

The Junction News

Newsletter of The Junction Public School



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Term 4 – Week 1

Tuesday 8 October 2013

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Welcome back to term 4. I hope you all had a very enjoyable holiday.

This will again prove to be a very busy term with our concert, reports, presentation days etc. We will put out a term calendar next week – to assist you with planning for the next ten weeks.

'The Junction Rules the Waves'

Our concert is now only just over 3 weeks away – and is going to be a wonderful event. Tickets are selling quickly and can be obtained through Ticketek or at the Box Office in Hunter Street.

An information note is coming home to you this week outlining organisation for the next few weeks and for the day of the concert on 31st October. Have you bought your tickets yet? Students will not require tickets.

Interrelate - 'Sexuality and Relationships Family Education Program' – Wed 16th October

Many parents this year have asked me about the following program. We have been very fortunate to get the Interrelate – Sexuality and Relationships evening program to our school **next week** on **Wednesday evening 16th October**. These are excellent programs, interactive, family focused and presented in the context of 'caring relationships'.

Experienced educators will run two sessions of 1 hour – 6.00pm – "Where did I Come From?" for students in Years 3, 4, 5 and 6 and at 7.15pm – "Preparing for Puberty" – for students in Years 5 and 6. **Students attend the programs accompanied by their parent or parents.** It will be up to parents to decide if just one program is suitable for their child – or stay on for both programs – depending on your child's age and developmental maturity.

A separate 'Bright green flyer' was sent home last term with more detailed information on the different programs – to enable you to decide. The costs - \$27.50 per family for one session or \$33.00 per family for 2 sessions are determined by Interrelate Family Centres. More flyers are available in the office foyer.

Book Week Parade

Congratulations to all students who participated in the Book Week parade on the last day of term. It was a really enjoyable event for all students from Kinder to Year 6. The creativity of students was really wonderful to see.

Spelling Bee Champions

Congratulations to our spelling bee representatives who participated in The Premier's Spelling Bee Regional Finals at the end of last term. Leelani T, Ben H, Archie C and Ayesha Le R did our school and themselves proud in this challenging competition. Well done to all four students.

Stage 3 Design Challenges

Students in Years 5 and 6 really enjoyed their Stage 3 Design Challenge at the end of last term – with the focus being on a country's cultural and/or religious background. All classes put together fascinating displays and 'hands-on' activities for all to enjoy.

Bandfest – next week

Next week is an exciting week for all three bands as well as our percussion group. Bandfest will take place out at Warners Bay Performing Arts Centre and is a highlight of the year for all regional bands. Our Percussion Group, Junior, Intermediate and Senior Bands have all been practising hard and are ready to display their high level talents in the competition. Huge congratulations to our tutors, conductors and band co-ordinator Lesley Fitzgibbon for their organisation and commitment to this quality music program. Best wishes everyone.

Staff Development Day – Saturday 12th October

This Saturday will be the second of our staff development days in lieu of the last two staff development days at the end of this term. The staff and students will finish the year together on Wednesday 18th December. Our focus for this Saturday will be on further developing units of work on the new NSW English syllabus and related assessment tasks. If parents would like to view the new syllabus documents they are available on the Board of Studies web-site.

Best Wishes Jody Cooper

I know the school community will join me in extending best wishes to our talented teacher Jody Cooper who will leave next week to represent Australia in the Masters World Indoor Cricket Championships in South Africa. Jody has trained hard over the last few months and we wish her and her team every success. We are all very proud of you Mrs Cooper!

