Stage 3 students arrived back yesterday afternoon, exhausted after 3 days at the Outdoor Education Experience Australia Camp at Forster. Congratulations to the Stage 3 students who were great ambassadors for Jewells Primary School. The camp leaders commended them on their behaviour and their ‘have a go’ attitude whilst participating in some of the planned activities such as waterslides, zorb balls, flying foxes, giant swings, challenge ropes, mud world and go carts.

The Belmont Neighbourhood Centre Garden Party was held yesterday afternoon. It was a fantastic afternoon and it was great to see so many friends and family support such a worthwhile community event. Thanks to Ms Burt and Mr Linton for their enthusiasm and hard work on creating our ‘Keys to Successful Education at Jewells’ interactive Piano display.

The Athletics Carnival will be held on Wednesday 25th March at Hunter Sports Centre, Glendale. Students who are travelling to the centre from home will need to be at the centre by 9.45am. We are looking forward to a great day.

The Easter Hat Parade will be held on Thursday 2nd April from 2pm for all students. Easter hats can be created at home, and book prizes will be awarded for the brightest Easter hat, most creative and best in show. The Easter Egg raffle will be drawn after the parade. Family and friends are welcome to attend.

Registrations for parent teacher interviews close tomorrow, Friday 20th March at 3pm. Please register at www.schoolinterviews.com.au, enter Event Code FS2FY, and follow the instructions to choose a time that is convenient for you. 1/2J and 3/4M will be held at a date yet to be confirmed.

Stage 3 Camp: Stage 3 have returned from a fantastic three days at camp, where they have participated in many exciting activities. We are so proud of the way that they stepped out of their comfort zones and attempted things that they have never done before. The valuable bonding experience was amazing and we hope many new friendships were formed. Well done Stage 3. We hope you had the time of your life.

Athletics Carnival: Will be held on Wednesday 25th March at Hunter Sports Centre, Glendale. Payment and notes were due to the office today, Thursday 19th March. Students travelling from home will need to have their name marked off by their class teacher, and are to be supervised by a parent or carer until that occurs. Please be aware that if students are travelling home with an adult other than their parent or guardian, they need to have written permission. If they are not picked up by 1.55pm by the nominated adult, they will return to school on the bus. Please note that the carnival will go ahead 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.

Early Stg1 / Stg1 Parent Information Session: There will be a Best Start/PLAN (Planning for Literacy and Numeracy) parent information session tomorrow, Friday 20th March at 9.30am in the Library. All K-2 parents are welcome to attend. Thank you, Louise Filan-Davis.
ICAS: Just a reminder that all payments and notes are due for the ICAS competitions next Thursday 26th March. Unfortunately no late orders can be taken, so see the office if you need a note.
Thank you, Mrs Barden, ICAS Co-ordinator

Junior and Senior Choir: Senior Choir rehearsals resume on Monday, 8.30 am in the school hall. There will be no Junior Choir rehearsal next Wednesday, due to the athletics carnival. Thanks, Miss White

Band News: Well we’re back in the swing of things with all lessons and band at school on Thursday and Friday. Thank you to everyone for payment of tuition fees. The Band Committee AGM is on Wednesday the 25th March in Room 8 at 6pm. Everyone is warmly welcome and your support is greatly appreciated. The Senior Band is progressing well and I am very happy with attendance and rehearsal this term. The band consists of 1 violin, 5 flutes, 8 clarinets, 5 alto saxes, 3 trumpets, 1 french horn, 4 trombones, 2 pianists and 2 drummers. The Training Band had its first couple of rehearsal this term and I am excited with their sound, balance and enthusiasm. I hope that they are enjoying as much as I am. I am so proud and excited to see the band’s numbers this year. We have 8 flutes, 8 clarinets, 1 bass clarinet, 4 alto saxophones, 2 trumpets, 1 trombone, 2 bass guitar, 4 pianists and 2 drummers at the moment.
Everyone should have received their annual band fees for the year, these are invoiced by the band committee and need to be paid into the Jewells Band Committee account by the end of Week 7 Term 1. If you have not received them please send me a text or email and I can get an invoice for you. Remember if you are using internet banking please leave your child’s name as a reference. Band fees (with school instrument) - $230 = $10 band shirt hire and $140 + $10 shirt hire (with own instrument):
WESTPAC Name: Jewells Primary School Band Committee
BSB: 032510 ACCOUNT NUMBER: 232705
The payment of tuition fees and band fees by the due date is essential for the music/band program to run smoothly and if payment is not made then lessons and attendance to band rehearsal will be restricted until payment has been rectified. If you have any concerns please contact Les Corrigan at the school to set a payment plan. I am looking forward to a great year of music with all your kids and I think we are already off to a flying start. Please feel free to contact me at any time with any questions or concerns. Regards, Gina Caban

P & C News: Thank you to all family and friends that came along to the Garden Party yesterday to support both the School and the community. It was a successful afternoon and it was lovely to see children and parents involved in Easter Egg hunting, playing, placing handprints on our school piano and enjoying many of the stalls available. The P&C’s fundraising committee Taco Stand proved to be a success, offering many customers a healthy snack or early dinner. Thank you to all fundraising committee members who gave up their valuable time to organise and sell Tacos and a big thank you to the school community for supporting the stand.

