Principal’s News

Next Friday 11th December, you will receive your child’s Semester 2 report. This report relates to your child’s achievement during term 3 and 4 of this year. You will also be receiving your child’s assessment tasks for both English and Mathematics for these two terms. If you have any concerns about your child’s assessment results, report comments or information on their performance and/or effort, please contact your child’s teacher for further clarification.

Our Presentation Day will be held next Friday 11th December in our school hall. There are three separate ceremonies on the day, our Presentation times are as follows:

Stage 3 (Year 5 and 6) – 9:30 - 11:20am
Stage 2 (Year 3 and 4) – 12:00 - 1:30pm
Early Stage 1/Stage 1 (Kindergarten, Year 1 and 2) – 2:00 - 3:15pm

The 2015 summer vacation will commence for students after their last day of term being Wednesday 16th December. Our staff will be involved in professional learning and organisation for the 2016 school year on Thursday and Friday 17th and 18th December.

Emma Lakeman

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, Debaters and Fluro Friends. The 2016 Jewells School Parliament will also be announced at this assembly. We welcome parents and caregivers, please sign in at the office.

Newcastle Herald Competition Results: Congratulations to 5/6L and Mrs Barden as they were announced as the overall winners for the best primary school newspaper out of hundreds of school submissions! They also won the best editorial (Ryan W & Lennox), the best cartoon (Aidhan & Matt) as well as a highly commended for photography (Ally, Flynn, Elio, Ryan C & Milla).

Thinkfest Results: Last Tuesday, 5/6L went to Cessnock West Public School to compete against other schools in the Thinkfest competition. The results have been announced:

English group – Overall Runners Up
Science Group – Highly Commended
History Group – Highly Commended.

Congratulations to all 5/6L students and to Mrs Barden!

Volunteer Helper Afternoon Tea: To all our valued volunteer helpers you’re invited to a special Thank You Afternoon Tea…….. In the Library On Thursday 10th December 2:00-3:15pm. If you would like to attend, please complete RSVP that was sent home with note takers and return to your child’s class teacher by Tuesday 8th December.

Stage 1 2016 Equipment Packs – SORRY SOLD OUT

FOR LOCAL ENROLMENT INFORMATION;
Please contact the Administration Office on 49487300

Canteen is now closed for the remainder of the year
Presentation Day: Presentation Day is being held on Friday 11th December. We are requesting donations of flowers, such as Christmas Bush, Agapanthus, Hydrangeas & Gladioli and other blooms from your garden that can be used for floral arrangements on the school stage. Any donations need to be brought in by 9am on the morning of Presentation Day. Thank you for your support once again.

Signing Choir Rehearsal Changes: Please note, signing choir will take place on Thursday during recess in Week 10. Since we will be performing at Presentation Day, it is essential that students still attend all rehearsals.

Basketball News: Congratulations to Josie from 5/6Z who attended the Pacific School Games in Adelaide last week as part of the NSW State Under 12 Girls’ Basketball Team. She competed in a number of matches throughout the week and was chosen as Player of the Match in the final play-off game against the ACT. NSW won this game by just one point, placing 5th overall in the championships. This is a fantastic result. Well done Josie!

Donations to the Salvation Army Christmas Appeal: Our sincere thanks to our lovely families who placed gifts and food under the Christmas tree in the school foyer for donation to the Salvation Army Christmas Appeal. Mrs Blackstock was impressed with the range and amount of donations she collected today. Thank you for your generous support of this very worthy cause.

Introducing the School Opal Card

The School Opal Card will officially launch its new online application for relevant parents and students travelling in the Opal public transport region on Monday 2 November.

Who needs to apply?
Many students will receive a School Opal card automatically. It will be sent to their school at the start of the 2016 school year. However, you will need to apply if:
- Applying for an school travel pass for the first time
- Enrolling in Kindergarten
- Progressing from Year 2 to Year 3
- Progressing from Year 6 to Year 7
- Changing name, school and/or address
- Requesting an additional pass as a result of a new shared parental responsibility situation

How to Apply? Complete the application at:
www.transportnsw.info/school-students

For more information phone 131 500.

