Principal’s News

Another busy week, mid-term is well upon us already. Our school photo day was a success earlier this week, I’d like to congratulate all the students across the school for their movement and transition between photos with a busy time schedule to follow, well done.

Our parent interviews will continue into their second week. It has been pleasing to see so many parents and carers taking an invested interest in their child/children’s progress thus far. We welcome you into next week to continue down this path of effective communication from school to home.

I would like to remind parents of the need to take care and obey the traffic laws when driving or parking near our school. Please be a responsible driver and help keep our students and our staff on crossing duties safe. By law, as all schools across the state are bound by road rules for safety, our designated school zones of 40km/hr must be enforced. Please do not double-park or stop on the crossing areas to collect children and note our staff car park is for staff only. We do require the spare car parking areas for deliveries and access. Your cooperation with our requests will be greatly appreciated.

Another staffing change has commenced for the remainder of this term. Due to personal reasons Mr Tony Turton has taken leave for the remainder of Term 1, 2016. We welcome Mrs Justine Wilson who will replace Mr Turton on class 3T during this time.

Our next P&C meeting is next **Wednesday 16th March, 2016**. All welcome to attend from 6:30pm in the school library.

Again this week I urge you to be mindful that we have had several outbreaks of whooping cough across students and 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. For your information we have included a NSW Health Whooping Cough pamphlet in today’s newsletter.

**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*

Resource Levy (Mathletics & Reading Eggs): Thank you to those parents that have paid their child’s Resource Levy. Unfortunately your child cannot receive their Reading Eggs or Mathletics password until you have paid the $25 Resource Levy. To support the activities taking place in the classroom, can you please pay this levy as soon as possible. Thank you for your support, Ms Filan-Davis

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

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10th March 2016
Term 1 Week 7
Phone: 02 49 487300
Fax: 02 49 471316
E-mail: jewells-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au

**Important Dates**

**March 2016**
- Mon 7 to Fri 11th Parent Teacher Interviews
- Fri 11 Book Club orders collected
- Tues 15 Best Start Info Session 9.30am
- Wed 16 P & C AGM Meeting 6.30pm
- Wed 16 Athletics Carnival due
- Wed 16 Aerobics Disco
- Fri 18 Canberra deposit due
- Mon 21 Yr3 1 Day Excursion
- Mon 21 Yr 4 2 Day Camp
- Tues 22 Yr 4 2 Day Camp
- Wed 23 Stg 3 Anzac Excursion Due
- Wed 23 Dance Payment Due
- Wed 23 ICAS Competitions Close
- Wed 23 Parent Workshop Evening
- Fri 25 to Mon 28 EASTER
- Wed 30 Stage 1 Final Payment Due
- Wed 30 School Athletics Carnival

**April 2016**
- Thur 7 Last Day Term 1 2016
- Thur 7 Stage 3 Anzac Service Newcastle
- Fri 8 No Students-Staff Only
- Mon 25 Anzac Day Holiday
- Tues 26 Students & Staff Return

**May 2016**
- Tues 3 Drumming Workshop T2 Due
- Wed 4 Stage 1 Awabakal Excursion
- Wed 4 Stg3 T2 Sport Money Due
- Wed 4 Uniform Shop Open 8.30am
- Wed 4 Yr 2 Swim deposit due
- Thur 5 Mother’s Day Stall
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

**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.**

**Parents Online Payments**

Making Online Payments Procedure

It is possible for parents to make online payments to the school for amounts owing for students, via a secure payment page hosted by Webpay. Payments can be made using either a Visa or MasterCard credit or debit card. The payment page is accessed from the front page of the school’s website by selecting ‘Make a payment’. Items that can be paid include voluntary school contributions, dance, drumming, encouragement payments to students and there is also a category called ‘Other’. This is to cover items not covered in the previous headings. Other can be used to make a complete payment of a school invoice.

When you access the ‘Make a payment’ you must enter:

- the student’s name, and
- class and reference number OR
- the student’s name, and
- date of birth.

