

# The Junction News

Newsletter of The Junction Public School



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Term 4 – Week 8

Tuesday 29 November 2011

## PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

### Presentation Days

A reminder that our Presentation Days for 2011 begin next week, on Thursday 8th December.

We will start with a whole school assembly from **Kinder to Year 6 at 9.00am** under the COLA, to present the major awards and prizes as well as invest and present the school captains, prefects, sports house captains and vice captains with their badges. This assembly should take no more than 30 minutes. At the following assemblies, in the new school hall **every single child in every class** will be called forward to receive a certificate. **At 9.40am on Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> 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.

**At 11.00am on Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> December** there will be a morning tea supplied for parents staying on for the next assembly. **At 11.30am on Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> December** 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 9<sup>th</sup> 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 9<sup>th</sup> December** there will be a morning tea supplied for parents staying on for the next assembly.

**At 11.20am (approx) on Friday 9<sup>th</sup> 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, strings group, percussion group, and some class groups. All parents are warmly invited to attend.

### School Leaders 2012

This Thursday – at 11.30am in the new school hall, we will be hearing the speeches of students standing for the positions of captains and prefects for 2012. All Year 5 students have participated in Leadership training this term and very much enjoyed the experience. At the conclusion of that training we called for nominations for leadership positions from Year 5, and now those

students will offer their candidates speeches on leadership and what they can offer the school in. Parents are welcome to attend.

### Band Presentation Night

What an amazing night of talented performances was experienced by all who attended the band presentation night last night. This occasion was the culmination of a brilliant year of hard work by all students to produce the very high standards which were achieved. Our band programs are renowned throughout the region for their high quality. We were all privileged to hear the stunning performances of the junior and senior bands, solo items by individual students, and the powerful performances of the percussion group. Huge thanks to all conductors, Michael Bell, Michael Jobson, Matthew Law and David Tracey. Thanks as well to all the wonderful tutors, the students who have worked so hard and to Lesley Fitzgibbon for co-ordinating this outstanding band program for our school. Congratulations to all!

### Connected Learning

Students in Stage 3 were able to participate in a 'live' video conference with US cartoonist Steve Harpster last Friday at school. Steve is a very well-known children's illustrator and cartoonist and ran a workshop from the United States via our classroom Smart Boards instructing students on the finer points of cartoon illustrations. All students really enjoyed the experience and produced some very high quality drawings. It was great to walk from classroom to classroom and see so many students enjoying this on-line video experience. Thanks to technology teacher Laura Chaffey for making the contacts and initiating this activity for all students. We will have another opportunity to repeat this session in the near future.



Wendy Cheek, Principal

## Calendar - Term 4 - 2011

## Week 8

## Event

Thursday, Dec 1      **Speeches for School Leaders in 2012 at 11.30am in the new school hall**

Thursday, Dec 1      **Lunch time Disco – Gold Coin donation**

Saturday, Dec 3      **Olive Tree Markets – 9am - 6pm**

## Week 9

## Event

Tuesday, Dec 6      **Parent helper Morning Tea – 10.45am**

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

Wednesday, Dec 7      **The 12 (School) days of Christmas-Gifts for Learning Drive begins**

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**

## Week 10

## Event

Thursday, Dec 15      **Year 6 Clap out & Year 6 Farewell – Souths**

Friday, Dec 16      **STUDENTS' LAST DAY OF 2011 SCHOOL YEAR**

## Week 10

## 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**

## Week 2

## Event

Monday, January 30      **Year 1 to Year 6 Students return**

Tuesday, January 31      **Kindergarten start school**

## REMINDER: OUTSTANDING INVOICES



Thank you to those families who have responded by paying their outstanding invoices. These amounts are for Maths books, diaries, school magazines and various activities that your child may have participated in during the year and that have not as yet been paid. It is wonderful that we have these programs available to students, but the school cannot absorb these costs. As our financial year ends on 30<sup>th</sup> November, we would appreciate payment as soon as possible.

Kerry Patterson, School Admin. Manager

## LIBRARY NEWS.....

All borrowed library books need to be returned to the school library. There will be no more borrowing for the rest of the year. Book Club - We still have an unclaimed order from the last Book Club with no name. Please see Mrs Land in the Library if you have any Book Club issues

## SCHOOL BANKING...

Monday morning School Banking is now finished for the year. Thank you to Mrs Fitzgerald, school mum for giving up your time every Monday!

## Technology News

Last Friday we had the wonderful opportunity of participating in a video conference with Steve Harpster, a cartoonist from Ohio, USA. Despite a hiccup with the starting time, the students and teachers had a fabulous time learning how to draw animals and monsters using letters and numbers as starting points. Steve was so impressed with their drawing skills he has put up some onto his blog. He was particularly impressed with Bronwyn from 5H's letter D drawing, so much so that he redrew it using her ideas!! Be sure to check out all the information on his blog - <http://harptoons.blogspot.com/>

### COMPETITION

Be sure to enter the digital artwork competition now open on our wikipage. You can win a signed copy of one of Steve's books!!

