Principal’s News

Our final P&C meeting was held last night. I would like to thank all parents and carers who have been involved throughout the year for their attendance and commitment. The Parents & Citizens Association (P&C) is a vital element in the successful operation of the school. The primary purpose of the P&C is to promote the interests of the school by bringing parents, carers, citizens, students and teaching staff into close co-operation and to assist in providing facilities and equipment for the school. The P&C aims to do this by:

- conducting regular meetings at which all parents and citizens are welcome;
- supporting subcommittees which, on behalf of the P&C, manage our school canteen, and our school band program, and raising funds through support of social fundraising subcommittee.

I’d like to take this opportunity to encourage all our new and existing families to come along next year - 2016. Your support will be greatly received and appreciated. We generally meet once a month, 6:30pm in our school Library. All dates are given in advance.

This evening we will be hosting our final meet and greet BBQ for our new Kindergarten families for 2016. We’d like to take this opportunity to welcome you to our wonderful Jewells school community and are looking forward to the year ahead as you and your child embrace your next chapter of school life.

Please remind your children to be responsible with their water bottles at school during the remainder of the warmer months. With the sudden bursts of heat we need to keep hydrated. Children are encouraged throughout the day to re-fill their water bottles, please make sure they are labelled with student names as we have had an increased number of unidentified items in lost property.

Emma Lakeman

Year 6 Farewell: On Wednesday 9th December Yr 6 students and their parents will attend their much anticipated Farewell at Belmont 16ft Sailing Club. Final numbers and payments were due last Friday but we have extended payments until tomorrow Friday 27th December 2015.

Primary Awards Assembly: On Monday 7th December at 12pm the Primary Awards Assembly will be held in the hall. The following people will be acknowledged:- Library Monitors, Computer Monitors, Premiers Reading Challenge Gold Certificates (Stage 2), Maths Olympiad Awards and Debaters. The 2016 Jewells School Parliament will also be announced at this assembly. We welcome parents and caregivers, please sign in at the office.

Early Stage 1, Stage 1 and Stage 2 Party Day: On Monday 14th December 2015 Early Stage 1, Stage 1 and Stage 2 will combine together to participate in ‘one big day of fun’. There will be a range of rotational activities including INFLATABLES (castles and water slides), JUST DANCE, PLAYGROUND SOUND DISCO and GAMES – Hungry Hippo (roll on skateboards to collect balls). The cost will also include a sausage sizzle & packet of chips. Students will be required to bring their own drink. The P&C have agreed to donate an ice-block to every student on the day. The total cost for the activities and food for the day is $10.00 per child. Students will need to wear clothing appropriate for water play, including closed in shoes, hat and a towel. A note for this amazing day will be sent home next Monday. We look forward to a memorable Party Day for 2015. Thank you, Ms Burt

Important Dates

November
Thur 26 2016 Kinder Meet & Greet BBQ 6pm-8pm
Fri 27 Yr 6 Farewell money due
Mon 30 Party Day notes sent home

December
Tues 1 Band Night 5.30pm
Wed 2 Belmont HS Orientation
Mon 7 Primary Awards Assembly
Tues 8 Jolina & Vicktoria Donation Day
Wed 9 Hunter Sport Awards Present
Wed 9 Yr 6 Farewell
Wed 9 Party Day money due
Fri 11 School Presentation Day
Mon 14 Party Day for all students
Wed 16 Last Day for Students

January 2016
Wed 27 Staff return for 2016
Thur 28 All students return for 2016

February 2016
Fri 12 Swimming Carnival

March 2016
Mon 7 School Photo Day
Mon 21 Yr 3 1 Day Excursion
Mon 21 Yr 4 2 Day Camp
Tues 22 Yr 4 2 Day Camp
Signing Choir Rehearsal Changes: Please note, signing choir will take place during recess instead of before school during weeks 9 and 10. This is due to ‘Teacher Professional Learning’ taking place in the library from 8:30am on Thursday of both weeks. Since we will be performing at Presentation Day, it is essential that students still attend all rehearsals. Thank you for your commitment throughout the year.

