

The Junction News

Newsletter of The Junction Public School



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Term 4 – Week 6

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PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Welcome to Week 6 of a ten week term! How quickly the months are flying by.

The Year 2011 – DVD Taking Orders now.....

We have had another very successful year at The Junction with many highlights. Thanks to the talents of technology teacher Laura Chaffey, we have been able to put together a 2 set DVD of video clips and photos of significant events throughout the school year – including the school swimming carnival, grandparents day, Easter Hat parade, athletics carnival, the school concert and many others. This will be a wonderful keepsake for students and great memories of this year.

The DVD set will include a specially designed case and will only be for sale through an order form for \$20. Monies raised will go towards funding further technology equipment including iPads. The DVD is now on view in the admin office for parents wanting a preview. An order form is coming home today with this newsletter. You will be really pleased with this purchase.

Enrolment 2012

As we are finalising numbers for 2012 we are very keen for parents to let us know **now** if they will be attending The Junction PS next year. Our staffing formula relies on accurate numbers. Your co-operation is sought and appreciated.

PRESENTATION DAYS 2011

On Thursday 8th December we will begin the first of two Presentation Days.

There will be a whole school assembly from Kinder to Year 6 at 9.00am on Thursday 8th December under our COLA area to present the major awards and prizes as well as invest and present the school captains, prefects, house captains and vice captains with their badges. This assembly should take no more than 30 minutes. At the end of this assembly all students from Kinder to Year 4 will return to class and Years 5 and 6 will move to the new hall.

At the following assemblies every single child in every class will be called forward to receive a certificate.

At 9.40am on Thursday 8th December in the new school hall we will continue with the Stage 3 assembly – (Years 5 and 6) and present the class awards and some special stage awards to students.

At 11.00am on Thursday 8th December near the new school hall there will be a morning tea supplied for parents staying on for the next assembly.

At 11.30am on Thursday 8th December in the new school hall we will continue with Stage 2 assembly – (Years 3 and 4) and present the class awards and some special stage awards. This assembly should conclude by 1.00pm.

At 9.15am on Friday 9th December in the new school hall we will hold the Early Stage 1 assembly – (Kindergarten) and present the class awards and some special stage awards.

At 10.45am (approx) on Friday 9th December near the new school hall there will be a morning tea supplied for parents staying on for the next assembly.

At 11.20am (approx) on Friday 9th December we will continue with Stage 1 assembly – Years 1 and 2 and present the class awards and some special stage awards. This assembly should conclude by 1.00pm.

Presentation Day will be focussed on celebrating the achievements of all students and recognising their efforts over the whole year. There will be entertainment at all assemblies over the two days including the bands, dance groups, choirs, percussion group, violin group and choral group. Parents are warmly invited to attend. Hoping you can put these days and times aside in your diaries and come to enjoy the celebrations with your children.

Leadership Training

Year 5 students are currently participating in some sessions of leadership training, which they are very much enjoying. We undertake this process each year and all students feel that it is a very enjoyable and interesting process. Students are working with Mrs Keating, Mrs Cooper and Mr Harrison around the aspects of 'What Makes a Good Leader' and how they can all be leaders in life and use the skills they are developing. The sessions conclude in two weeks with all students able to nominate candidates for student executive positions for 2012. The nominations will take place at school at the end of this training.

Candidates will give their speeches to the student body on **Friday 2nd December in the new school hall**, after which voting will take place to elect the school leaders for 2012. We are really impressed with the way all Year 5 students have enthusiastically been involved in the process. Our sports leaders will participate in a similar process on **Tuesday 6th December**.

**Wendy Cheek
Principal**

Calendar - Term 4 - 2011

Week 6

Event

Wednesday, Nov 16 Kinder 2012 Orientation Morning – 9.15 to 10.45

Week 7

Event

Monday, Nov 21 Year 1 & Year 2 Intensive Swimming (Week 1)

Monday, Nov 21 Kinder 2012 Orientation Morning – 9.15 to 10.45

Tuesday, Nov 22 Kindergarten Art Show - 3.15pm to 5pm – New Hall

Wednesday, Nov 23 Kinder 2012 Orientation Morning – 9.15 to 10.45

Week 8

Event

Monday, Nov 28 Band Presentation Night – 6pm

Monday, Nov 28 Year 1 & Year 2 Intensive Swimming (Week 2)

Week 9

Event

Tuesday, Dec 6 Last P & C Meeting for the year – 7pm – Staffroom

Thursday, Dec 8 Presentation Day – 9am Whole School assembly followed by Year 3-6 awards

Friday, Dec 9 Presentation Day- K-2 awards

Friday, Dec 9 Christmas Carols night at school

LIBRARY NEWS.....

