

The Junction News

Newsletter of The Junction Public School



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Term 4 – Week 7

Tuesday 22 November 2011

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Band Presentation Night

Next Monday 28th November we will be holding a Band Presentation Night in the new school hall commencing at 6.00pm.

This night is the culmination of a year's work in our wonderful band programs and we wish to celebrate the achievements of all students. We will acknowledge the professionalism and skill of our wonderful band conductors and tutors, as well as hear some stunning performances of our junior and senior bands and some selected solo performances.

On this night we will launch a 'Band DVD' which will be available for \$20. (This is purely a Band DVD - a specially compiled DVD of band performances, photos, video clips and memorable moments of the two bands throughout 2011 – not to be confused with the 'School DVD' which is currently on sale). This has been the culmination of hours of work by technology teacher Laura Chaffey and will be a wonderful keepsake for all.

Stage 1 Swimming

Stage 1 Learn to Swim classes commenced this week with most of our Year 1 and 2 students participating. This skill is a very important one for our young students and we look forward to seeing the progression of their skills over the next two weeks.

Parent Helpers Morning Tea

We will be holding a 'thank-you' morning tea on Tuesday 6th December at 10.45am in the school hall to thank all our volunteers who assist with school and class programs throughout the year. Our volunteers are an integral part of our programs so this is our way of letting our parents and community members know how much we appreciate their efforts. Looking forward to seeing all of our wonderful volunteers on this date.

Kinder Art Show

Congratulations to all kinder students for their Art Works which are now on proud display in our new hall. This is a bright and colourful collection of works completed throughout the year which has been on show to our new kinder parents this week – as well as all interested parent groups.

The display will be open this afternoon for all parents to view. Well done Kinder!

Chess Achievements

Congratulations to our chess team participants who have attained some great team and individual performances this year. Many thanks to parent Nikki Behne-Smith for her coaching and supervision of our teams again this year as well as to teacher Angie King for her co-ordination of this year's successful program. Some great strategic thinking minds at The Junction!

See full report in newsletter.

School Plan Meeting

Next Monday 28th November at 4.00pm in the Tiered Learning Room, I will be holding a parent session to present and discuss information for our draft school plan for 2012. The staff have already been through a series of meetings to review our progress of programs this year and to look at future directions for next year. I would also like to further discuss returned survey information and look at NAPLAN results for 2011. I know this is a busy time of the year but looking forward to seeing as many parents as possible. I imagine the meeting will go for approximately 1 hour.

Unpaid Invoices

Yesterday we sent home invoices to families who may have overlooked payment for maths resource books, band fees, dance fees, excursions and other items. It would be greatly appreciated if payment could be made as soon as possible as we near the end of our financial school year. Thank you.

Our Chess players.....



Wendy Cheek
Principal

Calendar - Term 4 - 2011

Week 7

Event

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 Presentation of 2012 Draft
School Plan in Tiered Learning
Room – 4pm

Monday, Nov 28 Band Presentation Night – 6pm

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

Week 9

Event

Tuesday, Dec 6 Parent helper Morning Tea –
10.45am

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

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 6 KINDERGARTEN to YEAR 2

KC	Mia J	Bryce S
KH	Brianna D	Sidney F Caleb M
KD	Jordan C	Lucia P
KS	Kimberley N	Ned M

KINDERGARTEN TO YEAR 2 PARENTS

There will be no more Kindergarten to Year 2, Wednesday assemblies for the rest of the school year.

Thank you for your support this year!

Mrs Sipple

YEARS 3, 4, 5 & 6 ASSEMBLY

3W	Dante V	Tom F
3MC	Rosalili F	Ethen S Chile H
3/4C	Matthew H Williams L	Echoe C Charli C
4A	Brayden T	Daniella V
4K	Brendan B Freya D	Alice D Jye O
5C	Alex M	Annabel M
5H	Ginger H	Daniel S
6/5B	Ruby D	Jamie R
6/5F	Angelique G	Harrison H
6S	Lilli H	Ollie A
Senior Band Awards	Ollie A	
Junior Band Awards	Josh C	

OUTSTANDING INVOICES

Yesterday we sent accounts out to some families for a variety of outstanding payments. e.g. activities that your child may have participated in, Maths books etc. Below is a description of some of these items. As our financial year ends on 30th November, we would appreciate payment as soon as possible.

Go Maths / Go Figure Books: These are the maths text books used throughout the school by each student. These were given out in Term 1.

School Magazine: This is a magazine that is issued to students in Years 3 to 6 and is used for reading. There is a new magazine each term. GST is applicable on these magazines

Diaries: These are issued only to Year 6 and are used as a valuable classroom tool as well as preparing students for High School where diaries are needed.

I hope this clarifies any confusion but please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions.

Kerry Patterson, School Admin. Manager

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.



Book Club - We have an order from the last Book Club with no name. Please see Mrs Land in the Library if you have any Book Club issues.

