**Principal’s News**

Thank you to all those who attended last night’s P&C meeting. Our next meeting is on **Wednesday 14th October** at 6:30pm in the school library (week 2, term 4) All welcome to attend.

Each year we receive enquiries regarding enrolment procedures in NSW Public Schools, particularly if the child is regarded as a non-local enrolment. Each year schools are required to set an enrolment ceiling consistent with the NSW Department of Education Enrolment Policy to cater for anticipated local demand and to seek to ensure that every eligible local child has a place at his or her local school if he or she chooses to attend it.

The primary criteria for acceptance of non-local enrolments includes the availability of appropriate staff and permanent classroom accommodation. Where applications for non-local enrolment exceed places available the school enrolment panel meets to consider the applications based on the criteria listed in the NSW Department of Education Enrolment Policy. Following this meeting offers are made for enrolment to fill a vacancy or to be placed on a waiting list should a vacancy occur in the future.

If you are applying for a non-local enrolment it is wise to consider an alternative placement for your child in case non-local applications exceed vacancies at the school you choose.

At Jewells we are unable to confirm non-local applications until the placement process for the 2016 Year 5 children in the OC class have been finalised by the Selective Schools Unit in Sydney. The expectation is that this process will be completed by the end of term 3. For further information please contact the school.

Also, going out with the Newsletter today you will receive a ‘Google form’ – electronic survey. We are currently reviewing our student well-being and behaviour policy and as all policy reviews require consultation with all stakeholders (staff, students and community) we are asking for your highly valued community input. Please see the attached form and submit at your convenience. We appreciate your thoughts and support with this policy review.

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**Emma Lakeman**

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C.A.R.E.S. Program: Stage 3, please remember to return your C.A.R.E.S. PROGRAM note ASAP. This program appears to be very good and all Stage 3 students are encouraged to participate.

Hunter PSSA Congratulations: Last week Noah represented the Hunter at the PSSA State Union Championships in Sydney. The team won 5 out of 7 games and only one try difference in the 2 losses. The team was also announced winner of the convener’s shield. Noah was also selected for Waratah’s Development program over the next 5 years. In 2015 Noah has represented the Hunter in swimming, league and union. Congratulations Noah, your Jewell’s community is very proud of you. Raquel Davis

Collecting Children Early from School: If your child needs to be collected during school hours for an appointment etc. we ask that you advise the class teacher in advance in writing so that this information can be passed on to the office. This helps enormously in allowing children to be located and accessed quickly, which can be very important if time is an issue. We also remind that only a mother or father can collect a child early from school without written parental notification. Other family members like step-parents, grandparents, aunts and uncles, or family friends, can only take a child out of school during school hours with the written permission of a parent. Our administrative staff try very hard to be accommodating and helpful in all circumstances and are put in a difficult situation if they need to explain this to people presenting at the counter expecting to collect children. Even when goodwill extends to attempting to contact a parent for verbal consent this is not always possible, causing complications and inconvenience for all concerned. Your assistance with this and understanding of our priority at all times being the wellbeing of children would be greatly appreciated.

Father’s Day Invitation
Join Stage One on Friday 4th September
2.30 pm – 3.25 pm
for an afternoon of fun and entertainment to celebrate Father’s Day. Please meet your child in their classroom and enjoy these great activities.
Room 1: 2S – Paddle Pop Shaving
Room 2: 1W – Tattoos
Room 6: 2H – Paper Planes
Room 8: 1/2J – Portraits
Room 16: 1JC – Hoopla
Room 17: 1C – Games – Lego, Cards & Fun
We hope our dads, grandfathers, uncles and special friends are able to join us for a fun afternoon.

Book Club Orders will be collected tomorrow Friday 28th August. A collection box will be in the Administration Office between 9—9.30am. Book Club orders will not be collected by administration staff. Please ensure correct money is enclosed as no change will be available. If paying by cheque please make payable to Scholastic Australia. Alternatively you can order and pay online through the Scholastic website (LOOP). Refer to the back of your order form for more details. No Late Orders will be accepted.

