

The Junction News

Newsletter of The Junction Public School



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Term 4 – Week 9

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PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Student Leaders – 2013

Congratulations to our new student leaders for 2013. At yesterday morning's assembly we were able to announce and congratulate the following students:

Girl School Captain – Ellie S

Boy School Captain – Kofi H

Prefects – Bella D; Zoe D; Bella S; Isla H; Sapumal G; Daniel B; Zac F; Joshua T. Well done to all candidates who gave such wonderful speeches last week and to all Year 5 for participating so enthusiastically in leadership training this term.

Sports Leaders

Congratulations to the following students who were elected by their sports houses today to the following positions:

QUINLAN – Captains: – Tyler B & Ejay S

Vice-Captains: Aleksandr F & Georgia M

LADKIN – Captains: Nicholas K & Sophie W

Vice-Captains:– Luke G & Clare S

TREHARNE–Captains: Claude C & Arabelle C

Vice-Captains: Jake S & Samara F

EDMUNDS –Captains: Ethan C & Zoe S

Vice-Captains: Dixon S & Chiara V

The new leadership teams will be inducted with their badges on Thursday 13th December at our whole school Presentations Day assembly. Parents and/or family members are invited to 'pin' the badges on their children. We look forward to working with all these wonderful teams next year.

Presentation Days - next Thursday 13th December.

We will begin our 2012 Presentation Day program 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 no more than 30 minutes. After this at the following assemblies, in the new school hall every single child in every class will be called forward to receive a certificate.

At 9.40am 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 entertainment at all assemblies over the two days including the bands, dance groups, choirs, strings group, percussion group, and some class groups. **All parents are warmly invited to attend.**

Congratulations!

Congratulations to our boy's cricket team who are now NSW State Premiers for cricket!!! They put forward a convincing performance last Wednesday at Maitland – playing Parkes Public School in the semi-final and Tamworth Public School in the final. It was a very strong performance indeed with the boys winning by over 80 runs in a 25 over match. What was most impressive to me was the sportsmanship and team-work – I was very proud of all boys. The boys had to dig deep in their semi-final win over Parkes. In the final they all stepped up under hot humid conditions, even though the boys were tired they kept a level head and secured a very professional victory! How could you go wrong really when you have the likes of Jody Cooper (Australian Cricket rep) as their coach? Thanks Jody for the way you have supported and coached the team this year. Outstanding result! Our former Principal John Theaker will be at the 11.30am assembly this Friday to present banners to the boys.



Parent Volunteers Morning Tea

It was wonderful to see so many of our wonderful parents and volunteers attend our thank-you morning tea today in the hall. We are so grateful for all the ways our parents and community members give so generously of their time and commitment to our school. The school is able to provide outstanding educational programs because we are so generously supported. Please accept my personal thanks to you all for your dedication and support.

Carols Night – Friday 14th December

Bring your picnic blankets and good cheer to our community carols night on Friday night 14th December under the COLA area. Hoping for beautiful fine weather, where you will be able enjoy a great sing-a-long as well as be entertained by some talented groups. The event begins at 6.00pm with a delicious BBQ available and singing starting from after 6.30pm. Electric candles will be for sale as well as glow products. Come and enjoy!

Wendy Cheek, Principal

CALENDAR - TERM 4 – 2012**Week 9****Event**

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 – 6pm
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

SCIENCE CLUB (YEARS 3-6)

We are going to have a slimy time this week at Science Club...you can have a go at making your own green slime! Come to the Old Hall on Wednesday after you eat your lunch. Parent helpers are most welcome, please contact Robyn on 0414 240198 or just turn up around 1pm.