The school library is starting to get ready for the end of year stocktake of books. All borrowed library books need to be returned to the school library from this week. There will be no more borrowing for the rest of the year. Your co-operation in returning the library books as soon as possible is appreciated.
Mrs Land, Librarian



KINDERGARTEN 2011 ART SHOW

Kindergarten invites you to attend their '2011 Artwork Spectacular' on Tuesday 22 November in the New School Hall. Doors open 3.15pm to 5pm. Come and view these wonderful works of art that the Kindergarten children have produced. Artworks will be for sale and can be collected from the hall on Wednesday afternoon. Cost of artworks will be \$2.00 each. For further information please see Mrs Sipple.



SPECIAL MENTION AWARDS

Term 4 – Week 5 KINDERGARTEN to YEAR 2

KC	Lachlan B	Max H
KH	Jessie F	Jack D
KD	Max F	Shany E
KS	Joe B	Monica L
1C	Caitlin T	Jet R Joseph P
1CR	Charlotte H	Jemma W Zachariah T
1H	Olivia Y	Quinn P Eva R
1J	Jonte R	Rhys B Grace F
1L	Yasmin P	Sam S Stephen P
2C	Ayesha Le R	Alyssa W Caitlin K
2D	Logan R	Bronte S Joshua T
2W	Arabella B	Saxon C Tilda S

YEARS 3, 4, 5 & 6 ASSEMBLY

3W	Billy B	Lily E
3MC	Aiden G	Brayden M
3/4C	Summer C	Echoe C
5C	Ethan V	Brielle V
5H	Sienna H	Jordan P
6/5B	Liam F	Eamonn G
6/5F	Saxon L	Gemima P
6S	Caitlin P	Siobhan D
Senior Band Awards	Darcy C	Ahmed B
Junior Band Awards	Max S	Joseph L
Monthly Band Award	Tessie O Senior Band	Sam F Junior Band

Technology News

On December 2nd we will have the opportunity to participate in a video conference with Steve Harpster from Ohio, USA. Steve is a cartoonist who will speak to the children about his craft and then given them some drawing lessons. The opportunity to be a part of this video conference is free for all of our students thanks to the generosity of Steve. Be sure to check out his website and blog before then and have some questions ready for him on the day.

Website of the Week

<http://www.harptoons.com>
<http://harptoons.blogspot.com/>

Student Portal Link

<https://student.det.nsw.edu.au>
Students can access their student email and saved links at home.

Student Wiki of the Week

Some fantastic photo editing has been occurring in Stage 2. Check out some of the funny photos Matthew from 3/4C has created.

www.technologyatthejunction.wikispaces.com

If your child has lost their log in details please email me at laurachaffey22@gmail.com and I will email them to you.

STAGE 1 SWIMMING – Year 1 & 2

Just a reminder that the Intensive Swimming program will start next Monday 21st November. Year 1 and Year 2 children will be travelling by bus to Balance Aquatic Centre at Mayfield. Your child will require a pair of goggles and a swimming cap. Caps can be purchased from the centre before the first lesson. Details of times and further requirements will go home on a separate note this week. Please complete all payments by the end of the program.

Information for YEAR 1 Parents

This week will be the last week of homework and parent helpers for Year 1. We thank you for your support in both these areas.

Lisa Hughes

Slap Bands & Sand Animals...

Did you miss out purchasing a Slap Band or Sand animal on Charity Day? Well, the good news is...we still have some in stock and they will be on sale Wednesday and Thursday this week from Class 6S classroom for the special price of – Slap bands \$3.00 and sand animals \$4.00. **DON'T MISS OUT!!**



GREAT AUSSIE BUSH CAMP

Last Wednesday 9 November all of Year 4 went to the Great Aussie Bush Camp. At 8.30am, Year 4 were gathered in front of the office with their parents, ready to get on the bus. At 8.40am, two buses arrived and at 8.45am we were off! Inside the buses there was a slight shiver of fear, but most of the students were extremely excited. On the journey we normally just talked to our partners but at one point we all sang a song. After one hour on the bus we were there! The camp was one hour north of Newcastle on the outskirts of Hawks Nest. When we entered the gates of the camp we all excitedly yelled 'Yeh' we had arrived!

After we put our bags in our Cabins we got split up into three groups. Our leaders were Candice, Greg and Nathan. The first activities we did were: canoeing, high ropes and fencing. Canoeing was quite fun! We were in a three seater canoe with life jackets. High ropes were very tricky, but exciting. You had to balance on a thin piece of wire passing through obstacles. Fencing was fun! ...you had to wear a jacket with 'Booby cups' as well as a helmet. Obviously you need a sword but our swords had a rubber tip.