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

Please ensure the correct school uniform is worn. Representative jackets, hoodies, rugby league shorts, league socks, gym tights, coloured shoe laces and surf caps are not correct school uniform even if they are the same colours as the Jewells PS uniform. Thank you.

The Great Book Swap 2015

Did you know that in remote Indigenous communities there are little or no books in homes? They have fewer books, computers and other educational resources in their homes than non-Indigenous families. All of these factors are linked to children’s achievements at school and the development of literacy skills.

On Tuesday, 1st September Jewells Primary School will be holding a Great Book Swap to raise funds to contribute to the Indigenous Literacy Foundation (ILF). All the money raised is used to provide quality books and resources to children in remote Aboriginal communities. Please help to make a difference by donating a children’s or young readers’ book to The Great Book Swap before the end of August. Bring in a quality book to the library that you have loved, and would like to swap, so that other children will desire the book too.

On Tuesday, 1st September, the day of The Great Book Swap, students need to bring in a gold coin donation for the right to choose a book from the swap collection to take home and enjoy. More information about ILF can be found on their website: Indigenous Literacy Foundation.

Thank you for supporting this worthwhile event. Mrs Karron Ryan – Library
SACRAMENT OF Penance/Reconciliation Program

Meeting for Parents
Thursday 10th September 7pm at Swansea
Saturday 12th September 10am at Belmont
Tuesday 15th September 7pm at Belmont

Presentation of Candidates at Mass
The weekend of 10th/11th October at any of the following Masses:
Vigil 6pm at Swansea, 7:45am at Windale, 9:15am at Swansea, 5:30pm at the Anglican Church, Belmont.

Small Group Meetings
On the weeks beginning –
Monday 12th October and Monday 19th October

First Celebration of Penance
Friday 12th November 7pm at Swansea

Term 3 Canteen Roster
JPS canteen is a totally voluntary run canteen that helps fund our school. Without our wonderful volunteers there would not be a canteen.

Help is always needed and desperately on Wednesdays 9-12:30pm. Unfortunately, there could be closures if we do not get more helpers.

If you are available Wednesday or Friday, please contact Jenny Hizlinger 0401 519 141

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Please support the Evans family as they sleep out every Friday night in September or join them on Friday 8th at the Belmont Neighbourhood Centre.

Every $80 buys someone living on our streets a Street Swag

WHAT'S A STREET SWAG?
A bag with room for extra belongings, the street swag is made of super lightweight waterproofed canvas with a high-density foam mattress. It offers its users a degree of comfort, warmth and protection from the weather. Designed for those living on the streets, its discrete appearance and camouflage colours, offer some safety for those who need to be invisible.

"The street swags are about keeping people alive, long enough, for the community to take responsibility for their own" - Jean Madden Founder of StreetSwags

Sponsor us on
https://give.everydayhero.com/au/the-evans-family

For more information on the awesome work of StreetSwags please see
www.streetswags.org

Elijah and Nathaniel would love to invite you to join them for fun and games at the Belmont Neighbourhood Centre to help raise funds for the great work of StreetSwags

Come to Belmont Neighbourhood Centre
Friday 18th of September
At 6.30pm

For Kids games

BBQ tea

If you and your guardian are keen join us in a sleep out in the grounds of the Neighbourhood Centre

Please bring some money to donate on the night

If you need more information please call Lis
0417454488
Cup Kitchen and Bathroom Centre were established on 30/8/20. We are a local independent business dedicated to our local community and who proudly make and manufacture all our kitchens locally in Coffs.

We offer a lifetime warranty on all hardware and 35 years on our workmanship.

We want to support Jewells Primary School with the following offer:

We will donate $1,000.00 to Jewells Primary School for every kitchen (valued over $10,000) sold through your newsletter.

All the customer needs to do is 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.