Principal’s News

Our school parent interview session booking times will be closed off this Friday. Thank you to all of those who have used our online booking system. All interviews available will be held between Monday 7th March and Friday 18th March. Your child’s teacher will be available to meet during this period. If you still haven’t booked your times please go to www.schoolinterviews.com.au and follow the simple instructions provided.

Again this week I urge you to be mindful that we have had several outbreaks of whooping cough across students and now staff. If your child comes home feeling unwell and you have concerns please seek further medical advice and notify the school immediately for any news of confirmed whooping cough cases.

As outlined yesterday at our whole school assembly, we have had some issues across the school with the bringing of ‘Pokemon’ cards from home. Whilst many students have been playing with them appropriately in their breaks, several have not been. We have reached a point that this will be a final warning that if any further ‘trading’ of the cards occurs, the cards will be banned from the school. We urge parent support with this matter.

Lastly, there have been some staffing changes. Due to unforeseen circumstances Miss Larny Parkes has stepped down from her position of shared classroom teacher role on the class 5/6RP. We wish Miss Parkes all the best for her future endeavours as she returns to the Central Coast for work and personal commitments.

We’d like to welcome Miss Ellie Kerin, who will replace Miss Parkes beginning this week. Miss Kerin was successful at interview for this position and completed her internship on Stage 3 with excellence here at Jewells Primary School last year. Miss Kerin will work closely with Mrs Ross to ensure the transition is smooth with minimal disruption, we welcome Miss Kerin to the Jewells staff team for the remainder of this year.

Important Date Change: Please note there will be a significant change with Term 1 and Term 2 School Development Days for 2016. Students will conclude Term 1 on Thursday 7th April. Students and staff will all return and commence Term 2 on Tuesday 26th April (Week 1, Term 2).

Emma Lakeman

Photo Day: School Photos will take place on Monday, 7th March for individual, class, Captains and School Parliament. Envelopes for family photos (siblings at Jewells Primary School only) can be collected from the Office. Each student’s personalised envelope have been sent home this week. Please keep these individual envelopes in a safe place until Monday, 7th March and return the individual envelope with the correct money enclosed on the day. These envelopes will be collected by Master School Portraits when your child’s class has their photograph taken. If you do not wish your child to be in the class or a group photo please notify the office in writing by Friday, 4th March 2016. Full summer school uniform must be worn by students on this day as outlined below and please ensure hair is appropriately groomed.

Boys – Pale blue polo shirt with navy blue tailored shorts, white ankle socks, black school shoes.

Girls – Tunic, white ankle socks, black school shoes. Hair ribbons must be royal blue or red.
The Tell Them From Me student feedback survey: I am delighted that this term, our school, like many others in the state, will participate in a Department of Education initiative: the Tell Them From Me student feedback survey. The survey aims to help improve student learning outcomes and measures factors that are known to affect academic achievement and other student outcomes. The focus of the NSW-wide survey is on student wellbeing, engagement and effective teaching practices.


The survey is a great opportunity for our students to provide our school with valuable and quick feedback on what they think about school life, how engaged they are with school and the different ways that teachers interact with them. Schools in Australia and around the world have used the Tell Them From Me survey to help improve how they do things at school.

I want to assure you that the survey is confidential and school staff will not be able to identify individual students from their responses. The survey is conducted online and will typically take less than 30 minutes to complete. It will be administered during school hours between 14 March and 8 April. Participating in the survey is entirely voluntary. A consent form and a list of frequently asked questions (FAQs) for parents/carers about the survey is being sent home with students. If you do not want your child or children to participate, please return the consent form to school by Monday 7th March 2016. The FAQs and copies of the consent form, including translated consent forms, are available from the website above.