### Website of the Week

<http://eol.org/>

Encyclopedia of Life has photos, videos, links, resources about almost anything to do with life on Earth.

### Student Wiki of the Week

Glogster has been a hit with some of our Stage 1 and 2 students. Anika from 3Mc has put some of hers onto her wikipage. Go check them out!

[www.technologyatthejunction.wikispaces.com](http://www.technologyatthejunction.wikispaces.com)

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

The Christmas Hamper already has some lovely donations! There are two ways you can help: buying some raffle tickets (\$1 each) +/- 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, 9<sup>th</sup> December**.

**Olive Tree Market BBQ – Saturday, 3 December**

**Thanks** to all the volunteers for our 3 Dec. market. Our roster is full! Come by the fabulous markets on Saturday, do some Christmas shopping and try out one of our great BBQ sausages.

**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 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday of the month. Our first meeting for 2012 will be Tuesday, 7 February at 7pm.

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

All shifts are still available for 17 December. 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](mailto:elizabeth-g@bigpond.com).

**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](mailto:junctionpandc@hotmail.com) - Karla

**Carols by Candlelight - Friday 9th December - 6pm-9pm**

Please come and celebrate the end of a great year at The Junction Public School. Bring your hearty voices to join in on some great carol singing at this wonderful community event!

Featuring performances by some of our talented students:

- Strings Group, Choral Group, Recorder Ensemble and more!!!

Admission: Free

Bring a picnic blanket and basket.

BBQ and drinks will be available.

Glow sticks and electric candles for sale.

**P&C EMAIL LIST** - Please send me a note at [junctionpandc@hotmail.com](mailto: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](mailto:junctionpandc@hotmail.com).

Karla Karinen, P+C President (drop notes in at the office or send me an email at [junctionpandc@hotmail.com](mailto:junctionpandc@hotmail.com))

**Past Betty Anderson Award Recipients:**

1997 Betty Anderson  
1998 Anne Smith  
1999 Ann Weiss and Ann Burstal  
2000 Joe Callen  
2001 Edwina Merlo  
2004 Nikki Behne-Smith  
2005 Creative Garden Team  
2006 Angela Hewitt  
2007 Oona Sullivan  
2008 Carol Foulkes  
2009 Bronwyn Geerarts  
2010 Leanne Haworth

**THE 12 (SCHOOL) DAYS OF CHRISTMAS - GIFTS FOR LEARNING DRIVE -**

When:

From next Wednesday 7 December until Friday 16 December.

What: Give a Christmas gift to the children of our school.

A gold coin, note, cheque or direct deposit.

Choose a category: Learning, Environment, Play and Sport, Technology, The Arts, or simply give an open gift to whatever is needed most!

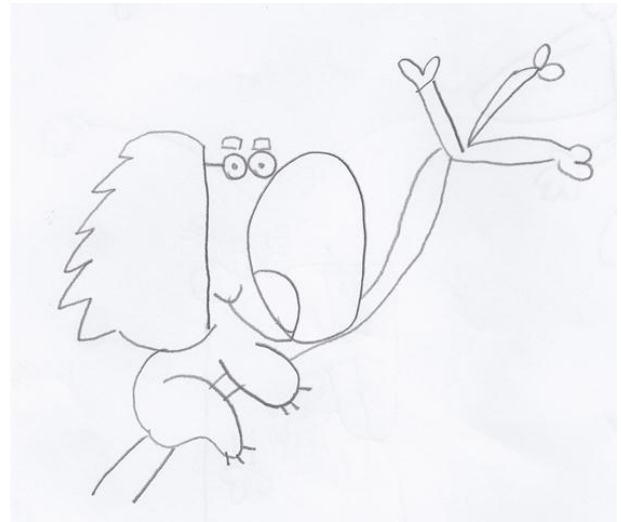
A note will go home with next week's newsletter with more details. **Gifts for Learning 2011 Achievements Update:**

Already money raised from this program has been used to purchase materials for reading programs, library books, gardening supplies and arts and crafts materials. We still have over \$1200.00 'in the bank' which will soon be spent when we reach our goal for a particular category.

This is an ongoing program that enables you to donate to our school in the areas you consider are the most important.

**Some of our Creative images from the online visit with US cartoonist Steve Harpster.....**





**LUNCHTIME  
SCHOOL DISCO**

**THIS THURSDAY 1 DECEMBER**

**K – 2 (1PM TO 1.30PM)**

**YEAR 3 – 6 (1.30PM TO 2PM)**

**GOLD COIN ENTRY**

**THIS IS A YEAR 6 FUNDRAISER!**