

Principal's News

What a pleasure it has been to visit some of the classrooms this week for my 'mid-term check ins' and see students settled and focused with routine in place. Congratulations on movement around our school K-6 and transition from class to playground. Our school has received some wonderful feedback from recent visiting schools who attended our onsite Regional Debating Workshop, stating that our school is a 'calm, happy and safe place to learn with well-mannered students'. What an honour to hear, well done to all of our staff and students for your efforts this year.

We are making an impression. Respect – Aspire – Belong.

School Attendance:

On occasion your child may need to be absent from school. Please note under the Student Attendance on Government Schools Procedures that all holidays taken during the school term are no longer considered as 'Exemptions' e.g. for your holidays. This information was announced on several occasions last year and therefore a timely reminder.

Justified absence; you have provided an explanation of your child's absence and has been accepted by the Principal.

Justified reasons for your child's absence may include;

- being sick or having an infectious disease
- having an unavoidable medical appointment
- being recognised to attend a significant religious/ cultural event
- exceptional or urgent family circumstances

Unjustified absence; you have provided an explanation of your child's absence and has not been accepted by the Principal.

Unjustified reason for your child's absence may include;

Taking family holidays during school terms.

Please note, Jewells Primary School will ensure that accurate attendance records are kept for each student enrolled at the school. This includes recording attendance daily in our new EBS4 electronic system and following-up on regular non-attendance. The expectation is you will receive a phone call from your child's classroom teacher after consecutive absent days of 2 or more without any notification or reasonable explanation.

Did you know?

Missing one day a week of school from Year 1 to Year 11 is the equivalent of missing two years and one term of schooling.

Being half an hour late to school each day from Year 1 to Year 10 is equivalent to missing one year and one-and-a-half terms of schooling.

Being absent five days a term from Year 1 to Year 10 adds up to more than one year of missed schooling.

Patterns of attendance/absence are set up in the early years of schooling.



2nd March 2017
Term 1 Week 6

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Important Dates

March 2017

- Mon 6 School Photo Day
- Mon 6 Belmont HS Year 7 2018 5.30pm
- Mon 6 Band Committee Meeting 6pm
- Thur 9 Selective High Schools Test
- Mon 13 Uniform Shop 8.30-9.30am
- Mon 13 to Fri 24 Parent Teacher Interviews
- Wed 22 AGM P & C 6.30pm
- Thur 23 Free Parent Workshop 5pm
- Thur 23 School Disco 5pm
- Mon 27 Uniform Shop 8.30-9.30am
- Thur 30 Athletics Carnival
- Fri 31 Free Parent Workshop 9.30am

April

- Tues 4 PBL Launch
- Thur 6 Easter Egg Raffle
- Thur 6 Stage 2 Dr Suess Day
- Mon 24 Uniform Shop 8.30-9.30am
- Mon 24 Staff Development Day
- Tues 25 Anzac Day Public Holiday
- 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

Change of date: Please be reminded all community members, families, parents and carers are welcome to attend our next upcoming P&C meeting. This will be our AGM (Annual General Meeting) where all new positions will be elected for the year 2017. **Our AGM P&C meeting will be from 6:30pm on Wednesday 22nd^h March, in the school library.** (Please note, this date changed from the 15th March as outlined in our previous correspondence, thank you for your cooperation with the change of date.). We look forward to seeing you all there.

Emma Lakeman

Photo Day: School Photos will take place on Monday, 6th March for individual, class, House Captains and School Parliament. Envelopes for family photos (siblings at Jewells Primary School only) can be collected from the Office. Each student should have received their personalised envelope. Please keep these individual envelopes in a safe place until Monday, 6th 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. 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.

Resource Levy/Mathletics: Mathletics is for all students in Yr 1 to Yr 6. It is a fun and exciting way to support your child with the learning of mathematical concepts, the program supports to reinforce student learning and is directly linked to class activities. For students to receive their login details a \$25 resource levy needs to be paid, of which pays for the Mathletics subscription and classroom consumables. **Students will not receive any login details until the resource levy is paid.** If financial assistance is required please contact the Principal so that alternative arrangements to support your child's learning can be made.

Parent Information Session – Best Start/PLAN: A parent information session about the Best Start procedure is being run on Friday 3rd March at 9:30am in the school Library. The session will also outline how your child's teacher uses this information to inform and support future teaching and learning experiences. Look forward to seeing you there. Ms Filan-Davis

Year 7 2018 Belmont High School: It is coming up to that time of the year already - Information session for year 7 2018! Monday 6 March at 5.30pm at Belmont High School.

