

Principal's News

P&C Annual General Meeting; Thank you to all of those who attended our P&C AGM last week. I would like to take this opportunity to thank all those who have contributed their time and effort to our P&C and a very special thank you to our P&C Representatives from 2016, your efforts have not gone unnoticed. Congratulations to our newly elected P&C Representatives for 2017, we look forward to working with you to continually strive for excellence and equity from school to home and build those prosperous community partnerships with you and beyond.

President: Sarah Berry

Vice President: Sarah Rawlings and Liz Evans

Secretary: Liz Evans and Janice McKay

Treasurers: Fay Tzavellas and Dave Williams

The end of term is fast approaching with lots of activities scheduled. Our Annual Athletics Carnival at Glendale Sports Centre is today, what a terrific day out for the whole school K-6. Thank you to the organising committee for the carnival preparation and our parent helpers who are volunteering their time today.

We have a number of students representing our Local Belmont Community of schools on a 'Kunaar Excursion', students will be visiting our local significant indigenous sites with our local school community listening to 'Awabakal dreamtime stories' from our local elders. We look forward to hearing about your experiences.

The All Schools Anzac Ceremony will be held next Tuesday 4th April, we have 50 students attending this moving ceremony held at Civic Theatre, Newcastle.

Our out school and community Positive Behaviour for Learning (PBL) launch is next Tuesday 4th April, from 4:30pm to 6:30pm onsite at Jewells PS. This exciting event is jam packed with activities and information to promote our whole school wellbeing program. So come along, be part of the action, meet our new mascot, learn about our new school expectations 'RESPECT ASPIRE and BELONG', be part of our new school systems and processes to help support and nurture the development of the whole child.

Pre- order your sausage or kebab by tomorrow Friday 31st March, please see note included in newsletter. We look forward to seeing you there.

Our Easter Activities will be held next Thursday 6th April. The Easter Hat Parade and the Easter egg raffle will be held in the top playground and COLA areas from 1pm. Updates to follow closer to the date. Thank you to those families that have made donations and purchased raffle tickets.

These school holidays the school will be buzzing with activity as the new School Canteen refurbishment begins. The last demountable classroom is removed offsite, and the WIFI upgrades commence. Please refrain from entering the school during this period, if you notice anything suspicious; please do not hesitate to contact school security on 1800 880 021 or the local police.

Once again our students have been invited to march with the **Belmont RSL Sub-Branch on Anzac Day, Tuesday 25th April**. All children and family members are invited to march. Please note; full summer school uniform is required. Participants are also invited to wear family medals to be worn on the right breast.



30th March 2017
Term 1 Week 10

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Important Dates

March 2017

Fri 31 Free Parent Workshop 9.30am

April

Tues 4 PBL Launch 4.30pm-6.30pm
Thur 6 Easter Egg Raffle
Thur 6 Easter Hat Parade K to Yr 2 1pm
Thur 6 Stage 2 Dr Suess Day
Mon 24 Staff Development Day
Tues 25 Anzac Day Public Holiday
Wed 26 Uniform Shop 8.30-9.30am
Wed 26 Students return for Term 2
Wed 26 Stage 3 Dubbo Excursion
Thur 27 Stage 3 Dubbo Excursion
Fri 28 Stage 3 Dubbo Excursion

May

Thur 4 Stage 2 Morriset Excursion
Fri 5 Stage 2 Morriset Excursion
Mon 8 Uniform Shop 8.30-9.30am
Thur 11 Mother's Day Stall
Fri 12 Stage 1 Mother's Day Afternoon
Mon 22 Uniform Shop 8.30-9.30am

June

Mon 5 Uniform Shop 8.30-9.30am
Mon 19 Uniform Shop 8.30-9.30am

**FOR LOCAL ENROLMENT
INFORMATION;
Please contact the Administration
Office on 4948 7300**

Skoolbag APP. We will rely heavily on this communication tool over the Easter break for any updates on the ANZAC Belmont RSL ceremonies and Stage 3 Dubbo Camp as they will both commence in week 1 of term 2. Please keep a close eye for reminders as we wrap up an exciting term here at Jewells PS.

Students will conclude **Term 1 on Friday 7th April**, all staff will return onsite for our Staff Development Day on Monday 24th April. Students will return on **Wednesday 26th April for week 1 of Term 2.**

Lastly, I'd like to take this opportunity to thank you all for your ongoing support this term. I'd like to wish you all a safe and restful Easter break with your loved ones and a safe return for term 2.

