Principal’s News

I would like to thank the P&C for their support in funding our upcoming ‘School App’ initiative to assist in improving our school with enhancing community engagement. Their support and funds have allowed us to purchase the Jewells Primary School ‘Skoolbag’ school App, which will help us communicate more effectively with our parent, carer and student community. ‘Skoolbag’ is a mobile App that communicates directly to parents smartphones. It will provide access to key school information via one single Communication Centre for both parents and students. This App will be accessible with both iPhone and Android consoles and for those who don’t have either of these we can set up email updates directly from the App. Staff are currently undertaking training to ensure effective program management and delivery. We will announce towards the end of this term the App’s availability, features and downloading instructions. The App is free for all of our parents, carers and community members.

I would like to commend the children on the settled and sensible approach to the NAPLAN testing this week. We will be expecting results towards the end of Term 3. Parents will be receiving a copy of their child’s achievements and the school will receive valuable information about our children’s performance on individual concepts assessed in relation to the rest of the state. The data also allows us to track the achievement of individual children from Year 3 to Year 5 to Year 7 and then onto Year 9 giving us a valuable insight into the effectiveness of K-10 school programs and initiatives.

Next Tuesday 19th May (week 5) the Minimbah Local AECG (Aboriginal Education Consultative Group) meeting will take place at 6pm at Swansea High School. All family and community members both indigenous and non-indigenous are welcome. For our indigenous community it is a great way to connect and make real connections with local community. Light refreshments will be served.

Lastly, a timely reminder is due of our policy and practice for transporting children from school to various in-school activities. These activities can include any extra-curricular, sporting or 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 the students:

- Your current car registration papers for all cars that you may use to transport
- Your current and valid driver’s licence
- Your current and up-to-date declaration from the Working with Children’s Check (WWC) – all forms were sent out in term 1.

Your WWC can either be obtained with 100 points of identification at our school office or online via the NSW Office of the Children’s Guardian website to receive a 5 year validation. From 2016 the online option will be your only option. The teacher organising the excursion can provide you with any assistance in supplying these documents before your activity or event date. Thank you for your understanding and co-operation with this matter.

Mrs Emma Lakeman
GRIP Leadership: On Monday 18th May the school Parliament will be attending the GRIP Leadership conference at Panthers Newcastle. They need to meet Mrs Mansfield in King Street entrance no later than 8:30 am. The conference concludes at 2:30pm, so pick up time will be shortly after this at the same place they were dropped off. Full school uniform is to be worn, along with Parliament badges. Parents, please ensure all the relevant paper work is at our school office by tomorrow.

Year 2 Intensive Swimming School Program: The Intensive Swimming School will begin in Term 3 on Monday 3rd August and continues each school day until Friday 14th August. The lessons are for all swimming skill levels from non-swimmers, beginners, and intermediate through to proficient swimmers. Places are limited so please pay your deposit as soon as possible.

Athletics Age Champions: The Age Champions for the Athletics Carnival will be announced during the Whole School Assembly on Wednesday 20th May (Week 5), beginning at 1:30pm. Visitors are welcome to attend.

Basketball News: Congratulations to both Korbyn and Josie who attended the NSW Regional PSSA Basketball Championships in Wollongong recently. At the conclusion of the championships, a team of ten players is chosen to represent NSW at the national level. A huge congratulations goes to Josie who was selected as part of the NSW Girls’ Championship Team to compete at the Pacific School Games in Adelaide during November. This is a wonderful honour and we wish Josie well as she represents Jewells Primary School as the only Hunter area player to be selected. Mrs. Clulow

Cross Country News: Congratulations to Flynn and Sarah who both competed at the Hunter Region Cross Country Championships last Friday. Flynn placed 4th in 12 year boys and Sarah placed 1st in 12 year girls. They will both now go onto the NSW State Championships at Eastern Creek in July—information supplied by Michael Pickering.

Let’s win some IPAD MINI’S for our school
APPLE FOR THE TEACHER

Jewells has four teachers nominated in the New FM competition Apple for the Teacher. The winning teacher scores a gold coloured Apple MAC BOOK, whilst each student in that class will win an Apple iPad mini. To increase our chances of winning get online NOW and place a vote for all 4 teachers. Go to:- http://www.newfm.com.au/apple-for-the-teacher/
Tell everyone you know to vote!
The winner will be announced on Tuesday the 2nd June during the Kim, Sarge and Steve St John Breakfast Show.

Capri Kitchen and Bathroom Centre were established on 8/8/88. We are a local independent business dedicated to our local community and who proudly make and manufacture all our kitchen locally in Cardiff.

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All the customer needs to do is to present the newsletter voucher at their free kitchen consultation and with any kitchen purchase over $10,000 we will donate $1,000.00 to Jewells Primary School.

Jewells Uniform
Every Wednesday
8.30am-9.30am

This term we are looking at Resilience.

Examples of Emotional Resilience include:
when someone treats you unfairly, inconsiderately or disrespectfully you can stop yourself from getting too angry and lashing out. Or when you have an important test, speech or event you can stop yourself from getting extremely worried. Learning how to control your thoughts change the way you feel and behave.
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