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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.

**Transition Day**

All Year 6 students will take part in an excursion to Callaghan College Waratah on Friday 6<sup>th</sup> 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.

School Photos

School Photos for all classes K-6, will be taken on Monday 9<sup>th</sup> March. Envelopes have gone home today but please do not send any money until the day of the photos. Family photo envelopes are available from the office. There is an option available for people wanting to pay online via the Newcastle School Portraits website. Go to [www.newcastleschoolportraits.com](http://www.newcastleschoolportraits.com) and use the school code 151271. This code is unique to Jesmond Public School.

Student Assistance

Student Assistance is once again offered in 2015 to assist families experiencing financial difficulty meeting schooling expenses such as 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 tomorrow Friday 27<sup>th</sup> 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 $8.00 per student entry fee.** Permission notes and payment must be returned before Friday 20<sup>th</sup> March.

Year 5&6 High School Information Evening at Jesmond Public School

An information evening will be held on Monday 9<sup>th</sup> March to assist Year 5 and 6 families with the high school enrolment process. 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.

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!
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.

**Reminder**
A reminder to all parents and school visitors to attend the office before visiting classrooms or teachers during break times. Our friendly office staff will direct you to the appropriate location.

**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.

**Stage 2 and 3 Camp**
Preparations are well underway for the Years 3-6 camp. We will be attending Myuna Bay Sports and Recreation Camp in Week 7 (1st June – 3rd June) Term 2. Cost for this excursion will be approximately $230 per student. This will include transport to and from the camp, accommodation, meals and all activities. Further information including permission notes, itinerary and payment due dates will be sent home soon. I would encourage all primary students to take this opportunity as it is a fantastic place to visit.

**Swimming Carnival**
Congratulations to all students aged 8-12 who attended the school swimming carnival last Wednesday. The fantastic weather, combined with Mrs Curry’s wonderful organisation of the carnival made for a beautiful day for our students. It was so pleasing to see students of all abilities participate in races to ensure their Sport Houses gained points.

Another bright spot of the day was the amazing sportsmanship shown by our students when competing against each other.

Congratulations are also extended to the 7 students who represented the school at the Newcastle Zone Carnival this week.

Thank you to the parents that offered their help throughout the day and to those parents that came along and supported all our students.

**New 2015 Parliament Formed**
Students from Years 4, 5 and 6 conducted the elections of the new School Parliament for 2015 on Monday. The following students were duly elected to the parliamentary cabinet and opposition.

**Government**
Prime Minister - Mitchell (5/6C)  
Secretary - Tayla (5/6C)  
Treasurer - Keerthika (4/5B)  
Minister for Education/Literature/Arts and Multiculturalism - Sophie (5/6C)  
Minister for Sport and Recreation - Cody N (5/6C)  
Minister for Transport and Communication - Emma (5/6C)  
Minister for the Environment - Regina (4/5B)  
Minister for Functions and Social Services - Minh Thang (5/6C)  
Minister for Health - Cody S (5/6C)

**Opposition**
Opposition Leader - Zac (5/6C)  
Opposition Secretary - Eyerusalem (5/6C)  
Opposition Treasurer - Tayler (5/6C)  
Opposition Minister for Education/Literature/Arts and Multiculturalism - Matthew (5/6C)  
Opposition Minister for Sport and Recreation - Hala (5/6C)  
Opposition Minister for Transport and Communication - Shantay (5/6C)  
Opposition Minister for the Environment - Monica (5/6C)  
Opposition Minister for Functions and Social Services - Aqsa (5/6C)  
Opposition Minister for Health - Shahira (4/5B)

Congratulations to these students. The School Parliament has an important role to play in the day to day operation of the school. Parliamentary sessions will be held each fortnight for students to discuss a range of issues affecting their schooling.

**Sydney Swans Visit**
Students were treated to a school visit from a group of Sydney Swans AFL players this week. These players were able to talk to our students about their sport as well as healthy lifestyle choices and nutrition. The students were able to ask questions of the players and participate in an autograph session.

**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:  
Library News
2015 library borrowing days have changed for the classes below:

K/1B    Thursday
1R      Wednesday

Borrowing has begun this week.

Community News

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
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- Headaches

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- Coffs Harbour: 0437698559
- Singleton: 4956904
- www.irlandyslexia.com

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10AM SUNDAY 15 MARCH
3PM at Speers Point Park

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- Competitions
- Market Stalls
- Kids Entertainment
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Boomerangs Baseball Club
Register NOW for Junior Baseball
U/8 & U/10 T-Ball, U/12, U/14 & U/16-17 Baseball
Reg & Training Sunday
1st, 8th & 15th March
9.30am Boomerang Field Industrial Drive Mayfield West
Contact Wayne – 0420 928 557
Email – mayfieldboomerangs@gmail.com
For more information visit www.boomerangsbaseball.com.au

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FREE FAMILY DAY
COME AND HAVE FUN WITH YOUR FAMILY ON US
SATURDAY 14TH MARCH 10AM – 2PM
THE GARDENS – 104 SANDGATE ROAD
BIRMINGHAM GARDENS
11AM LIVESTRONG SHOW 1PM STREET PERFORMER
SM CLOWN, MOUNTAIN JUMPING CASTLE
FACE PAINTING, GAMING ZONE + CHEAP FOOD
FAMILY FLOSS, SNOW CONES, POPCORN + SAVAGE SIZZLE

NETBALL

Contact Kim Bums
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REGISTRATION
Diggers @ Newcastle City Netball Club
All ages welcome!

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