Principal’s News
Apart from the crazy weather this week, it seems that when it rains it really does pour. We have had a very busy and productive mid-term week.

The ‘Opportunity Class’ (OC) Orientation was informative and a success. Thank you to Mrs Barden for your efforts in organising this event. It was pleasing to see so many new faces as we prepare our OC students for 2016 enrolment. We welcome all new families to Jewells PS for 2016.

Also, this week I’d like to take the opportunity to thank our Stage 2 parents who attended the group discussion session last night regarding Belmont High School being our local High School. The group discussion was centred on understanding what our parents want from their local High School; what they currently know about their local High School and their opinions on the various High schools in our area. Our school has been selected to take part in the research for the NSW Department of Education and was successfully led by the department’s Communication and Engagement team members. Thank you once again all who attended, your input was highly valued.

Our Executive staff have been heavily involved in whole school planning and collaborative discussions for 2016. We will continue on as the term progresses to dissect further staffing arrangements, understanding budget initiatives and whole school strategic direction focuses.

All the best for the Stage 1 Excursion tomorrow. I know the sun will shine again soon. This excursion will go ahead regardless of the weather.

Our next Kindergarten Orientation Session will commence next Wednesday 11th November from 9:30am. We look forward to seeing our new families for 2016 once again.

Despite the windy weather and rain, term 4 at Jewells PS is a happening place to be, mid-term is here and we are smooth sailing into the later part of the term. Have a great week.

Emma Lakeman

K-2 Assembly: 2S will host the next K-2 Assembly next Monday afternoon, 9th November at 2.55 pm in the Hall. We will be entertained by the Junior Choir, conducted by Miss White. Visitors are always welcome – please remember to sign in at the office.

Band News: There is a Band information session in the Library on Thursday 12th November from 3:30pm-4:00pm. If your child is interested in joining the Band next year then please come along to find out all the necessary information and collect a Band expression of interest form. Looking forward to seeing you there. Louise Filan-Davis

Selective High Schools Placement – Year 7, 2017: If you are interested in your child applying for entry into a Selective High School eg. Merewether High for 2017 (Year 6 next year) online registration is now open until November 16th. The placement test sitting date is Thursday 10th March, 2016. For more information go to: www.schools.nsw.edu.au/shsplacement where you can read the information for parents and register. Liane Barden

Sports-A-Thon Sponsorship Money is due today. Please forward sponsorship card & money collected to the school office. Thank you.

For local enrolment information; Please contact the Administration Office on 49487300
Trampolining Competition: This weekend students from year 2, 3, 4, 5 & 6 will be competing in the Lake Macquarie Games Trampolining Competition. Good luck to all competitors, point your toes and have fun. Mrs Yeo
Saturday 7th November at Belmont High School Hall
Year 2 - 8.30am  Years 3 & 4 - 10am  Years 5 & 6 - 12.15pm

Mini Fete: On 18th November our school will be holding its annual mini fete, where each class organises an activity for the rest of the school to enjoy. This fete is for our students only - it is not a parent fete. The money raised by this mini fete is used to purchase a gift for the school, which is presented to the school during the Stage 3 Presentation Day. Over the years many fantastic gifts have been purchased, examples being the Stage 3 outdoor furniture, the two notice boards up in the top playground and the laptop and screen for the assembly hall. We once again ask you to support our Mini Fete by allowing your child to participate in the activities on the day. Some teachers will be sending notes home soon requesting small donations of prizes etc. 5/6M will be holding a White Elephant stall and we are currently gratefully accepting generous donations of pre loved toys, books, CDs, small household items etc. If you have any of these please send them along to Room 14. Thank you, Mrs Mansfield.

Please ensure the correct school uniform is worn. Representative jackets, hoodies, rugby league shorts, league socks, gym tights, coloured shoe laces and surf caps are not correct school uniform even if they are the same colours as the Jewells PS uniform. Thank you.

Kinder & Stage 1 will wear their Sports Uniform on a Thursday during Term 4. Please ensure your child comes to school in appropriate sports uniform.

2nd hand Blue Polo Shirts required: We require 2nd hand clean Blue Polo Shirts for the uniform shop. Please forward to the school administration office. Thank you

Jewells Uniform Shop Wednesdays 8.30am-9.30am
Paid orders can be left at the office anytime

The YOU CAN DO IT (YCDI) program is explicitly taught in the classroom. It allows students opportunities to enhance social and emotional competence. This term we are looking at Getting Along. Teachers recognise and promote the foundations through the use of language in a variety of situations such as: encouraging students to help someone else with their work or encouraging students to treat fellow peers and staff members with respect.

