

The Junction News

Newsletter of The Junction Public School



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Term 4 – Week 3

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PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Outstanding Athletes

Congratulations to the students who attended the State Athletics Championships last week at Homebush. Our senior girls 4 X 100m relay team - Amelia L, Avalon N, Bronte A and Ejay S made incredible improvements in their times each time they came together. The girls gained third place in the finals. Thanks to Mrs Cooper who supported this team with extra practices. See full report in newsletter. Congratulations as well to Reed Van H and Finn C for their fine efforts as well. We are proud of all these athletes.



School Band Achievements

Again we are very proud of all our bands who participated in Bandfest last week at the Warner's Bay Performing Arts Centre. After much practice and organization both the senior band and junior band gained highly commended awards in their respective sessions of the competition. The intermediate band and the percussion band won each of their sections with stunning performances. Many thanks once again to Lesley Fitzgibbon for her co-ordination of our outstanding band programs and to each of the conductors - Michael Bell, Michael Jobson, Matthew Law and David Tracey for the professionalism they bring to our band programs and for the opportunities they provide for all students. Well done everyone!

Enrolments 2013 - Urgent

Currently we are looking at enrolment numbers for 2013. If you know of any 'In Zone' enrolments who may be joining our school community in 2013, it would be greatly appreciated if you could let our office staff know. Also, if

you know of any families or if your own children will be leaving at the end of this year we would greatly appreciate knowing now. Our global funding and teaching staff entitlements are based on our student enrolment – so we really need to know now to assist us with our planning for next year.

Outstanding Invoices

As we draw nearer towards the end of the year, we find that we still have a large number of families who have not finalized invoices we have sent out for payment of maths resource books, magazines, stage dictionaries etc. We also have many families who have not finalized payment of band fees and dance fees. It would be greatly appreciated if parents could make payments for all these activities in the next couple of weeks as the school then has to find funds to pay these accounts. We will be sending home further reminders this week. Eftpos facilities for payments are available if you would like to phone your details through.

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.

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 3**

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

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

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

Week 5

Monday, November 5 2013 Kinder Orientation

Tuesday, November 6 Scholastic Book Fair

Tuesday, November 6 P & C Meeting – 7pm

Wed-Fri, Nov 7 to 9 Yr 4 Great Aussie Bush Camp

Wednesday, Nov 7 2013 Kinder Orientation

Wednesday, Nov 7 Scholastic Book Fair

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

Week 6

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

Saturday, November 17 Olive Tree Markets –9am to 3pm

SPECIAL MENTION AWARDS**Term 4 Week 2****K – YEAR 2 ASSEMBLIES**

KC	Liam Craig	Imala Cush Aisling Vickers
KD	Riley Bridges	Lily Dummett Mia Johnson
KK	Holly Du'Bery	Jonah Roser Breanna Sullivan
KH	Lily Bower	Tess Nyman Isaac Young
KS	Layla Fearnley-Teyawlar	Mitzi Knight Samuel Chappell

1CR	Annabelle F	Braithen H
1J	Max H	Barnaby Y
1L	Jack D	Lucy Z
1/2H	Maya S	Django H
2C	Harriet C	Joshua R
2B	Joseph P	Ruby H
2M	William De V	Jonty S
2W	Ebony D	

YEARS 3, 4, 5 & 6 ASSEMBLY

3MC	Brayden K	Tilda S
3W	Haley M	Tom J
4L	Ethan S	Khushi P
4A	Niamh L	Brayden M
6/5B	Logan O	Saige S
6/5S	Toby G	Jordan T
6/5T	Isabella R	Joshua T
6/5C	Bianca D	Nicholas N
6/5F	Flynn H	Daniella V
6/5F (Week 1)	Luke O'D Clare S	Jackson S Angus F
Band	Max S Ellen C	Rose P William L
Student of the month	Summa R	

EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST- JUNIOR BAND

Notes went home last week for parents of Year 2 students interested in joining the Junior Band in 2013.

There are limited instruments available. You are only required to return the Expression of Interest form. You will not be required to pay the \$50 until Mrs Fitzgibbon notifies you.

STATE RELAY TEAM!

On Thursday the 18th of October, our senior girls relay team of Amelia L, Bronte A, Avalon N & Ejay S competed at the NSW PSSA Athletics titles. In our heat we came 3rd with a time of 55.81. As we were running in the fastest heat we made it through to the Semi-Final. In the Semi-Final we placed 2nd with a time of 55.71. We then made it to the Final where we placed 3rd in the whole State with a time of 55.62. It was an amazing experience that we will remember forever! Amelia

STATE 800!

