

## Principal's Message

There are many times when we are faced with change in our lives – as time goes on the rate of change in our work and life increases. Sometimes the change is minor, while at other times it is significant. Often change can have a much greater impact on us, our family and friends, and our work environments than we had anticipated. Regardless of whether the change is welcome or unwelcome, it can be a stressful and difficult time to navigate your way through. I acknowledge the stress and anxiety that our recent restructure may have had on students and families and am working alongside our teachers to foster within our children the skill of emotional resilience, i.e. the ability to go through hard times and adapt to change.

This week I have asked all students and staff to consider their strengths and areas of weakness, to contemplate and acknowledge what they are good at and then carefully dissect what they are not so confident or good at, so that we can set a goal for ourselves to work towards for this term.

To ensure effective hand-over of learning and support information of our children, this week your child's new teacher and the interventionist staff have met with their previous teacher to outline your child's capabilities and needs. This has been strategically planned to strengthen our ability to ensure all students succeed.

The road map to success is never straight forward, but along that pathway we choose to take, are some valuable opportunities to learn more about ourselves and what skills we may need to hone.

As an attachment to the newsletter I have included the School Strategic Plan for 2018-2020. I hope that you have time to look through what it is that we have set as our goal for Jewells Primary school and the direction we will be heading. What will become evident is that we are on an exciting journey of reform.

*'Achieving Today for Tomorrow,  
by Unlocking the Potential  
Within'...*

Barry Croft  
**Principal**



**8th February 2018**  
**Term 1 Week 2**

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## Important Dates

### FEB

**Thur 8** Stg3 Parent Info 4.30pm  
**Fri 9** Last Day pay Swim Carnival  
**Tue 13** Stg2 Parent Info 3.45pm  
**Wed 14** Stg1 Parent Info 4pm  
**Thu 15** Swimming Carnival Yr3-Yr6  
**Thu 15** Debating Workshop  
**Thur 22** Zone Swimming Carnival

### MARCH

**Mon 5** School Photos  
**Fri 30** Good Friday

### APRIL

**Mon 2** Easter Monday  
**Fri 13** Last Day for Term 1  
**Mon 30** Staff Development Day

### MAY

**Tues 1** Students Return  
**Thur 3** Stg2 Camp  
**Fri 4** Stg2 Camp

### JUNE

**Tues 19** Stg3 Canberra  
**Wed 20** Stg 3 Canberra  
**Thur 21** Stg3 Canberra  
**Fri 22** Stg3 Canberra

## **Payments of Camps/Incursions/Excursions/Events**

I would like to remind and urge families to make every effort to ensure payments for camps, incursions, excursions, sporting events etc. are done in a timely manner before the due date. I acknowledge that on this occasion with the swimming carnival, this is a difficult thing to do with such a short turn around.

The school is going to improve the manner in which it plans, advertises and sets the timeframes for payments, so that we minimise the stress and financial pressure on families.

Please note though, that as we move forward, the deadline for payments will be fixed and if payment has not been made within the appropriate timeframe, your child may miss the opportunity to participate.

To streamline processes for payments within the school, as of Term 2 the office will be implementing a cashless transaction system. Payments can be made via our website using the Parent Online Payment portal (POPs) or by eftpos/credit card at the Administration Office counter.

## **P&C Support**

I cannot thank enough the support that our school P&C has given to our teachers and to our students. Through their contribution and efforts every child will have access to online math and literacy programs to support their learning at school and at home, whilst their mammoth efforts in 2017 with the fete has assisted the school in replacing all Interactive White Boards with brand new Ben Q interactive panels in every learning environment across the school.

P&C volunteers and executive members have continued where they left off in 2017, by ensuring that they were present and supporting our new kindergarten families at the Kinder Parent Information session held last night. I thank everyone involved in that and am appreciative of your donated time and energies.

As a 2018 fundraising initiative the Jewells Primary School P&C are now part of the Monty's Club Membership program at Jewells Tavern. Showing your membership card at the restaurant or bar entitles you to a 5% discount on all purchases. The P&C will receive a quarterly rebate from the Tavern, based on the amount spent by Jewells School families. It's a win-win!

