

# The Junction News

Newsletter of The Junction Public School



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Term 3 – Week 9

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## PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

### Stunning Art Show /Education Week Event

We really enjoyed a brilliant few days, last week at the Education Week /Art show /Book Week festivities. At the Art Show we were so impressed with the quality of the art work, the different styles, the presentation and the overall occasion. Again – what talented students across our whole school!

The Education Week assembly and open classrooms for parents on Wednesday were also enjoyed by all. The children were really excited to have parents and grandparents visiting and seeing their work in the classrooms.

Congratulations to all the dance groups, the junior and senior choirs, the violin group, the individual instrumentalists and pianists – Ruby D, Tessie O, Violet H, Max S and Maija S. Many thanks to all the parents for their attendance and support over Wednesday and Thursday night. Many thanks to all staff for their efforts in putting this wonderful occasion together.



### Spring Winds Concert

I was extremely proud of all band students last Saturday night at the Spring Winds Concert at The Conservatorium. We were all entertained by some quality performances from our Senior Band, Intermediate Band and Percussion groups. Some of our students also play in the Conservatorium Band – 'Crotchets and Quavers' – so there was a vast array of talent on show all night. Huge congratulations to all students and to our Band Program co-ordinator – Lesley Fitzgibbon – as well as talented conductors and tutors Michael Bell, Matthew Law, Michael Jobson and David Tracey. We are so fortunate to have this quality program in our school. Thank you to all parents as well for all your support.

### Best Wishes

Best wishes to Olivia Z 6/5B, Erin H 6/5S, Archie C 4A and Chris B 3/4C who are today representing our school at the regional finals of the Premier's Spelling Competition at Wallsend South Public School. I know all students have been drilling those word lists and wish them all the best. We will let you know how they go next week.

### Well Done Stage 1

It was great to see our stage 1 students giving consideration and concern to the Tasmanian Devil last Friday when they decided to participate in a 'Threatened Species' Day, come dressed in black, red and white and bring a gold coin donation. The students have been discussing Australian Animals and some of the classes have been looking at the Tasmanian Devil in particular as a species under threat due to the facial cancer disease attacking the population. The students raised \$301.10 which will be sent off to assist with further research into this dreadful disease. Well done Stage 1!

### Year 1 Excursion to Blackbutt

We wish for fine weather and a great excursion to Blackbutt this coming Friday for all our Year 1 students and teachers. This is a great excursion for our younger students and we look forward to their stories next week.

### Healthy Habits

While we can't entirely shield our children from illness there are ways we can help them boost their immune systems and become more health conscious. Listen to these tips from Dr Martine Walker, a city GP who specialises in family health and has two primary school-aged children of her own. Go to: <http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/wellbeing/health/keeping-your-kids-healthy>

### Maths Matters

A new and entertaining game will help sharpen your child's maths skills and recall. The Maths Monkey's Quest features questions on topics ranging from addition and subtraction to ratios and percentages. The app is available for Apple iPhones and iPads, and Android phones and tablets. Go to: <http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/about/mobile-applications/maths-monkey-s-quest>

Wendy Cheek,  
Principal

**CALENDAR - TERM 3 – 2012****Week 9** **Event****Friday, September 14** **Year 1 Excursion to Blackbutt****Week 10** **Event****Friday, September 21** **Book Week Parade – 9.30am****Friday, September 21** **Last day of Term 3****School Holidays** **Event****Saturday, October 6** **Olive Tree Markets – 9am-3pm****CALENDAR - TERM 4 – 2012****Week 1** **Event****Monday, October 8** **STAFF & STUDENTS  
RETURN FOR TERM 4****Tuesday, October 9** **P & C Meeting – 7pm****Thursday, October 11** **Year 1 & 2 students commence  
Intensive Swimming Program****SPECIAL MENTION AWARDS****Term 3 Week 8****YEARS 3, 4, 5 & 6 ASSEMBLY**

<b>3/4C</b>	Tom S	Chris B
<b>3W</b>	Louka D	Marc C
<b>3MC</b>	Cooper S	Justin T
<b>4A</b>	Caitlin F	Hayley C
<b>4L</b>	Rose P	Lily E Chloe T
<b>6/5F</b>	Ahmed B	Onyx H
<b>6/5B</b>	Hudson P	Ethan V
<b>6/5S</b>	Wilson M	Sally H
<b>6/5T</b>	Noah J	Brendan B
<b>6/5C</b>	Nicholas N	Darcy C

**KINDERGARTEN 2013**

If parents of Kindergarten 2013 students have completed their Enrolment Forms and have other paperwork required ready, could you please bring them into the office so we can start to enrol your child. Thank you

**BOOK CHARACTER PARADE**

On Friday 21st September we will be having a special finish to Term 3 with a Book Character Parade. All children (K-6) are invited to come to school dressed as a favourite book character. K-2 children will parade in their costumes at 9:30am in the new hall. Year 3-6 children will show off their costumes at 10:15am in the new hall. Parents are welcome and are invited to stay for morning tea after the primary parade.

**UNIVERSITY OF NSW ENGLISH COMPETITION**

Fifty-five students from The Junction Public School took part in the recent ICAS English test. Congratulations to the following students who achieved commendable results in this test:

**Year 3**

High Distinction - Finnian G

Distinction - Ruby Zacharia

Credit - Shannon D, Alyssa W, Daniel M, Patrick P

**Year 4**

High Distinction - Chris B

Credit - Archie C, Joe L, Jasmine M

**Year 5**

Distinction - Benjamin H, Liam G

Credit - Ben B, Sapumal G, Marlowe P, Jordan T

**Year 6**

High Distinction - Max S

Distinction - Alex M, Ruby D, Wilson M

Credit - Jade C, Claire B

**PHOTOGRAPHY COMPETITION**

Every year interested students are invited to submit entries to the annual photographic competition. This year the theme for the competition was "Making Art" to fit in with our Art Show. Congratulations go to Bella S who was awarded first prize for her photo 'Focal point'. Kingsley W came second with his work 'Art through others eyes'. Highly commended was awarded to Jett M, Lily E, Ella P and Claire B. Congratulations to all entrants the standard was very high.

