

# The Junction News

Newsletter of The Junction Public School



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Term 4 – Week 1

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## PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Welcome back to a very busy term four. We will be sending home to all parents a community calendar this week with all relevant dates for this term – including presentation days etc. Please note the dates for your calendar – thank you. Welcome to all the new families who have joined our school community this term – it is a wonderful school.

### Book Fair

Our school will be participating in a Book Fair on Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> November in our new school hall. Ashton Scholastic will be providing a huge array of new publications and lots of favourites from which you or your children can choose. This will be a wonderful opportunity to perhaps complete some early Christmas shopping. Our school will benefit with a percentage of the sales going to the school in money or library books. Students will be able to look at some of the books available in library lessons over the next few weeks and we will have Nicole Freeman from Ashton Scholastic to talk to students at assembly for: K-2 on Wednesday 31<sup>st</sup> October at 2.00pm and for Years 3 to 6 on Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> November at 11.30am – parents are welcome.

The book fair will run before school, at recess and lunch breaks and after school – parents are very welcome to attend at any time. We would also be very appreciative of any donations of books from the book fair to supplement our library resources.

More information will be provided over the coming weeks.

### Stage 1 Swimming

Year 1 and Year 2 students will begin swimming classes this coming Thursday and continue each Thursday for the next eight weeks. Could all Year 1 and 2 parents please refer to the "Purple" organisation note coming home today!

### Congratulations

Congratulations to Finn C of Year 6 - our School Captain – who represented NSW in the Australian Rugby Union Championships in Melbourne over the school holidays. Finn has been an outstanding sportsman this year and played an integral role in NSW side winning the National Championships for 2012.

To further add to his repertoire – Finn was named - 'Outstanding Player of the Tournament'!

A significant and wonderful achievement Finn – Congratulations!

### Best Wishes

Best wishes to our Junior, Intermediate and Senior bands as well as our Percussion group who will all be competing in the regional Bandfest competition against other regional bands at the Warners Bay Performing Arts Centre next week. We have one of the strongest music and band programs in the region and all our students work extremely hard to develop and master their skills. Best wishes to all students – we hope you really enjoy the experience.

### Year 5 High School - Parent Information Evening

Newcastle High School will be holding an information session and school tour for parents of students currently in Year 5 and who will be attending high school in 2014. This is an excellent opportunity for parents/carers to view the school facilities, gain an insight into the differences between primary and high school and meet with key staff. The evening session will commence at 5.45pm with light refreshments in the Cultural Centre – entry via main foyer off Parkway Avenue. A separate invitation will be coming home to all parents of Year 5 students today. Please RSVP Newcastle High School by 15<sup>th</sup> October.

### Poetry Achievement

Max S, Class 6/5S has been awarded a Highly Commended Award in the Dorothea McKellar Poetry Competition. A wonderful achievement! Congratulations Max.

Term 3 ended with a fabulous Book Week Parade, students and staff really enjoyed the opportunity to 'dress up'.



Wendy Cheek,  
Principal



**CALENDAR - TERM 4 – 2012****Week 1**

<b>Tuesday, October 9</b>	<b>P &amp; C Meeting – 7pm</b>
<b>Thursday, October 11</b>	<b>Year 1 &amp; 2 students commence Intensive Swimming Program</b>

**Week 2**

<b>Tuesday, October 16</b>	<b>Junior Band – Bandfest</b>
<b>Wednesday, October 17</b>	<b>Percussion Ensemble &amp; Intermediate Band – Bandfest</b>
<b>Thursday, October 18</b>	<b>Senior Band - Bandfest</b>
<b>Thursday, October 18</b>	<b>Year 1 &amp; 2 students Intensive Swimming (Wk 2)</b>

**Week 3**

<b>Thursday, October 25</b>	<b>Year 1 &amp; 2 students Intensive Swimming (Wk 3)</b>
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**Week 4**

<b>Thursday, November 1</b>	<b>Year 1 &amp; 2 students Intensive Swimming (Wk 4)</b>
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**Week 5**

