

The Junction News

Newsletter of The Junction Public School



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Term 4 – Week 7

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PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Creative and Performing Arts Concert

What a stunning night was had by all at the Creative and Performing Arts Concert last night. We were richly entertained by wonderful performances from our senior and junior choirs, our senior and junior dance groups, our boys and girls tap dance groups, our strings group featuring violin and cello, as well as individual performances from leading band members – Tessie Overmyer on saxophone, Ruby Dempsey on clarinet, as well as a wonderful tap dancing performance from Max Howard in Year 1!!

I would sincerely like to thank all participants for their stunning performances, as the night was a celebration of the depth of talent of all students participating in our creative and performing arts programs this year. All students received a certificate in recognition of their performances this year.

Thanks to all parents who have supported our programs, attended the concert and enjoyed the entertainment.

Charity Day – Well done Students!

Huge congratulations to students, teachers and parents who supported and organised an extremely successful charity day last Friday – even though the wet weather challenged us a little.

The transformation of the school COLA area from quiet and passive at 9.00am to the colourful buzzing and energetic conglomeration of stalls at 11.00am was amazing! I was so impressed with the enthusiasm and hard work that had gone into making the day such a success. From the white elephant stall – to books, plants, cakes, face-painting, games, karaoke and so on – we are extremely grateful for all the generous donations. A big thank you to Paul Newman from Aldi at Cooks Hill for the donation of bread for the BBQ.

It appears that we have raised close to \$3000 to go to charity, the first donations going to our sponsored children Mom Pov in Cambodia and Bure Michael in Tanzania and then the rest going to other charities to be nominated by the students. What a generous and wonderful effort from all students!

It was also fantastic to note that the 'left over books' (and there were many in very good condition) will be packaged up and sent to the missions in Fiji supported so generously by hard working parent Gerri Rea. Well done everyone!

Kindergarten Orientation Visits

This week sees the last of our Kinder 2013 Orientation visits with our new young students again visiting the Kinder rooms and participating in our class programs. Year 5 buddies have been doing an exceptional job in overseeing their smooth transition to 'big school'. We warmly welcome all new parents and families to our school and The Junction community.

Student Leaders 2013

All year 5 students have been participating in a leadership program over the last three weeks by Mrs Keating and Mrs Cooper. They have enthusiastically participated and enjoyed this experience. Our current school leaders have also had input into the program.

We will be holding our student leaders for 2013

elections next Monday 26th November. All candidates will be presenting their speeches in the new hall from 11.30am till approximately 12.30pm after which all students from Years 2 to 6 will vote. Parents are warmly invited to attend at 11.30am if they wish. The results will be announced on Monday 3rd December at 9.00am assembly.

On Monday 3rd December at 12 noon we will be holding Sports House Meetings and students will be nominating and electing the Sports House Leaders for 2013. The results will be announced that day at 2pm assembly.

We are very proud of all students in Year 5 and expect that in 2013 there will be many different opportunities for all students to experience leadership roles.

Australian Youth Choir

Congratulations to Katrina Geerarts and Cameron Slarks on their selection in the Australian Youth Choir.



Wendy Cheek, Principal

CALENDAR - TERM 4 – 2012**Week 7****Event**

Wednesday, Nov 21	2013 Kinder Orientation 9.15am
Thursday, Nov 22	Year 1 & 2 students Intensive Swimming (Wk 7)

Week 8**Event**

Monday, Nov 26	Election speeches for 2013 Leaders – 11.30am New Hall
Thursday, Nov 29	Year 1 & 2 students-(Final Week) Intensive Swimming
Thursday, Nov 29	Band Presentation –6pm to 8pm at Newcastle Conservatorium
Saturday, Dec 1	Olive Tree Market – 9am to 5pm

Week 9**Event**

Monday, Dec 3	9am assembly-Announcement of 2013 School captains & prefects
Tuesday, Dec 4	Parent Helper Morning Tea
Tuesday, Dec 4	P & C Meeting at 7pm
Wednesday, Dec 5	Ncle High School Orientation Day – Year 7 (2013)
Friday, Dec 7	Jnr Choir at St Augustines

Week 10**Event**

Thursday, Dec 13	Whole School & Yrs 3 – 6 Presentation Day
Friday, Dec 14	Kinder – Yr 2 Presentation Day
Friday, Dec 14	Xmas Carols evening
Saturday, Dec 15	Olive Tree Market – 9am to 5pm

