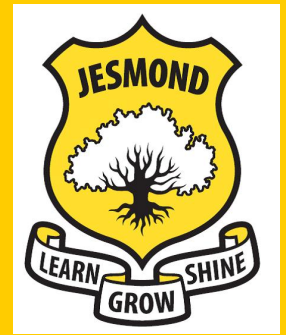


# Jesmond Public School



Diversity ♦ Opportunity ♦ Success

Jesmond Journal Term 2 Week 10, 22<sup>nd</sup> June 2021

## Principal's Message

**The staff and I hope everyone has a safe and relaxing holiday. It has been a productive term with many new opportunities and teaching and learning experiences for our students and staff.**

Sadly, we farewell Mr Wes Yarnold on Friday. Mr Yarnold has accepted an appointment at Holy Family Catholic Primary School, Merewether. He will be missed by us all and we thank him for his strong commitment to Jesmond Public School and always being flexible and willing to take on all areas of teaching to improve student learning. I have deemed the position vacant and I am waiting on the Department of Education to appoint a staff member to this teaching position. At this stage, the successful candidate will commence Term 3 day 1.

Mrs Amanda Ross is commencing Maternity Leave on Friday. We send Mrs Ross and her family lots of love during this exciting time. Congratulations! Miss Sophie O'Brien will be teaching 1RB each Monday and Tuesday.

Mrs Erin Woolaston has done a fabulous job teaching 3/4D whilst Ms Douglas has been on leave. Thank you so much Mrs Woolaston, 3/4D will miss you. Ms Douglas is returning Term 3.

### Attendance

Our school attendance improved last week. The overall Semester 1 attendance percentages, which were sent home with school reports, has proven to be insightful for parents and students. A number of parents and carers discussed attendance during the three way conferences and committed to working with their child to be at school every day. Every day counts when it comes to attendance!

### Athletics Carnival

As part of our whole school sports program we will be having a school athletics carnival on **Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> July** at Fearnley Dawes Athletics Track. All students, from Kindergarten to Year 6, will take part in events on the day. Students in Kindergarten to Year 2 who do **NOT** turn 8 years old this year will participate in Tabloid events.

The cost is \$10 per student. We are excited about going to this wonderful facility, running on an Olympic style track and doing a variety of field events. Parents and carers are welcome to come on the day.

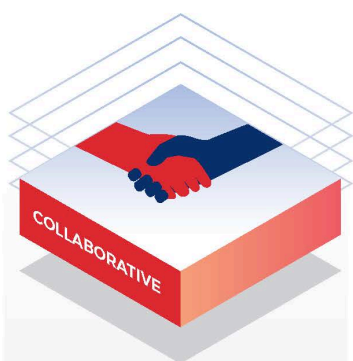
## School Community Charter

The School Community Charter outlines the responsibilities of parents, carers, educators and school staff in NSW public schools to ensure our learning environments are collaborative, supportive and cohesive.



# School Community Charter

**Collaborative. Respectful. Communication.**



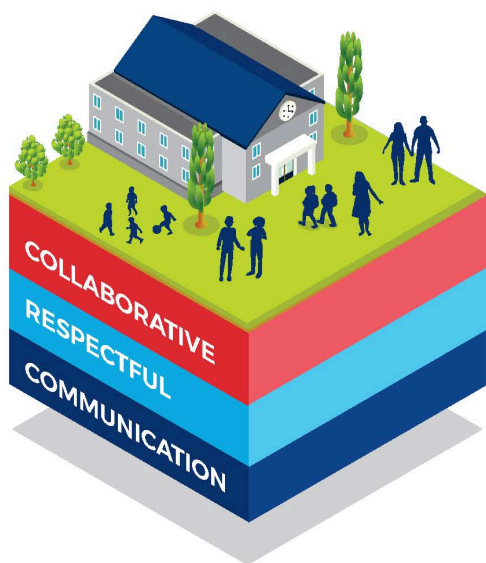
We work in partnership to promote student learning.



We treat each other with respect and fairness.



We communicate in a positive and constructive manner.



### Respectful communication is a right

In all workplaces people have the right to feel safe and respected. Unacceptable and offensive behaviour has no place in our school communities.

#### Unacceptable behaviour:

- Aggressive or intimidating actions, such as violence, threatening gestures or physical proximity.
- Aggressive or intimidating language, including the use of obscenities, making sexist, racist or derogatory comments or using a rude tone.
- Treating members of the school community differently due to aspects such as their religion or disability.
- Inappropriate and time wasting communication.