Thankyou and Happy Easter! Emma Lakeman

School Assemblies: Will be held this Monday 3rd April in the school hall, both assemblies will incorporate a special ANZAC Ceremony hosted by our school leaders. We hope to see you there. Please sign in at the office on arrival. Year 3 to Year 6 at 9.30am.

Kinder to Year 2 at 2.40pm hosted by 2B, the Senior Choir will be performing.

Stage 1 Bend Our Brain: Year 1 and Year 2 will be having a Bend Our Brain session to tie in with a Science unit of work where we have been learning about light, sounds and action. We would greatly appreciate any donations of old kitchenware such as pots, pans and plastic plates, bowls, cups and utensils to create a science experiment. Students can hand in these items to Stage 1 teachers this term and the beginning of next term. Thank you for your support, Stage 1 Teachers.

PSSA Sport News:

Rugby League Trials: On Tuesday 21st March, Kaleb, Hamish and Toby attended the Zone Rugby League trials. The boys played well and showed Jewells spirit particularly when facing a 6 foot boy. Well done for a great day boys.

Soccer Trials: Riley, Harrison and Cooper attended the Zone Boys Soccer trials on Monday the 27th March. There were some talented players including several Jets development squad members. The boys played hard and put on a good show. Super effort boys!

Jewells Uniform Shop

8.30am-9.30am Paid orders can be left at the office anytime

PLEASE NOTE: The Uniform Shop will be OPEN on

Wednesday 26th April Monday 8th May Monday 22nd May

Monday 5th June Monday 19th June Monday 17th July

Volunteers are required and would be appreciated Thank you

Mother's Day Invitation

Year One and Year Two mothers,
grandmothers, aunts and special
friends are invited to join Stage One on
Friday 12th May 2017
2:30 – 3:25pm

for an afternoon of pampering and fun to
celebrate Mother's Day. Please meet
your child in their classroom and enjoy
these great activities!

Room 1: Beaded Bracelets
Room 2: Metallic tattoos
Room 3: Relaxation and Massage
Room 4: Nail Art
Room 5: Paper Flower Making
Room 6: 'Know it All' Game

We hope our you are able to join us for a
fun afternoon.



The Canteen will be open tomorrow
Friday 31st March 2017.

Please Note:
From Monday 3rd April 2017
[Week 11 Term 1]
the Canteen will be CLOSED
until further notice
for a major upgrade.

**We are sorry for any inconvenience this will
cause, after many years of applying for an
upgrade it has finally arrived
and we are so excited :) so stay tuned.**

2015 Attendance Register Codes

Definitions

Only the following attendance register codes must be used to record the:

- explanation of student absence, and/or
- variation in student attendance.

Attendance Register Codes Symbols to be used for explanation of student absence	
Symbol	Meaning
A	The student's absence is unexplained or unjustified. This symbol must be used if no explanation has been provided by parents within seven days of the occurrence of an absence or the explanation is not accepted by the principal. It is at the principal's discretion to accept or not accept the explanation provided.
S	The student's absence is due to sickness or as the result of a medical or paramedical appointment. In these cases: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - a medical certificate is provided or - the absence was due to sickness and the principal accepts this explanation. Principals may request a medical certificate in addition to explanations if the explanation is doubted, or the student has a history of unsatisfactory attendance.
L	An explanation of the absence is provided which has been accepted by the principal. This may be due to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - misadventure or unforeseen event - participation in special events not related to the school - domestic necessity such as serious illness of an immediate family member - attendance at funerals - travel in Australia and overseas - recognised religious festivals or ceremonial occasions.
E	The student was suspended from school

Attendance Register Codes Symbols to be used to record a variation in attendance (not counted as an absence for statistical purposes)	
Symbol	Meaning
M	The student was exempted from attending school and a Certificate of Exemption has been issued by a delegated officer.
F	The student is participating in a flexible timetable and not present because they are not required to be at school. This could include participation in: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - HSC Pathways Program - Best Start Assessments - Trial or HSC examinations - VET courses
B	The student is absent from the school on official school business. This symbol is recorded where the principal approves the student leaving the school site to undertake, for example: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - work experience - school sport (regional and state carnivals) - school excursions - student exchange
H ¹	The student is enrolled in a school and is required or approved to be attending an alternative educational setting on a sessional or full time basis. The symbol is recorded where a student accesses education settings separate to their mainstream school such as: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - tutorial centre and programs - behaviour schools - juvenile justice - hospital schools - distance education

Let's look at some scenarios,

What is an 'unjustified' absence?

