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FRIDAY ASSEMBLY AWARDS

GOLD AWARDS

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P&C Annual General Meeting – Wednesday 2nd March 5.30pm

The P&C AGM for 2016 will take place on 2nd March at 5.30pm in the Library and be followed by a P&C meeting. This is the AGM and all positions will be open at this point. I encourage you to come along to the meeting to meet the group of active members and to decide if you may like to be a regular attender. Look forward to seeing you there!

School Student Hours 8.30am-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.

Emergency Evacuations and Lock Down Drills

As part of our Work Health & Safety site management we intermittently hold practise emergency evacuation and lockdown drills with the whole school. The evacuation alert is a siren sound and the lockdown down alert is a repeated ‘beep, beep’ alarm.

When we are having a drill Mr Bannister will put a notice on the school website to verify that it is only a drill.

Voluntary School Contributions

School fees for 2016 are:

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

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. Please send contributions in a sealed and labelled envelope. Thank you for your contributions.

Student Assistance

Student Assistance is once again offered in 2016 to assist families experiencing financial difficulty meeting schooling expenses. This money can be used to contribute to your child’s 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 Tuesday 1st March. Once all applications are in we can consider your eligibility and then advise you of your allocation.

ICAS Competitions (International Competitions and Assessments for Schools)

Last year there was a significant take up from students in Years 3 - 6 for the ICAS external assessments in Science, English and Mathematics, so we are once again offering to organise and supervise these at JPS for 2016.

The entry fee for the Science, Mathematics and English is $8.00 per student for each assessment.

If you are interested in having your child participate in any or all of these tests please return the attached note with full payment before Friday 1st April.

Badge Presentation

During Friday’s assembly, our new Sports House Leaders and Sound Technicians will receive their badges. Families are welcome to attend. Assembly will commence at 2.15pm.
Ice Cream Day – Thursday 18th February
Year 6 will hold their first fundraiser of the year on Thursday 18th February (next week). Bring your $2.00 if you would like to buy an ice cream at lunch time. All money raised will go towards the end of year Year 6 gift to the school.

McGrath Pink Stumps Day – Friday 26th February
On Friday 26th February our school will be trying to raise money for the McGrath Foundation supporting Breast Cancer Nurses in Australia. Breast Cancer will be diagnosed in 1 in 8 women in Australia before they are aged 85. The Foundation’s goal is to use the funds raised to employ McGrath Breast Care Nurses to support patients during their ordeal.

Personally I feel very strongly about this cause for a number of reasons. Firstly, my mother was diagnosed with breast cancer around 10 years ago, as well as my wife being a cancer survivor. I also have a love and a passion for the game of cricket and I feel, in conjunction with the McGrath Foundation and its links to Glen McGrath, the legendary Australian cricketer, it is an ideal way for our school community to raise money for this wonderful cause.

On the day we are asking all students and staff to wear pink to show their support for this worthy cause. Those wearing pink are also asked to bring a GOLD COIN donation to help support the cause.

Mr Bannister

Swimming Champions
Congratulations to all students who participated in our 2016 Swimming Carnival on Monday. The sun came out for a wonderful day at the pool, with all students showing fantastic positive attitude in their efforts, both swimming and cheering on competitors.

Medals and ribbons to winners will be presented at the assembly on Friday 19th February.

Our Age Champions this year are:
Junior Champions – Nicholas and Tesla
11 Years Champions – Declan and Brianna
Senior Champions – Karungurungu and Monica

Congratulations also to our zone qualifiers who will attend the Zone Swimming Carnival at Lambton on Wednesday 24th February – Monica, Sophie, Brianna and Nicholas.

Sports Trials
Each year, there are a number of representative sporting trials for talented senior students from local primary schools. As these are representative PSSA teams it is recommended that students compete at a high level in the chosen sport before trying out.

Trials coming up in Term 1 include tennis, diving, girl’s cricket, basketball, netball, rugby league, hockey, soccer and netball. Other sports will follow later in the year.

If you are interested in nominating your child for a trial for any of these sports, or would like to know the dates for any other sports, please see Mrs Curry as soon as possible.

Book Club
The first issue of Book Club due back on Wednesday 17th February.

P&C News

Uniform Shop
Opening Hours:
Monday morning 8.45am – 9.15am
Thursday afternoon 2.30pm – 3.00pm

Next P&C Meeting will be held on the Wednesday 2nd March at 6.30pm in the Library. Everyone is welcome.

Canteen Helpers Wanted
Do you have some time that you can donate to the school? Anything from a half day to a full day, once a week or once a term? We are looking for help in 2016 to ensure that we can re-open, keep the quality of food and variety in our canteen. The kids love seeing you take part in the school community.

Please return this survey with your details if you can help.

What day/s can you help? _______________________________________________________

What times are you available? ___________________________________________________

Name: _______________________________________

Contact Details: ___________________________________

All help would be greatly appreciated. For further enquiries please contact Jesmond Public School or any P&C member. Unfortunately due to insurance purposes no children are allowed in the canteen.
Kindergarten’s First Week

A big welcome to our fabulous new Kindergarten students! Our new Kindergarten students started last week with lots of excitement and enthusiasm to start their learning journey at Jesmond. The children all settled in quickly and have already started learning classroom and school routines. Meeting their Year 6 buddies was a highlight of the day and all children are looking forward to further activities with their buddies throughout the year.

Ms Wilson was thrilled with the positive start to the year and congratulates all children on such a wonderful start.

We are looking forward to getting to know the new families and students in our school and helping the children to grow and develop as active learners this year.