



# Jewells Primary

## Newsletter

### **Principals' message**

*'Don't be discouraged. It's often the last key in the bunch that opens the lock'...*

A key message that I often use with students, staff, parents and myself (in times of challenge) is that the beautiful thing about setbacks is that they introduce us to a new set of skills that provide us with a new level of strength and determination not realised before. A positive attitude and persistence go a long way to achieving success.

### **School Works**

There has been plenty of ongoing work taking place at the school recently, with the development of our new Netball and Volleyball Courts and installation of new fence at the top and bottom of the school.

Over the next few days, the soft fall around the play equipment will be upgraded and an adjacent picnic and BBQ area developed to promote and encourage greater school/community engagement for 2021 (post COVID). In addition to this, the school Green Team (our environmental group) will be reinvigorating the gardens beside the hall, where it is hoped that next year we will be able to open the area up for tea & coffee prior to school assemblies and functions. With several initiatives planned next year, the school will be looking for community volunteers and working bees.

### **O.C. Testing**

For those students who have applied through the High-Performance Unit, the O.C test will take place next Wednesday 18 November 2020, in the hall from 9.30am. The test will be 30 minutes long for English, Math and General Knowledge. The testing conditions are very strict and supervised by staff and independent personnel. I wish all participants the very best of luck.

### **Student Leadership 2021**

Year 5 have recently undertaken nominations for student leadership in 2021. Students will be informed of their successful movement into the next phase of developing speeches to be presented to the school. Unlike previous years, the voting of student leaders will be conducted via an online voting system which will generate the results immediately. The most highly rated top 10 candidates will be our school leaders.

### **Remembrance Day**

Today our student leaders ran an amazing whole school ceremony, reflecting on the reasoning for such an event. I remain unbelievably impressed by the students. They demonstrated absolute reverence for the occasion.

### **Presentation Day**

This year our presentation day ceremony will be modified. Following similar approaches used by Belmont HS, it will be running by grade/stage and will be live streamed to enable parents to engage. Due to the disruption of COVID to many of the awards that would have traditionally been awarded, those awards too will be adjusted. Presentation day will be held on Monday 14 December 2020. More information will follow.

### **Kindergarten Orientation**

Kindergarten orientation for 2021 will take place on Wednesday 18 November and Wednesday 2 December. This is a fantastic opportunity for the children to become familiar with Big School, the staff, students and routines. Next year we have 40 kindergarten students enrolled. They are a lovely bunch of children.

Mrs Filan-Davis and a team of passionate staff have been busily visiting the preschools to meet and discuss the needs of each child with the staff of each establishment.



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### **Year 6 Shirts 2021**

Final payment for year 6 shirts is due tomorrow. No extension will be made available. Please ensure your order gets in.

### **ICAS Assessments**

Congratulations to all students who participated in the ICAS Assessments. Verification of results will be in soon.

### **Belmont HS A-Stream Class**

Congratulations to those year 6 students who made it into the A-Stream class at Belmont HS. Your efforts in the Gifted and Talented assessment are reflective of your attitude and aptitude all year.

Have a wonderful week ahead!

Barry Croft  
**Principal**