



# JESMOND JOURNAL

Diversity Opportunity Success

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## DATES TO REMEMBER

### Term 2

#### Week 7

**Mon 8 Jun** Queen's Birthday Public Holiday

#### Week 10

**Mon 29 Jun – Fri 3 Jul** Parent Teacher Interviews via phone

**Fri 3 Jul** Last Day of Term 2

**Mon 6 Jul – Fri 17 Jul** School Holidays

### Term 3

#### Week 1

**Mon 20 Jul** Staff Development Day (No Students)

**Tue 21 Jul** Students return

#### Week 3

**Fri 7 Aug** Semester 1 Reports go home

#### Week 10

**Fri 25 Sep** Last Day of Term 3

**Mon 28 Sep – Fri 9 Oct** School Holidays

### Term 4

#### Week 1

**Mon 12 Oct** Staff and students return to school

#### Week 10

**Wed 16 Dec** Last Day of Term 4

**Thu 17 Dec** Staff Development Day (No Students)

**Fri 18 Dec** Staff Development Day (No Students)

## Principal's Message

Dear parents/carers,

The first week back of face to face teaching was full of laughter, explicit teaching and lots of new and revised learning. Students and teachers were both exhausted on Friday however loved being together again!

### Afternoon Pick Up

As more children return to school, our afternoon dismissal plans may change. Thank you for your patience last week with the rain and cooler weather. There were some minor difficulties with too many people on the street and parents waiting in front of the gate which made it tricky for students to leave school. All students will line up before leaving school and staff will direct them to parents and carers. Please remember student safety is our main concern and social distancing between adults is important.

Please do not try to park in our neighbour's driveways, staff carpark, emergency exit and kiss and ride zone.

### New Families

We welcome two new families to Jesmond Public School. Our school continues to grow and enrolments are increasing each week.

### Acts of Kindness

At the moment life is a little crazy but it is important to acknowledge that there are special people who do wonderful things right here in Jesmond. At the end of last term, our school canteen was closed so some food was unable to be used. Instead of wasting the food, 2 special people made up some hampers and delivered them to elderly people in Jesmond who were unable to go to the shops. These special people were: Deb Adams and Andrew Tucker.

Jesmond Public School would like to thank these thoughtful people for their generous acts of kindness.

If you are aware of acts of kindness within our school community, please let the school know so that we can recognise our wonderful Jesmond community members.

### Opportunity Class Placement Timeline 2020

Please find attached a document 'Changes to the opportunity class placement process for Year 5 entry in 2021' which provides parents /carers with the latest information about the opportunity class placement process.

### SCHOOL HOURS

Supervision from: 8:30am  
School starts: 9:00am  
School finishes: 3:00pm

### CANTEEN

Term 2  
Thursday and Friday



- Fun filled program
- Child Care Subsidies available (as low as \$5.00 a session)
- Transport to and from school
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## Nationally Consistent Collection of Data on School Students with Disability (NCCD)

Every year, all schools in Australia participate in the Nationally Consistent Collection of Data on School Students with Disability (NCCD). The NCCD process requires schools to identify information already available in the school about supports provided to students with disability. These relate to legislative requirements under the Disability Discrimination Act 1992 and the Disability Standards for Education 2005, in line with the NCCD guidelines (2019).

Information provided about students to the Australian Government for the NCCD includes:

- year of schooling
- category of disability: physical, cognitive, sensory or social/emotional
- level of adjustment provided: support provided within quality differentiated teaching practice, supplementary, substantial or extensive

This information assists schools to:

- formally recognise the supports and adjustments provided to students with disability in schools
- consider how they can strengthen the support of students with disability in schools
- develop shared practices so that they can review their learning programs in order to improve educational outcomes for students with disability

The NCCD provides state and federal governments with the information they need to plan more broadly for the support of students with disability. The NCCD will have no direct impact on your child and your child will not be involved in any testing process. The school will provide data to the Australian Government in such a way that no individual student will be able to be identified – the privacy and confidentiality of all students is ensured. All information is protected by privacy laws that regulate the collection, storage and disclosure of personal information. To find out more about these matters, please refer to the Australian Government's Privacy Policy (<https://www.education.gov.au/privacy-policy>).

