

The Junction News

Newsletter of The Junction Public School



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Term 4 – Week 10

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PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

It is really difficult to believe that we have arrived at the last week of school for 2011.

There have been so many highlights throughout the year and I am constantly reminded of the strength of this community and the wonderful support you all give this school. My sincere thanks.

PRESENTATION DAY

How wonderful it was to see so many parents in attendance at our Presentation Day program last week. Our five sessions were very well received by all and I congratulate all students for their achievements over the year. The smiles on the faces of individual students as they walked towards their teachers to receive their awards were wonderful to see and a confirmation that we are fostering confidence and independence in our young students.

Many thanks to the staff who have worked tirelessly all year and provided quality learning programs to the students.

BEFORE AND AFTER SCHOOL CARE

It has come to my attention that there may be some misinformation in the community regarding the ongoing Before and After School Care services in our school. There will definitely be 'Before and After School Service' at The Junction Public School next year – offering quality services as it has always done. If any parents have any further questions I will be happy to answer them. Thanks.

COMBINED SCRIPTURE CHRISTMAS SERVICE

Our annual Combined Scripture Christmas service for all interested students was held today. We would like to thank the co-ordinator, Merinda Handsaker for organising this event for our school.

TEACHERS STOP WORK MEETING–No Interruptions

There will be no interruption to supervision of students this coming Thursday with the proposed last minute Stop Work Action called by the Teachers Federation. Parents please send your children to school as normal.

FAREWELL YEAR 6 2011

It is with some sadness that we farewell our Year 6 student group for 2011. They have been a fantastic group of students who have led this school with great dedication and respect. We all thank them for their

contribution to the school over the last seven years and though they will be going off in different directions next year – we hope they maintain their close friendships and continue to think fondly of their primary school years. We wish them all great success in their further education studies and hope they drop back at some point to let us know how they are travelling. Thank you Year 6 - 2011.

There will be a whole school 'clap-out' for Year 6 this coming Thursday afternoon from 2.30pm after which they will all attend their Farewell at South's Leagues Club at 6.00pm on Thursday night.

CAROLS BY CANDLELIGHT

Last Friday night we hosted a Carols By Candlelight and what a wonderful community event. Many families brought their picnic blankets and settled in for a night of carolling. I would like to thank the students who performed on the night and also Vicki Lewis who compered and also trained our choral group. What a wonderful night !!!

THANKS

Many thanks to the P&C who have supported the school in many ways throughout the year – not just in the financial sector. It is really heartening to work with such a positive, innovative and purposeful group. The contribution from the P&C members has been significant and cannot be underestimated – we are indeed fortunate to have such a wonderful group working with us.

It's also been an incredible year across all facets of the school – with high academic achievements, extraordinary cultural achievements in band, choir, dance, debating, chess and environmental programs and memorable sporting achievements for many students. This school is a positive and vibrant learning environment - that will continue to grow in strength in 2012.

The last day for students for this year is this coming Friday. Students from Years 1 to 6 return on Monday 30th January and new Kinders begin on Tuesday 31st January 2012.

Happy holidays everyone!

Wendy Cheek,
Principal



CALENDAR - TERM 4 - 2011**Week 10****Event**

Thursday, Dec 15	Year 6 Clap out & Year 6 Farewell – Souths
Friday, Dec 16	STUDENTS' LAST DAY OF 2011 SCHOOL YEAR
Saturday, Dec 17	Olive Tree Markets – 9am-6pm

Week 11**Event**

Monday, Dec 19	Staff Development Day – Staff only
Tuesday, Dec 20	Staff Development Day – Staff only

CALENDAR - TERM 1 – 2012**Week 1****Event**

Friday, January 27	Staff Development Day – STAFF ONLY
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Week 2**Event**

Monday, January 30	Year 1 to Year 6 Students return
Tuesday, January 31	Kindergarten start school

Week 4**Event**

Wednesday, Feb 15	School Swimming Carnival
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PARTY DAY

This will be taking place this Wednesday for all classes. Safe enclosed footwear should be worn (No thongs or sandals) as well as appropriate clothing for a school setting – NO SINGLETs.