- ❖ *I'm going on an overseas holiday during school term*
- ❖ *My son is going to an appointment.
(without proof or documentation to support the appointment)*
- ❖ *We have family visiting from overseas during school term and need time off school*
- ❖ *It's my birthday.*
- ❖ *My sister is competing in PSSA in Sydney and I went down to support her.*
- ❖ *I am getting my hair done for our Year 6 Graduation evening.*

What is a 'justified' absence?

- ❖ *You have provided an explanation of your child's absence and has been accepted by the Principal. Examples provided include;*
- ❖ *Being sick or having an infectious disease*
- ❖ *Having an unavoidable medical appointment*
- ❖ *Exceptional or urgent family circumstances*
*Please note if your child is sick for more than 5 days you will require a **medical certificate** to justify the absence.*

What else is considered 'justified' leave?

- ❖ *We are attending a family wedding – the day of the wedding. (considered a significant family ceremony. – (notice and justification provided)*
- ❖ *We are going on a family holiday during school term and I enrolled my child/children in Distant Education*
- ❖ *My child is competing in NSW sporting championships (not PSSA) and we require travel time (notice and justification provided)*
- ❖ *We are celebrating a significant religious event such as Eid.*

Regular attendance for every student is essential if students are to achieve their full potential.



P & C Easter Eggstravaganza Raffle

Easter Raffle Ticket for FREE!!

**NO SCHOOL
HAT - NO
PLAY**

Available from:
Uniform Shop
Or Admin Office,
every day
between
8.30am-9.30am

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

Our School Parliament will be collecting the donated Easter eggs or rabbits under the COLA before the morning bell, from Monday 13th March until Tuesday 4th April. The School Parliament members will be in the Cola from 9am each day to receive the donated eggs and give students a free raffle ticket.

Raffle books of 5 tickets for \$5.00 will be sent home on Wednesday 8th March. Sold ticket stubs and books are to be returned to the school office by Tuesday 4th April. The raffle will be drawn at 2.30pm Thursday 6th April in the hall.



**YOU'RE ON THE
LIST FOR OUR
NOT TO BE MISSED
LAUNCH PARTY
OF A LIFETIME**



**APRIL 4th 2017
PBL Launch
Free Event
Jewells Primary 5-7pm**

SPORT HOUSES



Black Swans - Yellow



Sea Eagles - Green



Hawks - Red



Kingfishers - Blue

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MOTIVATING THE UNMOTIVATED CHILD

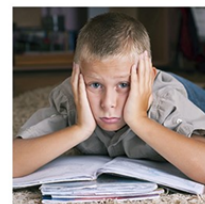
A **FREE** WORKSHOP FOR PARENTS/CARERS

2 SESSIONS AVAILABLE!

Is it difficult to motivate your child to complete tasks or activities? Do they lose interest or give up easily? Is it a struggle to get your child to do things they don't want to do? If this sounds familiar to you, join us for one of these sessions! Each session is the same and will cover topics including:

- Understanding motivation.
- Strategies for motivating your child.
- Moving towards self-motivation.

Jewells Primary School is pleased to partner with Turning Point Behaviour Support Consulting to offer this workshop on **Thursday 23rd March 2017 at 5:00pm (this session will run at the same time as the school disco) AND Friday 31st March 2017 at 9:30am**. Both sessions will be held in the school library. For more information please contact the school on Ph: 4948 7300 or Email: jewells-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au





PBL LAUNCH – TUESDAY 4TH APRIL - PRE – ORDERED FOOD NOTE

The Fundraising Committee will be holding a BBQ at the PBL Launch evening to raise money for the school and have the night off from cooking.

If you would like to join us for dinner you will need to purchase a food wrist band that you can use on the evening. We have decided to take pre – orders so that we do not run out of food on the evening. Ice creams will also be available on the night.

PRE – ORDERED FOOD PASSES THAT ARE AVAILABLE :

- 1 Sausage on bread with one drink of either poppa / water - \$5
- 2 Sausages on bread with one drink of either poppa / water - \$8
- 1 Chicken kebab with one drink of either poppa / water - \$5
- 2 Chicken kebabs with one drink of either poppa/water - \$8

The food WRISTBANDS will be sent home with the student whose name appears on the form below. You must wear the WRISTBAND on the evening to receive your food. ORDERS need to be into the School Office by Thursday 30th March. Some food may be available on the evening.

