

The Junction News

Newsletter of The Junction Public School



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Term 4 – Week 2

Tuesday 16 October 2012

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Parent Contact Details

We are finding that for a significant number of parents we no longer have current contact details - mobile or home telephone numbers as well as emergency contact details.

It is absolutely necessary that parents and carers provide the latest information to us in case students become ill at school or there is some type of emergency. If you have changed your mobile contact details in the last few months – please contact the school and update. Thanks.

Year 5 High School - Parent Information Evening tonight!

A reminder to all parents of current Year 5 students that 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 tonight with light refreshments in the Cultural Centre – entry via main foyer off Parkway Avenue.

School P&C Fundraiser

Please look for information in this newsletter from the P&C for students' artwork designs for iPhone covers or calendars. Some really wonderful artworks will be completed in class and the designs used for calendars or iPhone covers – which could make great Christmas gifts. Thanks to the P&C for organising this fundraiser.

Book Fair

Our school will be participating in a Book Fair on Tuesday 6th and Wednesday 7th 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 31st October at 2.00pm and for Years 3 to 6

on Friday 2nd 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.

Middle Schools Writing Project Celebration Night

The Middle Schools Writing Project celebration night involving Year 5 students from 6/5C and 6/5T will take place at Newcastle High School on Thursday 25th October at 5.30pm. The students from these classes have been involved in a writing project with students from Newcastle High School over the last term to produce a 'newspaper' on topical local issues. Parents are invited to attend.

Community Term Calendar

Coming home to you today will be a separate note – a Term 4 calendar with all the significant dates for this term. We hope this assists you with organisation for attendance at the upcoming Book Fairs, Creative and Performing Arts Night, Presentation Days and special assemblies.

Starting Kindergarten

Do you have a child starting Kindergarten in 2013? Show them this video which explains what happens during a typical day.

<http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/wellbeing/development/what-happens-in-kindergarten>

Moving into High School

Starting high school means a new location, new friends and teachers, and new routines. In this video teachers talk about how you can help to make your child's move into high school less daunting.

<http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/wellbeing/development/starting-year-7>

Selective schools

Are you already thinking about your child's Year 7 placement in a selective school in 2014? Online application and information regarding the process will be available from **Tuesday 16 October 2012.**

<http://www.schools.nsw.edu.au/learning/k-6assessments/shsplacement/index.php>

**Wendy Cheek,
Principal**

CALENDAR - TERM 4 – 2012**Week 2****Event**

Wednesday, October 17 Percussion Ensemble & Intermediate Band – Bandfest

Wednesday, October 17 State Athletics

Thursday, October 18 Senior Band - Bandfest

Thursday, October 18 Year 1 & 2 students Intensive Swimming (Wk 2)

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Week 3**Event**

Thursday, October 25 Year 1 & 2 students Intensive Swimming (Wk 3)

Thursday, October 25 Year 5 Middle Schools Writing Project Celebration night-NHS

Week 4**Event**

Thursday, November 1 Year 1 & 2 students Intensive Swimming (Wk 4)

Saturday, November 3 Olive Tree Markets-9am to 3pm

Week 5**Event**

Monday, November 5 2013 Kinder Orientation

Tuesday, November 6 Scholastic Book Fair

Wednesday, Nov 7 2013 Kinder Orientation

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Thursday, November 8 Year 1 & 2 students Intensive Swimming (Wk 5)

Week 6**Event**

Monday, Nov 12 2013 Kinder Orientation

Wednesday, Nov 14 2013 Kinder Orientation

Thursday, Nov 15 Year 1 & 2 students Intensive Swimming (Wk 6)

Friday, November 16 Charity Day

HANSEL AND GRETEL

During the holidays I performed in the play Hansel and Gretel. I had three parts in the play. I was a bird, a ginger bread man and one of Hansel and Gretel's friends. I enjoyed being a ginger bread man, I had to sing a song and do a special dance. When the performance was finished the audience clapped and we had to take a bow. Tom F

