

The Junction News

Newsletter of The Junction Public School



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Term 4 – Week 9

Tuesday 6 December 2011

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Student Leaders – 2012

Congratulations to our new student leaders for 2012. At yesterday morning's assembly we were able to announce and congratulate the following students:

Girl School Captain – Erin Hartley;

Boy School Captain – Finn Carlin;

Prefects – Sally Hobden, Sienna Haines, Maddy Purr, Amelia Latunin, Finley Beasley, John Robinson, Reed Van Huisstede and Kingsley Williams. Well done to all candidates who gave such wonderful speeches last Thursday and to all Year 5 for participating so enthusiastically in leadership training this term.

Sports Leaders - 2012

Congratulations to the following students who were elected by their sports houses today to the following positions:

QUINLAN – Captains: – James K, Jade C;

Vice-Captains: Malcolm M, Georgina S;

LADKIN – Captains: Isaac T, Ginger H;

Vice-Captains:– Luca Cr, Holly H;

TREHARNE – Captains: Tom B, Claire B;

Vice-Captains: Nathan W, Avalon N;

EDMUNDS –Captains: Tobias A, Eden M;

Vice-Captains: Alex M, Imogen L.

The new leadership teams will be inducted with their badges on Thursday 8th December at our whole school Presentations Day assembly. Parents and/or family members are invited to 'pin' the badges on their children. We look forward to working with all these wonderful teams next year.

Presentation Days - this Thursday 8th December.

We will begin our 2011 Presentation Day program 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. After this 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 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.

At 11.00am on Thursday 8th December: there will be a morning tea supplied for parents staying on for the next

assembly. **At 11.30am on Thursday 8th 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 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 10.30am (approx) on Friday 9th December: There will be a morning tea supplied for parents staying on for the next assembly.

At 11.0am (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 focused 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.**

Parent Volunteers Morning Tea

It was wonderful to see so many of our wonderful parents and volunteers attend our thank you morning tea today in the hall. We are so grateful for all the ways our parents and community members give so generously of their time and commitment to our school. The school is able to provide outstanding educational programs because we are so generously supported. Please accept my personal thanks to you all for your dedication and support.

Carols Night – Friday 9th December

Bring your picnic blankets and good cheer to our community carols night this Friday night near the new school hall. Hoping for beautiful fine weather, where you will be able to enjoy a great sing-a-long as well as be entertained by some talented groups. Mrs Vicki Lewis choral group tutor, will compare the night and lead the singing. The event begins at 6.00pm with a delicious BBQ available and singing starting from after 6.30pm. Electric candles will be for sale as well as glow products. Come and enjoy!



Wendy Cheek,
Principal

CALENDAR - TERM 4 - 2011

Week 9

Event

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 – 6pm

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 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

LIBRARY NEWS.....

All borrowed library books need to be returned to the school library this week!! Mrs Land

CANTEEN NEWS.....The Canteen will close on Friday 16th December. Merry Christmas to you all and see you in the New Year. Thank you, Kim Jenni and Jodie.

BAND NEWS

In addition to the Band note that was sent home last Friday, our bands will all be performing at Presentation Days and **full school uniform** is to be worn. Gary Claire will be here checking all of our instruments tomorrow, Wednesday, 7th December.

Presentation Days: Thursday, 8th Dec. Senior Band performs at 9:40 am; Percussion Ensemble at 10:40am; Junior Band at 11:30am.

Friday 9th Dec: Percussion Ensemble performs at 12:00pm.

SPECIAL MENTION AWARDS

YEARS 3, 4, 5 & 6 ASSEMBLY

3W	Millicent C	Lachlan A
3MC	Matthew L	Jade D
3/4C	Shahar E	Zac F
4A	Brayden T	Daniella V
4K	Ella G	Tyler B
5C	Felix P	Tara V
5H	Toby B	Charlie M
6/5B	Ben W Tobias A	Jade C Eden W
6/5F	Sophie S	Imogen L
6S	Lisa P	Deity P



Senior Band Awards: Tessie O and Ruby D

Junior Band Awards: Erin G and Max Spencer K

Junior Band Member of the month: Max S

Senior Band Member of the month: Malcolm M



Christmas Carols Night
Friday 9 December
6-9pm



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 available. ✿

✿ Glow sticks and electric candles for sale. ✿

NEWSPAPER IN SCHOOL AWARDS

Last Wednesday, students from the Editorial Committee of The Junction Journal attended the Newcastle Herald School Newspaper Awards ceremony at Ausgrid Stadium. We would like to congratulate the following students for their success and exemplary representation of our school. Zoe A achieved Highly Commended in the Primary Cartoon Section; Alyshia B and Cassandra H received a Highly Commended for the editorial and Amelia H was awarded Highly Commended for her newspaper article for Services for the Disabled.