Further information about the NCCD can be found on the NCCD Portal (<https://www.nccd.edu.au>).

All students with funding support or external providers within the school will be included in this collection. If you believe your child should be included or if you have any questions about the NCCD, please contact Mrs Kelly or Mrs Couper (LaST).

Have a wonderful week.  
Deborah Kelly

## Book Club

Issue 6 of Book Club went out last week to students. Book Club orders are due Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> June. Please ensure orders are in on time as we unable to accept late orders.




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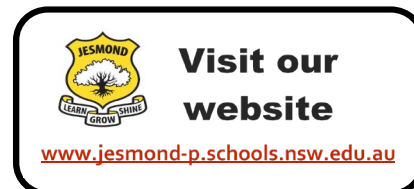
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## School Photographs

Due to COVID-19 restrictions, there will be a further delay in the delivery of our school photos. MSP Photography have limited staff due to government regulations and will endeavour to have photographs distributed to our school before the end of term. Please contact MSP Photography on 4966 8292 for further information.



## Community News

## Good for Kids Good for Life Easy Healthy Lunch Ideas



Try some of these healthy lunchbox ideas:

- Chicken and Vegetable rice paper rolls
- Zucchini slice
- Pasta salad
- Vegetable fried rice
- Corn fritters

All recipes available at

<https://goodforkids.nsw.gov.au/primary-schools/swap-it/recipes/>



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# Changes to the opportunity class placement process for Year 5 entry in 2021

## Information for parents/carers and students

The department is committed to the continued education of all students across NSW, including advanced learning programs for high potential and gifted students.

The 2021 Year 5 opportunity class placement process was put on hold in April 2020 due to the COVID-19 situation.

We have now rescheduled and streamlined the application process. Please note the details of the changes below and assist parents and carers to understand these changes.

### Why have changes been made to the 2020 opportunity class placement process?

Due to the shorter time frame available for the OC placement process, changes have been made to the process for this year. The department is committed to supporting the continuity of learning and transitions for each child, and the revised application and placement process will ensure students are placed in 2021 Year 5 opportunity classes as soon as possible.

### What changes have been made?

The 2020 opportunity class placement process has been revised to accommodate the shorter timeline due to the postponement of the test.

To ensure the fair and consistent assessment of students across all schools and regions of NSW, this year students will be placed on test results only. Taking this approach reduces the effect of the disrupted start to the school year, which could compromise school assessment scores, and ensures that all students are placed using the same test performed under the same conditions. The test is created by an independent educational assessment provider and measures academic ability, not achievement, giving a reliable method for identifying highly gifted applicants which is not subject to the variable classroom conditions experienced this year.

## What are the key dates I should be aware of?

The revised dates are listed below. Parents are advised to review the new dates carefully and ensure an application is submitted by the closing date for their child to be eligible to sit the placement test as, owing to the shorter timeline, late applications will not be accepted.

Action	Date
Applications open	9 June 2020
Applications close	26 June 2020
Opportunity Class Placement Test date	16 September 2020
Parents and schools advised of placement outcome information	From 1 December 2020
Parents accept or decline first round placement	By 15 December 2020
Principals arrange orientation day for successful candidates	December 2020
Reserve places offered	From mid-December 2020
Authority to attend an opportunity class letter sent to parents	Late January 2021
Successful candidates enrol in Year 5 at a school with an opportunity class	Late January 2021

A visual timeline showing the key dates is printed on the next page.

## Further information

Visit the department's website

**Opportunity classes** – Year 5 updates available on the website at <https://education.nsw.gov.au/public-schools/selective-high-schools-and-opportunity-classes/updates>

**Opportunity classes** – key dates on the website at <https://education.nsw.gov.au/public-schools/selective-high-schools-and-opportunity-classes/general-information>

Parents are encouraged to speak to the principal of their child's primary school for further information about the changes made to the opportunity class placement process this year.

## Contact

For further information or assistance contact:

**High Performing Students Team**

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## 2020 Opportunity class placement process - key dates