**SPECIAL MENTION AWARDS****Term 4 Week 1****YEARS 3, 4, 5 & 6 ASSEMBLY**

3MC	Saxon C	Cameron R
3W	Quinn P	Eli S
3/4C	Echoe C	Sam N
4L	Shaylee W	Angus M
4A	Alexandra H	Jasmine M
6/5B	James F	Sophie W
6/5S	Violet H	Erin H
Choir	Eloise A	Ellen C Rosalili F
Band	Katrina G	Matthew H Jade D

BOYS' CRICKET NEWS

The boys PSSA Knockout Cricket Team defeated Valentine PS on Wednesday 10th October. The boys were a little rusty in the field but Wilson M began with a sharp spell of pace keeping the opposition on their heels. Our bowlers worked hard on their line and length and we bowled Valentine out for 79. Our run chase began well with Ahmed B and Sam C keeping the runs ticking over. Ahmed was the man of the match carrying his bat through to the end as we reached the target with only 3 wickets down. The final game for our division is against Kahibah Public School. Mrs Cooper

UNI. OF NSW MATHEMATICS COMPETITION

Seventy-three students from The Junction Public School took part in the recent ICAS Mathematics test. Congratulations to the following students who achieved commendable results in this test:

Year 3

High Distinction- Cooper J

Distinction- Daniel M

Credit- Finnian G, Oliver F, Patrick P, Tom S, Alyssa W

Year 4

Distinction- Chris B

Credit- Emily D, Joseph L, Jonathan O, Khushi P, Angus M, Shahar E, Samuel A

Year 5

Distinction- William L, Sapumal G

Credit- Tobias G, Jordan T, Jacob J, Kofi H, Violet H, Zac F, Benjamin B, Daniel Ball-M, Benjamin H, Liam G

Year 6

Distinction- Max S, Wilson M

Credit- Ruby D, Sam C, Darcy C, Tom B, Finley B

P & C NEWS

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. Shifts are:

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

Book Fair – Book Lovers needed

We need a few people to help out at the Book Fair, which will be held **Tues and Wed 6 & 7 November**. Parent helpers are needed before and after school and during lunch as follows: (8 – 9am) (1 – 2 pm) (3 – 4 pm). To sign up for a shift, either send an e-mail to junctionpandc@hotmail.com or see the Front Office Staff.

P&C Kindergarten Orientation Morning Teas:

Monday 12 and Wednesday 14 November. Come along and help us welcome our new kindergarten parents, have a cuppa and catch up with friends. Can you help out with set-up? Please contact Kim Forbes on 0435 064 541.

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 Calendars for \$12 and the iPhone covers are \$15. Order forms went home last week – there are forms spare order forms in the flyer rack in the Front Office. **The order must be returned with payment by next Wednesday, 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.

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.

Next P&C Meeting – 6 November, 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.

Carols by Candlelight – 14 December: Picnic and music for the whole family.

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

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENT

ATTENTION HOCKEY PLAYERS!!

SUMMER COMP - under 12s - starts end October

WINTER COMP - 9-13 years - starts March 2013

Lots of fun and great exercise!

Contact Linda 0401438717 or lkmlinda@yahoo.com.au

HUNTER REGION BUDDY WALK 2012

Newcastle Foreshore on Sunday October 21st, beginning at 10am from the Carriageway Shed.

Buddy Walk is an international walk-a-thon style event aimed at raising funds and promoting awareness for Down syndrome.

Further info: Meaghan Hepplewhite – 0413 515274.

The Junction Kids

Our Class Garden

The garden is bathed in subtle sunlight and flowers full of nectar grow in the soft moist soil. The once blank mural is splashed with love and colour. The smell of happiness fills the air.

Mulch is scattered over the cool soil and the once dirty blue border shines with pride and joy. The big timber seats invite you to come and rest. The shade cloth keeps us cool. The native plants smile in their very own way. Frostie tops and grevillias sit enjoying life. The once lonely ugly dark gloomy garden is now a magnificent part of 4A's life.