Wendy Cheek,
Principal

CALENDAR - TERM 4 – 2013

Week 1	Event
Tuesday, October 8	P & C meeting-7pm-Staffroom
Wednesday, October 9	Year 1 & 2 Intensive Swimming starts at Balance

Week 2	Event
Monday, October 14	Junior Band at Bandfest
Tuesday, October 15	Percussion Ensemble Bandfest
Wednesday, October 16	Senior Band at Bandfest
Wednesday, October 16	Intermediate Band at Bandfest
Wednesday, October 16	Interrelate Sessions – Years 3-6 at 6pm and/or 7.15pm (Yrs 5 - 6)
Thursday, October 17	Junior Band at Bandfest
Friday, October 18	Year 2 to Glenrock Lagoon

Week 3	Event
Friday, October 25	P & C Oktoberfest Night at Souths Leagues Club – 7pm

Week 4	Event
Thursday, October 31	All students at the Civic Theatre for the whole day
Thursday, October 31	School Concert – Civic Theatre – 12.30pm & 7pm performance

UPCOMING EXCURSIONS/PAYMENTS –

YEAR 3 TO YEAR 6 INTERRELATE – Year 3 – 6 students have the opportunity to attend Interrelate Sessions on Wednesday 16 October – 6pm and/or 7.15pm ('Bright Green' Note)

YEAR 2 GLENROCK LAGOON – All Year 2 students received a 'Pale Green' late last term – Cost \$18

BANDFEST NOTES – All band members – performances next week at Warners Bay Performing Arts Centre.

PAYMENTS & PERMISSION NOTES SHOULD BE 'POSTED' IN THE OFFICE FOYER (Not given to Class teacher)

A school family have duplicated their concert tickets – if you would like to purchase them – (2 tickets matinee session)..... great seats - purchased first day of ticket sales. Please see the school office.

K-2 Assembly – There will be no assembly this week! Assembly will commence again next Wednesday 2pm!

Year 3 – 6 Assembly – There will be no assembly this week! Assembly will commence next Friday 11.30am!

YEAR 1 & 2 SWIMMING – Starts tomorrow!!

Students in Year 1 and 2 will commence the Intensive Swimming Program tomorrow (Wednesday 9th October) and runs every Wednesday in Term 4 until (Wednesday 4th December).

Please ensure your child brings swimming cap, goggles, towel, swimmers. Please put your child's name on everything – including their school clothes, shoes, socks. Please make sure if your child wears their swimmers to school to pack underwear in their swimming bag.

All lessons will be finished before lunch, so children may place lunch orders.

Thank you, Mrs Hughes

'JUNCTION RULES THE WAVES'



School concert at the Civic Theatre on:

Thursday 31st October

Matinee performance at 12.30pm - \$20
Evening performance at 7pm - \$25

Tickets on sale through Ticketek or Civic Theatre Box Office.

(All students will be performing – no tickets required for them!)



Get in early – don't miss out!!!

RUN NEWCASTLE

Don't forget to get online and register for this fun event, www.runnewcastle.com.au

Run Newcastle is giving schools the chance to earn up to \$10,000 cash via the School Incentive Program, simply by getting people to participate. It is going to be a lot of fun. Once you have registered and receive your race pack, all you have to do is fill in the incentive form in the back of the competitors booklet and hand in at school office ASAP (before Wed 27th Nov). Tell your friends, family and work colleagues to also fill in the incentive form for TJPS.

Run Newcastle are sending out merchandise to give away, if you have registered please leave your name at the office and you will be the first to receive some.

Any questions you can contact: Kim Forbes - kimandrewforbes@hotmail.com or 0435064541

BAND NEWS

Bandfest

Bandfest is on next week involving all bands. All students have taken home a package of information. All permission notes and money must be returned to the office by this FRIDAY.

UNLOAD CREATIVE WRITING WORKSHOPS (Years 3-6)

Unload is a writing programme with an emphasis on fun and creativity. Each week students play with language through word games, writing activities and story-telling. Everything supplied - kids just bring imagination!
Where: 6F classroom, The Junction Public School
When: 3.20pm-4.20pm Tuesday (Commencing Week 2 – Term 4 : Tuesday 15 October)
Cost: 9 weeks @ \$112 per child
Numbers limited to 15 per class
For further information contact Suzie Galwey - sgalwey@bigpond.com Mob: 0409 409 141

SCHOOL BANKING

The student banking service for Newcastle Permanent and Commonwealth Bank is processed at school on a Monday. All banking should be taken to the school library at 9am.