Teachers will have informed students about the types of foods to bring in and any other class needs.

Below is a list of type of clothing to be worn tomorrow – Party Day:

Kindergarten : Sports Uniform

Year 6 : Sports Uniform

Year 1 to Year 5 : Out of uniform (See above)

Kindergarten only will be allowed to wear sensible party clothes on Friday.

SPECIAL MENTIONS

Congratulations to Jessica Hope and Taleaha Stanford from Class 4A who received Special Mentions at the assembly in Week 8.

GLOW STICKS

Did you miss out on purchasing a “battery” candle or flashing necklace on Friday at our Carols by Candlelight? Well, don't worry; you can still get one from the office. We have kept the prices down so everyone has the opportunity to purchase.

Candle \$3.00
Flashing Necklet \$3.00
Flashing Starfish \$2.00

What a bargain !!!!!!!

SCIENCE CLUB

Science Club will be held in the old hall tomorrow (Wednesday) from 1.15pm to 2pm. All children from Kindergarten to Year 6 are welcome! We will be making sherbet. Thank you – Bronwyn Geerarts.

P & C NEWS.....

Betty Anderson Award - Congratulations to Kim Van Huisstede who has been awarded the 2011 Betty Anderson Award. Kim has worked tirelessly for 3 years running the Uniform Shop, after volunteering there for years as well. The shop is run so smoothly, that we sometimes forget what a big job it is! It is due to her hard work that all our children can be dressed well for school. **Well done Kim** - we have appreciated all your work and TJPS community and children have really benefitted.

I would like to acknowledge the other Betty Anderson Award nominees, some of whom were nominated by more than one person. We are truly fortunate to have so many dedicated people here at The Junction. **Nikki Behne Smith** – for her years of work teaching chess to students & organising chess competitions at the Junction (Nikki received the Betty Anderson Award in 2004, and so couldn't be considered again). **Shehanaaz Badat** for her many hours of volunteer work at TJPS events such as the OTM BBQs; “Shehanaaz is always there encouraging all of us with her enthusiasm.” **Liz Ginters** for taking on the enormous job of being our BBQ coordinator “Liz does an amazing job pulling it together, so that the momentum is well established and the BBQs have become a great success. It is due to her efforts that the Olive Tree Market BBQs have raised so much money throughout the year.” **Katie Heath** for her exceptional work this year with the Gifts for Learning and Building Fund Programs, and developing the P&C fundraising framework, in addition to her continuing work as P&C secretary and with other volunteer work. “She is a quiet achiever who has brought a lot of positives to our school community with her energy and dedication.” **Liz Knapp** for her amazing work with all the graphic design for the school. “We all appreciate the

professionalism of her designs, and love the charm and humour of them.”

Olive Tree Market BBQ – Saturday, 17 December

The December markets are festive and busy! Shifts needing a few more people are:

- 11:30am – 1pm – two more volunteers
- 1-2:30pm – two more volunteers

Please let us know if you can help out – we'll run the BBQ with the volunteers we have, but the December 3rd market was crazily busy! We'd love a few more people to help out. Contact Liz Ginters on 0411 487 713 or elizabeth-g@bigpond.com.

Christmas Hamper Raffle – Thanks to all those who donated items for the Christmas Hampers and bought tickets, and many thanks to the volunteers for their time helping to make the Raffle such a success. Also a very special thank you to Abbie Bingham who co-ordinated the event – thanks again Abbie!