By: Alexandra H 4A

Some Riddles

1 Q: You go to an island and you want to get your haircut but there are two shops. One shop has a clean shop and messy hair and the other shop has a messy shop and clean hair. Which one would you go to?

A: Clean shop and messy hair. Why because they both cut each other's hair.

2 Q: There is a little boy who lives on the 25th floor of his apartment. So one day he went to school. When he came home he got into the elevator, pressed the 14th floor button and walked up the rest of the way. Why did he do this?

A: Because he was too short to reach the 25th button.

By: Anika P 4A

The Twits by Roald Dahl

In the school holidays I went to the Young People's Theatre to watch the play. First let me introduce you to the main characters, Mr. Twit, Mrs Twits, The Smuggle Wumps & Roly-Poly bird.

The story is about two vile misfits monkey napping the Muggle Wumps & forcing them to do silly trick for hours without end...but then a miracle happened and the Muggle Wumps try to escape and help all the other animals around the Twits. In the end the Muggle Wumps and all the other animals teach the Twits a lesson for life.

The Twits is a very funny book and is very good for parents to read to kids at night. The Twits has a very good moral to the story and a very good saying which is: if you think nice happy thoughts you look nice and happy even if you have a double chin, if you think ugly, mean thoughts you look mean and ugly. Even if you have crooked teeth, a big bulging tummy you will still be thought of as a nice, happy, lovely person.

I think this book is a lovely book and I recommend this to kids over the age of 8 to the age of 14. I give it both thumbs up and a 10 out of 10.

By: Jasmine M 4A

Holiday Tales - Jack's first trip to Phuket

One day there was a boy named Jack. He was going to Phuket and he was so excited. He flew on Jetstar with his step mum Amanda, his dad Adam and his sister Sophie. When he got there a man drove them to their hotel at Le Meridian where they stayed on the second highest floor.

On the second day they went out to play archery, mini put-put golf and basketball. Every morning at the hotel Jack went to the buffet and had a hot chocolate. When they were at the pool they saw an elephant. When they went to pat the elephant it did a really big pop off and Jack's sister screamed. The next day they saw the elephant again and it was peeing in the sand.

The next day the family went to the markets and Jack got a headset, some boardies and sunnies and ear rings and sunnies for his mum. On the last day the family went to the butterfly garden and the pearl farm so that was the trip to Phuket. And by the way, this story is true. It's about me and my family.

By: Jack S 4A

Our Trip

In the holidays my family went away. We stayed four days and three nights in Sydney. We went to Luna Park, Darling Harbour and I also visited our friends.

When we went to the Luna Park we had a lot of joyrides and there was a game of two hits and my Uncle played it and we got a Yo-Yo. We took a lot of photos and had a lot of fun. We went on the biggest ride in Luna Park. We also enjoyed going on a ride in the shape of a hat, which goes upside down like a wheel. There were two more stages to go in; first one for the people under five years and second one for the under the age of eighteen. The next day I visited my old friends Michal and Mridula.

After that we took a ferry at 5pm and went to Darling Harbour and ate. We arrived home very tired and went to sleep straight away. I can say that this was my best holiday!

By: Rahmah R 4A

Poems:

This Poem is a Haiku.

A Haiku poem is not only a poem it
Is also a verse. The first line is
Made up of 5 syllables and the
Second line is made up
Of 7 syllables when the last line
Is made up of 5 syllables again.

Cranes are beautiful
They fly through the sky
They represent peace.

By: Molly H 3MC

OTHER:

Book-Ends: Hi!

Book-Ends is still on every Monday in the junior fiction section of the library in second half lunch.

We always LOVE to see new faces!

In Book-Ends, Alyssa and I read books one together with the whole group, and I go off with the younger kids, who like picture books rather than chapters, sometimes, we change Book-Ends, so it is learning to write books or illustrations to match the page, OR EVEN new front covers!

By: Shannon D 3/4C

Jokes

Knock Knock
Who's There
Imogen
Imogen Who?
Imogen A Life Without Chocolate!

By: Shannon D 3/4C