March. Mrs Howard, Mrs Curry and the principal of Callaghan College Waratah, Mr Dana Fuller, will be available to explain the application process and answer any questions you may have.
Information about local high schools and their selective classes like CAPA and Gifted and Talented classes will also be available.
It is imperative that parents consider their options now to ensure their child has a smooth transition to their desired high school.

On this day, parents will also receive their High School Expression of Interest forms, which is the first step to enrolling your child in Year 7 2016. We look forward to seeing you there!

Sport Trials
Each term, there are a number of sporting trials which take place across Newcastle for a range of primary representative teams.
Students who play their chosen sport at a high level, including representative teams or in the highest competitive grade, are welcome to try out for these teams.
This term there will be trials in girl’s cricket and netball. Mrs Curry will keep students informed of upcoming opportunities. If your child would like to try out for girl’s cricket or netball, please see Mrs Curry as soon as possible for further information.

Premier’s Reading Challenge
Premier’s Reading Challenge will commence on Monday 2nd March. A note explaining Premier’s Reading Challenge will follow soon.

Library News
2015 library borrowing days for the students are below.

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Borrowing will begin next week.

Live! Life! Well!
Be heart smart!
Here are some healthy heart food tips:
• use margarine spreads instead of butter
• choose reduced-fat milk (2% fat or less) for children two years and over
• have fish at least twice a week
• enjoy a variety of foods especially fruits, vegetables, breads and cereals.

Community News

DYLEXIA 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
• Comprehension
• Concentration
• Ball Sports
• Fatigue
• Eye Strain
• Headaches

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