**We all play a part**



**School Community Charter**

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## Debating

The Debating team versed Heaton Public School in Week 8. The topic was 'Year 5 and 6 students should watch 20 minutes of news each day'. Our Jesmond students argued the negative side and were successful in winning this debate.

In Week 9 they had another debate versing Maryland Public School. This time, the topic was 'students in Year 5 and 6 should have a week away from their families every year'. They argued the negative side but unfortunately did not win this one.

Well done to our Debating team Izaan, Pashtana, Natasha, Noah and Hibah for two fantastic debates.



## Softball Trials

On a very cold winter's day, experienced softball and baseball players, Van and Sierra, attended the Hunter PSSA Softball Trials at Stevenson Park, Mayfield West. Together with students from other zones in the Hunter they participated in skill sessions such as fielding and batting. The students also took part in a series of simulated softball games and the final selections were based on overall performances on the day. Van was selected to play for the Hunter team at the NSWPSA Softball Boys Championships which will be held in August. Well done Sierra, and congratulations, Van for making the team!



Be safe and I look forward to seeing everyone on Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> July 2021.

Deborah Kelly

## Public Speaking

Last Wednesday, the students who qualified to present their speeches at the stage level of the Public Speaking competition, presented their speeches in the hall. All of the speeches were presented at a high level. The successful candidates to qualify for the Port Stephens/Callaghan Interschool's Public Speaking Finals are:

**Early Stage 1:** Trae and Messi

**Stage 1:** Erin and Maya

**Stage 2:** Hamish and Vienna

**Stage 3:** Izaan and Imogen



# Student Representative Council

The Student Representative Council have held their first meeting where they discussed the canteen reopening in Term 3 to sell weekly lunch specials. The students were excited at the thought of having their say on what lunches would be offered.

Representatives took the information that was discussed in the SRC meeting back to their class where each class then held a morning circle where SRC representatives relayed key messages to their peers and led them in a brainstorm of lunch ideas to give to the P&C.

Classes recorded ideas such as: toasted sandwiches, curries and rice, nachos, tacos, soups, salad sandwiches, salad bowls, macaroni cheese, spaghetti, corn on the cob, homemade pizzas and hamburgers.

These ideas were received by the P&C and we are very excited that the first weekly special will be corn on the cob.

Our next SRC meeting will be held in Week 1 on Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> July.

## Star Struck

Over the weekend, eight of our Jesmond Public School students participated in 'Star Struck Rise Up 2021' at the Newcastle Entertainment Centre. Our group of eight completed an audition process to be selected to perform in front of up to 5000 audience members on Friday night and Saturday afternoon.

Students volunteered their own time to learn their routines, and with the assistance of Jody Hooker (Callaghan's CAPA specialist teacher), mastered the steps for two dance numbers. Van, Sierra, Scarlett, Hibah, Sarah, Leah, Imogen and Layla were outstanding in their dance, 'Slice of Heaven' and the finale, 'Rise Up'. The 2021 show included singing, dancing, musical and drama performances from primary and high schools all across the Hunter and Central Coast region.

We would like to thank the students for the commitment, dedication and respect that was displayed throughout our entire Star Struck process. We would also like to thank the parents for allowing their children to participate in this wonderful opportunity. We are undecided as to who enjoyed it more – the students or the teachers.



## P&C News

### Thompson's Pie Drive Fundraiser

All orders will be delivered to your child's classroom this Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> June.

### Uniform Shop

#### Uniform Shop Opening Hours

##### Monday

Morning 8:30am – 9:15am

Afternoon 3:15pm – 3:45pm

##### Friday

Morning 8:30am – 9:15am

# Calendar

## June

Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> P&C Thompson Pie Drive Orders delivered  
 Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> MOGPA (UoN) 5/6W  
 Friday 25<sup>th</sup> June Last day of Term 2  
 Sat 26<sup>th</sup> Jun – Sun 11<sup>th</sup> Jul School Holidays

**Breakfast Club**  
**Monday, Wednesday and Friday**  
**8:30am – 8:55am**  
**Friday Assembly**  
**2:30pm**

## July

Monday 12<sup>th</sup> Staff Development Day  
 Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> Students Return to School  
 Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> Multicultural Public Speaking Competition  
 Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> MOGPA (UoN) 5/6W  
 Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> Athletics Carnival at Fearnley Dawes Track  
 Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> NAIDOC Day Celebrations  
 Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> Athletics Carnival Back Up Date