SPECIAL MENTION AWARDS**Term 4 Week 8****KINDERGARTEN TO YEAR 2 ASSEMBLIES**

KC	Yorygi F	
KD	Lily B Trisha S	Chloe H
KK	Maeve T	Ned R Chloe J
KH	Livinia C Sabine Y	Lara C
KS	Vincent M	Sofala K
1CR	Monica L	Caden L
1L	Lucia P Adele B	Toby S
1J	Ned M	Harvey M
1/2H	Django H	Chalah B
2C	Michelle J	Stephen P
2B	Benjamin D	Pearl C
2M	Ethan O'B	Charlotte C
2W	Jesse S	Luke O'K

YEARS 3, 4, 5 & 6 ASSEMBLY

3MC	Justin T	Bella F
3W	Haley M Tom J	Louka P
3/4C	Jeremy B	Patrick P
4L	Abigail D	Lillian Mc
6/5B	Georgina S	Jack S
6/5S	Jacob J	Zoe D
6/5T	Ejay S	Zahlia W
6/5C	Lachlan J	Anika L
6/5F	Kyriaki K	Claude C
Band Awards	Caitlin K – Junior Sally H – Intermed.	Sam N - Senior
Choir	Clara A	Isabelle D

NEWSPAPER IN SCHOOLS COMPETITION

Last Tuesday students from the editorial committee of the Newcastle Herald Newspaper in Schools Competition attended an awards ceremony at the Hunter Stadium. Sixty primary schools entered the competition and many students were recognised for their top quality entries. Sienna H was awarded Highly Commended for her interesting article on our canteen workers. Finley B was the winner in the Primary Photographic section. Congratulations to these winners and to all the Year 6 students who helped produce such a well produced entry. Mrs Keating



RAFFLE TICKETS TO SUPPORT WILSON

Wilson M of Year 6 is representing NSW at the PSSA National Cricket Competition in South Australia this month. There are Raffle Tickets (\$2) for sale in the office to assist with costs involved in representing the school and state at this level. Thank you.

NEWS FROM CLASS 3/4C

3/4C's Rube Goldberg Design Challenge

This term 3/4C have embarked on a Rube Goldberg design challenge. Their goal is to make a balloon pop using a complex series of chain reactions that involves all six simple machines. Students will be demonstrating their completed contraptions next Tuesday afternoon in the new hall from 2pm-3pm. All friends and family of 3/4C students are invited along to watch proceedings.

Edublog Awards

3/4C blog – <http://tips34c.edublogs.org> has been short listed in the Edublog Awards in the Best Class Blog category. If you'd like to vote for our class blog, simply go to this website - <http://edublogawards.com/vote-here/> select Best Class Blog from the category drop down menu, then select 3/4C @ The Junction and click vote. You can vote once each day up until the Sunday 9th December. Thank you for your support.

P & C ART CALENDARS

The Art Calendars and Phone covers have arrived and have been distributed. They look amazing! The school would like to thank Danielle Carney, Karla Karinen and all their helpers for collating and organising this fundraising event.

NEWS FROM THE GARDEN

The Garden Stall is on Monday morning 8:40 to 9:00. Students will be selling; Thyme, Parsley and Beetroot. Lemons, corn, potatoes, grape tomatoes and zucchinis are starting to ripen, so there will be a limited amount of these vegetables available too. All money is used back in the garden and the students decide how they will spend it. Mr Agnew

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 tipsethics@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 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

There will be no more student banking for Newcastle Permanent Building Society and the Commonwealth Bank this year. School banking will recommence early in 2013. Thank you to our Parent Volunteers Tanya Fitzgerald, Rachel Henshaw and Nicole Withers for processing the banking through the year.

CANTEEN NEWS

As it is nearly the end of the year not all items on the menu are available in the last weeks of the school year as we do not place orders – we will endeavour to fill or replace similar menu items.

I would also like to thank Jenni, Jodie, Bec, all the clients, volunteers, P & C and staff in the school for your great work and support you have given this year in the canteen.

I hope we have another great year in 2013.

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

P & C NEWS

Last P&C Meeting for the Year– tonight, Tuesday 4 December, 7pm.

P&C meetings are held the first Tuesday of every month. A few things on tonight's agenda:

- survey results of the school community about the school motto and pledge
- the much delayed annual fundraising framework review
- what to do with our year end surplus

Everyone is welcome to attend. Meetings are held in the school's staff room, down the hall from the Front Office.