Scripture Volunteers Needed!: We are looking for a little help from our amazing Jewells community; we currently need some volunteers to help lead our Catholic scripture and Ethics groups. There is training, resources and advice from both the Catholic diocese and the previous Ethics volunteers to help get us started and our teachers will always be close by to lend any assistance that is needed. What we are missing are the people to run the sessions for us. If you would like to become involved in either delivering the Catholic scripture or the Ethics groups, please contact Alison Jackson through the office.

K- 2 Assembly: K-2 assembly will begin at 2:55pm on Monday (6th March). Year 2 students from 2/3L will be running the assembly. There is no class item. Kindergarten will be attending for the first time. All are welcome to attend. Please sign in on at the office on arrival.

Jewells Uniform Shop

Due to a timetabling clash the Uniform Shop will now be open on a Monday

Monday Term 1 and Term 2 8.30am-9.30am Paid orders can be left at the office anytime

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| PLEASE NOTE: The Uniform Shop will be OPEN on | | | |
| Monday 13th March | Monday 27th March | Monday 24th 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

Library News: Great news, our new Library System “OLIVER” has now been installed and we commenced student borrowing last Monday, 27th February. Our Library Oliver system is a new wonderful program for both students and staff to be able to access their personal borrowing record as well as information on books from our Library. Students now have access to Oliver through their Student Portal.

The Premier’s Reading Challenge (PRC) 2017; The PRC 2017 will start on **Monday, 6th March**. Students need to complete their online Student Reading Records by **Friday, 25th August** (11:59 pm) for verification. Students entering and successfully completing the Challenge will receive a PRC certificate and the student’s name will appear on the PRC Honour Roll. Students need to complete a set amount of reading to meet the Challenge, see table below:

| Challenge | Number of books needed to complete the Challenge | Minimum number of PRC books for your Challenge | Maximum number of personal choice books | PRC booklist selection |
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| K-2 | 30 | 25 | 5 | K-2 , 3-4 , 5-6 , 7-9 |
| 3-4 | 20 | 15 | 5 | 3-4 , 5-6 , 7-9 |
| 5-6 | 20 | 15 | 5 | 5-6 , 7-9 |

To experience a book a child can listen to the book, participate in a shared reading of the book or read part or the entire book independently. Students can attempt the Challenge by reading PRC books at or above their stage level (not below their stage level). For example, a student in Y4 can read books from the 3-4, 5-6 or 7-9 lists but not K-2. Please note that when students are choosing books from higher booklists, extra guidance may be necessary to ensure that the books are appropriate. On the 7-9 booklist, books marked are for mature readers or denote books with more mature themes or language. Many book series have been included on the PRC booklists. You can find a full list of approved books and series on the PRC website.

All Student Reading Records are submitted online by either the teacher or librarian for students in K-2 or personally by the students from Y3-6. Students from Y3-6 can enter their books online as they are read via any computer with internet access at school, in a public library or at home either through the DET student portal or directly through the PRC website.

<https://products.schools.nsw.edu.au/prc/home.html>

Students logon with their usual school individual usernames and passwords to access their own record. The Student Reading Record is completed by either entering the PRC ID number (recorded on the first page of each book) or clicking on titles or authors from a drop-down PRC list. Many choice books can also be selected from a drop-down list. The school's PRC coordinator validates the student reading records and acknowledges their achievement via the internal JPS Sentral communication system.

Band News: Committee meeting Monday 6th March 6pm in room 8 (next to the Library), all parents who have children in the Training or Concert Band are welcome

MOTIVATING THE UNMOTIVATED CHILD

A **FREE** WORKSHOP FOR PARENTS/CARERS

2 SESSIONS AVAILABLE!

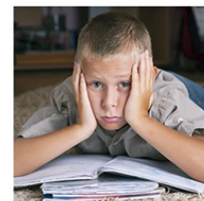
Is it difficult to motivate your child to complete tasks or activities? Do they lose interest or give up easily? Is it a struggle to get your child to do things they don't want to do? If this sounds familiar to you, join us for one of these sessions! Each session is the same and will cover topics including:

- 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 session will be held in the school library. For more information please contact the school on Ph: 4948 7300 or Email: jewells-school@det.nsw.edu.au



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PSSA Sport News:

Diving; Lateisha and Ruby attended Diving Trials on Tuesday 21st February. It was an exceptional effort by both girls. Ruby will compete at State Diving at the end of the term. Good luck Ruby!

Tennis Trials; Remy, Rylan and Darcy attending the tennis trials on Monday 13th February. Mrs Waters was lucky enough to run the trials and got to watch these students play. It was a great day of giggles, complements and long rallies. Remy made it through to Regional Tennis in a nail-biting tie breaker. Remy attended the Regional Tennis, and gave it all she had, but unfortunately did not make it through to the next round.

