

The Junction News

Newsletter of The Junction Public School



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Term 3 – Week 6

Tuesday 21 August 2012

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Staff Development Day

This Saturday, staff will be working at school in lieu of working on Friday 21st December. This year students will finish school on Wednesday 19th December and so will staff.

On Saturday we will be working on developing units of work which will provide differentiation for students to allow them to learn at an appropriate level. It is really effective to work together as a group now – so that students will benefit from the work this year.

Kinder 2013 Parent Information Night

This will be taking place next Monday 27th August – in the new school hall commencing at 7.00pm. On this night new parents will meet the Kindergarten staff, listen to presentations about our early stage 1 programs and be able to have all questions answered.

We look forward to meeting all our new Kindergarten parents next week.

Art Show and Education Week / Book Week Open Day

This will take place on Wednesday 5th September. We will be holding an Open Day classroom event as well as celebrating Book Week 2012 and the official opening of our whole school Art Exhibition.

Events will commence at 9.30am with a whole school assembly under the COLA area. At 10.00am we will have 'Open Classroom' visits until 10.30am. At 10.40am we will have the Official Opening of the Art Exhibitions at the back of the old school hall and outside the new school hall.

At 10.50am, parents and visitors will be invited to view the exhibitions in the old and new halls – (gold coin donation) – or enjoy a delicious morning tea from the canteen. The morning tea break will go through until 12 noon with some wonderful items of entertainment taking place up till 12 o'clock when students will return to class. You will receive a separate invitation next week – with all these details. Looking forward to seeing you all then! On Thursday night 6th September – from 5.30pm until 7.00pm - there will be further viewing of the Art Show – which we are calling 'Art Under The Stars' – with entertainment and 'nibbles'.

This will be available to all parents and to hopefully assist working parents who are unable to make it to school on the Wednesday. The Art Show will be open for viewing until Friday 3.00pm.

Father's Day Barbecue

We will be holding our annual Father's Day Breakfast BBQ on Friday 31st August commencing at 7.45am near the canteen. We warmly invite all fathers, uncles and grandads to come along to school early on this day to enjoy a delicious barbecue breakfast with their children. The P&C always make this a very special event and we thank them for their great organisation.

Best Wishes to Year 5 Canberra Trip

Our Year 5 students are currently enjoying their trip to Canberra – leaving very early yesterday morning. I have heard from the accompanying teachers, Mrs Briggs and Mrs King who have said that the students are having a wonderful time and the weather in Canberra is very brisk!

Years 3 and 4 Newcastle Excursion

Hoping that students in Years 3 and 4 enjoy their Newcastle local history excursion this week with visits to Fort Scratchley, JP Gallery and Lock Up and Christchurch Cathedral. There is so much to learn about Newcastle and its colourful history. Students will also be involved in sketching activities.

Band News - Telstra's kids fund grant

I have great pleasure in announcing our band program has received a grant totalling \$1,200 from Telstra. Mr Julian Thompson, a Telstra employee and uncle of Oliver Anderson, a Junior Band member, submitted the successful application on behalf of our band program.

Each year \$750,000 is given to local community organisations on behalf of children related to Telstra employees. There are three funding rounds per year. Telstra's Kids Fund provides grants for non-profit organisations in the following areas:

- Arts and culture
- Disability
- Education
- Environment
- Health
- Sport and recreation
- Valuing cultural diversity

The grant will be a welcome addition to our band funds and will be used to purchase an instrument and music scores for our band program.

We are thankful to Telstra, Mr Thompson and the Anderson family for this initiative and their support.

Wendy Cheek,
Principal

CALENDAR - TERM 3 – 2012**Week 6****Event****Wednesday, August 22** Year 5 Canberra/Bathurst Visit**Thursday, August 23** Year 3 & 4 Excursion – Local History - Fort Scratchley**Week 7****Event****Monday, August 27** Kindergarten 2013 – Parent Information Night – 7pm**Tuesday, August 28** Junior Band 2013 Parent information session-3.30pm**Friday, August 31** Hunter Regional Athletics Carnival**Friday, August 31** Kindergarten excursion to Oakvale Farm**Friday, August 31** Fathers' Day Breakfast – 7.45am to 9am**Saturday, September 1** Olive Tree Markets – 9am to 3pm**Week 8****Event****Tuesday, September 4** P & C Meeting – 7pm**Wednesday, Sept 5** Art Show, Education Week, Book Week Open Day**Saturday, Sept 8** Spring Winds Concert at Ncle Conservatorium**UNIVERSITY OF NSW WRITING COMPETITION**