**Uniting Church Homework Club**  
**Monday 3pm – 4pm**  
**NSS Homework Club**  
**Tuesday 3pm – 4:25pm**

# Awards

Class	Merit	Reading	Gold
K-60	Konco		
KS	Pari, Amity-Rose, Ronin, Safa		Ronin
K/1B	Mohammad Shuhaib, James		
1RB	Tommeelee, Ali, Mujtaba		
1/2C	KJ, Abdul, Floyd, Mahnaz		Abdulaziz
2K	Amina, Kane, Ali Reza	Kane	
3/4D	Mohammad Idris, Izuangbe, Ruby		Hala, Simrah
3/4WG	Yared, Knox, Maymunah	Joe	
5/6W	Rajjo, Sarah, Abdullah	Raabia	Raabia
5/6Y	Jet, Izaan, Noah		



# Compulsory School Attendance

## Information for parents

Education for your child is important and regular attendance at school is essential for your child to achieve their educational best and increase their career and life options. NSW public schools work in partnership with parents to encourage and support regular attendance of children and young people. When your child attends school every day, learning becomes easier and your child will build and maintain friendships with other children.

### What are my legal responsibilities?

Education in New South Wales is compulsory for all children between the ages of six years and below the minimum school leaving age. The *Education Act 1990* requires that parents ensure their children of compulsory school age are enrolled at, and regularly attend school, or, are registered with the Board of Studies, Teaching and Educational Standards for homeschooling.

Once enrolled, children are required to attend school each day it is open for students.

### The importance of arriving on time

Arriving at school and class on time:

- Ensures that students do not miss out on important learning activities scheduled early in the day
- Helps students learn the importance of punctuality and routine
- Give students time to greet their friends before class
- Reduces classroom disruption

Lateness is recorded as a partial absence and must be explained by parents.

### What if my child has to be away from school?

On occasion, your child may need to be absent from school. Justified reasons for student absences may include:

- being sick, or having an infectious disease
- having an unavoidable medical appointment
- being required to attend a recognised religious holiday
- exceptional or urgent family circumstance (e.g. attending a funeral)

Following an absence from school you must ensure that within 7 days you provide your child's school with a verbal or written explanation for the absence. However, if the school has not received an explanation from you within 2 days, the school may contact you to discuss the absence.

Principals may decline to accept an explanation that you have provided if they do not believe the absence is in the best interest of your child. In these circumstances your child's absence would be recorded as unjustified. When this happens the principal will discuss their decision with you and the reasons why.

Principals may request medical certificates or other documentation when frequent or long term absences are explained as being due to illness. Principals may also seek parental permission to speak with medical specialists to obtain information to collaboratively develop a health care plan to support your child. If the request is denied, the principal can record the absences as unjustified.

### Travel

Families are encouraged to travel during school holidays. If travel during school term is necessary, discuss this with your child's school principal. An *Application for Extended Leave* may need to be completed. Absences relating to travel will be marked as leave on the roll and therefore contribute to your child's total absences for the year.

In some circumstances students may be eligible to enrol in distance education for travel periods over 50 school days. This should be discussed with your child's school principal.





**If a student misses as little as 8 days in a school term, by the end of primary school they'll have missed over a year of school.**

**My child won't go to school. What should I do?**

You should contact the principal as soon as possible to discuss the issue and ask for help. Strategies to help improve attendance may include a referral to the school's learning and support team or linking your child with appropriate support networks. The principal may seek further support from the Home School Liaison Program to develop an Attendance Improvement Plan.

**What might happen if my child continues to have unacceptable absences?**

It is important to understand that the Department of Education and Communities may be required to take further action where children of compulsory school age have recurring numbers of unexplained or unjustified absences from school.

Some of the following actions may be undertaken:

- Compulsory Schooling Conferences

You may be asked, along with your child, to attend a Compulsory Schooling Conference. The conference will help to identify the supports your child may need to have in place so they attend school regularly. The school, parents and agencies will work together to develop an agreed plan (known as Undertakings) to support your child's attendance at school.

- Application to the Children's Court – Compulsory Schooling Order

If your child's attendance at school remains unsatisfactory the Department

may apply to the Children's Court for a *Compulsory Schooling Order*. The Children's Court magistrate may order a Compulsory Schooling Conference to be convened.

- Prosecution in the Local Court

School and Department staff remain committed to working in partnership with you to address the issues which are preventing your child's full participation at school. In circumstances where a breach of compulsory schooling orders occurs further action may be taken against a parent in the Local Court. The result of court action can be the imposition of a community service order or a fine.