<b>Tuesday, November 6</b>	<b>Scholastic Book Fair</b>
<b>Wednesday, Nov 7</b>	<b>Scholastic Book Fair</b>
<b>Thursday, November 8</b>	<b>Year 1 &amp; 2 students Intensive Swimming (Wk 5)</b>

**SPECIAL MENTION AWARDS****Term 3 Week 10****YEARS 1 & 2 ASSEMBLY**

<b>1CR</b>	Maxxis F	Caden L
<b>1J</b>	Poppy D	Barnaby Y
<b>1L</b>	Hayley R	Lucy Z
<b>1/2H</b>	Kayne M	Kiani C
<b>2C</b>	Michelle J	Stephen P
<b>2B</b>	Pearl C	Jai M
<b>2M</b>	Tallen M	Hana G
<b>2W</b>	Ashton S	Lily F

**YEARS 3, 4, 5 & 6 ASSEMBLY**

<b>4A</b>	Anika P	Jasper R
<b>4L</b>	Darby P	Billy B Lachlan B
<b>6/5B</b>	Jack S	Kingsley W
<b>6/5S</b>	Zac F	Isla H
<b>6/5T</b>	Angus S	Isabel R
<b>6/5C</b>	Mackenzie G	Malcolm M
<b>Student of the Month</b>	Maddy S – 6/5T Anika L – 6/5C Sapumal G-6/5S	Guy H-4A Ginger H – 6/5B Chloe T – 4L

**BAND NEWS - 2012 BANDFEST**

All band members will be participating in Bandfest next week. Band students have taken home information sheets and consent forms. All forms are to be returned to the school with money by this Friday at the latest. I have one parent volunteer to help transport our percussionists next Wednesday. If you are able to assist please let me know. Band information letters for the term are being sent home this week. Please check your child's folder for coming events.

Please note that Band fees must be paid by Week 3 this term due to school rollover. Please finalise your account and check with the office if you are unsure of money owing. Good luck to all of our bands at Bandfest next week!  
Mrs Fitzgibbon

**CANTEEN NEWS**

Welcome back to school! A new "Pink" Summer menu will come home today with the newsletter – there has been some small price changes and these will come into effect tomorrow (Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> October). Please destroy your "Yellow" Winter menus!

We are also going to start a summer burger Meal Deal every Tuesday commencing 16<sup>th</sup> October.

On Monday 15<sup>th</sup> October the Fresh for Kids competition is starting again, so when you buy something healthy at the canteen you get a sticker and when you fill in a card with the stickers you go in the draw to win one of three major prizes with the Sydney Markets – all details are on the reverse side of your new summer menu.

Thanks Cathy, Jenny and the team.

**SCHOOL UNIFORM SHOP**

Open Monday mornings only from 8.45am to about 9.15am in the Old School Hall. If you are unable to make it then, you may pre-order and make payment in an envelope and leave it at the office. Orders will be filled on the Monday and given to students. Payment for orders is by Cash or Cheque only – Cheques payable to: The Junction School P & C. Please note there are no EFTPOS facilities for purchases in the Uniform Shop. If you purchase second hand items please ensure you remove any other child's name from the clothing and clearly write your child's name on the item.

## CLASS 4A GARDEN

The class 4A garden has finally been completed! This has been a long process beginning with the removal of a large and a small she-oak tree, and smaller plants. I would like to thank Tom Jervis for helping to give us this "blank canvas".

Our mural came together after many hours of drawing and painting by Jennifer Castaldi. We really appreciate the time Jennifer gave to making this painting a reality. The inclusion of smaller paintings of native plants and animals by the students of 4A has complimented this mural.

We would also like to thank Jenine Stibbard for helping to plan the types of plants, and the arrangement of these plants for the garden, Aleeta Cliff for the time she gave in also helping to arrange the garden and for planting the trees and other plants.

Special thanks to Shane Armstrong for his generous donation of two beautiful seats for the garden and his tireless efforts in preparing a section of the garden for paving, and the paving job itself.

Thanks also to Jody Cooper for accessing the garden shade cloth and to Jody and Tom for installing it above the seating.



