

The Junction News

Newsletter of The Junction Public School



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Term 4 – Week 8

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PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

It's so hard to believe that we have effectively just over 3 weeks of school left in 2012. There are many significant events still to take place.

Student Leaders 2013

Yesterday we held the student leaders' 2013 candidate's speeches at a special school assembly. It was a very impressive occasion and once again we are very proud of all students who spoke about their aspirations for the school and how they would endeavour to lead the student body.

All students from Year 2 to 6 then voted. We will be announcing the results of the election next Monday morning at 9.00am assembly. During next Monday we will also elect the Sports Leaders for 2013 at Sports House meetings. We will announce the successful Sports House Leaders at 2.00pm assembly next Monday.

Best Wishes

Best wishes to our boys school cricket team who will be playing in the semi-finals of the PSSA State Cricket competition tomorrow at Maitland. The boys have had a spectacular season under the watchful eye of coach Jody Cooper and are looking forward to their match against Parkes Public School. If successful the boys will play the final on the same day. Wishing them a great game! Congratulations to Wilson McTaggart in the team who also was selected for the state cricket team to play Nationals later this term. A wonderful achievement Wilson!!

Band Presentation Night – Conservatorium

I am really looking forward to the Band Presentation Night this coming Thursday to be held at The Conservatorium. This night is the culmination of a very successful year for all three bands and the percussion group. I would like to sincerely thank all band tutors – Michael Bell, Michael Jobson, Matthew Law and David Tracey for their skill and professionalism in assisting all students.

Huge thanks must also go to Lesley Fitzgibbon for her dedicated co-ordination of all programs to ensure the quality of all that has been achieved.

Reading Recovery Programs

Many thanks to teachers Ruth Dewar and Susan Taranawiwat for the outstanding co-ordination of the

Reading Recovery programs for 2012. All students in Years 1 and 2 who participated in these programs have made wonderful progress this year. Thank you Ruth and Susan.

Presentation Days

A reminder to parents that our Presentation Days will take place on the 13th and 14th December this year. We will start 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 approximately 30 minutes. At the following assemblies, in the new school hall **every single child in every class** will be called forward to receive a certificate.

At 9.45am on Thursday 13th 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 13th December there will be a morning tea supplied for parents staying on for the next assembly. **At 11.30am on Thursday 13th 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 14th 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 10.45am (approx) on Friday 14th December** there will be a morning tea supplied for parents staying on for the next assembly.

At 11.20am (approx) on Friday 14th 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 focussed on celebrating the achievements of all students and recognising their efforts over the whole year. There will be some small class items at each assembly.

Looking forward to seeing you there!

Australian Youth Choir

Congratulations to Tahlya Van Huisstede from Year 3 who also was selected in the Australian Youth Choir.

Wendy Cheek, Principal

CALENDAR - TERM 4 – 2012**Week 8****Event**

Wednesday, Nov 28	PSSA Cricket Semi-final/final at Maitland Park
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 Student executive
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	Students in YEAR 1–6 RETURN
Thursday, Jan 31	Kindergarten 2013 start school

CHARITY DAY DONATIONS

The Student Executive met with Mr Alcock on Friday to decide to whom we should donate the proceeds of our Charity Day. We have sent cheques to:- Ronald McDonald House, Breast Cancer Foundation, Stewart House and LGS (South Pacific) who support underprivileged children in Fiji. Thank you

SPECIAL MENTION AWARDS**Term 4 Week 7****KINDERGARTEN TO YEAR 2 ASSEMBLIES**

KC	Blake O'B Hollie D	Oscar F
KD	Sadie B Sophia L	Rori L
KK	Harry C	Elena H Raiyan R
KH	Ashton M Charlie C	Sophie H
KS	Ciara F Hannah S	Luke P
1CR	Joshua D	Bailey F
1L	Sophie C	Ethan M
1J	Bridget H	Nate R
1/2H	Indah J	Kiani C
2C	Matthew B	Jemma W
2B	Ana N	Ella G
2M	Ayden K	Mary-Jane R
2W	Piper B	Caitlin T Trinity B

