**Welcome**

Welcome back everyone and a warm welcome to our new families. We have had a lovely week settling back into school life with your children, meeting new friends and catching up on all the holiday news with old friends.

As usual at the beginning of the school year we are waiting for the majority of our students to return before we finalise our class structures, so thank you for your patience. We are hoping to continue the year with the following classes:

- K-6O Mrs Oliver
- Kinder Ms Wilson
- K/1R Miss Robertson
- 1/2M Mrs Morante
- 2H Mr Horton
- 3/4B Mr Bannister
- 4/5W Miss Weber
- 5/6C Mrs Curry

As you can see we have many familiar faces once again but are also fortunate to have Mrs Morante who comes to us from Gillieston Primary School with many years of teaching and Miss Weber who has been appointed to Jesmond Public School beginning her permanent teaching career with us. Miss Everett is replacing Mrs Oliver while she is on leave.

Some other contact people that will be helpful for you to know are:

- **Library** - Mrs Mitchell
- **ESL** - Mrs Ninevski & Mrs Baker
- **Learning Support** - Mrs Lobsey
- **Sport** - Mrs Curry (as the first point of contact please)
- **Student Wellbeing** - Mr Bannister
- **Choir** - Miss Weber
- **Transition to High School** - Mrs Curry & Mrs Schimann
- **Reading Recovery Yr 1 only** - Mrs Matoka
- **Office** - Mrs Schimann & Mrs Beatty

**UPCOMING DATES**

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**IMPORTANT MESSAGE**

As you are probably already aware we are experiencing significant difficulties with our phone system.

This is due to a lightning strike which occurred during the school holidays.

It is in the process of being repaired but it’s expected to take at least a week before the phones are fully operational.

You can contact the school on our email address listed below, which is checked continually throughout the day.

Thank you for your patience with this issue.

**Swimming Carnival – Monday 8th February**

The school year has only just begun and students are already preparing for their first sporting
event of the year, the annual swimming carnival.

The carnival will be held at Mayfield Pool. Races will commence at 9.45am with seniors and proceed to the younger years. Parents are welcome to attend and will need to pay a spectator entry fee on arrival. Thank you to parents for returning permission notes and money so efficiently.

If there are any parents attending the school swimming carnival on Monday 8th February who are able to help out with timekeeping duties, that would be greatly appreciated. If you’re able to help, please come and see Mr Horton on the day.

House Captains
Congratulations to our new sports House Captains, who were voted in by their peers this week.

Hunter House
Captains: Declan and Shahira
Vice Captains: Thomas and Chloe

Paterson House
Captains: William and Ashleigh
Vice Captains: Matthew and Alice

Year 6 Activities
This week has been the beginning of an exciting journey for Year 6, who have many exciting opportunities to look forward to in their final year of primary school.

The first of these will be a connected classroom video conference session with some students and teachers at Callaghan College Waratah Campus next week. The students are all looking forward to hearing more about high school and having some of their questions answered.

Parents, please ensure that you sign and return the permission note to ensure your child does not miss out.

Library News
Just a quick note to let you know about Library Borrowing this year. We will begin borrowing lessons next week. Each class will have their own library lesson.

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Students will need to bring a library bag to their library lesson if they would like to borrow a book. Library bags help to protect our books.

Book Club
The first issue of Book Club was issued last week. It is due back on Wednesday 17th February.

P&C News
Uniform Shop
The Uniform Shop has just taken delivery of our new logo hats. Come along and grab one. Attached to the newsletter is our current summer deals.

Opening Hours
Monday morning 8.45am – 9.15am
Thursday afternoon 2.30pm-3.00pm

Next P&C Meeting will be held on the Tuesday 9th February at 6.30pm in the Library. Everyone is welcome.

School and Community News
Wallsend District Swans Junior AFL Club
Wallsend District Swans Junior AFL Club are holding registration days on Saturdays during February. For information please contact Steve on 0459 082 162 or Darren on 0404 839 317.

Shortland United Junior Football Club
Shortland United Junior Football Club are holding registration days on Saturday 13th and 27th February at Tuxford Park, Shortland. For further information please contact Tom on 0432 445 591 or Carly 0435 201 492.