Stage 1 2016 Equipment Packs – Limited Stock Left: There are a number of book packs still available for purchase for Stage 1 2016 (Year 1 And Year 2). The packs are value for money at $36 and contain the following items:

- One set of textas
- One set of coloured pencils
- 1 rubber
- 6 medium sized glue sticks
- 6 highlighters in a range of colours
- 6 whiteboard markers
- 3 plastic button folders
- 2 scrapbooks (larger than A4)
- Pencil case

Please order your pack at the school office. These packs are not compulsory and you may purchase the equipment yourself. An order form is attached to the email.

Welcome to Jewells School Kindergarten BBQ: Kindergarten 2016 Parents are invited to a welcome to Jewells Primary School BBQ on Thursday 26th February 6pm – 8pm. This is an opportunity for you to meet other parents and teachers, as well as experiencing some of the activities that your child may be doing next year. Please let me know if you are able to attend. Looking forward to seeing you there! Thank you, Louise Filan-Davis

Yr 3 Morisset Education Excursion & Yr 4 Morisset Education Camp;
Next year our Year 3 students will be attending the Morisset Outdoor Education Day Excursion on Monday 21st March. Our Year 4 students will be attending Morisset Outdoor Education Camp with a sleepover on Monday 21st March and Tuesday 22nd March 2016. Morisset Outdoor Education Centre is fully catered and supply an incredible range of activities in the area of active Outdoor Education.

All the activities are designed to specifically challenge students in different ways. Some activities are designed to instil confidence, some are designed to promote more positive teamwork skills and some are to build resilience within the student. All activities, however, are different and the effect upon each student will depend on the individual way they interacted with the activity.

Some of the activities that the students might be participating are:
- Flying Fox
- Giant Swing
- Challenge Ropes
- Rock Climbing

All students who will be in Stage 2 in 2016 will be receiving further information & permission notes next week. Thank you, Stage 2 Teachers.

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. We will be encouraging students to get along and work cooperatively with behaviour-specific feedback, these include:

Cooperation allows people to contribute equally to tasks, when you are getting along you are cooperating well together.

You Can Do It (YCDI) Programme
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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**THE SCHOOL BELL RINGS AT 8.55AM EACH MORNING. PLEASE DO NOT SEND STUDENTS TO SCHOOL BEFORE 8.55AM AS NO SUPERVISION IS PROVIDED.**

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**The Salvation Army Christmas Appeal:**
The Jewells Primary School Parliament would like to ask for assistance from the School community to support The Salvation Army Christmas Appeal.
Donations of non-perishable food items and new toys may be left at the School office up until the end of November. Thank you in anticipation of your generosity.
Vacation Care @ PCYC
8:30am – 5:30pm
$35 per day less your
Centrelink Benefit and Rebate

Afternoon Tea Provided
Activities Include:
Bowling, Animal and Reptile Shows, Trampoline
Park Excursions, Movies, Laser Tag, Ice Skating
and Inflatable World. Bookings and enquires
please call 4948 6622

Walk a Mile Koori Style
A White Ribbon Event

When: Friday 27th November 2015
Where: King Edward Park Newcastle
Time: 9 – 3 pm
Contact: Lian crisis2@warlgangurra.org.au
Amnissa crisis1@warlgangurra.org.au
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VACATION CARE 4 – 12yrs
December 2015 / January 2016

Come & Join Us These School Holidays, We Will Have You Reaching New Heights
Participating In Programs Such As:

♦ obstacle courses ♦ art/craft ♦ gymnastic skills ♦ cooking ♦ magic
♦ trampolining ♦ science ♦ clay modelling ♦ athletics ... just to name a few

VACATION CARE IS AVAILABLE FROM
THURSDAY 17th DECEMBER - MONDAY 25th JANUARY
(closed Public Holidays)
7.30AM-6PM , MEALS INCLUDED

Child Care Rebate
The Hunter Sports Centre also runs gymnastics holiday programs and skills
clinics each day. For further information visit our website www.hsc.org.au