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.
If you are unable to book a time convenient to you, please contact the school office and leave your details, and we will have your child’s teacher contact you to arrange a suitable time.
Thank you to everyone who attended the Garden Party yesterday afternoon. It was a wonderful event where the whole community comes together to celebrate the lovely gardens and community centre situated here in Belmont.

This year, Jewells Primary School created a ‘Keys to Successful Education at Jewells’ display were children from the local community “planted” their painted hand onto a decorated piano. This piano has been donated to the Belmont Neighbourhood Centre garden where it will be proudly displayed amongst their array of flowers forever.

I would also like to thank Terry who not only stripped the piano, he moved it to its new site in the garden and assisted on the evening along with Ms Byrnes, Mr Corrigan, Miss Hoade and Ms Filan-Davis. A special thanks also to Brodie and Jack who created the background garden painting on the piano.

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 making a donation towards the Jewells Primary Easter basket raffle. One Raffle ticket per donation will be given.

Our School Parliament will be collecting the donated Easter eggs under the COLA from 9am until 9.25am every morning. Simply make a donation to receive a free raffle ticket. Raffle books of 5 tickets for $5.00 have been sent home. If more books are required please see the school office. Sold ticket stubs and books are to be returned to the office by Tuesday 31st March.

Canteen Roster
Term 1

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| Friday 20th 20/3/2015 | Fay Tzavellas (9-3pm) |
| Renai Fibbens (9-12:30) | Lorraine Gibson (9-2:30pm) |
| Nicole Coulter (9-12:30pm) | Robyn Powell (9-2:30pm) |
| Jenine Boxall (1:45-3pm) | Jenny Hilzinger (9-3pm) |
| Liz Kekovek (1:45-3pm) | Ros Thompson (9-12:30) |
| Lisa Toole (1:45-3pm) | Kylie Iles-Jones (1:45-3pm) |

| Friday 27th 27/3/2015 | Fay Tzavellas (9-3pm) |
| Nicole Coulter (9-12:30pm) | Krys Kelly (9-12:30pm) |
| Selina McCabe (9-12:30) | June Butler (1:45-3pm) |
| Glenda Watts (1:45-3pm) | (1:45-3pm) |

| Friday 3rd 03/04/2015 | CLOSED |

FITNESS FOR EVERYONE

BOXING/FTNESS CLASS – TUESDAY 6 – 7PM
(Reedhead Public School Hall)

STRETCH CLASS – THURSDAY 6 – 7PM
(Reedhead Public School Hall)

CIRCUIT CLASS – SATURDAY 8:30 – 9:30AM
(Jewells Primary School Hall)

CLASSES: $15.00 (as of 7/4/2015) FOR ALL LEVELS OF FITNESS
$10.00 Age Pension rate

COME ALONG, HAVE FUN AND GET FIT AT THE SAME TIME
ALL ENQUIRIES PHONE ROCHELLE ON 0431 273 612

SPORT HOUSES

Black Swans - Yellow

Sea Eagles - Green

Hawks - Red

Kingfishers - Blue
Jewells Primary School Disco

Come along for a fabulous night and support our Aerobic Teams at the first disco for 2015!!

Wednesday 1st April in the School Hall

(Disco is for Jewells Primary students only)

Years K-6 from 5:30pm-7pm

ENTRY $2.50 per child or $5 per family

Yummy Sausage Sizzle starts at 5pm!!

FAMILY FUN AT THE HUNTER WETLANDS CENTRE
Easter School Holidays 2015

Easter Fun Day
Saturday 4th April 9.30am - 1.00pm
Join the Easter Bunny for:

- Wetlands Adventures, Craft & Face Painting, Fun Games,
- Reptile Encounter, BBQ.

$5 Adults, $2 children under 12 (under 3 free)

School Holiday Activities
There’s lots to do, so come along and join in the fun

- Dipnetting, Canoeing, Bike Riding (bring your own bike or hire one),
- Playground, Walking Trails, Become a Wetlands Explorer (go in the draw for a weekly prize pack),
- Bring a picnic or eat at Spoonbill Cafe.

Wetlands will be closed on Good Friday, Easter Sunday & Easter Monday

Book in for these activities on Wednesday 15th April

Bush Skills Adventure 8 to 12 years ($20 per child)
Have fun making a bush survival shelter, a bush damper & learn about useful bush skills too!

Wriggly Wetlanders 5 to 8 years ($20 per child)
Explore the wetlands, get creative and crafty with our fun wetland activities.

Bookings Essential - 4951 6466