These details are entered each time you make a payment and are held within the payment system. There is also the option to enter the student registration number and invoice number if you are aware of these, these are optional fields.

This is a secure payment system hosted by Webpay to ensure that your credit/debit card details are captured in a secure manner these details are not passed back to the school.

You have the ability to check and change any details of the payment before the payment is processed. Receipts can be emailed and/or printed.

Details of the payments are passed daily to the school where they will be receipted against your child’s account. As a receipt has been issued from the payment page a further receipt will not be issued by the school.

A Powerpoint presentation is available on the Jewells Primary School website to explain further the process to make a payment. You will also receive a new tick-box appearing on all paid permission notes eg. ‘I have made an online payment. My receipt number is ___________________________’

Please ensure you complete this line if you have paid online.

Payments must be made before 3pm for Jewells PS to receive the funds the next day. In pm before 3pm on Monday, Jewells PS will have the funds on Tuesday morning. If the payment is after 3pm then there will be a 24 hour delay in the school receiving the funds. In pm after 3pm on Monday, the school will have the funds on Wednesday morning.

Payment will only be considered for this week and the weekend delay.

For any enquiries regarding the Online Payment process please contact the School Administration Office on 49487300.

Thursday 10th March 2016

**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.
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

Term 1 Canteen Roster, 2016  Open Wednesday and Friday
Thank you so much for volunteering your time in the school canteen.

We need your help. If you are available Wednesday or Friday anytime and you’d like to be part of the wonderful fun we all have, Please contact Jenny Hilzinger 0401 519 141 or the school office 48487300

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CANTEEN WILL REOPEN Term 2 - Wednesday 4th May 2016

Jewells Uniform Shop
Wednesdays 8.30am-9.30am
Paid orders can be left at the office anytime

PLEASE NOTE: The Uniform Shop will only open on the following days during Term 2;
4th May, 18th May, 1st June, 15th June, 22nd June
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Preschool Places Available for 2016!
Royal Institute for Deaf and Blind Children (RIDBC) Hunter Preschool

About us: RIDBC Hunter Preschool offers a unique reverse integration preschool program. Specialized intervention is provided for children with a hearing and/or vision impairment within our preschool setting. We also enroll children from the local community without a hearing or vision impairment to provide excellent language role models.

All children are provided the opportunity to participate in an inclusive environment with the support of highly specialized and experienced educators. The program has a strong foundation in language development and literacy and aims to foster children’s social and emotional development, enhance their initiative, self-esteem and independence. All children participate in school preparation activities.

Our environment is purpose built and features a beautiful outdoor environment.

We have limited places available on Monday/Tuesday or Thursday/Friday. Additional days may be available on enquiry.

For further enquiries contact Lynne Littlewood on 02 4942 8455

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

Unplugged

Free Play Workshops
for pre-schoolers & their caregivers

Put the screens away & learn new techniques to interact with your child in a fun "unplugged" way

- Learn about different kinds of play & how your child learns through play
- Imaginative play
- Storytelling
- Active play for healthy body/mind

4 Weekly play-packed sessions beginning
Tuesday 15th March 2016 10am—12pm incl. morning tea
Bookings essential, please call (02) 4947 0031
Where: Belmont Neighbourhood Centre
359 Pacific Hwy, Belmont North NSW 2280
Dana's story
Baby Dana was born a happy, healthy girl. She was breastfeeding well and putting on weight. At 11 days old, she developed a blocked nose and was unsettled at night. Dana’s parents aced quickly and saw the GP. When she was 3 weeks old, Dana developed an occasional cough and appeared to gap, and her parents returned to the GP. As soon as Dana tested positive for whooping cough, she went straight to hospital.
Soon after arriving, Dana had her first coughing bout where she turned blue and needed oxygen. On the third day at hospital, Dana developed pneumonia and she was placed on a ventilator. She was transferred to intensive care.
On the fifth day, the whooping cough toxins caused her organs to shut down and Dana had a cardiac arrest. She was only 32 days old when she died.
Nobody knows where Dana was infected with whooping cough. It may have been at her sibling’s school or preschool. A loving relative or friend, or a complete stranger may have unknowingly passed the infection on.
Whooping cough affects people of all ages, but the real danger of the devastating disease is on young babies like Dana.

