

The Junction News

Newsletter of The Junction Public School



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Term 3 – Week 3

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PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Hunter Region Dance Festival

What a wonderful week was had by all dancers at the Hunter Region Dance Festival last week at Panthers. I was extremely proud of all groups and the way they all performed with such enthusiasm and commitment. It was a huge week for all - and again a special thanks to our wonderful dance tutors for their creative talents as well as our own teachers Ruth Dewar and Karen Read for their support and co-ordination of the programs. Thanks as well to all the parents who travelled back and forth from Panthers for the rehearsals and performances. Well done all!

Peter Field Photography took some stunning photos of each of the groups. Parents can contact Newcastle School Portraits for copies.

Public Speaking

Congratulations to all students who have participated in grade public speaking activities throughout the last few weeks. I believe that all students have given wonderful performances, either in their own classrooms or at stage assemblies.

Best wishes to the following students Stage 3 - Erin H and Darcy C; Stage 2 Ruby Z and Jonathan O; Stage 1 - Piper B and Lucy Z; Early Stage 1- Charlie C and Lily B who will be participating in the Hunter Region Public Speaking Zone Finals at various schools throughout next week. We hope you all thoroughly enjoy the experiences.

Zone Athletics Track Events

The Junction Public School again experienced great success at the Zone Athletics Track events at Glendale Athletics track last Friday. A team of 49 fit athletes competed in a large number of events. Today we have another group of athletes off at the Zone Athletics Field events. We are certainly very proud of all their efforts. See full report later in next week's newsletter.

Education Week

Although this is the gazetted week for the celebration of Education Week – our school will be celebrating this event towards the end of this term, combined with Book Week and our inaugural whole school Art Show. The date for these events is Wednesday 5th September. Looking forward to celebrating these times with you then.

Kindergarten 2013 Parent Information Night

This event will take place on Monday night of the 27th August in our new school hall. On this night you will meet our Kindergarten staff, hear about the structures and plans for our Early Stage 1 programs, view our student uniforms, receive information and generally have all your questions and enquiries answered. Please pass on this information to anyone - in our school zone – who may not be aware. We will be posting an invitation out to all families who have given us an application for enrolment.

Fundraiser – Finn Carlin

This coming Thursday we will have a fundraiser for Finn Carlin – School Captain who will from next Saturday represent NSW in the Primary School Sports Association interstate Rugby League Championships in Mackay, Queensland. We are very proud of Finn and all he has achieved and would like to support him and his family with their trip to Queensland etc. It would be appreciated if students could bring in a gold coin donation and students MAY also wear their favourite footy team colours to school. Many thanks for your support.

Our own Olympian!

Some of you may not be aware that our own School Counsellor – Lyn Bainbridge – has a daughter Angie who will be swimming in the heats of the 200m freestyle relay this Wednesday at the Olympics! What a wonderful experience. Angie Bainbridge attended Newcastle High. I know you will join me in wishing our own local girl all the best this week.....

Just a reminder....

Student toilets - Could parents please refrain from using the student toilets. There are toilets for visitors located in the front office. It can be quite confronting, for boys especially, when an adult enters the toilet block.

Dogs in the playground – For the safety and wellbeing of our students, we ask that you don't bring dogs into the school grounds. Please arrange with your child to meet them outside the gates if you are bringing your pet with you.

Wendy Cheek,
Principal

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

Wednesday, August 1	Canteen Meal Deal Day – No other lunch orders today
Thursday, August 2	2M, 2W & 2H boys Awabakal excursion
Thursday, August 2	OUT OF UNIFORM DAY – Football colours – Gold Coin Donation
Friday, August 3	2C, 2B & 2H girls Awabakal excursion
Saturday, August 4	Olive Tree Markets: 9am – 3pm

Week 4**Event**

Tuesday, August 7	P & C Meeting – 7pm staffroom
Saturday, August 11	P & C Trivia Night

Week 5**Event**

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

Week 6**Event**

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

Week 7**Event**

Monday, August 27	Kindergarten 2013 – Parent Information Night – 7pm
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YEAR 2 – AWABAKAL & GYMNASTICS

Excursion to Awabakal Environment Centre:

Thursday 2nd August – 2M, 2W and 2H boys

Friday 3rd August – 2C, 2B and 2H girls

Please make sure that Permission Notes and money is paid by tomorrow.

Gymnastics Program: Due to an unexpected cancellation by the Gymnastics teacher last week and the Awabakal Excursion this Thursday – there will now be two catch up Gymnastic lessons at a later date.

