

The Junction News

Newsletter of The Junction Public School



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Term 4 – Week 6

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PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Here we are in Week 6 of a rapidly diminishing term. There is still much activity taking place in the school with significant events such as the Life Education van visiting the school from next week.

The 'launch' of the new van for Hunter Life Education is taking place at our school next Monday 18th November with our local State Member – Tim Owen MP and the local media present.

During the rest of the week our students in Years 1, 3 and 5 will visit the van in our school to participate in their education programs around drug education and personal development. Parents are welcome to be in attendance for the 'launch' of the new van from 10.00am. Our band will be entertaining visitors from 10.50am and our wonderful combined choir will be entertaining everyone at the conclusion of events.

Kinder Orientation

It has been wonderful to see our new Kindergarten enrolments for 2014 attending school this week. There is such expectation on their faces for 'big school' and they appear very settled and confident - and thanks must go to the parents for preparing them all so well.

On another note regarding enrolments for 2014, I am interested in hearing any current information re: potential new 'in zone' enrolments as well as any families who may be leaving the school at the end of the year. It is really important that I have accurate information in this regard to assist with planning for classes for next year. Thanks.

We need a Concreter!

We are currently planning further improvements to our school playground and need a contact for a concreter to assist us with some current projects. If anyone knows of a contact who might give us a 'good price' for works completed - we would love to hear from them. Thanks.

Presentation Day

Please note the dates for Presentation Day for 2013 - our whole school Presentation Day Assembly will be on Thursday December 12 commencing at 9.00am till 9.30am under the COLA area.

Still on Thursday 12th - Stage 3 (Years 5 and 6) Presentation will be at 9.50am in the new hall – Stage 2 (Years 3 and 4) will be at 11.30am in the new hall.

On Friday 13th – Early Stage 1 - (Kindergarten) will be at 9.10am in the new hall and Stage 1 (Years 1 and 2) will be at 10.15am in the new hall.

More detailed information on the organisation for these days will be coming home to you soon.

Please note that every student receives an award on these days as we place great importance on celebrating the achievements of all.

Book Fair

All students will have the opportunity to purchase a book from The Book Fair – which is currently taking place in our library over the next two days – Wednesday and Thursday. There are some really good bargains if you are looking for that extra special Christmas present.

Class Reports

Teachers are currently working on class reports which will be available to all parents at the end of week 9 (approximately December 6th).

Congratulations

Congratulations to Lulu of class 2/3B who was highly commended in the 'Doodle for Google' competition recently. Well done Lulu!



Wendy Cheek,
Principal

CALENDAR - TERM 4 – 2013**Week 6****Event**

Tuesday, Nov 12	Musica Viva – Whole School
Wednesday, Nov 13	Year 1 & 2 Intensive Swimming
Wednesday, Nov 13	Scholastic Book Fair
Thursday, Nov 14	Scholastic Book Fair
Thursday, Nov 14	P & C Budget Meeting 7pm
Saturday, Nov 16	Olive Tree Markets – 9am-3pm

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
Thursday, Nov 21	Year 2 Glenrock Excursion (New Date)
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 (Bright Green Note)

Week 9**Event**

Tuesday, Dec 3	P & C Meeting – 7pm
Saturday, Dec 7	Olive Tree Markets – 9am-3pm

Week 10**Event**

Monday, Dec 9	Band Presentation Night
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UPCOMING EVENTS/EXCURSIONS**YEARS 1, 3 & 5 – HUNTER LIFE EDUCATION****Dates: 18th to 22nd November**

(Pale Blue Note – Cost \$10 per student)

YEAR 2 GLENROCK LAGOON EXCURSION**Thursday 21st November (New Date)****PAYMENTS & PERMISSION NOTES SHOULD BE 'POSTED'
IN THE OFFICE FOYER (Not given to Class teacher)****SPECIAL MENTION AWARDS****Kinder to Year 2 ASSEMBLY – Term 4 Week 5**

KK	Lucca S	Anna S
KDG	Cody M	Charlie B
KH	Kai H	Albert F
KR	Millie B	Lillie C
1J	Marco B	Sabine Y
1CR	Vincent M	Kate M
1L	Jemima S	Loki D'A
1C	Matika S	Milijana M
1/2H	Maxxis F	Niamh H
2B	Ella S	
2D	Indah J	Braith H
2W	Connor F	Barnaby Y

Assemblies

Wednesday 2pm – Kinder to Year 2 - New Hall

Friday 11.30am - Year 3 – Year 6 – New Hall

SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR**Here at school tomorrow - Wednesday 13th &
Thursday 14th November!!**

Students will be able to purchase books from the Scholastic Book Fair which will be located in the School Library.