DEALING WITH CHILDREN’S BEHAVIOUR
A FREE WORKSHOP FOR PARENTS/CARERS
Are you finding it difficult to manage the behaviour of a child in your family?

This two hour workshop is suitable for parents, carers, grandparents or anyone wanting to learn more about dealing with difficult behaviour in children. The session covers topics such as:
• Understanding why difficult behaviour occurs
• Strategies for preventing difficult behaviour
• Strategies for responding to difficult behaviour

Jewells Primary School is pleased to partner with Turning Point Behaviour Support Consulting to offer this workshop on Wednesday 17th November 2015 at 9:30am in the school library. For more information please contact the school on Ph: 4948 7300 or Email: jewells-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au
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Please download this APP to your phone - for the latest & most up to date communication from Jewells Primary School

**Jewells Skoolbag App:** Our School now has our own Skoolbag iPhone and Android App to help us communicate more effectively with our Parent/Student community. We are asking parents to install our Skoolbag School App now. To install it, just search for our school name "Jewells Primary School" in either the Apple App Store, or Google Play Store. **These downloading instructions will help you:**

**On Apple –**
- On your iPhone open the app store
- Search for our school name – Jewells Primary School
- Press install
- Enter your iTunes password
- It will commence downloading immediately

**Android/Google Play –**
- On your Smartphone open the Android/Google Play market
- Search for our school name – Jewells Primary School
- Press install
- Your app will start installing immediately

**To Open Our School App –**
- Look for our school app icon (school logo) on your phone screen
- Press the icon once
- It will open automatically
- When prompted, select to receive your push notification and your location

**If you encounter troubles:**
- Simply shut down the app and/or your phone to refresh the phones memory.

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**CAPRI Kitchen & Bathroom Centre**

We are a local independent business dedicated to our local community and who proudly make and manufacture all our kitchens locally in Collaroy.

We offer a lifetime warranty on all hardware and 25 years on our workmanship.

We want to support Jewells Primary School with the following offer:

We will donate $1,000.00 to Jewells Primary School for every kitchen (valued over $10,000) sold through your newsletter.

All the customer needs to do is to present the newsletter voucher at their free kitchen consultation and with any kitchen purchase over $10,000 we will donate $1,000.00 to Jewells Primary School.

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**STRENGTH, ENDURANCE & FOCUS**

**Overview:**
- **Boxing/Fitness Class – Tuesday 6 – 7PM**
  - Redhead Public School Hall
- **Stretch Class – Thursday 6 – 7PM**
  - Redhead Public School Hall
- **Circuit Class – Saturday 9:30 – 10:30AM**
  - Jewells Primary School Hall

**Classes:** $15.00 (as of 7/4/2015) FOR ALL LEVELS OF FITNESS
$10.00 Age Pension rate

**Come Along, Have Fun and Get Fit at the Same Time!**

**Enquiries:** Phone Rochelle on 0413 273 612
Transport for NSW

Fact sheet: The School Opal card

Who's eligible?
To be eligible for a School Opal card, students need to be NSW residents and may need to live a minimum distance away from their school:
- Years K-2 (Infants) there’s no minimum distance.
- Years 3-6 (Primary) 1.6km straight line distance or 2.3km walking or further.
- Years 7-12 (Secondary) 2.0km straight line distance or 2.9km walking or further.

Students completing secondary studies at TAFE, boarding school students and students temporarily in Australia may also be eligible for a School Opal card. The eligibility criteria for these students is available at transportnsw.info/school-students.

A School Opal card is provided to eligible students who need to travel within the Opal network. Paper travel passes are issued to eligible students who need to travel outside the Opal network.

Who needs to apply?
Most students or parents won’t need to apply for the School Opal card. The School Opal card will be sent to a student’s school automatically at the beginning of the new school year in 2016.

However, a new application is required if:
- The student is just starting school or has not had a pass for travel before.
- The student is progressing from Year 2 to 3, or Year 6 to 7.
- The student is changing schools, including going between primary and secondary school.
- The student’s personal details have changed (e.g. address).

Applications must be made by a parent or guardian for children aged 15 years and under. Applications must be made by the student if aged 16 years or older.

How to apply
Step 1 Complete the application at transportnsw.info/school-students.
Step 2 Print, sign and submit the form to the school for endorsement.
Step 3 The school will then forward the application to Transport for NSW for processing. Once approved, Transport for NSW sends the School Opal card to the home address given in the application.

The application may take several weeks and the applicant’s email address is required.

If the student doesn't qualify for free travel
They may be eligible for a Term Bus Pass which offers travel on buses between home and school at a discounted rate for the whole school term.
Apply at transportnsw.info/school-students.

Find out more
For more information on the School Opal card and the School Student Travel Scheme (SSTS), please visit transportnsw.info/school-students.