I'd like to start this week’s Principal News with a staffing announcement. Congratulations to Ms Louise Filan-Davis who was successful in obtaining the permanent appointment, and therefore maintaining her position as one of our Assistant Principals. The interview process was finalised this week. All applicants were of a high standard. Ms Filan-Davis will continue on with her role as Early Stage One Assistant Principal.

Last night we held our Annual General Meeting for our P&C. Thank you to all of those families and carers who attended. Congratulations to our newly elected Committee members:

President: Katie Clarence
Secretary: Liz Evans
Vice Presidents: David Williams, Peter Butler
Treasurer: Fay Tzavellas
Fundraising: Selina McCabe

We would like to extend a warm welcome and open invitation to attend all upcoming P&C meetings to all of our existing and new families. Please check the newsletter for upcoming dates.

Parent teacher interviews will be again held in the last two weeks of this term. We are using our online booking system which again works on a first in basis. Please be reminded that times are booked out to the first parent to request it. Bookings open tomorrow, Friday 13th March and close Friday 20th March. Please see more information below.

Stage 3 will embark on their exciting Stage 3 Camp to Forster next week – 16th-18th March. I wish you all a wonderful trip and we look forward to hearing of the adventures had upon your return.

Next Wednesday 18th March we will be attending the Annual Garden Party at the Belmont Neighbourhood Centre, from 3.30pm-7pm. This is an excellent community based initiative so come along and support our local community. Please join us at the Perfectly Painted Piano at our ‘Keys to Successful Education at Jewells’ inspired display. There will be food available, music, market stalls and garden hunts. We thank you in advance for your support as together we can make this community grow.

The Annual Athletics Carnival at Glendale Sports Centre is the next whole school event for Jewells Primary School students. The carnival will be held on Wednesday 25th March. The organising teachers have an exciting day planned with the help of Newcastle University students from the Teach Outreach program. I would like to invite all parents, carers, grandparents and friends to come along and support the children. Please be advised no supervision will be provided at school as this is a whole school event.

Emma Lakeman

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**Book School Interviews Online**

Term 1 Interviews will be held between Monday 23rd March and Thursday 2nd April for all classes (except 1/2J and 3/4M which will be held at a date yet to be confirmed).

You can book interview times that suit your family best by going to www.schoolinterviews.com.au Enter school code FS2FY and follow the simple instructions.

A note has been sent home today with more information.
Athletics Carnival: The Athletics Carnival will be held on Wednesday 25th March at Hunter Sports Centre, Glendale. Payment is due to the office by Thursday 19th March. No late payments will be accepted. Please note that the carnival will go in the event of wet weather. We look forward to a fun-filled day of athleticism.

Early Stage 1 and Stage 1 – Athletics Carnival Coordinators.

K-2 Assembly: The next K-2 Assembly is on Monday 16th March at 2.55pm (Week 8). 2W will be running the assembly. There are no class items until next term.

Early Stg1 / Stg1 Parent Information Session: There will be a Best Start/PLAN (Planning for Literacy and Numeracy) parent information session on Friday 20th March at 9.30am in the Library. All K-2 parents are welcome to attend. Thank you, Louise Filan-Davis.

Senior Choir: Due to Stage 3 camp next week, Senior Choir rehearsals will not be held next Monday, 16th March, 2015.

ICAS: The International Competitions and Assessment for Schools (ICAS) notes have been sent home. If your child does not have one they can ask for one at the office. Please ensure each child has their own note even if siblings are also sitting the tests. The test dates are as follows:

19th May ICAS Digital Technologies (formerly Computer Skills)
5th June ICAS Science
16th June ICAS Spelling
28th July ICAS English
11th August ICAS Maths

Unfortunately we can’t accept any late notes due to ordering deadlines for the papers. Due date is Thursday 26th March, 2015. Mrs Barden, ICAS Co-ordinator

Clued Up Kids: On Tuesday 24th March 5/6L will be having a visit from Catherine Piper, Acting Registrar at the Belmont Courthouse. Catherine administers the Clued Up Kids competition which Jewells will be competing in again in 2015 and she will be coming to speak to the class about the role of the courts. These students will be representing Jewells on 21st May with their presentation at the courthouse: Lilli (team leader), Sarah, Tim, Jonathan, Eva and Flynn. Please note, Library time for 5/6L and 5/6M is swapped for the day. Mrs Barden

Newcastle Herald Newspaper Competition: In 2015 Jewells will again be preparing a double-page newspaper in the Newcastle Herald which will be printed in October this year. The newspaper will cover editorials, articles and advertisements of both the school and the community. Year 6 students in 5/6L will form the Jewells Newspaper team. Keep an eye out for our team as they may need to interview you or ask for some great ideas for their articles! Mrs Barden

Regional / State Swimming: Congratulations to all of the swimmers who competed at the Regional Swimming Carnival last Thursday at Maitland pool. Excellent results from everyone and you did Jewells proud. A special shout out to the senior boys relay team who came 2nd at the Regional Swimming Carnival. They have qualified to compete at State in the coming weeks. Well done Nick, Josh, Flynn and Noah. Well done to Logan who will also go on to compete at State for his individual stroke.

Jewells MADDness 2015: This year Jewells Primary School will be presenting ‘Jewells MADDness’. A spectacular concert to celebrate Music, Art, Dance and Drama and highlight the Creative and Performing Arts programs that run at Jewells within the classroom and as extra-curricular activities. This is an exciting new show that has been designed to replace the Jewells Showcase. Jewells MADDness will take place in the school hall on the following dates:

Infants (K-2) – Wednesday 9th September – T3 W9
Primary (3-6) – Wednesday 16th September – T3 W10

More information will follow. At this stage please just save the date and start getting excited!
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.

P & C Easter Raffle

Easter Raffle Ticket for FREE!!

We are offering all Jewells students the opportunity to receive a 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.
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