**SCIENCE WEEK**

In Week 7 students from across the school participated in activities related to renewable energies. These activities were the focus for the schools response to National Science Week. Thanks to a grant from the National Science Week organisation we were able to provide a range of entertaining challenges for students from Year 1 to Year 6. The students in Stage 1 made paper plate whirligigs, Stage 2 made windmills and Stage 3 participated in the solar car challenge. On Wednesday a mini science fair was held in the back playground and the colourful and effective wind and solar devices were displayed. The day culminated in fast and furious solar car races across the netball court. Some of the solar car teams had managed to overcome all the design problems and their cars were unstoppable - once the sun came out. Other teams found that axle direction and weight really determined how effective their designs were. Despite some cars only going in circles or even, on occasions backwards, all teams had a great time. Congratulations must

go to the LOL team who took out two firsts and a second in the races. We would like to thank Kate Cavanagh from CSIRO who came to speak to the students for her help and enthusiasm on the day and for the donation of some great books for our library on Renewable Energy. Thank you also goes to the The Junction Science Club parent volunteers who applied for the grant and helped the many students who participated. Mrs Keating



We would like to thank the P&C for providing funding for the school's Science Week activities in Week 7, and the following parents for helping with organisation and assembly of whirligigs and pinwheels: Karla Karinen, Anna Kasper, Eloise Fleck, Jonathan Ma and Mary Ellen Dowling. Also

a big thanks to Gordon Lewins for cutting the dowel for the pinwheels.

It was great to see the interest and enthusiasm of so many teachers and students for their wind and solar-powered creations!

Bronwyn Geerarts and Robyn Malby

### 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

#### Olive Tree Market BBQ – Saturday, 6 October – Kindergarten

All kindergarten students will be bringing home a pink note today: it's the turn of Kindergarten parents and carers to run the P&C BBQ at the Olive Tree Markets. The BBQ helps the P&C fund everything from science club to playground equipment for the school. Did you know that this year alone, we've paid for over \$4,000 of Kindergarten and Year 1 & 2 home readers?

All ordering is done by Liz Ginters, our BBQ co-ordinator, so you just have to show up, cook some snags, assemble some sausage sandwiches, and sell them!. Easy! So recruit a friend and book a shift to help raise some money for the school. If you have an hour and a half to spare please call Liz Ginters on Mob: 0411 487 713 or [elizabeth-g@bigpond.com](mailto: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

Thanks to Danielle Carney for volunteering to be the co-ordinator for the Calendar fundraiser. We are now looking for helpers! If you're interested, please send me an e-mail and I'll forward it to Danielle: [junctionpandc@hotmail.com](mailto:junctionpandc@hotmail.com).

**Thinking ahead to 2013 – P&C Executive**

Still looking for people interested in P&C positions for 2013: President, Vice-President and Treasurer. 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>.

**Next P&C Meeting – Tuesday 9 October, 7pm.**

P&C meetings are held the first Tuesday of every month, except during school holidays. Please note that in October, the meeting is on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday. Everyone is welcome to attend. Meetings are held in the school's staff room, down the hall from the Front Office. If you have an agenda item, please send it to me.

**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

Want to keep up with P&C news "on the go"?  
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**COMMUNITY NOTICES****NEWCASTLE CITY JUNIOR CRICKET CLUB**

**MILO IN2 CRICKET - 5 TO 8 YEARS** still taking registrations \$65.00  
Under 12 and Under 13 teams still looking for a couple of extra players.

PLEASE CONTACT Yusuf Badat [badat@iinet.net.au](mailto:badat@iinet.net.au)  
Mob: 0400 883 719



Newcastle PCYC KidzCare offers high quality accredited care to children from K – 6 inclusive.

Each holiday period brings about various excursions to the movies, local parks, iconic landmarks or popular entertainment venues. Bookings open four weeks prior to the holiday period. To avoid disappointment, early booking is recommended. For enquiries, please contact the club on 49 614 493

**TIME: 8:00am – 5:30pm**

**COST: \$38\* per day (plus excursions)**

\*CCB Approved

**HUNTER SPORTS CENTRE – Glendale – PH: 4953 6366**

Approved for Child Care Rebate & Benefit  
Vacation Care is an inexpensive way to keep the kids entertained these school holidays

*Day's activities 7.30am to 6pm • Meals Included*

Activities include: Craft, Science, Cooking, Sports Programs, Gymnastics, Mission Impossible, Foam Wars, Balance Basics kite flying and much more.

**MONDAY 24TH – FRIDAY 5TH OCTOBER**

**THURSDAY 20th DEC – TUESDAY 29th JANUARY**

Closed on Public Holidays



### A close encounter with Blackbutt's kool koala!

The Newcastle Permanent Junior Ranger program brings kids back to nature. Have a close encounter and photo with a koala, plant a tree in the reserve, spot some of Blackbutt's residents, and get creative with a craft activity!

**Dates: 25 - 27 September 2012**

**Time: 9:30 - 11:30am**

**Location: Carnley Avenue Reserve**

*Fees apply and bookings are essential.*

For further information please contact:  
Blackbutt Reserve Office - **4904 3344** or  
visit **[www.newcastle.nsw.gov.au](http://www.newcastle.nsw.gov.au)**