**What age can my child leave school?**

All New South Wales students must complete Year 10 or its equivalent. After Year 10, and up until they reach 17 years of age, there are a range of flexible options for students to complete their schooling.

**Working in Partnership**

The Department of Education and Communities recognises that working collaboratively with students and their families is the best way to support the regular attendance of students at school.

We look forward to working in partnership with you to support your child to fulfil their life opportunities.

Further information regarding school attendance can be obtained from the following websites:

**Policy, information and brochures:**

Please visit the Department of Education's *Policy library*

**The school leaving age:**

Please visit the Department of Education's *Wellbeing and Learning* website

**Do you need an interpreter?**

Interpreting services are available on request, including for the hearing impaired. The Telephone Interpreter Service is available 24 hours a day, seven days a week on 131 450. You will not be charged for this service.

For further advice and questions contact your educational services team

T 131 536

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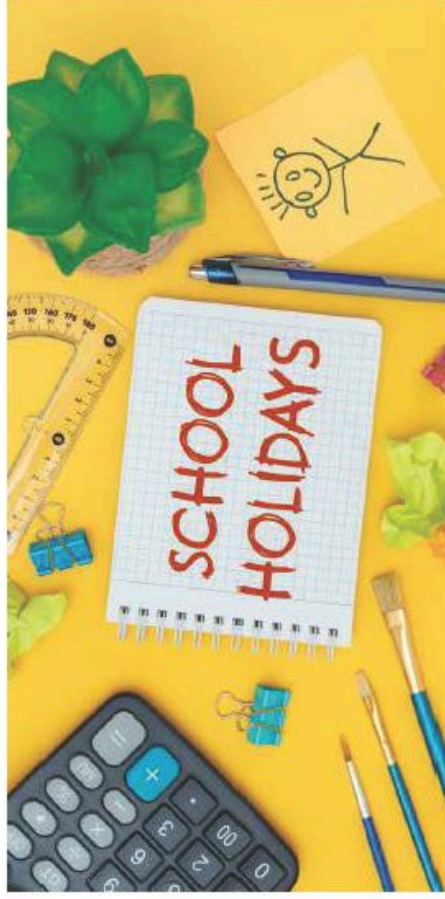
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# Nutrition Snippet

Healthy Holidays Guide.

Looking for fun activities for the kids these school holidays?



Check out our free Healthy Holidays Guide that includes lots of ideas to get cooking, get crafty and get moving!

For more information visit [healthyinbox.com.au](http://healthyinbox.com.au)

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Cancer Council  
Healthy Lunch Box

## 2021 HUNTER PRIMARY

### High Potential & Gifted Mini Camps

We are happy to announce that the Hunter GATS Camp is going ahead this year... just in a mini version!



Students in Years 5 and 6 can attend day workshops in their chosen elective led by professional teachers and tutors.

Students attending will need to wear comfortable clothing, bring their own morning tea and lunch, plus a water bottle and a spirit of fun.

Cost: \$50 per student (including a camp beanie)

#### Venues:

- Thursday 19th August - ENGLISH @ Floraville Public School
- Tuesday 24th August - SPORTS SCIENCE @ Hunter Sports High
- Friday 3rd September - SCIENCE @ Swansea High School
- Thursday 9th September - MATHEMATICS @ Blacksmiths Public School
- Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> October - VISUAL ARTS @ The Junction Public School
- Tuesday 26th October - ICT @ Valentine Public School

[Click on this link to Register](#)

Registration closes on Thursday July 22<sup>nd</sup> 2021

Students can attend more than one day in different electives. Information regarding payment, attendance, times and student requirements will be emailed to parents by Term 3. Week 3 to confirm your child's elective, venue and workshop day.

*The Hunter HPPG Committee*

For further details please contact Jane Pankhurst at [jane.pankhurst@det.nsw.edu.au](mailto:jane.pankhurst@det.nsw.edu.au)



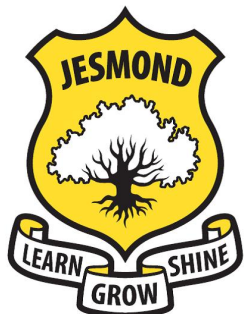


- Fun filled program
- Child Care Subsidies available (as low as \$5.00 a session)
- Transport to and from school
- Breakfast & afternoon snack provided
- Services at:
  - Charlestown East Public School
  - Charlestown South Public School
  - Dudley Public School
  - Kahibah Public School
  - Jesmond Public School

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