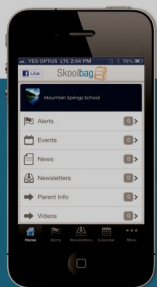
Students will be receiving a Monty's Club Membership application form today. To apply:

1. Complete the membership form including your driver's license number
2. Pop your form in the box at the school office– a P&C member will take forms received to the Tavern every Thursday
3. Collect your Monty's Card directly from Jewells Tavern
4. Show your card when making food and drink purchases to receive your discount

## **Child Safety Hub**

I am delighted to make you all aware of a fantastic resource which can support our combined efforts to improve student wellbeing, better understand how to manage and overcome instances of bullying, as well as manage the complexities of cyber safety.

The Child Safety Hub ( <https://nsw.childsafetyhub.com.au/> ) is a wonderful resource for teachers and parents to assist children in navigating the challenges of growing up in today's society. Once you enter the Child Safety Hub website and click on the 'Sections' tab, you will have options to a plethora of information and interactive educational tools that can support those challenging conversations and moments that we can often be faced with. Check it out. This is a fantastic online tool generated by the NSW Police Service. Worth a visit.



## Skoolbag

Smartphone school to parent communication

Skoolbag is a mobile App for your school to communicate directly to both parents and students. It works through both smart phones and smart devices (such as iPads and Android Tablets). Ideal for:

- > School, free push notification alerts
- > School events
- > School newsletters
- > School documents
- > School RSS feeds
- > School social media (Facebook, Twitter)

Skoolbag delivers school notices directly to parents and students



### How To Install Skoolbag On Your Smartphone

#### iPhone & iPad Users

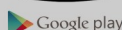
1. Click the "App Store" icon on your Apple device.
2. Type your school name in the search, using suburb name will help.
3. If iPhone, you will see your school appear, click "Free" then "install".
4. If iPad, change the drop list to "iPhone Apps", your school will then be visible, click "Free" then "install".
5. When installed click "Open"
6. Select "OK" to receive push notifications, when asked.
7. Click the "More" button on the bottom right of the App, then "Setup".
8. Toggle on the Push Categories that are applicable for you.




#### Android Users

You must first have signed up with a Google Account before installing the app.

1. Click the "Play Store" button on your Android Device
2. Click the magnifying glass icon at the top and type in your school name, using suburb name will help.
3. Click the school name when it appears in the search.
4. Click the "Install" button.
5. Click "Accept" for various permissions (please note, we do not modify any of your personal data on your device).
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Don't forget to like us on Facebook! 

Find out more at [www.skoolbag.com.au](http://www.skoolbag.com.au)

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### Jewells Uniform Shop

The Uniform Shop will be  
**OPEN 8.30am-9.30am on:**

Monday 12th February

Monday 26th February

Monday 12th March

Monday 26th March

Monday 9th April

Paid orders can be left at the  
office anytime.

Payment by

POPS or Credit Card

**Volunteers are appreciated ! Thank you !**

**THE SCHOOL BELL RINGS AT 8.55AM  
EACH MORNING. PLEASE DO NOT SEND  
STUDENTS TO SCHOOL BEFORE 8.55AM  
AS NO  
SUPERVISION IS PROVIDED.**

## Stay in touch with your school

- ◆ Skoolbag App Jewells: For All Current Community Updates  
(Download via App Store)
- ◆ Facebook: Jewells Primary School
- ◆ Don't forget to like our Facebook page so you can keep up to date with all the exciting adventures that are happening at Jewells Primary School.
- ◆ School Website - <http://www.jewells-p.schools.nsw.edu.au>
- ◆ Telephone: 4948 7300
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FITNESS & PERSONAL TRAINING

## FUN FAMILY BOOTCAMP

TUESDAY'S **5:30PM - 6:30PM**

**\$5** PER FAMILY MEMBER

## BOOTCAMP / BOXING

THURSDAY'S **5:30PM - 6:30PM**

**\$10** PER PERSON

**STARTING TUESDAY 13TH FEBRUARY**

BOTH CLASSES SUITABLE FOR ALL FITNESS LEVELS

**LOCATION:**

JEWELLS PRIMARY SCHOOL TOP GATE  
OVAL OR SCHOOL HALL (WET WEATHER)

**LIMITED SPOTS + BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL:**  
**0437 194 019**