**Jesmond Public School - Newsletter**  
Wednesday 4th March 2015 Term 1 Week 6  
*Diversity Opportunity Success*

**Dates for your calendar**

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**Week 10**

| Thurs 2<sup>nd</sup> April | School Easter Celebrations |

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**School Cross Country Wednesday**

Our school cross country will be held on *Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> March* at Jesmond Park. The races will begin from 11.30am and parents are welcome to attend. Students will eat their lunch at the park and complete their event before returning to school. Permission notes are coming home with your child soon.

**Transition to High School**

This Friday - Transition Day - Waratah Campus  
All Year 6 students’ permission notes should be returned for this activity.

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**Reminder**

*Year 5&6 High School Information Evening at Jesmond Public School*  
Monday 9<sup>th</sup> March 5.30pm  
In the 5/6 classroom

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**ICAS Competitions**

We are offering to organise and supervise a selection of ICAS competition exams for interested students from Years 3-6. 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*.

**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.

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**Voluntary School Contributions**

School fees for 2015 are:

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

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.

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**No Assembly this Friday**

There will be no assembly this Friday as Year 6 will be heading to Callaghan College Waratah for their first High School experience.

**Friday 13<sup>th</sup> March Sports Assembly**

Don’t forget the next assembly on Friday 13<sup>th</sup> March is a special Sports Assembly with winners from the Swimming Carnival receiving their ribbons.

**School Photos**

School Photos for all classes K-6, will be taken on Monday 9<sup>th</sup> March. 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.

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Please be advised that the NSW Electoral Office is **not** using Jesmond Public School grounds for the state election on Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> March 2015.
Library News

Premier’s Reading Challenge

This year, all students at Jesmond Public School will be participating in the Premier’s Reading Challenge (PRC). The 2015 PRC commenced this week. The closing date for submitting reading records is the 21st August 2015. Read more about the PRC in the note accompanying this newsletter and if you have any questions please come and talk to Mrs Beatty or Mrs Mitchell.

Live! Life! Well!

Water

Drinking water is the best way to quench your thirst. Even better, it doesn’t come with all the sugar and energy (kilojoules) found in fruit juice drinks, soft drinks, sports drinks and flavoured mineral waters. Drinking water instead of sweetened drinks may also prevent dental problems, with the fluoride found in tap water helping to strengthen teeth and bones.

Sport

Zone Swimmers

Congratulations to our Zone Swimming representatives, who competed at Lambton Pool last week against some of the best young swimmers in the Hunter.

Kieren, Mitchell, Zac, Zoie, Sophie, Nicholas and Monica were outstanding representatives for our school and should be proud of their achievements. Well done to all students.

Swans Visit

Students from Year 1 through to Year 6 were excited last week to receive a visit from some of Australia’s top AFL players.

Tom Mitchell, Aliir Aliir and Daniel Robinson visited Jesmond to share their love of Aussie Rules and answer any questions our students had about the sport or their healthy lifestyles.

Students were shocked to hear that the professional players couldn’t even eat McDonalds or KFC! They heard that keeping hydrated and a healthy diet are essential ingredients to their success.

The visit was an introduction to the code for our students, with Stage 2 students next term having the opportunity to take part in a series of AFL clinics here at school over a five week period.

More information will be shared with children and their families about this clinic next term.