Technology News

QR Codes

You may have seen some funny looking barcodes around the school lately. They are QR codes. Using a smartphone you can scan the code and it will take you directly to a website. They are lots of free QR Code readers available, but the one I use is NeoReader. Try it out by scanning the code below to listen to Monica from KS tell us about her Kerpoof drawing.



COMPETITION REMINDER

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!! Entries close this Sunday, 11th December at 5pm.

Website of the Week

<http://bit.ly/vyahvC>

Fun Christmas activities from Copacabana PS

Student Wiki of the Week

Claudia from 4A has been our most active member this past week. Keep up the terrific work, Claudia!

www.technologyatthejunction.wikispaces.com

Great news! We've been nominated to participate in the Grill'd Local Matters donation program at Grill'd, The Junction this month.

Every month, Grill'd The Junction is donating \$500 to local groups and asking their customers to decide who the money goes to.

When customers buy a burger, they will receive a token to put into one of three jars representing different groups. Whoever has the most tokens at the end of the month receives \$300. The other two groups receive \$100 each. To do your bit to help the cause, spread the word and head on down to Grill'd The Junction.

P & C NEWS.....

P&C Christmas Hamper Raffle – LAST WEEK

This is the last week for the Christmas Hamper Raffle! 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, 9th December.**

Thanks to all the BBQ volunteers at Saturday's Olive Tree Markets: Felicity Ferguson-Tait, Anna Kasper, Janet Ball, Geoff Overmeyer, Sarah Cook, Melanie Sutton, Robyn Malby, Simon Kasper, Allan McKinnon, Elizabeth Ginters, Steve Spencer, Neil Mawson, Tracey Bone, Jim Garvey, Brett Ninness, Kevin Dennis, Chris Rice, Johanna Anderson, Olly Brown, Cherie Pearson Maytom, Chris Dempsey & Cathy McIntyre. It was a lovely day, and the Markets were super busy. A special thanks to those people who stayed on an extra shift to help the next crew! We sold well over a record breaking \$1,800 of sausage sandwiches and drinks.

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.

Meeting dates for 2012:

- Our 1st meeting - Tuesday, 7 February at 7pm
- Annual General Meeting followed by 2nd meeting - Tuesday, 6 March at 7pm

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

The December markets are festive and busy! We still need quite a few volunteers for the 17th:

- 10-11:30am: one more person
- 11:30am – 1pm – two
- 1-2:30pm – one
- 2:30 – 4pm: two
- 4-5:30pm – three
- 5:30 – 6:30pm – three

If you have an hour and a half to spare, BBQ volunteering

GRILL'D.....A fundraiser for the band

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.

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.

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

COMMUNITY NOTICES.....

YWCA VACATION CARE CENTRE
24 Dawson Street, Cooks Hill

SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAM

When: Monday 9/1/2012 to Wednesday 25/1/2012
 Time: 9am to 4.30pm
 Cost: \$45 per day – includes all excursions (Childcare Benefit Available)

For more information: Phone: 4929 2954 or email: de.yncle@bigpond.com

Sample of work from some 'Poets of the future' – Class KH.....

WATERMELON

*Watermelon is pink
 Watermelon has seeds
 Watermelon is juicy
 It is made of water*

By Scarlett M

APPLES

*Apples are red
 and green
 Apples are hard
 and juicy
 Apples have a core*

By Jack D

STRAWBERRIES

*Strawberries are sweet
 and yummy
 They grow on trees
 I love strawberries*

By Lily F

ICE CREAM

*Ice cream is cold
 You can get a brain freeze
 if you eat it fast
 It can melt
 It is yummy*

By Ella W

Kindergarten are Talented Artists as well!...