CANTEEN NEWS**“Meal Deal Day” - Tomorrow August 1**

If you did not order a Meal Deal last week – you must bring your lunch to school tomorrow. There will be no other lunch orders other than pre-ordered Meal Deals.

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

1CR	Jada D	Joshua D
1J	Nate R	Scoutt H
1L	Kelsey V	Courtney B
1/2H	Erin K	Kayne M
2C	Jemma W	Declan F
2B	Paris R	Asha T
2M	Neve H	Thomas P
2W	Luke O’K	Yasmin P

YEARS 3, 4, 5 & 6 ASSEMBLY

3/4C	Clara A	Finn McIntyre
3W	Flynn H	Aedan Ryan
3MC	Bella F	Imigyn McGuire
4A	Rahmah R	Aiden Grgas
4L	Lochlain J	Chile Hemara
6/5C	Darcy C	Bronte Anscombe
6/5T	Jordan L	Eden McDougall
6/5B	Dixon S	Madeline Crane
6/5F	Claude C	Isaac Turner
Snr Choir	Ethan B	Quinn Pomroy
Band Awards	Phoenix Mc (Jnr)	Jacob J (Inter) Adam T (Snr)
Music Award	Finley B	
Monthly Band Award	Orlando H (Jnr) Angus S (Snr)	Emily D (Intermediate)

2013 JUNIOR BAND

Band information notes are being sent home with interested Year 2 students this week. Please read the financial and time commitment section before you make a decision to join our band program. Forms should be returned to me by Friday, 10th August. An information afternoon for parents will be held before the end of term.

Mrs Fitzgibbon

STATE CROSS COUNTRY

Finley Beasley and Reed Van Huisstede competed in the State Cross Country in Sydney on Friday 20th July. Reed came 28th and Finley came 61st on a dusty hard track. Congratulations boys on competing for our school at a State event!

KNIGHTS' RUGBY LEAGUE KNOCKOUT

The Knights' Rugby League Knockout was a great day and great experience for everyone who participated. It was held at Windale Rugby League Grounds on Thursday, 24th May, 2012.

The Junction Public school went very well. They were undefeated for the entire day and won that section of the competition.

Our next challenge was the final against Edgeworth Public School at the Knights homeground. This took place on Wednesday, 18th July.

The boys enjoyed the experience of playing on the Knights ground, using the dressing sheds and Mrs Briggs took away a memory of being water person on the ground.

Mr Martine, who was coach, was extremely pleased with the performance of the boys. Unfortunately we were not the victors but will get our chance to reverse the score this Wednesday when we play Edgeworth again in the PSSA State Knockout.

PSSA RUGBY KNOCKOUT

Last Thursday The Junction Public School Rugby Team were victorious against Edgeworth Public School. The team travelled to Glendale to play a thrilling 40 minutes of Rugby. Final score was 24 point all but The Junction were named the victors as we were the first team to score. Both teams had 4 tries and 2 conversions. This victory has placed the team one game further than in 2011 and should mean that we play at the State Finals in Sydney on the 29th August in Eastwood. Our coach, Mr Atallah has done an exceptional job with the boys and we thank him tremendously.

DESCRIPTIONS

Stage two students have been studying Descriptions, during writing time. Here are two examples.

Rainforest

Dark, cool and quiet is an ideal rainforest, but there's more to it than just a plain scenery.

The rainforest is cool and damp. It is filled with greenery in every corner. Streams are drinkable and there is life in the water too. Roots are peeking out from the ground everywhere waiting for you to stumble and trip. So be careful or you might be a victim.

Rocks are a thousand times more slippery than soap and are as round as circles. They are wrapped up in moss so take care you might slip.

Under the trees, the earth below has hardly seen a blue sunny sky and white fluffy clouds. Only rays of sharp light brighten up this wondrous place.

Above the high towering trees, light is exposed to the green leaves. The wind dances graceful and perfect while the trees sway like a gentle blue whale.

Wildlife roams freely without a thought in mind, enjoying freedom, their only thought, "Is a predator in here?"

Vines wrap around the giant trees sucking the life out them. The trees are seemingly 100 feet tall. Every tree has its own animal population. Maybe a group of monkeys are there for the night.

Frog and snakes are lurking in the muddy water, while the rainbow coloured birds sing a loud songs. In the trees nocturnal animals are waiting for night.

Ferns are everywhere, some as gigantic as a whale shark while others are smaller than a cat.

Even on the rainforest floor it's alive with creatures. It is damp and very humid. Centipedes and coral snakes live in the cracks between the roots and logs. Fungi and cup fungus are very common to see.

