Welcome Back to Term 2
Welcome back to Term 2 .... Finally! Hopefully everyone has come through last week’s weather safely and is able to successfully deal with any havoc caused. I thank you for your patience and support allowing us to ensure the school site is as safe as possible for our students and staff. While the Department's maintenance workers acted very quickly to remove the fallen trees from pathways and gate areas you will be able to see there remain sections of the playground taped off from access. These areas will eventually be cleared and the damage repaired but the maintenance crew has more pressing areas for now.

The students appear extremely pleased to be back at school and hopefully our playground grass area will dry out soon so they can be back out on the field.

The term two calendar is already looking very busy so please make sure you lock in the dates listed on upcoming events.

Staffing
Mrs Hannah Hawksworth and her family will be returning to England early June and we have been advised that her last day of service here will be on Friday 29th May i.e the end of Week 6 this term. We are sad that Mrs Hawksworth is leaving us and very envious of the children she will teach back home in England and the teachers with whom she will be working. We wish her and her family all the very best for their safe return to England and thank her for her wonderful work at Jesmond Public School.

We have been advised by the Department of Education's recruitment service that we can appoint a permanent teacher to this position through the open advertisement process. We are beginning this process and will keep you informed.

Combined Schools ANZAC Service
A note was sent home this week informing families of students in Years 5 and 6 that the Combined Schools ANZAC Service has been postponed until Wednesday 6th May at the Civic Theatre in Newcastle. Please ensure that money and the new permission notes are returned to class teachers as soon as possible.

Anzac Day
Thank you to those parents who attended our school Anzac Service and to our student captains and vice captains for leading the service so beautifully on Tuesday morning. Those attending will have seen our wonderful poppy wall created by our students and our school community and friends. These felt, knitted, crocheted, loom banded and material poppies have come from near and far - from Jesmond, Sydney, Perth, New York and Singapore. While they are on light calico now we will transfer them to a darker fabric with “We Shall Remember Them” appliqued underneath and mounted in a more permanent way. This will not happen quickly so if you wish to keep crocheting please do so.
Wallsend Diggers Anzac Dawn Service
An early start of 5:00am greeted Mr Bannister and our student leaders, Aqsa and Mitchell at the ANZAC Dawn service on Saturday morning at Wallsend Diggers. School representatives marched through the streets of Wallsend and participated in the dawn service. School Leaders, along with Declan HP laid a wreath at the memorial that was in place for the service. Being the 100th anniversary of the Gallipoli landing meant that this experience held a special place in the minds and hearts of those in attendance on Saturday. The leaders and their families then joined Mr Bannister for an ANZAC breakfast at the Diggers Club. Congratulations to Aqsa and Mitchell for participating in this extremely important civic occasion.

University of Newcastle PE/Sport Program
In conjunction with the University of Newcastle and its Physical Education Faculty, Jesmond Public School students in Years 3 – 6 will undergo a Sport Program throughout Term 2. This initiative involves representatives from the University working with both staff and students of our school to implement a range of sporting activities that should ensure improved motor and teamwork skills being developed. This program will get underway in Week 3 and continue for 4 weeks.

Myuna Bay Camp - Parent Information Night
Due to the disrupted start to the school term, the Myuna Bay Parent Information Session has been postponed until Tuesday 5th May at 5:30pm in the School Hall. This session will allow staff to communicate the requirements for students at the camp and for parents to ask questions. We look forward to seeing as many parents as possible on the night. Please note that the second instalment of $100 is due by this Friday 1st May 2015.

Year 5 - Opportunity Class Placement Test
Opportunity classes cater for highly achieving academically gifted students. Students currently in Year 4 have the opportunity of applying for a place in these classes at a variety of schools across the area. The test for these classes takes place on Wednesday 22nd July 2015. Applications need to be completed online before Friday 15th May 2015. If you would like more information about the application process, please see Mr Bannister at the school.

Sports Update
Welcome back to Term 2!
This term we have lots of sporting opportunities for students across the school.

Athletics Carnival
Our Athletics Carnival is happening on Thursday 28th May at Federal Park, Wallsend. This is an event for all students, from Kindergarten through to Year 6. There will be a range of competitive and non-competitive events happening on the day, including running races, discus, shot put, long jump and some novelty events for younger students.

For those students who are turning 8 or above this year, the high jump event will be run before the carnival at the school. A specialist coach will come into our school on Wednesday 29th April and Wednesday 6th May to work with the classes on practising the skills and technique needed for the event. He will also oversee our competition to ensure it is done safely and accurately.

Permission notes for the Athletics Carnival will come home with students today with the newsletter. Please return the note and your $6 as soon as possible to ensure Mrs Curry can make the arrangements for the day.

AFL
Our Stage 2 students will have the exciting opportunity this term to take part in a five-week AFL clinic, starting in Week 3. All Year 3 and 4 students will have the opportunity to work with professional AFL coaches and players, learning basic ball skills and rules for the game.

Sportslink
Once again, Jesmond Public School Stage 2 and 3 students will this year take part in the Sportslink program. This valuable program gives the students the chance to learn a new sport, develop new skills and practice these in a friendly social competition with other students in nearby schools.

Our chosen sport this year is benchball. This is a fun game that all students can take part in and enjoy. Stage 3 students will take part in the inter-school Sportslink competition on Thursday 25th June (Week 10, Term 2). Stage 2 students will have their turn in the final week of Term 3. Mrs Curry will send further information home about these events as it comes to hand.
Cross Country Presentation

Our apologies for the delay in presenting our Cross Country Champions and winners with their medals and trophies, due to last week’s assembly being postponed. This presentation will now take place during our first regular school assembly this Friday.

Kindergarten Mothers’ Day Morning

P&C News

Canteen

Canteen will be open on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday for Term 2. A new canteen menu will be sent home as soon as it is available.

Uniform Shop

Uniform Shop old logo sale (only while stocks last).

Bomber Jackets $35

Size 10 - qty 2
Size 14 - qty 3
Size 16 - qty 2

Short Sleeve Old Logo Polo $10

Size 6 - qty 1
Size 8 - qty 4
Size 12 - qty 4
Size 14 - qty 2
Size 16 - qty 7

Sloppy Jo’s – Jumpers $15

Size 4 – qty 15
Size 10 – qty 10
Size 14 – qty 1

Long Sleeve Old Logo Polo $10

Size 6 – qty 9
Size 10 – qty 1
Size 14 – qty 7
Size 16 – qty 6

Uniform Shop is open on Monday morning from 8.45 am until 9.15am.