

The Junction News

Newsletter of The Junction Public School



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Term 4 – Week 4

Tuesday 29 October 2013

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

CONCERT – Lights! Camera! Action!!

Well it's nearly here!!! We have worked so hard to get to this point and we are so looking forward to this Thursday. I hear that really good seats are still available for the Thursday night from the Box Office. Parents – if you are still unsure of what is happening – here is a rundown.....

Organisational Details

- On Thursday 31st October (Concert Day) through the day – we will be taking the whole school on buses to the Civic Theatre for a dress and technical rehearsal. The school will pay for the cost of the buses. All class teachers will accompany their own classes and will supervise through the day. **SENIOR BAND WILL GO DIRECTLY TO THE CIVIC THEATRE AND MEET MRS FITZGIBBON IN WHEELER PLACE AT 8.30AM.**
- Year 6 will leave the school at 8.45am and the remaining students will leave at 8.55am. Student will return to school before 3.00pm – please ensure all children are at school by 8.40am.
- We will be hiring rooms at the City Hall across from the theatre which will be 'holding rooms' where students will be fully supervised at all times and will have breaks through the day between rehearsal. TV monitors will allow them to see what is happening on stage when they are not performing. If possible – on the day rehearsal we will also allow them into the theatre so that they can watch the other grades rehearsing.
- Students need to wear their sports uniforms and take:
 - their 'costumes'
 - all food - recess and lunch and water to drink
 - minimal make up - if desired
 - no hair sprays or aerosol sprays of any kind
 - no jewellery or any items of any value
 - optional - quiet card games or 'small games' to play while they are waiting to perform
 - toilets are available in the rooms.

Band students will need to report to Mrs Fitzgibbon on arrival at 6.00pm - at the theatre for the night performance. They will be located next to Year 6. Band

students need to wear their **performance uniform to the theatre- black pants/white t-shirt** – both for the day and night performance as they will be opening our concert – first item. Additional costumes will need to be brought in a bag.

- The evening performance will commence at 7.00pm and will finish by approximately 9.00pm.
- We would appreciate all students being dropped off at the theatre by their parents **by 6.15pm** – teachers will be marking names off just outside the side doors of the theatre in Wheeler Place – the large open public area – there are six large palm trees there and we would ask that Kinder meet at the first palm tree nearest Hunter Street, then Year 1 and so on up to Year 6 beside the last palm tree. We will have large signs there indicating the meeting places and teachers will be holding up class signs on sticks. After names are marked off students will be taken to the City Hall – 'Banquet Room' which is the large holding room.
- Teachers will fully supervise students at all times and we have engaged additional staff as well. When not performing on the night all students will be able to watch the concert on monitors.
- We ask parents not to come to the holding rooms unless there is an urgent reason to do so – it will be a very busy area.
- The final part of the program is a whole school finale – when all students return to the stage to present an uplifting number- which is a huge secret at the moment! It will be truly memorable. For this reason we ask that you allow your children to stay till the end of the concert and not request that you can pick them up after their item – if at all possible. If there are specific circumstances and you need to collect your child sooner – of course we will be happy to help you out.

Collection of Children after the Concert.

The palm trees outside the theatre where you dropped your child off will be used for collection after the performance.

Teachers will bring all children back to the same spot where you dropped them off and will stay with them until you come to collect them. We will be in lines holding up class signs so you can easily locate your children.

- A program will be available for purchase for \$5 – the programs will contain the names of all the students in the school – the cast.

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- We will be videoing the concert on the night and hope to have available to you at some point after the concert – a DVD for purchase if you would like one. More information to come here.
- We have taken photos of the different segment groups during rehearsals at school – these will be on display at the theatre for you to order.

I am proud of the efforts of all children and I am extremely appreciative of the efforts of all staff. I would publicly like to acknowledge the efforts of Karen Read for co-ordinating and overseeing this whole event – her efforts have been 'above and beyond'. I hope you will be attending as this will be an exceptional night and experience for all – it will be one of those wonderful memories of school which your children will always hold dearly.

Please contact me if you require further specific details and I will certainly provide them for you.

Looking forward to your attendance on Thursday night!!