On the 17th and the 18th of October, Reed V competed in the 800 metres at the NSW PSSA Athletics. In my heat I came 2nd with a new personal best of 2.24.91. I qualified 6th fastest overall and made the state final. The next day I raced at 9:30am. I finished 5th with a time of 2.25.9 I was very pleased with myself and relieved to have done so well! Reed

STATE LONG JUMP!

On the 17th of October Amelia L competed in the Senior girls Long Jump at the NSW PSSA Athletics.

My first jump I fouled it. I then moved on to my second jump where I jumped 3.75m. I had my third and final jump where I jumped 4.29m. That jump put me into the Final 8. In the final my first jump was 4.27m. Then I moved onto my second jump where I jumped 4.30m. That was an alright jump but I wasn't really happy with any of my jumps. I then had my final jump where once again I jumped 4.30m. Over all I came 8th and I had a great day. Amelia

STATE 200M AND SHOTPUT

I came 5th in the 200m heat with a time of 27.19 and .40 seconds faster than my previous fastest time. In the shotput I came 4th overall in the heats and I came 6th in the final with a throw of 11.66m which was 2.44m bigger than my previous best. It was a great experience and I got to meet up with some friends from other schools. Finn

BANDFEST

Last week all bands participated in Bandfest, our regional competition and represented our school with distinction. Our Junior Band played beautifully and was highly commended in the Novice section. Our Percussion Ensemble once again wowed the audience and won the Open Section. Intermediate Band played with precision and won the Intermediate Section and our Senior band was highly commended in the Premier Section with an outstanding performance. Congratulations to all bands for a great week. All bands are now preparing for Band presentation Night at the Newcastle Conservatorium on 29th November.



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.

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.

CHARITY DAY 2012

Charity Day this year is on Friday 16th November. A separate note accompanies the newsletter this week with further details about this very special day. Below is a list of the stalls/ activities taking place on the day. If you are able to assist with donations for Charity Day, they would be gratefully accepted.

Mark Alcock (Organiser)

CLASS	STALL/ ACTIVITIES	DONATIONS?
Kindergarten	Lolly Bags	Yes
1/2H	Chocolate Walk	Yes
1CR & 1L	Karaoke	No
1J	Basketball Shoot	No
2M & 2B	Face Painting	No
3W	Lucky Dips	Yes
3MC & 2W	Cake Stall	Yes
3/4C & 4L	Nail Salon/ Hair Spraying	Yes
4A & 2C	Second hand Books and Toys	Yes
6/5T & 6/5C	Soft Drinks and Chips	Yes
6/5B & 6/5S & 6/5F	White Elephant Stall/ Plant Stall	Yes
School	Barbecue	No

P & C NEWS

Are you new to The Junction Public School this year? Please join us in November for Morning Tea – the 12th +/- 14th. Looking for a way to connect with other families here? We're looking for volunteers for a few events – something for everyone: the Olive Tree Market BBQ, the Book Fair, and our Calendar Fundraiser! It's a great way to meet other families, participate in the school community and help raise some money for the school. Check out the details below, and let us know if you can help out.

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. Maybe you couldn't come to your child's year? Come in

November instead! As of last Friday we only had 3 volunteers... If you have an hour and a half to spare please call Liz Ginters on Ph 0411 487 713 or elizabeth@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 need before and after school and during lunch as follows: • 8.30 – 9.30am, • 1 – 2 pm • 2.30 – 3.30 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 and New Family Morning Tea: Monday 12th and Wednesday 14th November – from 9.15am

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: Mob 0435 064 541.

Kids Art Fundraiser – Calendars and iPhone covers for Christmas

LAST CHANCE TO PLACE ORDERS – tomorrow!

Orders are due with payment **by tomorrow, Wednesday, 24 October**. If you've lost your order form, either stop by the Front Office or request an electronic copy via e-mail junctionpandc@hotmail.com.

If you have any questions, or would like to help out with sorting orders, you can send an e-mail to our co-ordinator, Danielle Carney - C/- the P&C e-mail.

Next P&C Meeting – 6 November, 7pm. P&C meetings are held the first Tuesday of every month. We'll be discussing the P&C Fundraising Framework, and the school motto and pledge this meeting. Sound interesting? 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