

# The Junction News

Newsletter of The Junction Public School



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Term 3 – Week 2

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## PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

### Hunter Region Dance Festival

Congratulations to all dance groups who are performing this week at the Hunter Region Dance Festival at Panthers.

Much practice and preparation has gone into developing these performances to this level. To have five different dance groups performing, is a huge feat for a school and thanks must go to our wonderful dance tutors as well as Karen Read and Ruth Dewar for all their support, making of costumes for the students and organization. I hope you are able to see their performances which are on from Monday to Thursday this week. I had the pleasure of seeing the senior girls group last night and their dance was exceptional.

### Zone Athletics

Best wishes to our school team who will be representing in various events at the Zone Athletics Carnival on Friday this week and Tuesday next week. We know they will represent the school in the best possible way and wish them a very successful day.

### Staff Development Day

This Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> July, the staff will be working at school on further development of core teaching content and differentiated units of work and assessment tasks. This professional development is directly linked to our targets in our school plan to more effectively meet the needs of students and improve student learning outcomes. The Department allows schools to work additional days through the year (weekends) in lieu of the last two days of the school year in December. As a staff we feel that students will directly benefit from the outcomes of this professional development now rather than at the end of the year.

### Newcastle High School Parent Information Evening

A reminder to parents of Year 6 students attending Newcastle High next year, that there will be an information night tonight for all parents at 6.45pm for refreshments and a 7.00pm start. The meeting will take place in the Cultural Centre behind the main office block. There will be a tour of the school and lots of information where you will have all your questions answered.

### Parking around the school

Please be aware that there are a number of 5 minute parking zones on both sides of the school. These zones are designed for parents to quickly drop their children off or to pick them up. If you need to come into the school with your child could you please use the longer parking zones. The school is regularly patrolled by the Parking rangers and parents have been booked for overstaying in the 5 minute zones.

### Healthy Kid Friendly Recipes

The Healthy Kids website has a range of nutritious, tasty and easy to prepare recipes for young chefs. The website is packed with information and resources and ideas on physical activity and healthy eating for children and young people.

Go to:

<http://www.healthykids.nsw.gov.au/recipes.aspx?category=kidfriendlyrecipes>

### Musica Viva

Last week's Musica Viva performances were outstanding and really enjoyed by all students. This national program is highly regarded and its presenters are among the best professionals in this area. During the day they told me that they were thrilled with the wonderful participation of our students and had never been in a school where the students had been so wonderfully prepared for the performances. They said it was one of the best schools they had performed in due to the high interest of the students and their music knowledge.

Thanks must therefore go to Lesley Fitzgibbon and her outstanding music program. What a wonderful asset to our school!



Wendy Cheek, Principal



**CALENDAR - TERM 3 – 2012****Week 2****Event**

<b>Wednesday, July 25</b>	<b>Last day to place Meal Deal Orders by 9.30am</b>
<b>Thursday, July 26</b>	<b>Gymnastics starts for Year 2</b>
<b>Friday, July 27</b>	<b>Zone Track Events</b>

**Week 3****Event**

<b>Monday, July 30</b>	<b>ICAS English Test-9.15am</b>
<b>Tuesday, July 31</b>	<b>Zone Field Events</b>
<b>Wednesday, August 1</b>	<b>Canteen Meal Deal Day – No other lunch orders today</b>
<b>Saturday, August 4</b>	<b>Olive Tree Markets: 9am – 3pm</b>

**Week 4****Event**

<b>Tuesday, August 7</b>	<b>P &amp; C Meeting – 7pm staffroom</b>
<b>Saturday, August 11</b>	<b>P &amp; C Trivia Night</b>

**Week 5****Event**

<b>Wednesday, August 15</b>	<b>Year 6 Canberra/Bathurst Visit</b>
<b>Thursday, August 16</b>	<b>Year 6 Canberra/Bathurst Visit</b>
<b>Friday, August 17</b>	<b>Year 6 Canberra/Bathurst Visit</b>

**Week 6****Event**

<b>Monday, August 20</b>	<b>Year 5 Canberra/Bathurst Visit</b>
<b>Tuesday, August 21</b>	<b>Year 5 Canberra/Bathurst Visit</b>
<b>Wednesday, August 22</b>	<b>Year 5 Canberra/Bathurst Visit</b>

**CANTEEN NEWS**

**“Meal Deal Day” - Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> August**

**ORDERS MUST BE PLACED BY 9.30AM TOMORROW!**

‘Meal Deal Order Forms’ were sent home last week with the newsletter. Please note, only one child per order form. Payment of \$6.50 and orders must be at the canteen by 9.30am on Wednesday 25 July.

