Principal's News

Another busy week, mid-term is well upon us. Photo Day will take place this Monday 9th March, Kinder/Year 1 are attending a Responsible Pet Program on Tuesday 10th March and Stage 3 are off to Camp on Monday 16th March.

We also have the upcoming Annual Garden Party at the Belmont Neighbourhood Centre on **Wednesday 18th March, 3.30pm-7pm**. This is an excellent community based initiative so come along and support our local community. The organising committee will be creating an innovative photo opportunity for all in our ‘Keys to Successful Education at Jewells’ interactive piano display, there will be a BBQ provided, music, market stalls and garden hunts. We thank you in advance for your support as together we can make this community grow.

Next **Wednesday 11th March** will have our P&C Annual General Meeting from 6:30pm in the school library. We would like to extend a warm welcome and open invitation to attend to all of our existing and new families.

Our fundraising initiative for our student Kalan will be going ahead next **Wednesday 11th March**. Kalan has Cystic Fibrosis and 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. Please show your support by bringing in a gold coin donation and participate in the out of uniform day by wearing ‘blue’ on this day. If you wish to make a donation to add further support please see the office for details.

I would like to again remind parents of the need to take care and obey the traffic laws when driving or parking near our school. Please be a responsible driver and keep our children safe. Please note our designated school zones and adhere to the 40km/hr speed limits, please do not double park or park illegally. Keeping our children safe is everyone’s business.

Emma Lakeman

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**Thumbs Up Awards:** This program is a levelled award program where students move up through the levels once 5 awards are received. Achievement and You Can Do It awards will be given out in class or assembly and once your child has received 5 awards they will be eligible to move onto Ruby level. The levels are as follows:

**Ruby level – 5 awards**

**Sapphire level – Ruby award plus 5 awards**

**Emerald level – Sapphire award plus 5 awards**

**Diamond Level – Emerald award plus 5 awards**

To receive a levelled award, students must bring their awards into their class teacher. Awards can be carried over to the following school year between Kinder and Year 2 and Years 3 to 6. i.e. If a student finishes the year on Sapphire level in Year 1, only five more awards are needed in Year 2 to move onto Emerald level. Please note that while it is possible for all students to achieve Diamond level at the end of Year 2 and Year 6, it is not expected that all students will attain this level. We are looking forward to beginning the Thumbs Up awards with the students and celebrate their successes at school.

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"Blue" Out of Uniform for Kalan - Wednesday 11 March 2015

This day will support our student Kalan. Kalan has Cystic Fibrosis and will be requiring in the next 3-4 year window a lung transplant. Gold coin donation and ‘blue’ out of uniform [sensible covered in shoes and sun hat].
SAY CHEESE—Have your child’s school memories captured forever:
School Photos will take place on Monday 9th March for individual, class, sibling enrolled at Jewells Primary School (if requested), Captains and School Parliament. Each student’s personalised envelope has been distributed this week. 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 take the time to read the relevant information on the MSP Photography payment envelopes and remember these helpful points:
- Do not seal envelopes inside each other. You can pay for all children in one envelope however each child needs to have their own envelope on photo day.
- Family envelopes are available at the school office upon request.
- Please enclose correct money as no change is given. Cash and money orders only (sorry no credit cards accepted).
If you do not wish your child to be in the class or a group photo please notify the office in writing by tomorrow, 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.

Thank you, Samantha Burt

Pi Day 3.14: Saturday 14th March is International Pi Day (3/14) and it is also Albert Einstein’s birthday, were he still alive. 5/6L will be celebrating the amazing number Pi on Friday 13th (!) in recognition of mathematicians everywhere. It is also the day our Term 1 Infinity Maths project is due – so much maths!! We will be celebrating with lots of art, craft, activities and a memorisation contest for the digits of Pi after the decimal point. Maybe you can challenge our winner… if you dare. Students may bring in a pie and/or circular shaped food for themselves (no sharing) on the day so we can measure and calculate with food.
Who knew maths could be so fun?  Mrs Barden

Responsible Pet Program: On Tuesday 10th March the RSPCA will be delivering a Responsible Pet Program to K-2 students. To support the objectives of the session, the RSPCA will be bringing a trained dog. If you would like your child to be withdrawn from the session, due to allergies, or have any concerns please contact your child’s teacher. Thank you Louise Filan-Davis

Stage 3 Camp: Please be aware that ALL notes and money for the Stage 3 Camp are due tomorrow Friday 6th March. 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

Netball News: Thank you to all the girls who tried out for the team. Unfortunately everyone can’t be selected for the team. Congratulations to: Paige, Ebony, Sarah, Isabelle, Alyssa, Josie, Ally, Tallulah, Hayley and Jalea. Training is every Wednesday at 8.00am. Stg 3 keep in mind that during Terms 2 and 3 you have the opportunity to play Macquarie Shield Netball, which is a competition between many schools, as part of our Friday sport. Thank you, Mrs Mansfield

Book Club Orders will be collected tomorrow, Friday 6 March 2015. A collection box will be in the Administration Office between 9-9.30am. Book Club orders will not be collected by administration staff. Please ensure correct money is enclosed as no change will be available. If paying by cheque please make payable to Scholastic Australia. No Late Or-
Aerobic Teams: Congratulations to all children who tried out for this year's aerobic teams. As always the incredibly high standard of the children made it very difficult to choose the teams and we are extremely proud of all who tried out for the teams. They are as follows:

LITTLES TEAM - Hayley, Darci, Jayde, Sienna, Lauren, Mia, Hollie-Mai and Bianca.
OPEN B TEAM - Hannah, Phoebe, Nyssa, Amelia, Morgan, Caitlin, Sophie and Sophie.
OPEN TEAM - Gabby, Laura, Ally and Samantha.
PAIRS - Ebony and Tanisha.