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

YEAR 3**Distinction-** Alyssa W**Credit-** Ruby Z**YEAR 4****Credit-** Anika P, Emily Donovan-S, Elizabeth C**YEAR 5****Credit-** Marlowe P, Violet H, Aleksandr F, Sapumal G**YEAR 6****High Distinction-** Ruby D**Distinction-** Jade C**Credit-** Finley B, Wilson McTaggart, Max Spencer Karinen**SPECIAL MENTION AWARDS****Term 3 Week 5****YEARS 1 & 2 ASSEMBLY**

1CR	Sidney F	Isabella G
1J	Bridget H	Jordan C
1L	Ella W	Claudia R
2C	Lillian S	Max F
2B	Eloise K	Eilidh M
2M	Mary-J	Finnlay F Tom P
2W	Trinity B	Charlie W Brodie P

YEARS 3, 4, 5 & 6 ASSEMBLY

3/4C	Rosalili F	Kelvin W
3W	Shanika B	Millie S
3MC	Katrina G	Phoenix M
4L	Oliver D	Lillian M
6/5F	Raha R	Nicholas K
6/5B	Isabella S	Jett M
6/5S	Matthew H	Daniel B

UNIVERSITY OF NSW SPELLING COMPETITION

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

YEAR 3**Distinction-** Patrick P, Cooper J**Credit –** Taj A, Oliver K, Toby Le M, Daniel M, Ella S**YEAR 4****Distinction-** Archie C**Credit-** Chris B**YEAR 5****Distinction-** William L**Credit-** Jacob J, Aleksandr F, Daniel B, Sapumal G**YEAR 6****Distinction-** Max Spencer K**Credit-** Imogen S, John R, Wilson, Ruby D, Tom B, Ahmed B**PSSA KNOCKOUT BASKETBALL**

Representatives from Year 5 attended the PSSA Basketball Knockout Gala Day on Wednesday, 15th August.

The two teams, boys and girls, played at the Broadmeadow Basketball Stadium in Newcastle against other school teams from the Newcastle area.

Mrs Thomas, who coached the boys, was extremely pleased with their performance and commitment.

Although not winning a game they came extremely close on more than one occasion.

The girls also played very well. For some it had been the first time they had ever played a full game of basketball and they all enjoyed the experience.

Well done to all who attended and thank you to the parents who organised transport for their children.

The teams were:

Boys - Jake S, Tyler B, Jack S, Brendan B, Garry P, Dixon S, Joshua T and Luke Godfrey-S.

Girls - Zoe D, Bella D, Ellie S, Rebecca S, Isabella R, Amy M, Samara F and Taleaha S.

BAND NEWS

JUNIOR BAND 2013

Our band program continues to expand with 46 students from Year 2 already expressing interest for inclusion in Junior Band for 2013. I will be holding an information afternoon on 28th August at 3:30pm in the new hall for these students and their parents.

SPRING WINDS CONCERT

Our Intermediate and Senior Bands and Percussion Ensemble will all be performing at the Spring Winds Concert on Saturday, 8th September at the Newcastle Conservatorium. All band members have been preparing for this concert throughout this term.

Mrs Fitzgibbon

Our Family Trip to China by Aidan G

My Mum, my sister and I visited China for eleven nights. We flew to Shanghai and mum's aunty picked us up from the airport. We drove from Shanghai airport to Suzhou, which is where we spent most of our time. My mum's cousin Jeremy is nearly 10 and he speaks Chinese and English. He told us about his school.

Suzhou is a city with a population of about 13 million people, which is half of Australia's population! Suzhou is a city built around water. Suzhou is 2500 years old and is known for beautiful gardens, canals and for silk making.

We visited the Humble Administrators Garden and the Master of Nets Garden. These are World Heritage Sites. There were lily pads as big as chairs. There were lots of people at the gardens and they wanted to take our photo. We visited the silk museum and saw silk worms and cocoons and also saw displays of silk costumes and very old pieces of silk. We also visited Panmen Gate. Here there were gardens, a pagoda and part of the city wall created to keep out invaders.

In Suzhou we went to an amusement park called Happy World. There were roller coasters, a cable car, dodgems and a haunted house.

My mum's Uncle took us on a fast train to Shanghai. The train goes at 325km an hour. From Shanghai station we went on the subway, had lunch in a restaurant and then we went to the Zoo. We saw Pandas eating bamboo and one of them was dancing around on the top of a slippery dip.