Best Start Information Session:
Kindergarten parents are invited to attend an information session about Best Start. The session will explain the Best Start activities and the way teachers use this information to support your child’s learning in the classroom. It will take place on Tuesday 15th March at 9:30am in the Library. Hope to see you there!! Ms Filan-Davis

Student Class Counsellor Badges: Please be reminded that Student Class Counsellor Badges must be returned to the class teacher at the end of each term to be handed to the next Class Counsellor. Each class is allocated 2 Class Counsellor Badges per year and it is the student’s responsibility to return the badge to their class teacher.

Book Club Orders will be collected Friday 11th March 2016.
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.
Social media and Primary School students

All of the above social media applications are rated 13+. That means the creators of these social media platforms state that users should be over 13 years old to activate accounts.

These applications can be used on smart phones, computers, ipads, notebooks and other electronic devices that have internet access capability.

Who provides the smart phone, the ipad, the notebook, computers, etc and internet access?

Answer: PARENTS!

Who allows young people less than 13 years of age to access these social media applications?

Answer: PARENTS!

Who assists the young person to create the social media profile?

Answer: PARENTS or siblings!

Social media education is not part of the school curriculum. The social media issue with young people is a parent problem, not a school problem. As parents you give your child the tools and permission to access these applications. Don’t expect the teachers to do the parenting on this problem when your child misuses or is a victim of social media. The school will deal with matters inside the school grounds, as you parents deal with matters outside the school grounds. You have assisted in creating the social media problem by allowing your child to have these social media profiles. As parents you must take responsibility to resolve these issues with your children.

Have you as parents contemplated how the information your child displays and posts are available to other social media users? Social media profiles are created by criminals too.

If you are unsure what to do as a parent, please refer to this Government website. https://esafety.gov.au/esafety-information

Also check out this YouTube video created in the USA showing the ease at which young people are being lured into dangerous situations through social media. https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=J6MhMV5EFOg

Senior Constable Darren Fleming
Youth Liaison Officer
Newcastle City Local Area Command

Uniform Shop

We need volunteers to keep our shop open. We will open on a Wednesday 8.30am-9.30am.

Our Uniform Supervisor will take care of the financial transactions, your role will involve helping parents with sizes and filling orders. If you can help on any Wednesday please contact Kellie Byrnes at the office 49487300 or just turn up, thank you.

We also require 2nd hand clean uniforms

SPORT HOUSES

Black Swans - Yellow

Sea Eagles - Green

Hawks - Red

Kingfishers - Blue

P & C Easter Raffle

Easter Raffle Ticket for FREE!!

We are offering all Jewells students the opportunity to receive a Easter Raffle Ticket for free by simply donating an Easter egg or Easter rabbit towards the Jewells School Easter basket raffle.

Our School Parliament and parent helpers will be collecting the donated Easter eggs or rabbits under the COLA before morning bell, from Monday 7th March until 23rd of March. Students simply donate an egg to School Parliament members that will be in the Cola from 9am each day to receive a free raffle ticket.

Raffle books of 5 tickets for $5.00 will be sent home on Monday 7th March. Sold ticket stubs and books are to be returned to the office by Thursday 24th March 9.30am. Raffle will be drawn at 2.30pm Thursday 24th March in the hall.
Correct School Uniform Kindergarten to Year 6: We would like to thank those parents and students who are upholding our uniform standard and would like to clarify our uniform.

There is a minority of older students wearing either non-uniform items like; coloured sport shoes, coloured hoodies, representative jackets, bike pants or royal blue sport shorts every day; these are not acceptable. Approved jewellery includes watch and stud or sleeper earrings, hair accessories worn by all students should conform to school colours. A lowering of the tone of our school is of particular concern when older students have such a high profile outside our school e.g. attending high school orientation visits.

Uniforms promote a sense of pride and belonging to the school and ensures that all children are regarded in the same way by their classmates. Surveys of parents have clearly shown overwhelming support for a school uniform. As a result of this parents are asked to send children to school in the designated uniform. This includes the approved wearing of specially designed Year 6 Shirts.