Where do I go for further information?
For more information please contact your doctor, local public health unit or community health centre. Look under NSW Government at the front of the White Pages.

Public Health Units in NSW 1300 066 055

Save the Date to Vaccinate
It’s important to make sure that vaccinations are given on time so that babies are protected early and not at risk of catching serious diseases. The ‘Save the Date to Vaccinate’ phone App may help you ensure that your child’s vaccinations are given on time.

Websites
NSW Health Immunisation Program
NSW Health Whooping Cough (Pertussis)

What is whooping cough?
- Whooping cough (or pertussis) is a serious respiratory infection that causes a long coughing illness. In babies, it can lead to pneumonia and brain damage.
- Whooping cough can be life-threatening for babies. Newborns are not immune and they often get extremely sick.
- Older children and adults can get whooping cough and can spread it to others, including babies.
- Antibiotics can prevent whooping cough spreading if given early but the cough often continues after treatment.

What are the symptoms?
- Whooping cough starts like a cold with a blocked or runny nose, sneezing, a mild fever and an occasional cough.
- The cough gets worse and severe bouts of uncontrollable coughing develop. Coughing bouts can be followed by vomiting, choking or taking a big gasping breath which causes a “whooping” sound. The cough can last for many weeks and can be worse at night.
- Some newborns don’t cough at all but stop breathing and turn blue.
- Older children and adults may just have a mild cough that doesn’t go away.

How is whooping cough spread?
A person with whooping cough can spread it to others in the first 3 weeks of illness. Bacteria coughed into the air can be inhaled by babies, children or adults nearby.

Protect your baby
- Pregnant women should be vaccinated in the third trimester (preferably at 28 weeks) so their immunity transfers to their baby to protect them during the first few months of life, until they are old enough to be vaccinated.
- The first course of whooping cough vaccine for babies is given at 6 weeks, 4 months and 6 months of age.
- It is important to vaccinate your baby on time so they can be protected as soon as possible.
- If your baby’s vaccinations are overdue, speak to your GP about catching up now.
- Whooping cough vaccine is effective but doesn’t protect all babies. You still need to “watch out”, even if your baby is vaccinated, by keeping people with a cough away from them and asking close adult family members and carers to be vaccinated if they have not had a whooping cough vaccine in the past 10 years.

Older children
- By vaccinating older children at 18 months and 4 years of age and again in the first year of high school, you boost their protection against whooping cough. This also helps to stop spread of the disease to young babies and others.
- Check that all of your children have been fully vaccinated.
- Remember that vaccinated children can still catch whooping cough.

Adults
- Adults can get whooping cough and can spread the infection to babies. They may just have mild symptoms and may not realise that their cough could cause harm.
- Pregnant women should be vaccinated in the third trimester (preferably at 28 weeks) of each pregnancy, even if the pregnancies are close together.
- If whooping cough vaccine is not given during pregnancy, newborn babies should be vaccinated as soon as possible after delivery and before leaving hospital.
- Adult family members and carers who have close contact with newborn babies should be vaccinated, at least 2 weeks before any contact, if they have not had a whooping cough vaccine in the past 10 years.
- Child care and health care workers should get a booster every 10 years.

How can I prevent the spread of whooping cough?
- Whooping cough is highly infectious in the first 3 weeks. It spreads easily through families, childcare centres and schools, so it’s important to act fast.
- Anyone with symptoms should see a doctor as soon as possible. Your GP can test for whooping cough. Early diagnosis is especially important for new parents and people who have regular contact with babies.
- If whooping cough is detected early enough, your doctor may prescribe a course of antibiotics for 5 days.
- People diagnosed with whooping cough should stay away from work, school or childcare until no longer infectious. Ask your doctor when it’s safe to return.

That’s why it’s up to everyone to
IDENTIFY • PROTECT • PREVENT