P&C Meeting Dates for 2013

- First meeting – Tuesday 5 February, 7pm
- Annual general meeting – Tuesday 5 March, 7pm

Finances – 2012. We have had an extraordinary year! We have a very generous community, and our fundraising has allowed us to purchase over \$30,000 of resources for the school this year. **What was purchased?** Well, it's an impressive list, including some items funded last year but bought this year:

Two Smartboards (from last year's funding)	\$13,980
Ambulance Cover	\$330
Betty Anderson Award plaque and engraving	\$75
Library Books (standing orders)	\$1,400
Toilet Roll Holders	\$350
Bag hooks and concrete for demountable classrooms	\$334
Dictionaries and thesauruses for Year 5 & 6	\$2,000
Kindergarten through Year 2 home readers	\$3,995
Soil, plants and mulch for school gardens	\$335
Bush Dance Band	\$350
iPad applications	\$450
Creative Arts – dance costume fabric	\$75
Subsidy of excursions (Canberra, Life Education)	\$366
Trivia Night funding: 2 interactive projectors	\$7,527
Charity Day BBQ supplies	\$355
Total to mid-November	\$31,922

And the great news is that we still have Trivia Night money to spend on the playground, as well as surplus from our other fundraising. Come to tonight's P&C meeting to help decide where these dollars should go.

The Junction Public School's Motto and Pledge Survey

The results of the motto and pledge survey are being compiled and will be presented at the P&C meeting tonight. If you can't make the meeting, copies will be

available in the Front Office lobby on Wednesday, or I can send you an electronic copy (send me an e-mail at junctionpandc@hotmail.com). We'll try to get a copy of all the comments and the survey results posted on the P&C webpage by next week.

Olive Tree Market BBQ – December 1st

Huge thanks to the volunteers who came out in the heat on Saturday and slaved over a hot BBQ, served sandwiches & drinks, and worked the till: We sold **\$2,287** worth of food, our biggest BBQ take this year. We used 10 bags of ice and sold over 600 sausage sandwiches: yes, it was hot and very busy! **Thanks to:** Daniel Bishop, Jane Clack, Julie Wharton, Greg Knapp, Michael Jonker, June McTaggart, Cathy McIntyre, Ian Potts, Shehanaaz Badat, Kendall Long, Sue Lucas, Steve Spencer, Yvette Ancombe, Geoff Overmyer, Suzanne Taylor, Dave Donald, Nicole Grgas, Chris Taylor... and yes... once again Liz Ginters! Thanks also to TJPS students who helped out.

Olive Tree Market BBQ – 2 February 2013 – Year 3

We did not get enough volunteers to run the December 15th BBQ, so our next date is **Saturday, 2 February**. It will be the turn of the **current Year 2** parents and carers – who will then be Year 3 parents and carers! Catch up with your friends after the summer holidays – chat and help out by raising some money for the school....Since this will be the first BBQ of the year, and at the end of the first week of school, please feel free to volunteer even if your child(ren) is in a different year. Can you help out with an 1½ hour? Please contact our BBQ coordinator extraordinaire, Liz Ginter on 0411 487 713 or elizabeth-g@bigpond.com if you can work a shift.

Art Calendars and iPhone covers are now all sorted, and should be coming home either last week or today. If you didn't get your order, or have a problem, please let us know **right away:** junctionpandc@hotmail.com. **Thanks again** to Danielle Carney and her helpers; we've made around \$2,800 for the school. Wow!

CAROLS BY CANDLELIGHT

DATE: Friday 14 December

TIME: 6 - 8:30pm

WHERE: Under the COLA

WHAT TO BRING: chairs, blankets, picnic tea and **fine singing voices**

I know everyone's end of year calendar is getting full, but we had such a great time last year, we thought we'd do it again this year! We will run a BBQ from 6-7pm (sausage sandwich for \$2.50 drinks for \$2 or bring your own picnic tea.

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