There will be no other lunch orders on Meal Deal Day – Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> August.

This day will also be a ‘Red Day’ and lollies priced from 10 cents will be available on Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> August.

**SPECIAL MENTION AWARDS****Term 3 Week 1****YEARS 1 & 2 ASSEMBLY**

<b>1CR</b>	Ziv T	Monica L
<b>1J</b>	Ned M	Poppy D
<b>1L</b>	Ethan A	Tyler J
<b>1/2H</b>	Emily S	Joe B
<b>2C</b>	Charlotte H	Tahlia R
<b>2B</b>	Joseph P	Sylvia K Jordan D
<b>2M</b>	Charlotte C	Ethan O'B
<b>2W</b>	Grace F	Junior T

**2B, 2C, 2M, 2W – GYMNASTICS**

Gymnastics starts this Thursday for the above classes. If you have not signed the Permission Note your child will not be able to participate. Students in these classes will need to wear their sports uniform on Thursday for all of Term 3.

**MUSICA VIVA**

All students enjoyed the Musica Viva performance last Friday. B'tutta delivered a very enjoyable presentation involving all students and using many percussion instruments. These annual Musica Viva performances provide our children with invaluable musical experiences. Our students are also to be congratulated for their wholehearted participation in the performances. Lesley Fitzgibbon

**BAND NEWS**

As there have been some changes to the Junior and Intermediate Band rehearsal times below is a timetable to assist parents and students.

**Junior Band:** Monday 3pm to 4pm and Thursday 2pm to 3pm

**Intermediate Band:** Tuesday 3pm to 4pm and Wednesday 2pm to 3pm

**Senior Band:** Tuesday 2pm to 3pm and Friday 8am to 9am.

**YEAR 5 AND 6 CANBERRA/BATHURST**

Just a reminder that full payment for the above excursions will be required by Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> August. Thank you. Mrs Briggs

## UNIVERSITY OF NSW COMPUTER COMPETITION

46 students from The Junction Public School took part in the recent ICAS Computer test. Congratulations to the following students who achieved commendable results in this test:

### Year 3

**High Distinction-** Daniel Ma

**Distinction-** Saxon C, Finnian G, Tom S

**Credit –** Katrina G, Lucy U, Madison S

### Year 4

**High Distinction-** Samuel A, Chris B, Shahr E

**Distinction-** Emily D

**Credit-** Anika P, Jonathon O, Angus M

### Year 5

**Distinction-** Tobias G, Benjamin H

**Credit-** Zac F, Blake S, Bella S

### Year 6

**High Distinction-** Wilson M

**Credit-** Toby B, Ruby D, Courtney S

## MY ADVENTURES AT STATE JUNIOR BAND CAMP by Tessie O

On the last Saturday of the holidays I packed up my sax and clarinet and headed off to Stanwell Tops for six days at State Junior Band Camp.

On the first afternoon we auditioned for a place in one of the main ensembles (Ensemble 1). I got to play second clarinet in the Symphony Orchestra (the top band in Ensemble 1) and second sax in the Saxophone Ensemble (Ensemble 2).

A typical day started off after breakfast with a warm up then an hour rehearsal with Ensemble 1. After morning tea, we rehearsed the Camp Item (a combined choir and orchestra piece) then we had another hour of Ensemble 1. After lunch we did recreational activities or Ensemble 2. I did Mission Impossible and the Giant Swing which was 18m high and I went to the top. After afternoon tea we had sectionals of Camp Item then another hour of Ensemble 1. After dinner we had evening recreational activities, such as trivia and games, followed by supper.

We were busy all day, every day and had no time to miss TV, ipods or homework. The camp ended with a concert for parents and the finale was the Camp Item. The State Junior Band Camp is for students in Years 5 to 8 and run by the Arts Unit. There were about 300 band members and thirty tutors, helper and organisers. I stayed in a cabin with five other girls who were from Orange, Sydney and other places in NSW. I made some great friends, had lots of fun, played challenging music, and had such an awesome time that I want to go back next year.

## BOOK CLUB ORDERS FROM TERM 2

There are still two Book Club Orders from Term 2 with no names on the order sheet that haven't been collected. Please see Mrs Land in the library.

## NEW BOOK CLUB HERE AT SCHOOL

All new Book-Ends!!

**What:** An amazing time to read!

**Where:** Library

**When:** Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> half lunch

(Meet us in Junior Fiction)

**Who:** You!!!!

A time to read amazing books with friends!

Hosted by Alyssa W and Shannon D



## HELP NEEDED !!

Last week a group of 6 mums volunteered their time and have promised to come back this week – Would you like to join them?

