

The Junction News

Newsletter of The Junction Public School



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Term 4 – Week 2

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PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

This week we proudly congratulate our three concert bands and our percussion group on their performances at Bandfest at Warners Bay. Bandfest is a great performance event for all the regional school's bands and our students have worked very hard to be at their complete best for this event. Congratulations to our Junior Band who won their division yesterday competing against nine other bands. We will report on the other bands' achievements next week.

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

The Interrelate – Sexuality and Relationships evening program will be at our school **tomorrow night on Wednesday evening 16th October**. This is an excellent program, 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.

The cost is \$27.50 per family for one session or \$33.00 per family for 2 sessions are determined by Interrelate Family Centres. Please contact the office if you would like to attend.

Staff Development Day – 12th October

Last Saturday staff members worked on developing units of work using the new English syllabus focus which is to be implemented across schools in NSW next year. Teachers will be using different forms of literature to explore 'concepts' with students and to broaden their knowledge and understandings of author's intent and meaning. Our staff watched presentations from the DEC and used the new syllabus to begin the development of units. I would like to thank everyone for the great work they put in.

Improvements to School Grounds

As you no doubt have noticed, if you were around school last week, we now have a wonderful white picket fence around our vegetable garden area – thanks mainly to teacher Jody Cooper and Tom Jervis our general

assistant. This construction has really enhanced this area and we thank them for the work they have put into this area as well as the completion of gardens and the shelter shed near the netball court area. This area has now been painted and gardens have been established to further provide a quality school environment for all.

We are still interested in anyone who may be able to give us a 'good price' on some concreting in this area – we would like to put a pathway in near one of the demountables.

We are also happy to have the assistance of anyone who may have a spare hour at any time throughout the week for some 'garden weeding' and grounds maintenance. Let the office know if you are able to help out. Thanks.

Concert and a Request!

Last week we had our first full whole school rehearsal for the concert. It is really coming together well and the students are really getting quite excited as they see how all the segments are now fitting together. The dress rehearsals will commence this week which will again add another wonderful dimension to the performances for children.

I am interested in seeking the help of any parents who may have a photography / videography background to help us with videoing the concert performances at either the day or in particular the night performance. We are hoping to video the concert and get a quality product at the end to be able to provide for parents.

We may be able to provide the cameras needed – so just need personnel to help us set up and video the concert itself. If you think you may be able to help us out – please contact the office and leave your name and I will get in contact with you. Thanks.

NAPLAN Results

Today, parents of students in Years 3 and 5 will receive a report of the NAPLAN assessments for their child which took place in May this year. Students were assessed in literacy – reading / writing / grammar and punctuation as well as numeracy covering all strands of the maths syllabus.

These assessments are one general indication of achievement of the individual student but also provide invaluable diagnostic data for the school across the whole grade. We use this information to focus on areas for further development across the school. We are able to look at trend data for individual students from Years 3 to 5 as well as cohorts of students.



STATE ATHLETICS

Ejay will compete at the State Athletics Championships at Homebush in Sydney tomorrow. Her events are: 12 year old - 100m and Long Jump. We wish Ejay all the best for tomorrow.

Enrolments for 2014

We are currently looking at enrolments for 2014. If you know of any families who are 'in zone' and thinking of enrolling their children for next year, please ask them to make contact with us. Our zoned area information can be obtained from the office. Thank you.

Wendy Cheek,
Principal

CHANGE OF DATE

YEAR 2 GLENROCK EXCURSION
New Date: Friday 25th October!!!

Unfortunately Glenrock have had to change the date from this Friday 18th October to **Friday 25th October**. (A new permission note is required and will go out today)

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

CONCERT UPDATE!

If you still need **BLACK T-SHIRTS** for the concert - the School Uniform Shop have left some in the school office for \$4 each.

If you still require **WHITE T-SHIRTS** – Big W have some in stock.

WANTED!!!

Large rolls/pieces of Bubble Wrap is needed for the concert. Please see office if you can help out!