CANTEEN NEWS

The canteen is trialling serving breakfast on a MONDAY only 8.30am to 8.50am.
The canteen will be selling:
Weetbix in a cup : \$1.00
Sultana Bran in a cup: \$1.00
Cold juice cups: 60 cents
Raisin toast: 70 cents a slice
Kath & Jen from the canteen

UNIFORM SHOP

Uniform shop is open on Mondays 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 and given to students. **Payment for orders is by Cash or Cheque only – Cheques payable to: The Junction School P & C. THERE ARE NO EFTPOS FACILITIES FOR THE UNIFORM SHOP.**

P & C NEWS

Our next P&C meeting will be held **tonight Tuesday 8th October at 7pm.**

Everyone is welcome. The meeting will be held in the Staff Room, down the hall from the Front office.

Upcoming P&C Events

1: Oktoberfest – Friday 25th October, 7pm, Souths Leagues Club

Tickets are on sale from today, Tuesday 8th October.

A ticket order form has been sent home with today's newsletter. There is a limit of 250 tickets to be sold. Please **return** your **completed order form** to the box at the Front office **by Friday 18th October.** Payment can be made by cash or cheque (cheques made out to "The Junction Public School P&C" please). Tickets will be sent home with your child.

NOTE: This is an adults only evening.

Come along in fancy dress and enjoy a fun social night with friends from The Junction!

There will be:

- 1: a German band called the "Oompahpahs" as entertainment – Brilliant professional band who performed at The Grain Store in Scott Street over the weekend.
- 2: German beer available to purchase from the bar,
- 3: and other "top secret" activities.

Cover charge for the band is \$15 per person.

There is also the option to purchase an Oktoberfest themed meal for an additional \$40 (\$55 total for meal and cover charge).

The Oktoberfest menu includes roast pork, weiner schnitzel, german sausages, sauerkraut, mashed potato, Black forest gateaux and apple strudel

2: Olive Tree Market BBQ – Saturday, 2nd November – Year 5

It's **Year 5's** turn to run the BBQ this month. If you have an hour and a half to spare please call Liz Ginters on 0411 487 713 or elizabeth-g@bigpond.com. Shifts are:

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



P&C EMAIL 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. Please send me a note at junctionpandc@hotmail.com if you would like to be on the P&C email contact list.

Bronwyn Geerarts, TJPS P&C President

BOOK WEEK PARADE PHOTOS.....



COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

FRENCH CLASSES

The FUN way to become bilingual
 □ FRENCH for 5-12 year olds
 Fun after school program here at The Junction Public School.
 French club on Monday and Wednesday from 3.20pm to 4.20pm.
 Register your interest by phone or email
 Phone: 0402 818 034
 sandra.peachey@lcclubs.com.au
 www.lcclubs.com.au

GIRLS' TWILIGHT CRICKET

The fantastic **Twilight Girls T20 Cricket** competition is on again this year!
 T20 format - Fast and exciting Ages 8-14
 Everyone gets to bat, bowl and field
 Played Friday evenings from 5pm - 7pm
Starting on the 18th October at 5pm and concluding on Friday 13th December, 2013.
 The cost is **\$60** per person and includes a team playing shirt.
 Online registrations and payments are open now at www.newcric.org.au
 For further information please contact Sharyn Beck on 0400 724491 or email administrator@newcric.org.au

The ladies and gentlemen at Newcastle Spinners and Weaver's Guild would be delighted if children and parents attended their meetings to learn and foster the crafts of spinning,weaving,crochet,and felting.They meet regularly at St.James Road ,New Lambton,and their details are on the website-newcastlespinnersandweavers.org.au.Info available by email-info@newcastlespinnersandweavers.org.au or newcastlespinnersandweaversguild@hotmail.com