P+C Funds - this year our school community raised over \$33,000! for the school - helping to make it a better place for our children in both the classroom and playground. In addition, donations to the school's Building Fund have let us donate an additional **\$9,000** to make improvements to our new school hall. Following is a rough breakdown of the where the funds are being spent:

- Technology–Computers and Smartboards: \$18,500
- Library books, Lexile Readers, Kindergarten Home Readers, Reading Benchmarking kits, Dictionaries and Thesauruses, Maths Resources: \$8,400
- Projection & sound system and stage curtains for the New Hall, Choir Risers, Wireless Microphone: \$11,600
- Welcome Bushdance, Author visit, Year 6 Cake, School State Representatives, P&C Insurance and incidentals, Science Club, garden club, playground markings: \$2,600

Many thanks to TJPS volunteers and staff who helped to make this all happen - 2011 was certainly a very busy and productive year!

We are starting 2012 with a small surplus. If you would like to attend a finance committee meeting during the summer break (date to be arranged), please send me an e-mail. (junctionpandc@hotmail.com)

Next P&C Meeting will be Tuesday, 7 February 2012. P&C meetings will be on the first Tuesdays of the month, at 7pm in the school staff room. Our Annual General Meeting will be Tuesday 6 March 2012.

P&C By-Laws: notice of motion

As you may have read in the November agenda, we have recently unearthed the TJPS by-laws to our constitution. They are in need of updating and at our

February 2012 meeting the following motions will be made:

Proposal to change by-law 4a:

Current 4a: The Annual General Meeting of the Association shall be held in February of each year in conjunction with and preceding the Ordinary General Meeting for that month. The agenda of the Annual General Meeting shall include setting the membership fee of the Association for the ensuing year.

Proposed 4a: The Annual General Meeting of the Association shall be held in **March** of each year in conjunction with and preceding the Ordinary General Meeting for that month. The agenda of the Annual General Meeting shall include setting the membership fee of the Association for the ensuing year.

Proposal to change by-law 5:

Current 5: A General Meeting of the Association shall be held on the third Wednesday each month during term time at 7:30pm, or as deemed necessary by the executive.

Proposed 5: A General Meeting of the Association shall be held on the **first Tuesday** each month during term time at **7:00pm**, or as deemed necessary by the executive.

I would like to wish everyone a safe, happy and festive holiday - and all the best for 2011.

Regards, Karla Karinen, TJPS P&C President

Technology News

Weebly Websites

This term our Stage 3 students have been learning how to create their very own website using Weebly. Their pages were to showcase all the samples of digital art they had produced this semester. Here are some sites to check out:

- <http://emissplat.weebly.com>
- <http://thelaststandart.weebly.com>
- <http://digitalartwithpat.weebly.com>
- <http://olliesdigitalartpage.weebly.com>
- <http://zoraartsite.weebly.com>
- <http://brittneyswonderfulwebsite.weebly.com>
- <http://underthepeppertrees.weebly.com>

COMPETITION WINNERS

Congratulations to all our entrants. Your number monster cartoons were fantastic! Winners will be announced this week.

Wikipages

The technology wiki will be available all school holidays for students to access. If you have any special work on your individual page you might like to save it because next year we will have a brand new wikispace to play with!

www.technologyatthejunction.wikispaces.com

SPORT REGISTRATIONS FOR 2012

Adamstown Rosebud Junior Football Club – Player registration days will be held at Adamstown Park (Popran Road, Adamstown) on Sunday 29 January 2012 and Sunday 5 February 2012 from 9am to 12noon and on Tuesday 1 February 2012, Wednesday 2 February 2012 and Thursday 2 February 2012 from 5pm to 7pm. Teams for boys and girls of all abilities from Under 6's to all ages. For further details email: secretary_arjfc@bigpond.com

Merewether United Football Club

Registrations will be held in January 2012. Under 6 to Under 13's. All kids welcome – boys and girls. We have a large girls' program. Check the website for details: www.mufc.asn.au or contact: Paul Newman on Mob: 0404 240456 or email: fstedy25@bigpond.com

CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL STUDENTS ON PRESENTATION DAY.....



Merry Christmas
**WISHING ALL STUDENTS AND THEIR FAMILIES A HAPPY CHRISTMAS AND A WONDERFUL NEW YEAR!
ENJOY YOU HOLIDAY BREAK!**