Mark Alcock and Class 4A

## SCHOOL BANKING – Newcastle Permanent Building Society and Commonwealth Bank

Student Banking for Newcastle Permanent Building Society and the Commonwealth Bank is on a Monday. Students need to take their banking to the library immediately after roll call.

## P & C NEWS

Welcome back to school, and a special welcome to the new families who have joined our school community recently. Every time I've been up at the Front Office lately, there are some lovely new families being introduced to the school! It won't be long until the 2013 kindergartners start their orientation. As part of this, the P&C will host two morning teas: Monday 12 November and Wednesday 14 November. Everyone is welcome!

I hope you are well rested from the holidays, because we have an exciting last term of school for 2012. There are lots of events coming up...look out for information on Bandfest, the school's Creative and Performing Arts Night and an end-of-year family social event.

### P&C Meeting – Tonight - Tuesday 9 October, 7pm.

P&C meetings are held the first Tuesday of every month, except during school holidays (like this month). Everyone is welcome to attend. Meetings are held in the school's staff room, down the hall from the Front Office. We'd love to see some new faces, so please come along.

### Olive Tree Market BBQ – Saturday, 3 November – YEAR 1

It's the turn of **YEAR 1** parents and carers, so recruit a friend and book a shift to help the P&C raise some money for the school. If you have an hour and a half to spare please call Liz Ginters on Ph 0411 487 713 or [elizabeth-g@bigpond.com](mailto:elizabeth-g@bigpond.com). Shifts are:

- 8:30-10am (open)
- 10-11:30am
- 11:30-1pm
- 1pm – 2:30 (close).

### October Olive Tree Market BBQ

It was another great Saturday at the Olive Tree Market, with \$1,578 worth of food and drinks being sold. Thanks to our crew of parents and students: Daniel Bishop, Jenni Heyes, Oliver Brown, Jessica and Jamie Knight, Glenn Wilton, Katharine Barrett and Marcus Jefferies, D'nelle and Adam Lemon, Michael McKie, Eloise Fleck, Jim Garvey, Alex El-Shamy, and Liz Ginters who (once again) not only organised, but worked as well. A special mention for Oliver, who worked the BBQ on his birthday! Thanks!

### Kids Art Fundraiser – Calendars and iPhone covers for Christmas

Our Kids Art project will produce fantastic Christmas presents for family, friends and yourself!! Your child's beautiful art works will be turned into wonderful looking 2013 Calendars and





iPhone covers for you to order. The calendars have been appreciated by parents at The Junction in years gone by.

You may have already noticed examples of the finished product displayed around the school. You can also touch and feel samples held at the Front Office.



The children will be completing artworks in their classroom in the first few weeks of this term. Once ordered the finished products will be returned to us by mid December ready for Christmas.

You can purchase the Calenders for \$12 and the iPhone covers are \$15. An order form will come home to you this week. **The order must be returned by 24 October.**

Thanks to Danielle Carney, who is organising this year. If you have any questions, or would like to help out, you can send an e-mail c/o [junctionpandc@hotmail.com](mailto:junctionpandc@hotmail.com).

### 2013 – P&C Executive and you

The Junction Public School P&C:

- does fantastic fundraising for the benefit of the students,
- keeps communication between the school and parents strong, and
- builds the school community.

Get involved! The P&C positions of President, Vice-President and Treasurer will be vacant next year. We are still looking for interested and energetic people for these roles. More information on the roles of P&C Office Bearers is available on the NSW P&C Federation website: <http://www.pandc.org.au/faq.seo>. The JPS P&C by-laws restrict executive terms to two years. This means 1) these positions **must be filled by new people in 2013** and 2) if you volunteer for a position, it will be for a maximum of two years.

Please don't feel as though you have to be a long time member of the P&C to volunteer. When I became President in 2010, my children had been at TJPS less than a year, and I'd only been to a few P&C meetings. All that is required is the desire to make the school a better place for our children and a commitment of time.

**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

### More fun photos from our Book Week Parade.....