Week 11**Event**

Monday, Dec 17	Year 6 Clap-out
Monday, Dec 17	Year 6 Farwell Dinner & Disco
Wednesday, Dec 19	LAST DAY FOR STUDENTS

CALENDAR - TERM 1 – 2013**Week 1****Event**

Tuesday, Jan 29	Staff only return
Wednesday, Jan 30	YEAR 1 – 6 RETURN
Thursday, Jan 31	Kindergarten 2013 start school

SPECIAL MENTION AWARDS**Term 4 Week 6****KINDERGARTEN TO YEAR 2 ASSEMBLIES**

KC	Esther H Luca W	Lauren F
KD	Patrick M Xavier C	Emily K
KK	Charlotte W	
KH	TygaLilly V Livinia C	Matilda A Kristian R
KS	Mia P Isaac J	Sydney A
KS	Samuel C	Special Mentions Ribbon for 5 awards
1CR	Ziv Turner F	York N
1L	Claudia R	Toby S
1J	Ella Spratt	Scoutt H
1/2H	Lachlan B	Talara B
2C	Charlotte H	Daniel B
2B	Nell H	Ashley P
2M	Neve H	Thomas P
2W	Tabitha C	Piper B

BAND NEWS**BAND PRESENTATION NIGHT Thursday
29th November**

The culmination of our year is fast approaching and our bands are busily preparing for our Band Presentation Night. Invitations for parents and friends are going home today but I would like to extend an open invitation to all at The Junction PS to attend. Some of our new band members for 2013 and their parents have expressed interest in attending this event. All visitors are most welcome.

Performances include solos from departing Year 6 band members, performances from our three Bands and Percussion Ensemble, presentations to all band members, band captains, conductors and tutors. There is even a grand finale combined performance. This year is significant as it is the first year we have held it at the **Conservatorium of Music**.

All students are to arrive at 5:30pm and the concert begins at 6:00pm. Admittance is \$5 per person (children free). Thank you, Mrs Fitzgibbon

WINNER 'LEGO NEWY' COMPETITION

Oliver A of Class 3/4C came first in the Under 12 age group for the Lego competition held recently at the Newcastle Museum with his model of a Coal Loader. The winning entries will be on display at Newcastle Museum from 20 November – 16 December.

Other fantastic models include:- Pasha Bulker and LEGO gowrie.

The competition was based on most accurate and creative Newcastle related models.



SCHOOL GARDEN PRODUCE

On Monday mornings from 8.30am under the garden arch, herbs from our school garden are for sale. Add some fresh herbs to your casseroles and salads. Coriander, parsley, thyme and sage - \$1 per bunch and bush tomatoes (4 for \$1). Thanks Mr Agnew

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.

GREAT AUSSIE BUSH CAMP - Day 1

On Wednesday 7th of November, Year 4 headed off to the Great Aussie Bush Camp at Tea Gardens. We had to arrive at school at 8:45am and the bus left at 9:15am. We finally got to The Great Aussie Bush Camp about one hour later as we had to stop and wait for the other bus because it broke down and started to smoke.

When we got to Great Aussie Bush Camp we all went to the camp site and sat around the campfire. We found out who was in our tents. I got all the people who I wanted in my tent. We unpacked and went out to have a snow cone before heading off to our first activity.

My group's first activity was canoeing. We played cows and cowboys in the canoes. Cows and cowboys is basically build up tips in a canoe, except whoever was a cow had to say moo every few seconds and whoever was a cowboy had to say yeehaa every few seconds. Canoeing was great fun and I'm glad we didn't capsizе because there were eels in the dam.

Our second activity on the first day was rock climbing! It was fun but I couldn't get past one little rock. My wrist started to get a cramp in it, so I had to come down as it was hurting a lot. After my team all had a turn, we all had to hold onto the rope so Miss Chaffey could have a turn! In our group Hannah R managed to reach the top of the wall. What an amazing effort!

The third activity of the day was my favourite one out of all the activities we tried over the three days... The Giant Swing!!!! It was really enjoyable. I was the second person in my group to have a turn. First, the rest of the group had to pull a rope which took me up to the highest point. I was so high that everyone looked like tiny ants on the ground. When I was ready to swing, I had to pull a little rope and then I fell. It was exciting and scary at the same time. I screamed a little bit.