FINANCE UPDATE

The Junction Public School is a pilot school for a new financial system being implemented throughout NSW by the Department of Education and Communities. With this in mind we have recently sent out invoices asking for any outstanding monies to be paid by Friday 1st November. We thank those families who have paid this week but ask others to finalise outstanding amounts by this Friday.

EFTPOS facilities will not be available from 4th November until the 20th November.

We thank you for your understanding and assistance with this matter.

Breaking Cricket News!

News just in from South Africa! The Australian Indoor Women's Cricket team of which Mrs Cooper has been playing for over the last week – have won the World Cup!! They are undefeated in the competition and we congratulate her and the team on a fantastic effort!!

Wendy Cheek,
Principal

UPCOMING EVENTS/EXCURSIONS

WHOLE SCHOOL – MUSICA VIVA

Date: Tuesday 12 November
(Pale Green Note – Cost \$10 per student)

YEARS 1, 3 & 5 – HUNTER LIFE EDUCATION

Dates: 18th to 22nd November
(Pale Blue Note – Cost \$10 per student)

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

PLEASE COME TO OUR CONCERT! – 1L

1L has been learning about persuasion. We have tried to persuade you all to come to our concert on Thursday night!

On Thursday the 31st of October The Junction is performing at the Civic Theatre. If I don't see you all I will not be dancing! I will just be standing and doing nothing except frowning. The whole school is performing and it is going to be cool! If you don't have your tickets get them NOW! There will be viscous Vikings, powerful pirates and salty sailors. Come! Come! Come!

By Ella W - 1L

On Thursday 31st October 2013 The Junction Public School will be performing at the Civic Theatre. Get your tickets now at the box office. There will be vicious Vikings, salty sailors and powerful pirates.

By Tayte R - 1L

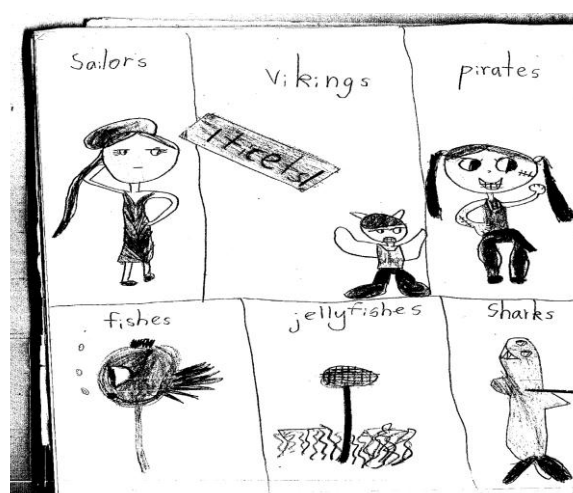
You should come and see The Junction Rules the Waves on Thursday the 31st of October. Come! It is a spectacular! We will be performing at the Civic Theatre and if you do not have tickets buy them right NOW!!

We have been practising since Term 2 so come, come!! Who wants to be a millionaire?? We do!! There will be powerful pirates, vicious Vikings and sandy sailors. Come see it!

By Samuel C - 1L

On Thursday 31st of October the Junction Public School will be performing at the Civic Theatre. If you don't have your tickets you need to get them NOW! We have been practising since Term 2 and the items are amazing! There will be a pirate princess and under the sea. Come and see the amazing kids otherwise I will glue myself to the wall! So Come!

Aisling V - 1L



Next week's newsletter will be published next Wednesday 6th November – so please look in your child's bag on Wednesday not Tuesday!
Thank you!

