

Principal's News

Jewells is certainly a happening place. We've been extremely busy delving into our teaching and learning as we enter the later part of a busy term. Thank you to all the parents and carers for taking part in our Parent teacher Interviews, it has been a real pleasure seeing so many familiar faces onsite.

NAPLAN - We have received our upcoming NAPLAN dates for next term. Please note all students in Year 3 and Year 5 will sit the following tests on these dates: More detailed information to come early next term.

Tuesday 9th May – Language Conventions and Writing

Wednesday 10th May – Reading

Thursday 11th May – Numeracy

Friday 12th May – Catch up test day

Attendance - The Jewells PS attendance plan is closely aligned to the Department of Education School Attendance Policy.

At Jewells Primary School there is an expectation that once enrolled, students will attend on a regular basis, and positive attendance patterns should be fostered.

On the following page → I have attached attendance register codes from the Department of Education School Attendance Policy Which outlines the symbols and reasons why we use and accept the following absence codes.

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.** We look forward to seeing you all there.

Emma Lakeman

Athletics Carnival: The Athletics Carnival is fast approaching on Thursday 30th March at Glendale Sports Centre. Please note payment for the carnival closed yesterday [Wednesday 15th March] as advised. We can no longer accept student payments as organisation is now in full swing based on the number of students we know are attending. Student supervision will be provided at school for those students not attending the carnival.

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 reinforces student learning and is directly linked to class activities. For students to receive their login details a \$25 resource levy needs to be paid, this 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.



16th March 2017
Term 1 Week 8

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Important Dates

March 2017

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 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
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

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

K- 2 Assembly: Students from 2J are very excited to be hosting our next assembly on Monday 20th March. It will begin at 2.55pm in the hall. All are welcome to attend. Please sign in on at the office on arrival. Mrs James

Medical Alert: Please be advised we have recently had a case of a student with Chicken Pox .

PSSA Sport News:

Swimming: This year's swimming carnival was a great success with all primary students getting involved by participating in races, novelty events and dressing up. A great day was had by all. Many students competed on the day, with the sportsmanship and encouragement from fellow peers being heard loud and clear. All our house captains did a great job helping and organising their teams and assisting teachers. The overall winning house for 2017 was the Hawks. We had many proud Jewells students compete at both Zone and Regional swimming with big congratulations to Kane and Lewis who have made it through to state swimming. Our age champions were announced at our last whole school assembly and will be recognised again at Presentation Day. Congratulations to: Evie, Kane, Lewis, Rylan, Ruby, Rochelle and Logan.

Cricket Trials: Darcy and Thomas attended trials on the 6th March. Both students had the opportunity to demonstrate their batting and bowling skills. The boys showed great character and represented Jewells PS proudly.

Soccer Trials Boys: Riley, Harrison and Cooper will attend soccer trials with a date to be notified . We wish them good luck.

Jewells Uniform Shop

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

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

Monday 27th March
Monday 5th June

PLEASE NOTE: The Uniform Shop will be OPEN on
Wednesday 26th April
Monday 19th June

Monday 8th May
Monday 17th July

Monday 22nd May-

Volunteers are required and would be appreciated Thank you

***Tell Them From Me* student feedback survey (Term 1, 2017)**

I am delighted that this term, our school, like many other public schools in the state, will participate in a Department of Education initiative: the *Tell Them From Me* student feedback survey. The survey 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.

More information about the survey is available at: <http://surveys.cese.nsw.gov.au>

The survey is a great opportunity for our students to provide us 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. The survey is conducted online and will typically take less than 30 minutes to complete. It will be administered during school hours between 13 March and 7 April. Participating in the survey is entirely voluntary.

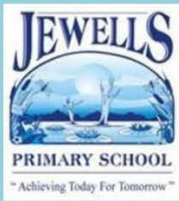
A consent form and FAQs for parents/carers about the survey is being sent home with students. If you **do not** want your child or children to participate, please return the form to school by **Monday 20th March 2017**. Copies of the form and FAQs are available from:
<http://surveys.cese.nsw.gov.au/information-for-parents>.