Mrs Land, Librarian

BAND NEWS

Our Band presentation Night will be held on Monday, 28th November at 6:00pm. Band members will need to be in the Band Room at 5:40 pm. Parents, friends and tutors are all invited to attend. Junior and Senior Bands and Percussion Ensemble will perform as well as year 6 students who will give solo performances. All of our band members will receive certificates acknowledging their contribution to our band program. We are very proud of all of our young performers as well as the tutors and conductors who have assisted in the outstanding achievements of our musicians this year.

Our Band DVD featuring many performances, interviews and solos will be available to purchase on the night. We thank Miss Chaffey for her many hours of work in preparing this as a band fundraiser. Mrs Fitzgibbon

STAGE 1 SWIMMING – Year 1 & 2

Thank you to parents for organising your children for Week 1 of the Swimming program. Swimming will continue again next week finishing on Friday 2nd December.

Lisa Hughes



CHESS NEWS.....

The Junction has again had a very successful year in the Hunter Interschool Chess Competition. All three teams played very well and our Rookies actually made it to the Regional Finals. Congratulations to all players: Daniel B, Jonathan O, Susanna B, Toby G, Chris B, Matilda D, Josh C and Sam A.

Each team is made up of 4 players who are ranked by ability from Board 4 upto Board 1. As well as our outstanding Rookie team performance, we have had a few individual efforts noted by the NSW Junior Chess Association. Ruby D and David B were both named best on board for the qualifying rounds in the Kings tournament and Susanna B and Jonathan O were named best on board for the qualifying rounds in the Rookie tournament.

This week and next week Mrs Behne Smith will be running Grade Tournaments at our school, if you haven't already given your name to Mrs Behne-Smith, please see Mrs King.

The NSW Country Junior Chess Championships will be held on Sunday 4 December 2011 at the Newcastle PCYC Centre at Broadmeadow. Register by 9.15am – Play commences at 9.30am and the day will finish at 3pm. This is an individual tournament. Cost: \$5 for members of \$8 for non-members. Enquiries: Dorothy and Allan Wright: Phone: 4957 1486 or aw43@bigpond.com

Technology News

Our visit from Steve Harpster has been brought forward to this Friday morning. Classes involved will receive a drawing lesson and have a chance to ask Steve some questions, or maybe even some tips on becoming a cartoonist. Keep an eye out on the wiki also, as I will be running an online drawing contest with some great prizes. In the meantime why not check out Steve's website...

www.harptoons.com

Websites of the Week

Stage 2 and 3 children have been learning all about photo editing and investigating some really fun websites this term. Unfortunately some of these are blocked at school as they have links to social networking sites. Under supervision at home these sites are lots of fun and allow your child to be creative. We've already seen some super editing efforts posted on wiki pages. So why not try these ones out.

<http://bighugelabs.com>

<http://photofunia.com>

<http://www.picnik.com>

Student Wiki of the Week

So many to choose from this week! This week's Student Wiki of the Week is Hayden from 4K. Be sure to check out his main page and animation page too!

www.technologyatthejunction.wikispaces.com

Remember, if you've forgotten your wiki login

or password just email me at

laurachaffey22@gmail.com

P & C NEWS.....**P & C Christmas Hamper Raffle**

Each family will receive a Raffle Ticket book and flyer about this annual fundraising event. There are two ways you can help out.....Buying some Raffle Tickets (\$1 each) and/or donating non-perishable food items to the school. These items can be left at the school office. Tickets and donations need to be at school by Friday 9th December.

**Olive Tree Market BBQ – Saturday, 3 December
Year 1 + Year 3 + Year 5**

The Markets should be busy with Christmas just around the corner, with extended hours 9am – 6pm. Thanks to those people who have already signed up. Can you help out with an 1½ hour?

- recruit your friends for a shift
- catch up before the holidays
- do your holiday shopping at the Markets
- help raise money for the school!

Please don't wait to sign up for a shift, because if we don't have enough volunteers by next Tuesday we'll have to cancel our participation.

How to sign up: contact Liz Ginters on 0411 487 713 or elizabeth-g@bigpond.com.

**Olive Tree Market BBQ – Saturday, 17 December
Kindergarten and Years 2, 4 and 6**

Yes that's right, there are two December markets. If you have an hour and a half to spare, BBQ volunteering is split into shifts starting at 8:30am and finishing at 6pm for these special markets. Contact Liz Ginters on 0411 487 713 or elizabeth-g@bigpond.com.

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 December, 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. If you are interested, please send an e-mail to me at junctionpandc@hotmail.com - Karla

The holiday season is approaching quickly! If you haven't marked your calendar yet, please don't forget:.....

Carols by Candlelight – Friday 9 December

P&C EMAIL LIST - Please send me a note at junctionpandc@hotmail.com if you would like to be on the P&C email contact list. You will receive notices of P&C meeting, as well as the agenda and minutes. This is a great way to keep up with the P&C and stay involved in school.

Regards, Karla Karinen, TJPS P&C President

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

Our Year 5 buddies showing some of our Kinder 2012 the ropes...