YEARS 3, 4, 5 & 6 ASSEMBLY

3MC	Myah R Jack W	Ruby Z Sunny W
3W	Kepei T Gill M	Joseph D
3/4C	Oliver A Jorjia V	Summer C Shahar E
4L	Lachlan B	Quentin W
4A	Rahmah R Haylie S	Jack S Archie C
6/5B	Dixon S Holly H	Ethan C Jett M
6/5S	Finn Ca Benjamin H	William L Aleksandr F
6/5T	Jordan L Angus S	Maddy S
6/5C	Noah D Amy M	Daniel S Isabella F
6/5F	Alice D Courtney S	Brielle V Angus F

BAND NEWS –

BAND PRESENTATION NIGHT 29th November

All parents have now received an invitation to our Band presentation Night this Thursday. Our new band members for 2013 and their parents are most welcome to attend. 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) payable at the door on the night. Mrs Fitzgibbon

GYMNASTIC CHAMPIONSHIPS

Last Saturday Max Fricker of Year 1 represented The Junction Public School in the K-2 Division of the Lake Macquarie Trampoline Sports Championships competition. Max won two silver medals, placing 2nd on Double Mini Tramp and 2nd on Tumbling. Congratulations Max!



ETHICS TEACHERS NEEDED FOR 2013

Special Education in Ethics is offered at The Junction Public School to pupils in Years 3-6 who opt out of Scripture (Special Religious Education). To be able to continue offering these classes across these years in 2013 more teachers are needed. The curriculum is inquiry based and full training and support is provided. Children in the classes use dialogue and discussion, learning how to think about ethical matters through the give-and-take of reasoned argument. If you (or friends or relatives you know) are interested in becoming an Ethics teacher or would like more information please contact me by emailing tjpsethics@gmail.com.

I am really keen to have the teacher numbers finalised before school starts back next year so would love to hear from anyone interested as soon as possible.

Cathy McIntyre, Ethics Coordinator for TJPS

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.

P & C NEWS

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.

Who is Betty Anderson? Betty Anderson started volunteering here when her children went to The Junction Public School. She didn't stop when they went on to high school – but continued to work for the benefit of TJPS children by running the canteen (which was then run by the parents of the school). Betty "retired" after a phenomenal 40 years of volunteer service to the school. It is in her honour that the P&C started the **Betty Anderson Award** in 1997.

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 2011 - 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

The P&C Thanks our Teachers and Staff

I'm sure you'll agree with me that our teachers and staff have made 2012 another great school year. From their work in the classrooms to special excursions to our fabulous Art Show, again and again they put in the extra effort to make our children's education better. The P&C is putting on a special Morning Tea on Friday 30 November to acknowledge our thanks for all their hard work. If you can contribute a sweet or savoury treat for morning tea, please let me know (junctionpandc@hotmail.com), or just drop it into the Front Office on Friday morning. - Karla

Olive Tree Market BBQ

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 1½ hours?

Please contact our BBQ coordinator extraordinaire, Liz Ginter on 0411 487 713 or elizabeth-g@bigpond.com if you can work a shift.

Saturday, 1 December - Kindergarten + Year 2 + Year 4 + Year 6: We're almost there:

- 2.30 - 4pm – just 2 more people needed!
- 4 - 5.30pm – just 3 more people needed!

And coming up quickly is **Saturday, 15 December - Year 1 + Year 3 + Year 5: all shifts still need people.**

The Junction Public School's Motto and Pledge Survey --- Survey closes tomorrow, 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. 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.

2013 – P&C Spotlight on the Treasurer

We need an enthusiastic person with some basic financial skills to fill the position of P&C Treasurer in 2013. **What does the Treasurer do?** The following is from the NSW P&C "Fact Sheet" on the Treasurer: Whilst all P&C members must be mindful of complying with financial accountability requirements, this is the Treasurer's primary responsibility. The Treasurer receives and deposits monies, maintains records, draws cheques and presents accounts. The Treasurer presents a report in the form of an income and expenditure statement together with a reconciled bank statement for each and every P&C meeting. The Treasurer should encourage members to understand the state of the P&C finances. The Treasurer must ensure a case book or books are kept, recording all financial transactions of the P&C Association.

All positions on the P&C executive will become vacant at the March Annual General Meeting. The position of Secretary, Correspondence 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.