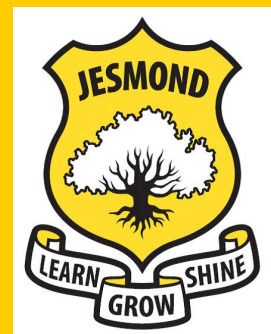


Jesmond Public School



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Jesmond Journal Term 4 Week 8, 2nd December 2020

Principal's Message

Good afternoon everyone. This will be our final newsletter for 2020.

School Excellence in Action

After much reflection and consultation with our staff, students and community we have drafted our three strategic directions for the new Strategic Improvement Plan:

Strategic Direction 1:

Student Growth and Attainment (including personalised student learning/differentiation, embedding formative assessment/feedback, goal setting).

Strategic Direction 2:

Professional Practice (including data informed practice, PDP process, evidence based practice driven by assessment).

Strategic Direction 3:

Wellbeing & Engagement (including community engagement attendance, student leadership & whole school voice practices eg SRC, engagement in learning, social and emotional wellbeing, trauma informed practices).

Leaving the School/Enrolments

As we are busy forming classes for next year, please let us know if you are not returning to Jesmond Public School. Similarly, if you know of any newcomers to your street please tell them to enrol in our wonderful, diverse school.

Wearing Hats

Thank you to all the students who are remembering to wear their broad brim school hats every day! The weather is certainly warming up, and each student was given a hat a number of weeks ago. Caps are no longer to be worn. Our policy is..... **No hat, play under the COLA.**

Student Reports

The staff have spent the last few weeks reviewing assessments and making consistent teacher judgments across all key learning areas to report on student learning. Each student will receive a report that highlights social and emotional wellbeing, engagement, strengths and areas of development in English, mathematics, science and technology, geography, creative arts and PD/H/PE as well as effort at school.

Reports will be sent home next Monday. If you need any clarification in regards to your child's report please contact class teachers.

Organisation for 2021

The Department of Education sent out advice in regards to Term 1 Staff Development Days. At the start of next year staff will have 2 days to engage in professional learning.

First day of school for Years 1 - 6 is Friday 29th January.

Kindergarten will start school on Monday 1st February.

Staff will be developing classes next week. Considerable thought goes into which class students are placed in. Staff draw on social, emotional and academic needs.

Presentation Day

A big thank you to Karen Morante for organising Presentation Day. Mrs Morante has spent countless hours videoing, writing and changing the schedule to celebrate our students' achievements.

Yesterday our school celebrated the wonderful achievements and growth of the students in 2020. Academic, Citizenship, Improvement and Consistency awards were presented to students in each class. Whole school and stage awards were awarded to those students who have demonstrated their deep understanding and ability in specific areas. It was with great excitement that we announced the school leaders for 2021. School Captains: Imogen and Izaan. Vice-captains: Sarah and Noah.



I would like to congratulate the current leaders on their excellent job in leading the Presentation Day yesterday.

There will be 3 links on seesaw today. One of the presentation day assembly, one is a video highlighting 2020 at Jesmond Public School and the last is a short video of the award recipients for 2020.

Thank you to our wonderful sponsors for your support.

Oakvale Wildlife Park Incursion

Last Thursday, the infant classes at Jesmond Public School were lucky enough to participate in the Oakvale Wildlife Park incursion. We had expert rangers visit our school, offering different opportunities to interact and play with a variety of different animals. This was a wonderful experience for students to ask questions surrounding the wildlife. This occasion allowed students to consolidate their knowledge in their science unit 'Living Things'. Students also experienced wildlife talks on lifecycles and were able to take home some valuable facts about the different animals they interacted with. This experience was followed by some fun classroom activities recounting their experiences on their new furry friends.



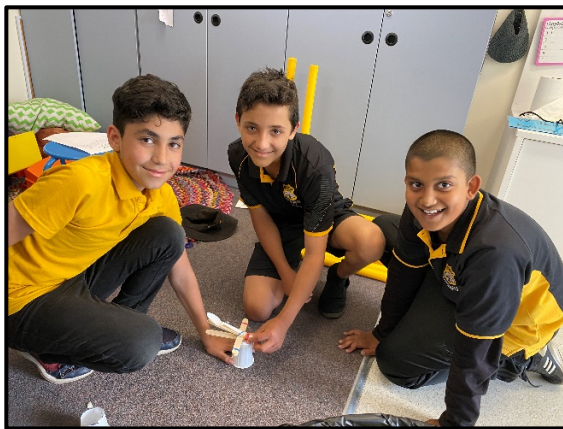
The staff and I wish everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. Enjoy the holidays and be safe and well. Thank you for all your support and ongoing dedication to our school to provide many opportunities for the students.

Take care and enjoy your week.

Deborah Kelly

Stage 3 Challenge Day

On Friday 20th November, Stage 3 participated in a Teams Challenge Day. Students worked in groups on an assortment of challenges including orienteering, STEM, giant snakes and ladders and visual art. It was an excellent day with many big smiles all around. Miss Blinnikka, Miss Wilson and Miss Herdegen are so proud of Stage 3's effort, communication and collaboration.



Calendar

December

Wednesday 2 nd	Year 6 Transition Day at Callaghan College Waratah Technology Campus
Wednesday 2 nd	Cricket Program
Monday 7 th	Reports sent home
Tuesday 8 th	PBL Reward Excursion
Thursday 10 th	Year 6 Farewell
Tuesday 15 th	Party Day
Wednesday 16 th	Last Day of Term 4
Thursday 17 th	Staff Development Day (no students)
Friday 18 th	Staff Development Day (no student)

January 2021

Wednesday 27 th	Staff Development Day (no students)
Thursday 28 th	Staff Development Day (no students)
Thursday 28 th	Kindergarten Best Start Testing
Friday 29 th	Year 1-6 return
Friday 29 th	Kindergarten Best Start Testing

February

Monday 1 st	Kindergarten Students Start
Thursday 4 th	Stage 3 Aspire Higher Incursion
Wednesday 10 th	Swimming Carnival at Mayfield Pool

March

Tuesday 9 th	Whole School Photos
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Awards

Class	Merit	Reading	Gold
K-60	Lily, William, Konco, Jack		Annali
KBM	Utsho, Theodore, Connor, Solange, Mohtashim, Zahra		Utsho
KD	Nedhi, Imran, Isobel, Havannah, Tyson, Sana		
1C	Aleena, Hunter, Ali Reza, Estella, Sienna		
1Y	Amirali, James, Kiani, Maya, Floyd		
2K	Nada, Marlon, Khudija, Simrah, Mitchell, Vienna	Khudija, Vienna	Vienna, Khudija
3/4D	Asma, Rhyan, Jaxx, TJ, Hassanin		
3/4R	Hadia, Salam, Zarifa, Zalaand, Ian	Toleen, Rajjo	Joe, Hossna
5/6HB	Amir Arslan, Bailey, Zainab, Faraidun, Abigail	Samantha	
5/6W	Van, Bekalu, Wayde, Yamna, Hanan, Chance		Evie



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- At least 60 minutes of physical activity each day – the more you huff and puff the better!
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- 9-11 hours of uninterrupted sleep each night.

Source: Australian Movement Guidelines; www.health.gov.au

Health Hunter New England Local Health District
HNEFHDC-GoodForKids@health.nsw.gov.au
<http://www.goodforkids.nsw.gov.au/>

Healthy Lunch Box website

A one-stop-shop for everything you need to know about packing a healthy lunch box.

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