Principal’s News

Congratulations to the 2015 Student Parliamentarians and all of our school leaders who were invested into their roles at our whole school assembly this week. School based leadership opportunities encourage and promote future life-skills for success. It was pleasing to note the settled and respectful tone of all of our students as audience members for the first of our whole school assemblies. Thank you to all of the parents and carers who came along to show your interest and support.

Our Zone swimmers competed against other schools in our East Lake Macquarie zone at the Zone Swimming Carnival this week. Well done to all of those who participated at this level. The sporting year is well underway.

This week we sent out invoices for your voluntary school contributions. Jewells Primary School has an excellent reputation as a quality school in line with the Hunter Region offering a wide range of opportunities for all students. These programs and initiatives can be sustained through the ongoing support of parents and our school community. Our P&C voluntary school contribution has the set costs at $37 for one child and $65 for a family. If every family were able to pay the P&C voluntary school contribution we would raise well over $16,000. These funds would then be taken back to our P&C to consult and discuss in detail the ways we can use these funds to improve student learning outcomes within our school setting. The resource levy is set at $10 per student in Stage 2 and 3 (Years 3-6). Stage 1 (Year 1 and 2) have purchased a resource pack. Early Stage 1 (Kindergarten) have also purchased a resource pack and are to purchase Reading Eggs for $23 / child. Any parent who has difficulty paying is welcome to discuss this with us and we may be able to provide some assistance.

If it is necessary to transport students throughout the year to various activities such as sporting events, extra-curricular activities and any other school based initiatives, please be advised that before you will be able to sign students out via the school office that the office will need to sight originals and make copies of the following up-to-date paperwork from the parent/carer transporting students:

-Your current car registration papers for the car you are driving the children in and your current drivers licence.
-Your working with children check – all forms were sent out to families several weeks ago. You can either obtain this with 100 points identification at our school office or on-line via the RTA website to receive a 5 years validation. Thank you for your understanding with this matter.

Safe arrival and departure to and from school must be our priority. The safe delivery to school in the mornings has once again raised on-going concerns at a number of levels. Firstly, children who are not attending supervised before school activities like choir and signing choir are not permitted on the school grounds before 8:55am unless attending OOSHC. This out of school care facility is specifically available to parents who need supervision for their children before school playground supervision begins at 8:55am. Secondly, if your child is arriving early for a supervised activity, please see them safely into the school grounds and wait with them in the designated meeting area until the organising teacher arrives. It has been a particular concern that young children are dropped off and expected to cross roads by themselves and are arriving before we commence our supervision. Children arriving late to school must also be signed in at the office by a parent. We have also had reports of large vehicles parking in non-parking school zones again causing concerns for small children at crossings. Your assistance in the interest of the safety of our children would be greatly appreciated.

In addition, please speak with your child daily about which gate they are to meet you at so that children are not confused or wondering between gates in the afternoon. We also would like to ask and remind parents and carers of our safety practice for children particularly at pick up at top gate – Fencott Drive. Can we ask that all parents and carers please wait at the gates for collection or the seats under the bus shelter. All of the seated areas under the trees in the asphalt area are often used by students who are participating in school based activities and we are finding that parent and carers are waiting in those areas which are impeding on this learning space for our students.

Important Dates

February 2015
- Thur 26 Zone Cricket Trials

March 2015
- Mon 9 School Photo day
- Wed 11 Zone Soccer/League Trials
- Wed 11 K-2 Responsible Pet Prog
- Wed 11 Out of Uniform for Kal
- Mon 16 Stg 3 Camp
- Tues 17 Stg 3 Camp
- Wed 18 Stg 3 Camp
- Wed 25 Athletics Carnival K-Yr6
- Tues 31 Jolina & Vicktoria
- Donation Day

April 2015
- Thur 2 Last Day Term 1 2015
- Tues 21 Students Return Term 2
- Fri 24 Zone Cross Country

May 2015
- Mon 4 Zone Touch Girls/Boys
- Fri 8 Hunter Cross Country
- Mon 11 NAPLAN
- Tue 12 NAPLAN
- Wed 13 NAPLAN
- Fri 15 Zone Softball
- Tues 19 Jolina & Vicktoria
- Donation Day

26 February 2015

Term 1 Week 5

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Lastly, we will be hosting a fundraising initiative for one of our students Kalan Simpson from Stage 1 who has Cystic Fibrosis who will be requiring in the next 3-4 year window a lung transplant. The P&C have agreed that this ‘life-threatening’ cause is a worthy initiative to be supported by our whole school by helping cover the costs of the travel and medical expenses as the procedure will be in Melbourne. As many of you may know, Fay our canteen coordinator is Kal’s home carer and would greatly appreciate the community support. We’ve decided to support this by holding an out of uniform day on Wednesday 11th March – week 7. Kal’s favourite colour is blue so we would like to ask all students to bring a gold coin donation and wear the colour ‘blue’ on this day. If you wish to make a donation to add further support please see the office for details.

Emma Lakeman

Parliament News: On Tuesday we had our first Whole School Assembly. It was an occasion for our school leaders, class councillors, house captains and vice captains and Aussies of the Month to be presented with their badges. Congratulations to all these people. Please remember that if you receive an Aussie of the Month badge you only have this until the next Whole School Assembly, as it is needed to present to the next winners.