CALENDAR - TERM 4 – 2013**Week 4****Event**

Wednesday, Oct 30	Year 1 & 2 Intensive Swimming
Thursday, October 31	All students at the Civic Theatre for the whole day – NO LUNCH ORDERS – Students need to bring their recess/lunch/water
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	Year 1 & 2 Intensive Swimming
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

Week 6**Event**

Tuesday, Nov 12	Musica Viva – Whole School
Wednesday, Nov 13	Year 1 & 2 Intensive Swimming

Week 7**Event**

Monday 18 Nov	Hunter Life Educ – 3MC, 5C, 1H
Tuesday, Nov 19	Hunter Life Ed – 3B, 5B, 1CR, 3L
Wednesday, Nov 20	Hunter Life Educ – 3W, 5N
Wednesday, Nov 20	Year 1 & 2 Intensive Swimming
Thursday, Nov 21	Hunter Life Educ – 3CW, 1J, 1C
Friday, Nov 22	Hunter Life Educ – Catch up day

Week 8**Event**

Wednesday, Nov 27	Year 1 & 2 Intensive Swimming
Friday, Nov 29	Charity Day here at school (Note to be sent home soon)

Week 10**Event**

Monday, Dec 9	Band Presentation Night
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SPECIAL MENTION AWARDS**Kinder to Year 2 ASSEMBLY – Term 4 Week 3**

KK	Lyvia H	Andrew F
KDG	Boston B	Neve O'K
KH	Lachlan C	Liam S
KR	Lateisha S	Louis G
1J	Oscar F	Lara C
1CR	Mia V	Isaac L
1L	Agamjot A	Lucy C
1C	Max W	Brodhi B
1/2H	Luca W	Jasper C
2B	Lulu S	
2D	Maya S	Jeremy S
2W	Iliannah T	Kelsey V

YEARS 3, 4, 5 & 6 ASSEMBLY - Term 4 Week 3

3B	Thomas P	
3CW	Gus A	Kate L
3MC	Cormac M	Erin K
3W	Sylvia K	Declan F
3/4L	Coco D Joe P	Finnian G
4A	Jack W	Charlotte K
4F	Brayden K	Sunny W
5B	Darcy O'D	Alexandra H
5N	Brayden M Archie C	Bella D
6C	Claude C	Raha R
6F	Logan O	Amy M
Choir	Quinn P Daniel M	Noah F Maya L
Band	Niamh L Ebony D	Finnian G

K – 2 ASSEMBLY

Thank you KK for our first Kindergarten led assembly for 2013. The presenters spoke so beautifully and we loved your story for the class item. Well done! Congratulations also to classes 1CR and 1J for winning the best listeners. There will be double chairs up the back this week!

This week's assembly will be shared. See you at 2pm on Wednesday in the new hall.

YEAR 1 & 2 SWIMMING

What a great day it was to go swimming last Wednesday! Years One and Two are having a wonderful time at Balance each Wednesday and their behaviour is something to be proud of. We have been finding that the first group is not finishing with enough time to get dressed and back on the bus so we have agreed with Balance to start this group at 9:30am. This will mean that all **1J, 1C** and **1CR** students will need to be at school **by 9am** each Wednesday. The children have been asked to bring their swimming bags to assembly and these classes will mark the roll in the quad and then get straight on the bus. This will allow them to travel to Mayfield and take off their uniforms to be ready to swim at 9:30am. We would really appreciate your co-operation with this.

GARDEN

Thank you to Mrs Ulph, Anthony, Lucy and Phoebe for their kind donation of seedlings to our school garden. The Ulph children made the paper pots and grew the seedlings from seed. Last term a wonderful Kindergarten mum also donated some lovely tomato plants. These are growing well. On Wednesdays, Tom and I supervise the garden and any children are welcome to help weed, plant, water, mulch and remove old plants. The children love picking some of the produce and often donate this to the canteen to be used in their lunches! We now have beetroot, lettuce, tomatoes, carrots, cucumbers, beans and corn growing.

Thank you everyone for your great help. Mrs Hughes



SELECTIVE HIGH SCHOOL PLACEMENT APPLICATIONS – YEAR 7 - 2015

All students seeking placement in a Selective Academic High School will need to sit the Selective High School Placement test on Thursday 13th March 2014.

Parents who wish their child to sit the test will need to apply online by **Friday 18th November**.

Online applications are open now. Information went home to current Year 5 students last week. If any parent requires more information, please contact the class teacher.

KINDER 2014 ORIENTATION DAY – MORNING TEA

TJPS are holding a morning tea for new 2014 parents in the COLA next week on

Mon 4th November and Wed 6th November.

We would love it if some 2013 Kindy parents are able to come along and chat and have coffee/tea with the new parents coming to our school next year.