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CASH PAYMENT ONLY – DIRECTLY TO THE SCHOOL OFFICE

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Monday 10 th April	Tuesday 11 th April	Wednesday 12 th April	Thursday 13 th April	Friday 14 th April
\$45 IN CLUB GARDEN DAY	\$60 EXCURSION PCYC CESSNOCK	\$45 IN CLUB SCIENCE DAY	\$60 EXCURSION LASER TAG & EASTER	PUBLIC HOLIDAY

Monday 17 th April	Tuesday 18 th April	Wednesday 19 th April	Thursday 20 th April	Friday 21 st April
PUBLIC HOLIDAY	\$45 IN CLUB DAY ART, CRAFT & FUN	\$60 INCURSION BUNNINGS VISIT	\$45 IN CLUB DAY COMIC STRIP DAY	\$60 EXCURSION MOVIES & ANZAC DAY



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School travel 2017

Application information Nov 2016

Information for parents, guardians and students

Our school has partnered with Transport for NSW to use the new online process for you to submit school travel applications.

This means we will be able to process your applications online, making it easier and faster for parents, guardians and students to apply for school travel.

Applications for school travel in 2017 are now open, including for travel to Mascot and Green Square station and for private ferries. Parents, guardians and students are encouraged to apply as soon as they are able via:

Applications for 2017 school travel are now open via
www.transportnsw.info/school-students

A new application is required when:

- applying for a School Opal card or travel pass for the first time,
- enrolling in Kindergarten, or
- requesting an additional entitlement as a result of a shared parental responsibility situation.

You will need to do an update application if the student has a current school travel pass and:

- is progressing from Year 2 to Year 3,
- is progressing from Year 6 to Year 7, or
- changes address, or
- changes school or campus.

Already have a School Opal card or travel pass?

- When you've updated, and you are eligible for free school travel next year, Transport for NSW will send you an email confirmation once your application has been processed. For travel in rural or regional NSW, we'll also inform your nominated transport operator(s).
- If you already have a School Opal card that does not need updating, or you've successfully re-applied, the Opal card will automatically be updated for travel next year. Do not throw it out as you'll be able to use it when the school year starts in 2017.
- If you currently have a printed travel pass provided by your transport operator, a new pass will be ready at the beginning of the new school year.

Is 2017 the Year You Volunteer?

For immediate release



Raise Foundation is actively seeking 1000 people to volunteer as mentors for young people at risk of disengaging from high school this year – could this be you?

Raise empowers the lives of young people through our Ismo and Youth Frontiers mentoring programs in high schools. Founder of Raise, Vicki Condon, said "the organisation has grown from strength to strength since its inception in 2008, and over 2,400 young people have now benefited from Raise mentoring programs".

Volunteers who would like to mentor a young person are being welcomed into Raise Foundation's mentor training program commencing in Newcastle in April, 2017. The course attracts a TAFE accreditation, and training will take place in Newcastle on Saturday, 22nd April, at no cost to participants. Upon successful completion of the training, mentors volunteer for 1 ½ hours per week with a young person on school premises at Glendale Technology High School on Tuesdays at 12.30 pm during term time until October.

You might be retired, parenting at home, studying or have flexible working hours. You don't need to be a teacher or expert to become a mentor. You need to be a good listener who is able to act as a sounding board for a young person's ideas and aspirations and who is actively interested in what a young person has to say. Your skills and life experiences can make a real difference to a young person, and it just takes a few hours a week, a positive outlook and a genuine commitment for the two term program.

Please Help Young Australians – Become a Raise Mentor for 2017

Do you feel like it's a good time to give back to your local community? Do you have 1 ½ hours a week for two school terms free and are you willing to commit that time each week? Are you interested in what is going on for our young people? One of our mentees told us, "I always thought that I wasn't good enough. Now I know that's a lie". Join us in 2017 and help a young person to recognise that they are good enough. Make a tangible difference in the lives of our youth, and your life will be enhanced too. Email Raise now for further information and make an application. Bring a friend so you can train and volunteer together. We would love to hear from you.

For more information, email sally.gray@raise.org.au or visit www.raise.org.au

What: Raise Foundation's TAFE accredited Youth Mentor Training Program

Where: Newcastle

When: 22nd April, 2017