After Suzhou we flew to Beijing. We walked around in Beijing and got hassled by Peda cab drivers. My sister and I did not like this. The next day we drove to The Great Wall of China at Mutianyu. It was amazing! We took a cable car up to the wall and walked the very steep steps. It was hot and thirsty work. People were selling drinks and ice blocks on the Great Wall. Walking on the Great Wall was cool. After taking lots of photos we rode a toboggan ride back to the car park. We loved our visit to the Great Wall but were still very happy to come home!

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.

SPORT REGISTRATION.....

NEWCASTLE CITY JUNIOR CRICKET CLUB

MILO IN2 CRICKET – 5 TO 8 YEARS FEE: \$65.00

Under 9 and Under 10 FEE: \$140.00

Under 11 to Under 16/17 FEE: \$160.00

For a second family member the fee will reduce by \$20 and for a third the fee will reduce by \$80 (Does not apply for in2Cricket)

REGISTRATION DAYS

AT NO 1 SPORTGROUND, PARRY STREET

(Administration Building)

4.30pm – 6.00pm

Friday 24th August

FOR MORE DETAILS CONTACT - Yusuf Badat

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P & C NEWS

Was your Year 6 student away in Canberra and Bathurst last week? If so, I hope you had a nice "holiday" too. It was certainly quieter around my house, with my Year 8 daughter enjoying a few days of being an "only child". Now, if you are

a Year 6 parent, September is your last chance to participate in a **Year 6 Olive Tree Market BBQ**. We still have **all** shifts available, so please give Liz Ginters a call.

Coming Soon.....



FATHER's DAY BBQ – Friday, 31 August – 7:45am–9:00am

Bring your Dad, Grandfather & Uncle! Come along and help celebrate their special day. Enjoy the Best Bacon & Egg Sandwiches with juice.

Can you help out with set up, cooking or clean-up? Please send an e-mail to junctionpandc@hotmail.com, and I'll send it along to our organizer, Cathy McIntyre.

Olive Tree Market BBQ – Saturday, 1 September – YEAR 6

It's the turn of Year 6 parents and carers, so recruit a friend and book a shift to help the P&C raise some money for the school. If you have an hour and a half to spare please call Liz Ginters on Ph 0411 487 713 or elizabeth-g@bigpond.com. Shifts are:

- 8:30-10am (open)
- 10-11:30am
- 11:30-1pm
- 1pm – 2:30 (close).

Kids Art - Calendars and iPhone covers for Christmas Fundraiser

We are still looking for an **organiser** (or co-organisers) for the kids' artwork Christmas Fundraiser.

Unfortunately we won't be able to run this fundraiser without an organiser.

What's needed? Someone to schedule the fundraiser, to communicate with the company, and co-ordinate volunteers to sort artwork and orders. All the kids at school would make their own art work which can then be made into a calendar, iPhone cover or a mousepad. The P&C will make a bit of money for the school, and parents will have some lovely personal gifts for Christmas giving. Does this sound like a challenge you'd like to take on? Questions? Either contact me via the P&C e-mail junctionpandc@hotmail.com or call me on 0434 614 105. - Karla

SUPERMARKET VOUCHERS

Woolworths Earn and Learn and **Coles Sports for Schools** have finished. Thanks to everyone who has already sent their vouchers and stickers in. Please bring in any sticker sheets, loose stickers or vouchers to the collection boxes in the Front Office foyer by **Wednesday, 22 August**. The vouchers will be sent off to the supermarkets so this is the last chance to get them into the school.

Next P&C Meeting – Tuesday 4 September 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. It should be an

interesting meeting, as we already have the following on September's agenda:

- Overview of School Plan 2012-2014
- School Motto and Pledge
- Trivia Night – final report

Thinking ahead to 2013 – P&C Executive

The Junction Public School P&C forms a partnership with the school to ensure that our children get the best possible education. We do this by building our community and by raising funds for additional educational resources for our school.

At our March Annual General Meeting, all executive positions are declared vacant, and any P&C member can stand for any position. Our by-laws allow positions to be held for two years, which means that three positions will definitely need to be filled:

- President
- Vice-President
- Treasurer

These positions have been held for 2011-2012 by myself, Janet Ball and Bronwyn Geerarts, respectively. We would be happy to speak with anyone interested in the positions. 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>.

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

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