**Principal’s News**

Our planning for 2016 is well underway. We will be having the interviews with parents of next year’s Kindergartens from week 6 onwards. If you have a child for Kindergarten for 2016 please ensure that you have notified us so that we can include you in the orientation program. If you have any questions about school readiness please contact the school to discuss what is best for your child.

Our Skoolbag App now runs on 8.1 versions of Windows and Windows devices running Windows 8.1 or 10. This means you can now access our app successfully on surface tablets, laptops and PC’s for your convenience. Simply follow the normal downloading instructions for your smart phones and search Jewells Primary School.

In the coming weeks we have a school performance tour called ‘My Friends and I’ that will focus on being resilient, being tolerant, building interpersonal relationships and taking positive actions. We anticipate all students will benefit from this and urge you to support this student well-being initiative and return your permission slips and money promptly.

Term 3 is well underway.

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**Out of Uniform Day:** On Tuesday 18th August, we will be holding an Out of Uniform Day to help raise funds to support Josie, who will travel to Adelaide to play in the NSW Championship Basketball Team at the Pacific School Games in November. The theme will be ‘Come dressed as your favourite sportsperson or in your favourite sporting team colours’ with a gold coin donation to be collected from students who participate. Thank you for supporting our school representatives. Helen Clulow

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**Important Dates**

**August 2015**
- Mon 10 Band Winter Concert
- Tues 11 Jolina & Vicktoria Donation Day
- Tues 11 ICAS Maths
- Wed 12 Zone Athletics
- Thur 13 Zone Athletics
- Fri 14 Yr2 Swim School concludes
- Mon 17 2016 Kinder Interviews start
- Mon 17 My Friends & I Performance
- Tue 18 Out of Uniform Day for Josie
- Tues 25 Life Education begins
- Wed 26 NPBS Maths Comp
- Mon 31 2016 Kindy Parent Info 6pm

**September**
- Tues 1 Great Book Swap
- Wed 2 Stg2 Sydney Excursion
- Wed 2 Life Education Finishes
- Fri 4 Kindy Excursion
- Fri 4 Stg1 Fathers Day Afternoon
- Wed 9 Jewells MADDness
- Tues 15 Jolina & Vicktoria Donation Day
- Wed 16 Jewells MADDness

**October**
- Mon 12 Bandfest
- Tues 13 Bandfest
- Wed 14 Bandfest
Public Speaking Finalists 2015: On Tuesday 28th July, Jewells Primary School had their Public Speaking Finals day. Our judge on the day was so impressed with the standard of the students’ speeches. Thank you to the parents who came and supported their children and to the students who were extremely well behaved during the speeches. Well done to all involved, it is a huge thing to get up in front of all of your peers and speak.

Highly commended students are – Sally, Laura, London, Daniel and Regan.
The finalists moving on to the next round are – Siara, Flynn, Chaz, Felix, Hollie-Mai, Lucy, Ashlyn and Amelia.
The Zone Public Speaking finals are in week 5 at various schools in the region. Good luck to all involved!

Debating: The Jewells Gems Premier’s Debating Team narrowly lost their latest debate to a very strong Dudley PS team this week. The team: Eva, Lilli, Sarah and Chelsea, spoke extraordinarily well in a long and interesting debate on health and fitness. The team impressed the adjudicator as “one of the best two teams in the competition” and each student demonstrated a sophisticated debating style. The girls should be congratulated on all the time and effort they have put in to improving themselves after each debate, as well as giving up their lunch times to train and become a strong, intelligent team. You are truly ‘gems’.  

Mrs Barden

Chess Tournament: On Wednesday this week, Jewells Knights Chess Team challenged Merewether Heights Knights team to play both home and away matches here at Jewells Primary School library.
Though both our students and Merewether Heights students greatly enjoyed their games socially, our opponents were successful in beating us in all games except one. Chloe was able to bring one of her games to a stalemate, therefore scoring ½ a point for Jewells. Congratulations to each of our Team members, Sarah, Ashlyn, Izaak and Chloe for their great behaviour and citizenship, being well mannered hosts to our guests. Thank you to Mr Steve Egginton Merewether Heights’ principal for transporting and supervising his team to play our JPS team.  

Mr Turton

Stage One Father’s Day Afternoon: Years One and Two are holding an afternoon of entertainment and fun to celebrate Father’s Day on Friday 4th September from 2.30 pm until 3.25 pm. Please meet your child in their classroom and enjoy a range of great activities. We hope our dads, grandfathers, uncles and special friends are able to join us for an enjoyable afternoon.  

The Stage One team.