We were really hungry after finishing our activities so we headed off to dinner. We had spaghetti bolognese and ice cream for dessert. After dinner, we sat around the campfire to find out about our evening's activities. We were going to play Commando. To play Commando the instructors took hostages out into a tent in the bush, which we had to try and save. However, the teachers had torches and if they shone it on you, you had to give them a token and go back to the base and complete a challenge before we could get a new token and try again.

Unfortunately, we had to stop in the middle of the game because it started to storm and rain. We went back to the shed and played some indoor games. After some games, the instructors turned the lights out and then Scotty, one of our instructors, did some fire dancing. It was amazing. He is very clever!

Finally it was time for bed...By Charli C (3/4C)

.....to be continued for Day 2 and 3.

SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR

Wow! What a wonderful response to the Book Fair held at school here recently. Thank you to the parents who purchased books and to those who donated to our school library. We have received \$3,500 credit to be used for future purchases from Scholastic for our school.

P & C NEWS

It was lovely to see all the new parents and children at the Kindergarten Orientation Days last week. With my youngest child in Year 6, next year's kindergarten children look so small! So cute! Thanks to Kim Forbes for organising the Morning Teas and the "experienced" TJPS mothers who helped welcome the new parents to our school: Justine Ulph, Robyn Malby, Linda Taylor, Sarah Harden, Johanna Anderson, Katharine Barrett and Karly Zacharia.

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 at junctionpandc@hotmail.com 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 3 December 2012 - with the award decided the following evening at the P&C meeting (7.00pm Tuesday 4 December).

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
2011 Kim van Huisstede

Olive Tree Market BBQ

Saturday, 1 December -Kindergarten + Year 2 + Year 4 + Year 6

Saturday, 15 December - Year 1 + Year 3 + Year 5
The Markets should be busy with Christmas just around the corner, with extended hours 9am – 5pm. Thanks to those people who have already signed up. Can you help out with an 1½ hour?

- ☆ recruit your friends for a shift
- ☆ catch up before the holidays
- ☆ do your holiday shopping at the Markets
- ☆ help raise money for the school!

Please contact our BBQ coordinator extraordinaire, Liz Ginter on 0411 487 713 or elizabeth-g@bigpond.com if you can work a shift. **For December 1st, we still need people on the following shifts:**

- 10-11.30 – just one more person needed!
- 11.30-1
- 2.30-4pm
- 4-5.30

The Junction Public School's Motto and Pledge Survey – due 28 November

This year there has been debate about The Junction Public School's motto and pledge. The P&C has offered to facilitate finding out what the school community thinks.

What do you think? Please take 5 minutes to complete the survey which was sent home last week. Your survey can be returned to the box in the front office lobby. Results will be tabulated and discussed at the next P&C meeting (4 December). There are links from the P&C web page with some historical information on the school motto:

<http://www.thejunction-p.schools.nsw.edu.au/p-c/>

If your family didn't get a survey, or if it was misplaced, a replacement can be gotten from the Front Office.

Class Contact Lists

This is a friendly reminder that the Class Contact Lists compiled by the P&C go out under the following premise:

"This year we are once again compiling class contact lists. These are useful when planning catch-ups, parties and school holiday activities. Only parents who choose to be included on the list will receive a copy and the details are not otherwise published or distributed."

To respect people's privacy, we ask that you do not share the information on these lists. If someone is new to your class and wishes to be added, they can contact the P&C, and we can amend the list. The P&C compiles and distributes these lists as a service to the community. If these lists put people's private information at risk, then we will no longer be able to do so.

Next P&C Meeting – Tuesday 4 December, 7pm. P&C meetings are held the first Tuesday of every month. We'll be discussing the Fundraising Framework, and looking at survey results of the school community about the school motto and pledge. Everyone is welcome to attend. Meetings are held in the school's staff room, down the hall from the Front Office.

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! All positions on the P&C executive will become vacant at the March Annual General Meeting. The position of Secretary and one Vice-President can be filled by the people currently in the roles. However, the P&C positions of **President, Vice-President and Treasurer** must be filled by new people in 2013. We are 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>

Please don't feel as though you have to be a long time member of the P&C to volunteer. 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 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

Coming Friday 14 December: Carols by Candlelight: picnic and music for the whole family.

Want to keep up with P&C news "on the go"?
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CHARITY DAY – 2012

Everyone had so much fun whilst donating money to Charities.....



CREATIVE & PRACTICAL ARTS NIGHT....

