Tell Them From Me – Parent Survey

As part of our school's ongoing evaluation processes we appreciate opinions from parents and carers. Research indicates that partnerships between home and school improve student learning outcomes. We invite all families to take part in completing the Tell Them From Me survey. All responses to the survey are anonymous and information gained will be used to make informed decisions about our school's future directions.

Clicking on the link below will take you to the Tell Them From Me website:

https://www.tellthemfromme.com/login.htm

The parent login details are:
Username - parent18777
Password - Jes2234

On Tuesday 15th September from 2.30 until 4pm the school computers will be available for parents and carers who are unable to complete the survey at home. Interpreters will be organised for this afternoon.

Please meet outside the Kinder/Year 1 block for a meeting in 1R. Afternoon tea will be provided. We are really looking forward to seeing you next Tuesday.

Park Safe Stay Safe

Next term Newcastle Council will be running a program around Jesmond Public School to improve safety around the school. Council officers will visit the school at various times over a two week period with follow up visits if necessary.

During Week 1 parking officers will liaise with parents, carers and teachers providing courtesy information and advice. No parking penalty notices will be issued during this period. During Week 2 parking officers will continue to liaise, however parking penalty notices may be issued to those drivers that persist with parking in a dangerous manner. Parking officers will revisit periodically.

Areas of concerns around our school are:

- Picking up/dropping off students off while double parked
- Drivers picking up/dropping off in no stopping zones
- Passengers in vehicle without appropriate seatbelts of restraints
- Parking too long in short term drop off and pick up zones

Cluster Choir Performance

Congratulations to our Cluster Choir students who performed last Thursday evening at Callaghan College Waratah Campus for over 250 people. They did an amazing job, demonstrating maturity and confidence as they sang as an individual school and also as part of the larger choir. Thank you to those special people who assisted with transporting our students to the high school and for watching our performance. Your support means a great deal to them and the school. Thank you to Mrs Main and Mrs Baker for the great work they did organising and training our students for this event. Congratulations Mrs Main for your wonderful conducting of the choir.
Student Success
On Monday of this week, Emma (5/6C) attended NSW Parliament House in Sydney to attend the Fred Hollows Humanity Award ceremony. The award is for a quality Year 6 student who fits the following criteria from the Fred Hollows Foundation:

- **Humanity** – The quality of what it means to be human, to be kind.
- **Care** – To be concerned for and look out for someone other than yourself.
- **Compassion** – To be conscious of and respond to the needs and concerns of another person.
- **Community service** – To engage in an activity solely for the benefit of the community.

Emma was nominated for this award by our teachers due to her caring nature and the way she always ensures those people around her are safe and well. Well done, Emma.

Children’s University
Students from classes 3HM, 4/5B and 5/6C were this week presented with an exciting opportunity from the University of Newcastle. Students can have ‘outside of classroom learning’ recognised as part of the Children’s University program initiative. This learning can include activities such as sports training with their community sporting group, choir practice during lunchtime, music classes outside of school and a wide range of other activities endorsed by the university. Information about this program was sent home with the students this week. We look forward to having students from our school being involved in this initiative.

P&C News
The P&C is currently in need of a Treasurer. Please help us to fill this vital position and continue supporting the students and families of the school. If you feel you would like to help please see Mrs Howard for more information.

Uniform Shop
The Uniform Shop is now opening twice a week. Opening hours are Monday mornings 8.45 - 9.15am and now also Thursday afternoons 2.30 – 3pm. If these times are not suitable you can also leave your money and an order at the office.

Canteen
The canteen is currently open Wednesday, Thursday and Fridays until the end of term. Next term will see the canteen open on Tuesdays for second half of lunch for ice blocks. There will also be a few changes to the menu in the coming weeks so keep an eye out for this.

Father’s Day
The Father’s Day Stall was held by the P&C last Friday and was a great success. Most of the children got to purchase either 1 or 2 presents for their Dads, Grandad’s etc. and we raised approx $150.00 for the school. We were a bit “run off our feet” as volunteers were limited due to regulars working in the canteen, having sick children or being ill themselves. So a HUGE THANKYOU to all the volunteers that made it happen. Our Father’s Day Raffle was also a success with 1st and 3rd prizes going to Liam (KR) and 2nd prize won by Zoie (5/6C).

Thank you also to the people who generously donated gifts and to those who spent their time and artistry making gifts for the children to buy. What a GREAT EFFORT! They were very popular with the students and families of the school.

Next Meeting
Our next P & C Meeting will be held on the 15th September at 6.00pm in the Library. All welcome to attend.

School and Community News
Invite all of your friends and family to come and see Jesmond Public School's 2015 Musical!

Thursday 8th October
Matinee Performance 11.00am
Evening Performance 5.30pm
At Jesmond Public School Hall

Tickets will go on sale Tuesday 8th September from the office. Get in quick as there will be a limited number of seats per show.

Individual tickets $5
Family tickets $15 (2 adults & their children under 18yrs)
* JPS students do not need a ticket.

Ticket will be colour coded for the Matinee and the Evening performance so please purchase accordingly.

We look forward to seeing you there!

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Kinder Orientation 2016
Let’s get started at school!

Important Dates

Term 4
Kindergarten Orientation Sessions will be held on
Monday 19th October 9.30-10.30am
Monday 26th October 9.30-10.30am
Monday 2nd November 9.30-10.30am
Monday 9th November 9.30-11.20am