*The rainforest is truly a magical and different place
by Jasmine M – 4A*

Rainforest

The rainforest is cool and calm. Wildlife roams free around me.

There is a stream running so softly through the forest floor like a python fast and sleek. The stream is clear and pure. The rocks that are surrounding it are shiny and covered green slippery moss. They shine in the scattered golden light.

The trees drift in a swaying motion in the quiet breeze. The long, sharp vines drape down and wrapping around the giant, majestic trees, twisting and turning.

At the top of the canopy the shimmering light scatters around like ballerinas twisting and twirling.

The rocks glisten and the trees sway and all is still and peaceful.

The rainforest is shining, untouched beauty.

By Alexandra H – 4A

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.

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

Yes, it's almost time for Trivia Night 2012. Only 11 more days! Don't forget that tomorrow is the last day for the Early Bird discount on tickets.

Trivia Question 1: When is the LAST DAY for the early bird ticket price?



Answer: TOMORROW, 1 August. Trivia night tickets are \$15 until tomorrow, afterwards \$20. Don't miss out!

Trivia Question 2: Will there be fabulous prizes being auctioned at Trivia Night?

Answer: Yes, our hardworking prize committee has sourced some great items – here is a Preliminary Live Auction List (to be confirmed, subject to change):

- Hunter Valley Scenic Helicopter flight and Petersons Champagne House Breakfast, generously donated by Doyle Partners – value \$598;
- Weekend accommodation in 3 bedroom house at Pearl Beach, donated by Galwey family – value \$520;
- Weekend accommodation at Boomerang Beach, donated by Long family
- Signed Jets soccer ball, donated by Bridges family

And that's just the start, because there are over 30 other prizes that will either be for lucky dip or silent auction – everything from fitness classes to restaurant vouchers to massages to gift hampers.

Trivia Question 3: Why come to the P&C Trivia Night?

Answer: 1) to have a fun night out with friends and 2) to help raise money for classroom technology at the School. TJPS is at the forefront of technology in the classroom. All our classrooms have Smartboards ...**except one**... help us raise the funds for this last Smartboard! If we raise more than \$7,000 we can also make some playground improvements.

Trivia Question 4: Are TRIVIA RAFFLE TICKETS on sale?

Answer: Yes! A book of tickets was sent home last week: \$2 per ticket. More books are available at the Front Office. What's the prize? Well, it's not one, but five prizes:

- 1st Prize: iPad 2 16GB with 3G
Value ~\$570, donated by Telstra Business Centre, Broadmeadow
- 2nd Prize: 10 Swimming Lessons (1 Term) at Balance Health Club, Mayfield

(value ~ \$120)

3rd Prize: \$100 WISH Gift Card

(for use at Big W, Woolworths, Dan Murphys etc)

4th Prize: Sunglasses to Value of \$100 from Marketown Optical

5th Prize: \$50 voucher Talulah The Junction

Also, for every book sold, the kids will go in a lucky draw for an **Xbox 360** (donated by the Zacharia family) and a **Phillips Esee HD camcorder** (donated by the Blake family). The raffle will be drawn on Trivia Night, and the kids lucky draw on Monday 13 August.

Trivia Question 5: Who won the first gold medal for Australia at the 2012 Olympics?

Answer: the women's 4 x 100 metre freestyle relay team: Alicia Coutts, Cate Campbell, Brittany Elmslie and Melanie Schlanger.

Trivia Question 6: Do we still need volunteers on Trivia Night?

Answer: Yes, there are a few jobs to do on the night: assisting with the silent auction, selling raffle tickets & lucky dip tickets, marking trivia between rounds... you can still do these jobs and participate as well! If you can help, drop us an e-mail at tipstrivia@hotmail.com. Thanks!

Olive Tree Market BBQ – Saturday, 4 August – Just 2 more volunteers needed

We only need 2 more volunteers for the August BBQ – thanks to the 13 parents who have already volunteered. If you have an hour and a half:

10-11:30am: two more people 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 to volunteer.

Woolworths Earn and Learn and Coles Sports for Schools continue...collection boxes are in the Front Office foyer.

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. - Karla Karinen, TJPS P&C President

TEDDY BEAR HOSPITAL

Sunday 5th August – 10am until 3pm
At Civic Park, Newcastle

Bring your Teddy and a picnic lunch !

The day provides children the opportunity to interact with future young doctors with the hope of encouraging children to be comfortable around medical professionals. It is a fun, relaxed and interactive way to experience a visit to the doctors or hospital without being patients themselves.

More information visit. www.unms.org.au