



# Jewells Primary

## Newsletter

### Principals' message

I would like to take this opportunity to formally introduce myself. My name is Mrs Robyn Wasson and I will be supporting the school as relieving principal. Over the coming weeks I will try to meet as many parents/carers as possible and remember as many students' names that I can.

I have been overwhelmed with the warm welcome I have already received. I wish it was under different circumstances, as I share in the grief of the school's loss, having known Mr Barry Croft as a peer principal for about 15 years I know he will be sadly missed.

I am so impressed with the beautiful school you have here. The staff are truly amazing how they put the welfare of the students first. The students are so caring and delightful and the school community has been so supportive with an outpouring of support and concern for the wellbeing of the staff. The staff are so grateful and words cannot express how thankful they are for the community support.

School counsellors will remain on site offering continued support for the school. Please contact the school to access support if needed. I have also included in this newsletter contact details if you or your child would like to speak with someone outside of the school.

In the coming weeks the school will communicate with the community some special events to celebrate Mr Croft's time as principal here at Jewells PS. I am currently in consultation with the P&C and school in organising an event that is culturally appropriate and respectful of the family wishes.

- **Kids Helpline** (1800 551800 or [www.kidshelp.com.au](http://www.kidshelp.com.au))
- **Lifeline** (131114 or [www.lifeline.org.au](http://www.lifeline.org.au))
- **Headspace** (1800 650 890 or [www.headspace.org.au](http://www.headspace.org.au)\*)
- **Beyond Blue** (1300 22 4636 or [www.beyondblue.org.au](http://www.beyondblue.org.au))
- **State Mental Health Telephone Access Line** – 1800 011 51 - which operates 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. It is staffed by clinicians who can provide advice, make referrals and link callers to the mental health service in their Local Health District.

### Guidance regarding COVID limitations

It is wonderful that we are now able to gather together as a community. Even though restrictions to numbers attending events have eased, some COVID advice still needs to be adhered to. This includes QR codes and sign in procedures for contact tracing and recommended social distancing.

### Online Applications for year 5 opportunity class placement entry in 2022 is now open

Important dates in the application process are as follows:

**Tuesday 20 April 2021:** Online applications opens

**Friday 7 May 2021:** Online applications closes  
(Parents and carers must apply by the due date.)

**Wednesday 21 July 2021:** Opportunity Class Placement Test

Parents and carers must apply online between **Tuesday 20 April 2021 and Friday 7 May 2021** at:

<https://education.nsw.gov.au/public-schools/selective-high-schools-and-opportunity-classes/year-5>



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### Notes on the go!

**Friday Sport – Netball and Rugby League  
Stage 3 Only  
Start Struck Fundraiser Crazy Sock Day**

### Upcoming Events

#### Week 2:

**Mon 26/04 – ANZAC Service**

Students & Staff only

**Wed 28/4 – Crazy Sock Day, Star Struck**

**Fundraiser.** Where a pair of crazy socks and bring in a gold coin donation

**Thurs 29/4 – NRL U10 at Toronto**

Star Struck dance rehearsal

#### Week 3:

**Tue 4/5 - NRL U9's-U12 at Raymond Terrace**

**Thurs 6/5 – Mother's Day Stall**

#### Week 4:

**Tues 11/5 – NAPLAN Begins online for 2 weeks**

#### Week 5:

**Tue 18/5 – Band night – more information to come.**

**Wed 19/5 – U10 and U12 Boys Futsal Tournament**