We have recently purchased new readers thanks to the generosity of the P & C. We are keen to prolong the life of these books by covering them in contact.

This Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> July, we are having a book covering morning in the Library

**9am to 10.30am**

**Morning tea will be provided**

See you there!!

## 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.

## 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

Did you know we have 13 new students this term at the Junction? I'd like to extend a warm welcome to these new families. We have a great community of students, teachers, staff and parents who work together to make sure our children have the best possible education. We are pleased to have you join us.

My good news for the week is that Ruth Conroy has volunteered to be the P&C Secretary. Ruth is the mother of Joe (3/4C) and Monica (1CR) Langlois here at The Junction, and former student Patrick Langlois who is now in Year 7 at Newcastle High School. Thanks Ruth!

**Trivia Night – 11 August.** Raffle tickets will be coming home today. Thanks to our Trivia Prize team – who have been hard at work for months now – there are some **amazing prizes** being donated by our local businesses. **1<sup>st</sup> prize for the Raffle** is an iPad 2 with 16GB memory and 3G, thanks to the Telstra Business Centre in Broadmeadow. And there's more! See the notice below for all the details. Tickets to Trivia Night are on sale, and the early bird price only goes until 1 August. If you need a ticket booking form, there are spares in the flyer rack in the Front Office, or send me an e-mail, and I'll send you the form [junctionpandc@hotmail.com](mailto:junctionpandc@hotmail.com).

### Olive Tree Market BBQ – Saturday, 4 August – Year 5

We still need volunteers for the August BBQ – thanks to the parents who have already volunteered. Working the BBQ is easy, and we earn a lot of funds for the school this way. If you have an hour and a half – we still need people on these shifts:

8:30-10am (set-up): **four** people needed

10-11:30am: **three** people needed

11:30am-1pm: **full!**

1-2:30pm close: **one** person needed

Working the BBQ is a great way to meet other parents and to catch up with friends. Please call Liz Ginters on Ph 0411 487 713 or [elizabeth-g@bigpond.com](mailto:elizabeth-g@bigpond.com) to volunteer.

**Woolworths Earn and Learn.** Over **10,000** stickers have been turned in – thanks! We should be able to get some great education materials from this program, and it's been extended **until 12 August**. If you shop at Markettown, just put your stickers in the bin marked "Junction Primary" – it's by the store entrance. Or, you can put the stickers in the box in the Front Office foyer. If you need another card for your stickers, they are next to the box.

**Coles Sports for Schools** is up and running through 14 August. Vouchers can be dropped into the box in the Front Office foyer. TJPS has earned a lot of good sports equipment for the school in the past two years, so please send your vouchers in – every bit helps.

**Next P&C Meeting – Tuesday 7 August at 7pm.** P&C meetings are held the first Tuesday of every month, except during school holidays. Everyone is welcome to attend. Meetings are held in the school's staff room, down the hall from the Front Office.

**P&C EMAIL LIST** - Please send me a note at [junctionpandc@hotmail.com](mailto: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

### TRIVIA NIGHT – VOLUNTEERS NEEDED ON THE NIGHT

With only a few short weeks to the trivia night, we're seeking volunteers from those of you who will be there on the night (11<sup>th</sup> August).

Jobs include:

- assisting with the silent auction;
- selling raffle tickets;
- selling lucky dip tickets;
- assisting people claiming their lucky dip prizes;
- marking trivia between rounds (about 8 people needed)

If you can help, please drop us an email at [tjpstrivia@hotmail.com](mailto:tjpstrivia@hotmail.com)

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### TRIVIA NIGHT - COUNTDOWN

- tickets are now on sale. Early bird rates until 1<sup>st</sup> August (ie next week). Booking forms from the office, or school website;
- raffle tickets are going home today. \$2/ticket. Every book sold gives your child another entry to a kids lucky draw. 1<sup>st</sup> prize in the raffle is a 3G enabled, 16GB iPad 2, generously donated by the Telstra Business Centre, Broadmeadow. Five raffle prizes in total. Two prizes are on offer for the kids lucky draw: an xbox 360 (donated by the Zachariah Family), and a Philips Esee HD camcorder (donated by the Blake Family). The raffle will be drawn at the trivia night. The kids lucky draw will be drawn on Monday 13 August;
- The "lucky balloons" have been replaced by a "lucky dip" – same concept, just without the balloons;
- Lots of great prizes available on the night through live and silent auctions, and the lucky dip. More Details in the coming weeks.
- We're still accepting donations of prizes. Please drop us an email at [tjpstrivia@hotmail.com](mailto:tjpstrivia@hotmail.com) if you can help, or drop any donations into the office – many thanks.

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