Principal’s News

Our school may have been battered but our spirit wasn’t shattered! Thank you to all students and staff for a terrific week back after last week’s series of events. I would like to congratulate all students for being safe and responsible around our school upon their return and thank you for staying away from the out of bounds areas around the playground. By working together we are ensuring our play areas can return to their restored state in no time. Term 2 is defiantly under way.

Thank you to all those students, parents and staff who participated in the Belmont ANZAC march and service on the weekend. It was pleasing to have such a supportive school representation on the day.

This week we had our local Police School Liaison Officer come and conduct a ‘Police Talk’ to all students in Years 3-6. The topics included; understanding how to be responsible in a public place, understanding behaviour that is acceptable in society, thinking before you act and respecting property. The discussion led to many thought provoking questions about consequences of actions and understanding the law. Particularly the older students had several questions about Cyber Bullying and being Cyber safe. I have two recommended websites for parents and carers that I would like to pass on from the NSW Police, www.cybersmart.gov.au – designed to help children and whole families find out how to be cyber smart and use the internet safely and www.thinkuknow.org.au – internet safety awareness program for primary school children.

This weekend the Jewells aerobic teams have the state Preliminary Finals in Sydney. I’d like to wish the best of luck to the four teams representing our school for their first competition. Go Jewells!

Next Wednesday 6th May at 6:30pm in the School Library we will be holding the first P&C meeting for term 2. I 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.

A reminder for our upcoming NAPLAN timetable is as follows;
Tuesday 12th May – Language Conventions Test and a separate writing test
Wednesday 13th May – Reading Test
Thursday 14th May - Numeracy Test
Friday 15th May – catch up day permitted

All students in years 3, 5, 7 and 9 across Australia in both government and non-government schools are expected to sit all tests of the National Assessment Program.

Mrs Emma Lakeman

Basketball News: Congratulations to Josie and Korbyn who were both successful in being selected at the PSSA Zone Basketball Trials. They will now represent Jewells as part of the Hunter Region teams at the PSSA State Basketball Carnivals to be held at Wollongong in late April and early May. Well done to you both and good luck! Helen Clulow

Important Dates

May 2015
Mon 4    Zone Touch Girls/Boys
Tues 5    Zone Basketball-Girls
Wed 6    P&C Meeting 6.30pm
Thurs 7   Mother’s Day Stall
Fri 8     Hunter Cross Country
Fri 8     Stg1 Mother’s Day Afternoon 2.30pm
Fri 8     Stewart House envelopes due

Mon 15    ICAS Writing
Tues 16   ICAS Spelling
Wed 17    Netball Gala Day
Tues 19   Jolina & Vicktoria Donation Day

June 2015
Wed 3     ICAS Science
Mon 15    ICAS Writing
Tues 16   ICAS Spelling
Wed 17    Netball Gala Day
Tues 23   Jolina & Vicktoria Donation Day

August 2015
Mon 3     Yr2 Swim School commences
Wed 5     Soccer Gala Day
Fri 14    Yr2 Swim School concludes

Kinder & Stage 1 will wear their Sports Uniform on a Thursday during Term 2. Please ensure your child comes to school in appropriate sports uniform.
Senior Choir: Senior choir will resume rehearsals next Monday at 8:30am in the hall. All members will need to be present as we are rehearsing for our very first performance at the Primary Assembly on Wednesday 6th May where we will perform "In Flanders Field". There are still a few students who need to pay their $5 Choir fee, can you please forward the money to the office as soon as possible. Thank you, Mrs Ross

Stewart House Donation Drive 2015: Envelopes have been sent home today and we ask that they be returned next Friday 8th May, Stewart House Day. Please support this valuable program.

Canteen will reopen tomorrow Friday May 1st

Mother's Day Invitation

Join Stage One on
Friday 8th May
2.30 - 3.25 pm
for an afternoon of fun and entertainment to celebrate Mother's Day. Please meet your child in their classroom and enjoy these great activities.

Room 1: 2S - Jewellery
Room 2: 1W - Paper Flowers
Room 6: 2H - Photo Booth Fun
Room 7: 1/2J - Nail Art
Room 16: 1JC - Portrait Place
Room 17: 1C - Relaxation and Massage

We hope our mums, grandmothers, aunties and special friends are able to join us for a fun afternoon.

Jewells Primary School - Mother’s Day Stall
Thursday 7th May 2015 from 9.25am to 11.20am

Our annual Mother’s Day Stall will once again take place the third week of Term 2 Thursday 7th May, just before Mother’s Day.

Gifts will range in price from $2.00 to $10.00. On the day each class will attend the stall and children will select their purchase. Please send your child to school with their money in a labelled envelope and a plastic bag to carry the items home.

We do require volunteers to help with the stall setup and purchases. This is an exciting morning for the children and you will find it very rewarding. Please phone the office on 49487300 and leave your name.

The YOU CAN DO IT program provides students with the positive mindset necessary for them to develop foundations for achievement and social-emotional well-being in school, work and the world of tomorrow. There are five foundations to the program - Organisation, Persistence, Getting Along, Confidence and Resilience.

This term we are looking at Resilience.

Being emotionally resilient means knowing how to stop yourself from getting extremely angry, down or worried with yourself when something bad happens.
New Entertainment Books have arrived
We have books available for purchase and immediate collection.
Still only $60 for over $20,000 of valuable offers.

School Banking is shooting for the stars.

At the beginning of 2015, the School Banking program launched students on a mission to save by making regular deposits into their YouthSaver account. In just one term, over 165,000 School Banking deposits were made around Australia. It’s a fantastic result that’s seen thousands of Australian children begin their savings mission.

Rewarding good savings behaviour with two new items
To help keep students on track with their savings mission in Term 2, we’ve released two new awesome reward items from our Outer Space Savers range. Students just need to make 10 School Banking deposits to be able to redeem a reward item.

Invisible Ink Martian Pen
Intergalactic Rocket

You could win a 5 nights’ family trip to California’s Disneyland
Don’t forget, students who consistently display stellar savings behaviour by making 25 or more School Banking deposits in 2015 will automatically go into the draw at the end of the year to win a family trip to California’s Disneyland.

For more information, visit commmbank.com.au/schoolbanking

KITCHEN & BATHROOM CENTRE
You Dream it. We Create it!

We start with a free, no pressure discussion about the kitchen or bathroom of your dreams, whether you’re planning to completely replace it or just want to refresh and renew an existing space. Our designers are here to present you with the latest trends, materials, styles and advanced technology, so you can create a dream kitchen and bathroom that are uniquely yours.

We’re offering $5,000 off to those who bring us their kitchen or bathroom Dreams. Just mention you saw this offer in the newspaper.

Boys Quality Tailored Navy Shorts & Long Pants
Available from: Uniform Shop or Admin Office, every day between 8.30am ad 9.30am

Sales! These are quality tailored shorts in durable fabric. Boys pants are especially designed with cargo pockets and rounding. Sizes 6 to 16. Available from our Uniform Shop or orders can be left at the office with payment. Your order will be filled and the order will be collected.

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