Parents of Year 6 students who are experiencing difficulty in following the correct uniform policy because of the replacement cost of uniform items that may be only worn for a short time should contact Mrs Lakeman to discuss possible alternatives.

Thank you to those parents who continue to enforce the wearing of the correct school uniform.

The correct summer uniform for boys and girls is outlined below.

White ankle socks, black school shoes, and a royal blue school hat available from school - with wide brim (Cancer Council approved) are mandatory items to be worn everyday with the school uniform.

On sport days white sport socks and sport shoes are to be worn.

Girls’ Uniform

**Summer Options:** The girls have three options for the summer school uniform

Option 1:- Royal blue check ‘A’ line dress with Peter Pan collar and red tab, **White ankle socks**

Option 2:- Navy blue ‘skort’ ( shorts designed to look like a skirt ) and pale blue school polo shirt

Option 3:- Navy blue tailored knee-length shorts and pale blue school polo shirt

Sport Day: Royal blue shorts, red polo shirt and white socks

*A light-weight royal blue with red trim jacket may be worn for cooler weather.

**Winter Options:** The girls have two options for the winter school uniform.

Option 1:- Royal blue check ‘A’ line dress with Peter Pan collar and red tab worn with **dark blue tights**

Option 2:- Navy blue tailored pants, pale blue school polo

Sport Day: Royal blue track pants, red polo shirt and white socks

*A light-weight royal blue with red trim jacket and/or royal blue sloppy-joe may be worn with the above items.

Boys’ Uniform:

**Summer Option**

*Pale blue school polo shirt worn with navy blue tailored shorts

Sport Day: Royal blue shorts, red polo shirt & white socks

*A light-weight royal blue with red trim jacket may be worn for cooler weather.

**Winter Options:**

Navy blue tailored long pants, pale blue school polo

Sport Day: Royal blue track pants, red polo shirt & white socks

*A light-weight royal blue with red trim jacket and/or royal blue sloppy-joe may be worn with the above items.

Not acceptable:

**Coloured sport shoes**

**Royal blue sport shorts with the pale blue polo shirt**

**Navy or royal blue bike pants, dance pants or navy track pants**

**Representative jackets, hoodies, rugby league shorts and socks**

**Skivvies or tracksuit pants worn under the dress uniform**

**White socks are not to be worn with tights.**
WE NEED YOUR HELP

JPS canteen is a totally voluntary run canteen that helps fund our school. There are approximately 30 helpers with over 150 spots every term. We need more helpers to keep our efficiently run canteen ongoing. Please, if you have anytime on Wednesday &/or Friday, even if its 30 minutes once a term, you can make a difference!

please contact Jenny Hilzinger 0401 519 141

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CANTEEN WILL REOPEN Term 2 - Wednesday 4th May 2016
Jewells Landcare group invite Jewells Primary School students and their families to participate in Clean up Australia Day in our local community. Our target is the water course and its surrounds mainly behind the shopping area and around the bridge. This water course is part of the Jewells swamp catchment and collects a lot of rubbish from many sources including stormwater drains from streets and residential areas and littering by pedestrian users. This catchment ultimately leads to Redhead beach via Third Creek, where a lot of local families love to swim and spend their recreational time.

It is a great opportunity for the children to see what impact littering and garbage has in their community and to participate and take responsibility for caring for their local environment.

Anyone interested is welcome to join us for any length of time they wish to commit.

Date: Sunday 6th March 2016
Time: 8:30am – 12:30pm
Meet: At the footbridge between Lepton Parade and Curdie Street (on the Lepton Parade side).
Wear: Sturdy, enclosed footwear, a hat and sunscreen. Bring a water bottle.

More information:
http://www.cleanupaustraliaday.org.au

The Jewells Aerokids are hosting a School Disco for all K-6 Jewells students.

Wednesday 16th March
Jewells Primary School Hall

Family BBQ from 5pm
Dancing from 5.30pm - 7pm
Canteen and glow products are also available

$2.50 entry or $5 per family