Pirates for a Day—Stage 2 Excursion: AHoy there me hearties, get ready for an adventure of a lifetime. On the 2nd day of the ninth month of this year, all of Stage 2 will be attending Pirate School at the Australian Maritime Museum and will be discovering some of our great ocean creatures at the Sydney Aquarium. The cost for this mighty high seas exploration will be $50.00 per pirate, so start saving your doubloons.
We will also be searching for some treasured parents to come along, expressions of interest will be sent home in a bottle soon. You MUST also start arranging your pirate kit, if you do not comes dressed as a pirate Ye be walking the plank!! (no cutlasses or six pounders allowed).  

Stage 2 Teachers.

Basketball News: Jewells Basketball teams competed in the PSSA Basketball Knockout Gala Day at the Newcastle Basketball Stadium in Broadmeadow last Thursday. Both teams were very successful against some strong opposition and the determination, excellent behaviour and good sportsmanship of all players was extremely impressive. The girls were undefeated in their pool, with spectacular wins over Kahibah, Floraville and Valentine. They won their quarter-final against New Lambton and then played a very tough semi-final against Belair, just falling short of a place in the final. The boys also played some very exciting games, with a win against Maryville and after an extremely close game, they had a one point victory against Valentine. The count-back rule unfortunately resulted in them missing a place in the quarter-finals by just three points. All players were fantastic representatives for Jewells Primary School and they should be very proud of their outstanding achievements. Congratulations to both teams. Thank you so much to Mr. Payne who coached the boys throughout the day. Thanks also to the many parents who supported our players during the day through their great cheering and wonderful assistance on the scoring bench.  

Helen Clulow
Jewells Skoolbag App: Our School now has our own Skoolbag iPhone and Android App to help us communicate more effectively with our Parent/Student community. We are asking parents to install our Skoolbag School App now. To install it, just search for our school name "Jewells Primary School" in either the Apple App Store, or Google Play Store. These downloading instructions will help you:

**On Apple**
- On your iPhone open the app store
- Search for our school name – Jewells Primary School
- Press install
- Enter your iTunes password
- It will commence downloading immediately

**Android/Google Play**
- On your Smartphone open the Android/Google Play market
- Search for our school name – Jewells Primary School
- Press install
- Your app will start installing immediately

**To Open Our School App**
- Look for our school app icon (school logo) on your phone screen
- Press the icon once
- It will open automatically
- When prompted, select to receive your push notification and your location

**If you encounter troubles:**
- Simply shut down the app and/or your phone to refresh the phones memory.

Jewells P & C Pie Drive Fundraiser
It is getting colder and there is nothing better than coming home to a warm pie to make you feel happy. The amazing thing is not only will you be enjoying a delicious pie from Thompsons you are also

PUTTING TECHNOLOGY INTO YOUR CHILD’S CLASSROOM.

The P&C are having a Thompson’s pie drive to help raise money to put technology such as tablets and surface tablets into classrooms and equipment into our School. Please support your child/ren and the School by getting your friends and family to place an order. Order forms will be sent home this week to be returned by 27th August 2015 with full payment.
TWILIGHT 2015

As in the previous years I will be entering Jewells Teams in the Charlestown Netball Twilight competition which begins on Monday night, 12th October and runs to Monday, 30th November. The games are held at Charlestown Netball courts, in Bulla Street. We usually enter mixed teams or girls only teams, depending of the number of people interested. This is always good fun and I will enter as many teams as I can. The games start at 6.30pm and entry is $25 per player. If you would like your child to play in this competition please tell them to come to Room 14 to get a note. If you are interested in taking a team for me please let me know also.

Liz Mansfield.

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Jewells Uniform Shop
Wednesdays 8.30am-9.30am
Except: 26th Aug & 2nd Sept
Paid orders can be left at the office anytime
MAINTAINING YOUR SMOKE ALARM

1. Test your smoke alarm batteries every month by pressing and holding the test button for five seconds. Replace batteries every 12 months.
2. Vacuum dust off alarms every six months.
3. Replace smoke alarms with a new phototransistor alarm every ten years or earlier, if specified by the manufacturer.

For more information on smoke alarms, visit fire.nsw.gov.au and planning.nsw.gov.au

BE PREPARED BY MAKING A PLAN OF ESCAPE

Draw a floor plan of your home, including two ways of escape from each room. Plan an escape route and ensure everyone knows how to get out.

Keep door and window locks in or near to exit so they can be opened easily.

Blacked outs are a hazard. Keep exits clear.

Make a meeting place outside e.g. the back porch. Provide alternatives and someone to assist for anyone with a disability.

For appointments
Ph: 49716901
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