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Thank you

Samantha Skinner

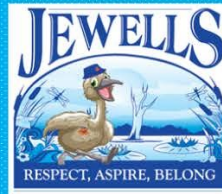
 Hot Food		Sandwiches/Toasted	Salad	Tubs and Wraps	Tub	Wrap
Lean beef pie	\$3.50	<u>All sandwiches & Toasties</u>	\$3.50	Chicken salad	\$3.50	\$4.00
Party pie	\$2.50	Cheese or Ham		Ham salad		
Sausage rolls	\$3.50	Ham cheese pineapple		Salad		
Chicken burger	\$4.00	Ham & tomato		Caesar Salad		
Fried rice	\$3.00	Ham & cheese		Chicken Caesar salad		
Spaghetti Bolognaise	\$3.00	Ham Cheese Tomato		Sweet chilli chicken		
Nachos	\$3.00	Cheese & tomato				
				<u>Snacks</u>		<u>Recess</u>
Chicken goujons & salad	\$3.00	Vegemite	\$2.00	Zooper Dooper	\$0.50	Party Pies
Chicken vol au vent & salad	\$3.00	Banana Bread	\$1.00	Popcorn	\$0.50	Banana Bread
Chicken drumsticks x 2	\$3.00			Pikelets	\$0.50	Wedges \$1.00
Lasagne and wedges	\$3.50	Chocolate or Strawberry Milk	\$2.00	Frozen Juicy	\$1.00	Garlic Bread
Vegetable lasagne	\$3.50	Plain milk	\$1.00	Frozen Yogurt	\$2.50	Cold Milo \$1.00
Wedges 	\$1.00	Apple Juice		Fresh fruit cup	\$1.00	Hot Milo \$1.00
Garlic Bread	\$1.00	Orange Juice		Icy cups	\$0.50	
Soup (winter only)	\$1.50	Up & go (choc, straw,caramel,vanilla)	\$2.00	Grain waves	\$1.00	
		Water	\$1.00	Plain or honey soy chips	\$1.00	



PBL UPDATES

Each fortnight we are going to be publishing an update on what our school is focusing on for PBL. This will allow you the opportunity to talk to your child about the focus and if you want use it at home to further reinforce the concept.

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

Focus for Week 9

Treating the playground environment with respect

Focus for Week 10

How to include all in play



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.



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SPORT HOUSES



Black Swans - Yellow



Sea Eagles - Green



Hawks - Red



Kingfishers - Blue

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MOTIVATING THE UNMOTIVATED CHILD

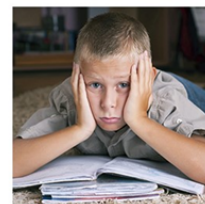
A **FREE** WORKSHOP FOR PARENTS/CARERS

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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Transport
for NSW

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.

COME TRY RUGBY



The Waratahs Junior Rugby Union Club is inviting young boys and girls interested in playing rugby union to Come Try Rugby sessions at Waratah Oval.

WHEN: Three Friday evenings –
17 March, 24 March and 31 March

TIME: 6pm

WHERE: Waratah Main Oval, Harris Street, Waratah

AGES: Under 7s upwards

Accredited trainers will be in attendance and information available for parents.

FURTHER DETAILS AVAILABLE THROUGH:

Email: thewaratahsjuniorrugby@gmail.com

Facebook: 'The Waratahs Junior Rugby – Newcastle'

Web: Junior Rugby tab at www.thewaratahs.com.au

VACATION CARE



**COME & JOIN US THESE SCHOOL HOLIDAYS, WE WILL HAVE YOU
TEACHING NEW HEIGHTS PARTICIPATING IN PROGRAMS SUCH AS:**

GYMNASTICS TRAMPOLINING ATHLETICS TEAM CHALLENGES
TABLOIDS ART/CRAFT BUSHWALKING DRAMA SCIENCE

Vacation Care is available from
MONDAY 10th April -
Monday 24th April
(closed public holidays)
7.30am - 6.00pm Meals Included

The Hunter Sports Centre also runs a
Trampoline Holiday Program & Skills Clinics
For further information visit our website

The Hunter Sports Centre has achieved a Meeting National Quality Standards rating under the National Quality Framework.



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