Congratulations to all children who tried out.
Mrs Yeo, Mrs Zink and Mrs Ross

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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

P & C Easter Raffle

Easter Raffle Ticket for FREE!!

We are offering all Jewells students the opportunity to receive an Easter Raffle Ticket for free by simply donating an Easter egg or Easter rabbit towards the Jewells School Easter basket raffle.

Our School Parliament and parent helpers will be collecting the donated Easter eggs or rabbits under the COLA before morning bell, from Monday 16th March for 2 weeks. Students simply donate an egg to receive a free raffle ticket.

Raffle books of 5 tickets for $5.00 will be sent home on Monday 9th March. Sold ticket stubs and books are to be returned to the office by Tuesday 31st March.
The Premier’s Reading Challenge has been launched at school with style when a young person came to the library with a completed list of books and huge proud smile as she had finished the Challenge on day one. When asked what’s next the excited reply was ‘I’m off to read all the Aussie Nibbles and Aussie Chomps’. Since the beginning of the year this happy reader has been coming to the library every day and borrowing two books at a time and recording her efforts. This delightful encounter shows how PRC encourages a love of reading for leisure and pleasure in students, and enables them to experience quality literature. It is not a competition but a challenge to each student to read, to read more and to read more widely. Students can add PRC reading too as part of their school and home reading routine.

One PRC certificate per year will be issued to each student who completes the Challenge. Students who complete the PRC for four years receive a Gold certificate and seven years receive a Platinum certificate. Students who complete the Challenge each year from Y3-inclusive receive a PRC medal.

The PRC 2015 started on 2 March. Students need to complete their online Student Reading Records by 21 August (11:59 pm) for verification. Ongoing reading is encouraged so books read from 1 September 2014 can count towards the 2015 Challenge. Students entering and successfully completing the Challenge will receive a PRC certificate and the student’s name will appear on the PRC Honour Roll. Students need to complete a set amount of reading to meet the Challenge, see table below:

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To experience a book a child can listen to the book, participate in a shared reading of the book or read part or the entire book independently. Students can attempt the Challenge by reading PRC books at or above their stage level (not below their stage level). For example, a student in Y4 can read books from the 3-4, 5-6 or 7-9 lists but not K-2. Please note that when students are choosing books from higher booklists, extra guidance may be necessary to ensure that the books are appropriate. On the 7-9 booklist, books marked are for mature readers or denote books with more mature themes or language.

Many book series have been included on the PRC booklists. You can find a full list of approved books and series on the PRC website. In an approved series, any 2 can be read and up to 5 other books from the same series as personal choice books.

All Student Reading Records are submitted online by either the teacher or librarian for students in K-2 or personally by the students from Y3-6. Students from Y3-6 can enter their books online as they are read via any computer with internet access at school, in a public library or at home either through the DET student portal or directly through the PRC website. [https://products.schools.nsw.edu.au/prc/home.html](https://products.schools.nsw.edu.au/prc/home.html)

Students logon with their usual school individual usernames and passwords to access their own record. The Student Reading Record is completed by either entering the PRC ID number (recorded on the first page of each book) or clicking on titles or authors from a drop-down PRC list. Many choice books can also be selected from a drop-down list. The school’s PRC coordinator validates the student reading records and acknowledges their achievement via the internal JPS Sentral communication system.

There’s NSW Premier's Reading Challenge app. The free app will assist students to search for books on the NSW Premier’s Reading Challenge booklist, record the books they have read and track their progress in the Challenge. The app is currently available on Windows 8 devices. At this stage it is not available on Apple or Android devices. Click here to the link [To download the app for Windows 8 devices](https://products.schools.nsw.edu.au/prc/home.html)

**Dojo Software Application in the Library**

I use the engaging Dojo software in the library setting as a tool to award and track house points for the overall school behavioural management program. House points are awarded for positive behaviours demonstrated by students. The criteria for positive behaviour is behaving safely, respectively and abiding by school code of conduct, and behaviours that reflect the values of the schools’ You Can Do It program. I simply express the positive behaviours expected in library as the 3 R’s, respect yourself, respect others and respect space and property. If you have any questions please feel free to contact me.

Happy reading, Mrs Johnson
Belmont Men's Shed Tours
Live Radio Broadcast

Wednesday 18th March, 3:30pm–7pm
@ Belmont Neighbourhood Centre
359 Pacific Highway Belmont North

For more information phone: 49470031

United Netball Club is looking for 5, 6 & 7 year olds to join one of our teams.

We play at Charlestown Netball Courts each Saturday and our focus is on fun, friendship & fitness.

If you are interested, please contact Jodie Mortimer on 0414 917 895.

For any further information please visit our website www.unitednetball.com.au
The **ZKidZ** program has been designed to switch on and motivate kids to think clearly, improve memory, confidence and concentration; increase self-esteem, develop their feelings, reduce anxiety and remain calm, learn resilience, anti-bullying and friendship skills. All in a fun and friendly environment.😊

The ZkidZ program incorporates Brain Gym movements, Mind-Up emotional education, Relaxation/anti-stress techniques and other skills and knowledge supporting the learning outcome for the week.

The ZKidZ has a badge system where each child, after completing 5 weeks of classes, is given a badge relating to a concept taught. Each term completed, every child will be entitled to two badges.

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**When- Tuesdays & Thursdays (School terms)**
PreKindy-Yr4 at 4:00-4:45.
Yr 3-Yr7 at 5:00-5:45.

Cost: $11 week (inc. Badge)

**Where-**
Belmont North Anglican Church Hall
Cnr Ntaba Rd & Harrison St, Belmont North.

For More Information Contact Our Brain Gym Consultants:
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Vicki Paradiso (Nurse) 0404 025958 vicki3rdeye@gmail.com

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