After slushies for afternoon tea we went on to our next activities, the Giant Swing, Canoeing and Archery. The Giant Swing was a 13m high swing where everyone in your group pulls you as high as you like then you swing away. Archery was as simple as a bow and arrow – you pull the string back and fire. Rock climbing was a challenge to some but an ease to others! You got into a harness, wore a helmet and were secured by a rope for a rock climbing experience!

After a refreshing shower we had dinner – delicious spaghetti bolognese and garlic bread .. but to others a 'meal of worms'. After dinner we were entertained by trivia, a camp fire story and dessert.

After a 6am wake up we played some games before our breakfast of pancakes, cereal, toast, scrambled eggs, spaghetti and baked beans.

After breakfast we went bushwalking, searching for fossils, had fun on the giant swing and high ropes. After a few more activities we went to a rainforest then to the relaxing beautiful Jimmy's Beach. After another action packed day we had another yummy dinner and went to sleepwell some of us did!

After another early morning wake-up, more activities and lunch we got on the bus for our journey back to school. We had a wonderful, exciting and exhausting three days at camp and would like to thank Mr Alcock, Mrs Corbett and Mrs King for giving up their time to make this a very memorable time for Year 4. Matthew H & Sapumal G – 3/4C



Garry is enjoying the Giant Swing....



P & C NEWS.....

P & C important dates:

Wed 17 Nov, 9am, Welcoming new Kinder parents Tea
 Sat 3 Dec – Olive Tree Markets BBQ – Years 1, 3 & 5
 Tues 6 Dec – Last 2011 P&C Meeting, 7pm
 Fri 9 Dec – Carols by Candlelight social at School
 Sat 17 Dec – Olive Tree Markets BBQ – Kinder & Years 2, 4 & 6

Kindergarten Orientation Morning Tea Wed 16/11/11
 Tomorrow, Wednesday 16 November will be the second Kindergarten Orientation morning tea. Our new Kindy parents for 2012 will be bringing their little ones for orientation and staying for morning tea at 9am. **Can you help welcome our new families?** Come by for a cuppa!

TWO DECEMBER Olive Tree Market BBQs

We have two last OTM BBQs for the year, with extended hours: **9am – 6pm**. The Markets should be busy, with Christmas just around the corner. We'll share the work by splitting these between the whole school:

3 December – Years 1, 3 and 5

17 December –Kindergarten, Years 2, 4 and 6

Can't make your year's date? Come to the other! We only have 3 volunteers so far, so there is lots of choice for times. If you have an hour and a half to spare, please call Liz Ginters on Ph: 0411 487 713 or elizabeth-g@bigpond.com. BBQ volunteering is split into shifts starting at 8:30am and finishing at 6pm for these special markets.

Wanted: Enthusiastic GARDENERS

Do you love seeing a garden come to life? Could you share your expertise and talents with some students? We are looking for one or more parents to help out with a Garden Club to help our gardens bloom for spring! Send me an e-mail if you're interested or want more information: junctionpandc@hotmail.com.

Last P & C Meeting for 2011 –Tuesday, 6 Dec, 7pm.

Our meetings are open to all parents, so we hope to see you there. If you have any agenda items, please send them to me. We'll have a short discussion on the P & C Constitution and by-laws. Next year our meetings will change to the 1st Tuesday of the month.

P&C Position open for 2012: Correspondence Secretary

Beginning in 2012 we are creating a position of Correspondence Secretary on the P&C Executive. This person will collect and distribute P&C mail as well as being in charge of vital P&C correspondence. You would not be required to take minutes. Sound interesting? Please send me a note at junctionpandc@hotmail.com if you'd like more information.

Save the Date: Carols by Candlelight at the School on December 9th

Betty Anderson Award

Nominations are now open for the Betty Anderson Award. This is given each year to a member of the school community who volunteers their time for the benefit of the children. If you would like to nominate someone please either send me an email or drop a note in at the office. Please give a short explanation as to why you think the person you are nominating deserves this award (some of the "quiet achievers" are not widely known - and that is the whole point of the award!). Nominations close - Monday 5 December 2011 - with the award decided the following evening at the P & C meeting (7.00pm Tuesday 6 December). Please drop notes in at the office or send me an email at junctionpandc@hotmail.com. –

Karla Karinen, P & C President

Who is Betty Anderson?

Betty is a wonderful person who donated 40 years of her life to running the Canteen at our school. She started helping in the canteen when one of her sons started school and long after they had moved on to High School and beyond, Betty was still serving the children and managing the canteen. Three years ago ill health forced Betty to 'retire'. We all miss her smiling face but her legacy lives on in the form of the 'Betty Anderson Award'. This is presented each year to a member of our community who has given up their time to help support our school and students. With so many people volunteering each year, the P & C has a difficult time deciding on one recipient from the nominations they receive.

Regards, Karla Karinen, TJPS P&C President