SCHOOL ZONE PARKING OFFENCES

Increased penalties for School Zones. Current as at 1 July 2014

NO STOPPING
- Means that in the area in the direction of the arrow, you must NOT STOP your vehicle at any point on the road or kerb, unless there is a medical or other emergency.
- Maximum penalty: $415 + 2 Demerit Points
- Penalty: $173 + 2 Demerit Points

POOL
- Means that you have no more than 2 minutes for drop-offs or pick-ups of passengers or goods and the driver must stay within 3 metres of your vehicle.
- Maximum penalty: $311 + 2 Demerit Points
- Penalty: $173 + 2 Demerit Points

You are NOT PERMITTED to stop or park your vehicle along side another vehicle that is already parked parallel to the kerb.
- Maximum penalty: $311 + 2 Demerit Points
- Penalty: $173 + 2 Demerit Points

CANTEEN NOW CLOSED TILL 2016
Correct School Uniform Kindergarten to Year 6: We would like to thank those parents and students who are upholding our uniform standard and would like to clarify our uniform as we approach a new year. There is a minority of older students wearing either non-uniform items like coloured hoodies, representative jackets, bike pants or royal blue sport shorts every day; these are not acceptable.

Approved jewellery includes watch and stud or sleeper earrings, hair accessories worn by all students should conform to school colours. A lowering of the tone of our school is of particular concern when older students have such a high profile outside our school e.g. attending high school orientation visits.

Uniforms promote a sense of pride and belonging to the school and ensures that all children are regarded in the same way by their classmates. Surveys of parents have clearly shown overwhelming support for a school uniform. As a result of this parents are asked to send children to school in the designated uniform. This includes the approved wearing of specially designed Year 6 Shirts.

Parents of Year 6 students who are experiencing difficulty in following the correct uniform policy because of the replacement cost of uniform items that may be only worn for a short time should contact Mrs Lakeman discuss possible alternatives.

Thank you to those parents who continue to enforce the wearing of the correct school uniform.

The correct summer uniform for boys and girls is outlined below.

**White ankle socks, black school shoes, and a royal blue school hat available from school - with wide brim (Cancer Council approved) are mandatory items to be worn everyday with the school uniform.**

**On sport days white sport socks and sport shoes are to be worn.**

**Girls’ Uniform**

**Summer Options:** The girls have three options for the summer school uniform

- **Option 1:** Royal blue check ‘A’ line frock with Peter Pan collar and red tab, **White ankle socks**
- **Option 2:** Navy blue ‘skort’ (shorts designed to look like a skirt) and pale blue school polo shirt
- **Option 3:** Navy blue tailored knee-length shorts and pale blue school polo shirt

**Sport Day:** Royal blue shorts, red polo shirt and white socks

*A light-weight royal blue with red trim jacket may be worn for cooler weather.**

**Winter Options:** The girls have two options for the winter school uniform.

- **Option 1:** Royal blue check ‘A’ line frock with Peter Pan collar and red tab worn with **dark blue tights**
- **Option 2:** Navy blue tailored slacks, pale blue school polo

**Sport Day:** Royal blue track pants, red polo and white socks

*A light-weight royal blue with red trim jacket and/or royal blue sloppy-joe may be worn with the above items.

**Boys’ Uniform:**

**Summer Option**

* Pale blue school polo shirt worn with navy blue tailored shorts

**Sport Day:** Royal blue shorts, red polo shirt & white socks

*A light-weight royal blue with red trim jacket may be worn for cooler weather.**

**Winter Options:**

- **Navy blue tailored long pants, pale blue school polo**
- **Sport Day:** Royal blue track pants, red polo shirt & white socks

*A light-weight royal blue with red trim jacket and/or royal blue sloppy-joe may be worn with the above items.

**Not acceptable:**

- Royal blue sport shorts with the pale blue polo shirt
- Navy or royal blue bike pants, dance pants or navy track pants
- Representative jackets, hoodies, rugby league shorts and socks
- Skivvies or tracksuit pants worn under the dress uniform
- White socks are not to be worn with tights.
Become an Ethics Teacher at Jewells Primary School

Primary Ethics provides the opportunity for NSW public primary school students who don’t attend scripture classes (SRE) to participate in philosophical ethics classes. We currently have vacancies for volunteers to teach Years K-6 ethics classes. The classes teach children how to approach ethical issues and develop their capacity for considered moral judgement, which will enable them to respond more thoughtfully to many of the problems and issues they will face in their lives. Volunteer Ethics Teachers are trained to deliver our age-appropriate curriculum every week and to use the accompanying learning and teaching materials.

Next week, for all students who have been opted out of scripture, there will be a letter sent home with the option to enrol in ethics classes. The availability of classes will be subject to available Ethics Teachers.

For more information, please contact:
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