Stage 3 Camp: Please be aware that ALL notes and money for the Stage 3 Camp are due next Friday 6th March. As we go to camp on the 16th March it is important that all notes are returned as soon as possible. This will ensure we have all medical details for attending students in order to send out the medical schedules for medication at camp. Thank you. Stage 3 teachers

School Photography: School Photos will take place on Monday 9th March for individual, class, siblings enrolled at Jewells Primary School ( if requested), Captains and School Parliament. Each student’s personalised envelope are being distributed next Wednesday. Please keep these individual envelopes in a safe place until Monday 9th March and return the individual envelope will the correct money enclosed on the day. These envelopes will be collected by Master School Portraits when your child’s class has their photograph taken. Please ensure you return the individual personalised envelope as each child has an identification barcode. If you do not wish your child to be in the class or a group photo please notify the office in writing by Friday 6th March 2015.

Full summer school uniform must be worn by student’s on this day as outlined below and please ensure hair is appropriately groomed.

Boys – Pale blue polo shirt with navy blue tailored shorts, white ankle socks, black school shoes

Girls – Dress, white ankle socks, black school shoes. Hair ribbons must be royal blue or red.

The prices for the photo’s are as follows:

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Sibling photos range from $17 - $27

Thank you, Samantha Burt

YOU CAN DO IT! (YCDI) program encourages students to perform at a level consistent with their ability. This term we are looking at Organisation

Being responsible for personal items and belongings in the playground.

Canteen and Uniform Shop Closed

Wednesday 25th March

Due to the Athletics Carnival, the canteen and Uniform Shop will be closed. The canteen will open as usual on Friday 27th March and the Uniform shop will be open on Wednesday 1st April.
Basketball News: Congratulations to Josie and Korbyn who were successful at the recent Eastlakes Zone Basketball Trials. They have been selected to attend the Hunter Zone Basketball Trials at Maitland Basketball Stadium on Friday 13th March. We wish them both good luck! Mrs Clulow

Jewells Swimming Carnival Results: JPS Swimming Carnival was held on 13th February at Swansea pool. It was a fabulous day with many students participating in swimming and novelty events and supporting one another by cheering loudly. This week at a whole school assembly the final place getters received ribbons for each of the events and the overall age champions were announced. Age champions are calculated by totalling number of points swimmers received by gaining a 1st, 2nd, 3rd or 4th place in an event. Congratulations to Lateisha and Logan on securing Junior Age Champion, Milla, Sophie and Joshua for 11yr Age Champion and Ebony and Nick for Senior Age Champion. Your medals will be presented to you at Presentation Day. The sport house that won the cheer squad trophy was Hawks and the overall winning house for this year’s swimming carnival was Black Swans.

East Lake Macquarie (ELM) Zone Swimming: This week 36 students represented Jewells at the ELM Zone Swimming Carnival. Students from Jewells competed over two days in nearly every age group and swimming stroke. Many students achieved personal best swimming times and gained places in finals. Congratulations to the 2015 Jewells Zone Swimming squad. You should be extremely proud of your achievements - Maya, Kane, Jai, Zane, Taylah, Ruby, Neshae, Tahlia, Lewis, Jai, Marshal, Beau, Bree, Allie, Darci, Shonnay, Logan, Beau, Hayden, Zac, Milla, Sophie, Mia, Sophie, Joshua, Jake, Lennox, Nathan, Ebony, Isabelle, Chelsea, Tillee, Nick, Flynn, Noah and Matt. A special mention to the swimmers who fought hard in the relay teams. You displayed excellent team work and sportsmanship. The junior girls (Taylah, Bree, Allie and Darci) finished 11th overall, junior boys (Zane, Logan, Beau and Hayden) came 2nd, senior girls (Ebony, Isabelle, Tillee and Chelsea) placed 2nd and the senior boys (Nick, Flynn, Noah and Joshua) won by a long shot. The overall rankings for the two days including every event placed our boys squad in 2nd place and our girls squad in 3rd. What an excellent result. Jewells Primary School is currently the 2nd highest ranking school in our zone area. Go Jewells!

Regional Swimming Carnival: Based on final places and qualifying times the following students will now progress to the Regional Swimming Carnival which will be held at Maitland Pool on Thursday 5th March. Notes will be handed out this week.

Joshua - 11yrs freestyle and senior boys relay
Logan - 10yrs freestyle, 200m medley and junior backstroke
Nick - 12yrs backstroke and senior boys relay
Isabelle - 200m medley, 12/13yrs butterfly and senior girls relay
Ebony - open 100m freestyle and 12/13yrs backstroke
Tillee - senior girls relay
Chelsea - senior girls relay
Noah - senior boys relay
Flynn - senior boys relay
Good luck at regionals and all the best!!!

Mrs Zink and Mrs Davis
Jewells Uniform Shop

Every Wednesday
8.30am-9.30am
Blue Polo Shirts have now arrived and are available at the Uniform Shop.

Orders can be sent to the office and will be filled on Wednesday mornings.

We also require 2nd hand clean uniforms

Uniform Shop

We need volunteers to keep our shop open. From 2015 we will open on a Wednesday 8.30am-9.30am. Our Uniform Supervisor will take care of the financial transactions, your role will involve helping parents with sizes and filling orders. If you can help on any Wednesday please contact Kellie Byrnes at the office 49487300 or just turn up, thank you.

HELP!

We still need help for the highlighted dates and times.

Please text your name and time/s that you can help out to 0401519141 or leave a message at the office.

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Email: chelsea.nisbet@hotmail.com for a newsletter including more information, a timetable for 2015 and how to register! Alternatively you can call her on 0403406529.