Any parents able to help would be greatly appreciated (not just kindy parents).

If you are able to come along and help set up/pack up, serve drinks from 9.20am to approximately 10am, please text/call Kim Forbes on Mob: 0435064541.

If you would like to, bring a small plate of something for morning tea (homemade or bought).



Ethics Teachers Needed!

Philosophical ethics classes are now available for years 3, 4, 5 and 6 students in NSW public schools as an option for students who have opted out of Special Religious Education/Scripture. We need volunteers to teach.

Primary Ethics provides full training and ongoing support for their volunteer teachers.

To find out more about Primary Ethics and becoming an Ethics Teacher, please go to www.primaryethics.com.au or contact our school's Ethics Coordinator, Mark Harden at tjpsethics@gmail.com.

Run Newcastle www.runnewcastle.com.au

Run Walk or Roll

The Facts - The 6km walk, 6km run and 12km run is held on Sunday 10th November 2013.

-100% of every registration fee goes directly to the redevelopment of the Adolescent Unit at the John Hunter Children's Hospital

- You can register today, check out the web site

Run Newcastle is giving schools the chance to earn up to \$10,000 cash via the **School Incentive Program**, simply by getting people participating in Run Newcastle, like us on Facebook, tell your friends and family about it.

What do you need to do?

1. If you decide to participate, during the registration process, you will see a drop down box 'How did you hear about Run Newcastle?' Select 'other' and type your schools name in space provided.

2. Once registered, every participant's race pack will be ready for collection in the week before the event (details to

follow). Part of the race pack includes the competitor booklet and on the back page is the 'incentive form'. Please fill this in for The Junction Public School and return it to me or the front office ASAP (must be before Wed 27th November) I will then submit the incentive forms with a letter on school letter head stating our incentive amount, if we reach 100 or more participants they will then send the school a cheque, it is as simple as that!!

100 entries = \$500

200 entries = \$1,000 up to 1000 entries = \$10,000

If you are unable to participate, talk about and tell your family and friends, they may like to join in!

Let me know if you have registered and I will get a Run Newcastle cap, drink bottle and/or sweat band to you while I have them in supply, you can call or text on 0435064541. Thanks everyone, Kim Forbes

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.

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.

This month we will be discussing future fundraising events for 2014.

P&C Budget meeting:

Each year the P&C holds a budget meeting to plan its finances for the following year. **Anyone** is welcome to attend. If you are interested in attending the next meeting (it will be held in the next few weeks at a time convenient to all attending), please e-mail me at junctionpandc@hotmail.com

Volunteers are still needed for the OTM BBQ this Saturday. We still need six volunteers – (4) for the 11.30am to 1pm shift and (2) for the 1pm – 2.30pm shift. If you are able to help please contact Liz Ginters on: Mob: 0411 487713.

Betty Anderson Award – Nominations now Open.

Nominations close Monday 2nd December, 2013

Nominations are now open for the Betty Anderson Award.

The Betty Anderson Award is given each year to a member of the school community who volunteers their time for the benefit of the children.

Who is Betty Anderson?

Betty is a wonderful person who donated 40 years of her life to running the Canteen at our school. Betty started helping in the canteen when one of her sons started school and long after they had moved on to High School and beyond, Betty was still serving the children and managing the Canteen. In 2008, ill health forced Betty to 'retire'. We all miss her smiling face but her legacy lives on in the form of the "Betty Anderson Award".

Each year, the Betty Anderson Award is presented to a member of our school community who has given up their time to help support our school and students.

With so many people volunteering each year, the P&C has a difficult time deciding on one recipient from the nominations they receive.

If you would like to nominate someone please either send me an email or drop a note in at the office. Please give a short explanation as to why you think the person you are nominating deserves this award (some of the "quiet achievers" are not widely known - and that is the whole point of the award!). Nominations close - Monday 2nd December 2013 - with the award decided the following evening at the P & C meeting (7.00pm Tuesday 3rd December) and presented at the end of year award ceremonies.

Upcoming P&C Events

1: 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

Want to keep up with P&C news "on the go"? You can:

CONCERT TEASER.....