Week 2	Event
Wednesday, Oct 16	Year 1 & 2 Intensive Swimming
Wednesday, Oct 16	Senior Band at Bandfest
Wednesday, Oct 16	Intermediate Band at Bandfest
Wednesday, Oct 16	Interrelate Sessions – Years 3-6 at 6pm and/or 7.15pm (Yrs 5 - 6)
Thursday, October 17	Junior Band at Bandfest
Week 3	Event
Friday, October 25 (NEW DATE)	Year 2 Glenrock Excursion
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
Saturday, Nov 2	Olive Tree Markets – 9am-3pm
Week 5	Event
Monday, Nov 4	Kinder 2014 Orientation
Tuesday, Nov 5	P & C Meeting – 7pm
Wednesday, Nov 6	Kinder 2014 Orientation
Wednesday, Nov 6	Year 4 Great Aussie Bush Camp
Thursday, Nov 7	Year 4 Great Aussie Bush Camp
Friday, Nov 8	Year 4 Great Aussie Bush Camp

'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!!!



assembly with Class 1J sitting on the chairs and work

shared by some Kindergarten students. All parents and friends are welcome.

YEAR 1 & 2 INTENSIVE SWIMMING

Our first sessions ran fairly smoothly and will improve now that the children know the routine. Please remember to send children to school in their swimmers and with dry underwear in their bags. NAMES on **everything** PLEASE!!
Mrs Hughes

Year 3 – 6 Assembly – Assembly will commence again this Friday 11.30am!

BAND NEWS

Great news from our first day at Bandfest! Our Junior Band competed yesterday in the Novice Section with nine other bands and I'm pleased and proud to announce that they won this section. All students represented the school in an exemplary manner and were worthy winners of this section. Grateful thanks to Michael Jobson for his great training of these students and Michael Bell for filling in for Michael J. recently. Today our Percussion Ensemble competes in the Open Section; Wednesday Intermediate Band is in the Intermediate section and Senior Band is in the Premier Section. Thursday is Junior Band's turn again in the Developing Band Section. Good luck everyone!

Important Date: Please note the date for Band Presentation Night has changed to 9th December.

BAND FEES

All Band Fees for the year must be paid to the office by Friday 25th October. If anyone is unsure of how much is owed, please check with the office.

WRITTEN ONLY TEXT v DIGITAL TEXT

This term 5/6C are studying the digital text 'Inanimate Alice'. After reading both the text only version and the digital version they compared and contrasted the two different forms of text. Miss Chaffey

Written Only Text v Digital Text By Will (5/6C)

There is a lot of interest involved in the topic of digital texts and written texts. After all, there are similarities between them. For example, the story follows the same plot in both version and the actual text is the same. However, there can be many differences between the written version of a text and the digital version of a text. The most notable differences include the fact that digital texts include multimedia, interactivity and more information.

One extremely notable difference between the digital version and the written version of a text is the many types of media used in the digital version. The media involved in a digital text draws in the audience like a bee to a flower. This can serve to be quite useful in a story.

The types of multimedia used in a digital text includes images, videos, music and sound effects. The way a digital text uses multimedia gets the attention of the audience and is very useful in maintaining audience engagement.

Another way that a digital text and a written text differ is the use of interactive features in a digital text. Interaction create an extra interest in the text by getting the audience more involved. The most common interactive features used in a digital text include hyperlinks and mini games related to the storyline. An example of this in the digital version of Inanimate Alice is the inclusion of a mini game where you have to take photos of flowers passing by. Interactive features like this really make the text more interesting and it gives you the feeling that you are in the story.

A large difference between digital and written versions of a text is how the digital version often backs up the information presented through the inclusion of extra media. It is amazing the amount of extra information given in a digital version of a text with exactly the same words! After reading a written text you can be left confused and frustrated because there is only limited information presented. Whereas, in a digital text the media helps back up the information and reinforces it - which makes the plot easier to understand. In most ways the information presented by a digital text is more thorough and clear.

A text can be presented in different ways and the most common ways are written text and digital text. There is a lot of controversy considering which is better, but it all comes down to a matter of opinion.

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

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 today)
 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 **Tuesday 5th November at 7pm.**

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

The P&C would like to wish Jody Cooper all the best in her tour of South Africa with the Australian Women's Indoor Cricket Team.

Upcoming P&C Events

1: Oktoberfest – Friday 25th October, 7pm, South Leagues Club, Merewether.

Tickets on sale NOW! Get your tickets! Only 250 tickets will be sold!

A ticket order form was sent home with last week's newsletter. Additional copies are available from the

Front Office or can be downloaded from the P&C Facebook page.

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,
- 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