Zone Swimming; The Zone Swimming Carnival was held at Swansea Swimming Centre on Wednesday 22nd and Thursday 23rd February. A large number of students qualified for events. These students represented Jewells PS with pride and were commended by a teacher from another school on their team comradery. All students gave their very best on the day. Mrs Waters and Miss Kerin were extremely proud. The following students have made it to the Hunter PSSA Swimming Championships held on Thursday 2nd March. Kane – Junior IM, Junior backstroke and Junior butterfly, Lewis – 11yrs breaststroke, Logan – 12/13 yrs backstroke, 12 yrs freestyle, Beau – 12/13 yrs backstroke, 12 yrs freestyle. The Senior relay team will also compete – Logan, Beau, Rylan and Lewis. Good luck everyone!

Girrinbai Preschool Car Park: Girrinbai Preschool have now changed their operating hours - 8.30 to 4.00pm are now our core operating hours. Parents are parking in the preschool car park to collect their children from school. These car parks are reserved for families whose children attend Girrinbai. Families that have children attending preschool and school on that day can use the car park, however, we kindly ask that if you do not have a preschool child in attendance for that day that you park in the street to collect your child from school. Your support would be appreciated. Thanking You, Lyn Best, Director



say cheese

School Photo Day is

6 March 2017

Have your child's school memories captured forever

Please take time to read the relevant information on the MSP Photography payment envelopes and remember these helpful points:



- Don't seal envelopes inside each other. You can pay for all children in one envelope however each child needs to have their own envelope on photo day
- Family envelopes are available at the school office upon *request*
- Please enclose correct money as no change is given. Cash and money orders only (sorry no credit card accepted)

For any enquiries, please feel free to contact us

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What are Fenton Funds??

Fenton's Funds is our PBL reward system for the students of Jewells Primary School. During the school day teachers, teacher assistants, office ladies and the Principal are all watching our students and when they see students aspiring to achieve, being respectful to others or showing how to belong, they could get a Fenton Funds \$1. Also every time you receive an Assembly Award, the students show their teacher and they will reward them with a special \$5 Fenton Funds.



Fenton's Fabulous Fun day!

Twice a term students will be able to cash in their Fenton funds to take part in Fenton's fabulous fun day. A variety of activities will be available to 'buy into', with the lowest price point being \$5.

The 'fun day' will take place in a two hour session twice a term with teachers leading/supervising reward activities.

Some of the activities will be –

- ☐Cooking
- ☐Coding in computer room
- ☐Touch football game with referee
- ☐Lip Syncing concert
- ☐Craft and art activities
- ☐Lego building challenge

We will also be asking students for their ideas. A fun with Fenton board will be put up in the COLA for students to write any of their ideas.

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 as we approach a new year.

There is a minority of older students wearing either non-uniform items like; coloured sport shoes (on a non-sport day), 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 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.

Full summer school uniform must be worn by students on School Photo Day, Presentation Day, or any day where students are representing Jewells Primary School, and outlined below:

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

Girls – Royal blue check 'A' line dress with Peter Pan collar and red tab, white ankle socks, black school shoes. Hair ribbons must be royal blue or red.

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 with logo.

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

Sport Day: Royal blue shorts, red polo shirt with logo 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 with logo

Sport Day: Royal blue track pants, red polo with logo 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 with logo worn with navy blue tailored shorts

Sport Day: Royal blue shorts, red polo shirt with logo & 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 with logo

Sport Day: Royal blue track pants, red polo shirt with logo & 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:

Sport shoes on a non-sport day

Royal blue sport shorts with a 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.

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.



FOCUS CHARACTER ENERGY drama classes

2017 SEMESTER 1 TIMETABLE

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| MONDAY | 4 – 5pm Singing for Fun Yr 3 – 6 | 5 – 6:30pm Performance Student Created Yr 3 – 6 | 6:30 – 7:30pm Script Writing Yr 4 – 6 |
| TUESDAY | 4 – 5:30pm Performance Scripted Yr 3 – 6 | 5:30 – 7pm Performance Student Created Yr 8 – 10 | |
| WEDNESDAY | 4 – 5pm Junior Improvisation K – Yr 3 | 5 – 6pm Senior Improvisation Yr 3 – 6 | |
| THURSDAY | 4 – 5:30 Performance Student Created Yr 6 – 8 | 5:30 – 7pm Performance Scripted Yr 7 – 10 | 7 – 8pm Senior Stage Makeup Yr 7 – 10 |
| FRIDAY | 4 – 5pm Stage Makeup Yr 3 – 8 | 5 – 6pm Art Class Yr 3 – 8 | |

All classes held at Warners Bay Primary School Hall.

See www.fcetdrama.com.au for more information and class costs.

To enrol email naomi@fcetdrama.com.au or phone 0414 378 355

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**Friday 17 February 5.30 – 7pm &
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Sportsman's Club)

(Please note this is for boys and girls aged 5-16 years)



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