Student and parents can purchase items before school from 8.30 a.m. both mornings. Classes will be rostered to go to the library to purchase items during the two days.

Parents are needed to help with the selling of items at the Book Fair from 8.30 a.m. to 2.30 p.m. (Even if you can spare an hour throughout day!)

If you are able to help, please let the office or Mrs Land our librarian know.

SCHOOL CONCERT PHOTOS

Concert photo orders have now closed. Any photos that have been ordered will be given to your child next week!

CHARITY DAY 2013

Charity Day 2013 takes place on Friday 29th November. A 'Bright green note' with details about this very special day went home last week. Below are the stalls and activities taking place on the day. If you are able to donate items, where specified, it would be greatly appreciated. Items can start to be brought in now and taken to the classroom organising the activity. Thanks!

CLASS	STALL/ ACTIVITIES	DONATIONS
Kinder	Lolly Stall	Yes
1C & 1/2H	Chocolate Walk	Yes
1J	Basketball Shootout (lollies)	Yes
1CR & 1L	Disco	No
2D & 5B	White Elephant Stall	Yes
2/3B & 5N	Face Painting	No
2W & 3MC	Cake Stall	Yes
3W & 3CW	Lucky Dips	No
4A	Second hand Toys	Yes
4F	Second Hand Books, CD's and DVD's	Yes
3/4L & 5/6C	Nail Salon and Hair Colouring	Yes
5/6C	Rhino Fundraising	No
6C	Cans of Drink/ Barbecue	Yes (drinks)
6F	Haunted House	No
Year 6	Bubble Bottles	No

100 WORD CHALLENGE

The 100 Word Challenge website (www.100wc.net) is a globally run site that encourages students to respond in written form to a prompt. The prompt may be a word, a phrase or an image. The unique thing about this site is that is supported by over 100 volunteers who read the entries each week and leave the students feedback. This feedback encourages students to try new styles, expand their vocabulary and also gives them specific praise on areas they are doing well with. The popularity of this site continues to grow and as a result, Julia Skinner (the founder and coordinator), is desperately seeking some volunteers who can commit to reading and responding to a selection of student entries each week. No special skills are required, just the ability to respond in a positive and encouraging way and internet access. Without volunteers, this fabulous program cannot continue. If you are interested in helping out, please speak to Miss Chaffey or send her an email for further information – laura.chaffey@det.nsw.edu.au

Below is a student example from the 100 Word Challenges from the past few weeks.
Thank you, Miss Chaffey (Class 5/6C)

Clatter clatter clatter! Crackled my icy teeth snapping together as a response to the bitter cold. Crunching the muddy leaves I trod along the forgotten path towards the broken old bridge that must have been there a hundred years ago. Soon my ears picked up the sound of rushing water: I started to run - I was almost there. Finally when I made it, all I could think of was storming across. When I

was about half way across my eyes caught something that made me hold my mouth and scream in extreme terror. There – two familiar legs sticking out of the water! By Emily

GREAT AUSSIE BUSH CAMP – Year 4What a GREAT time we had!!!



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 News: From next year the School Uniform will stock "Girls' Summer Uniforms" (no need to go to Lowes and purchase the summer uniform). 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 **Tuesday 3rd December at 7pm**. This will be that last meeting for the year. Everyone is welcome. The meeting will be held in the Staff Room, down the hall from the Front office.

P&C Budget Meeting –Thursday 14th November, 2013, 7pm. Each year the P&C holds a budget meeting to plan finances for the following year. **Anyone** is welcome to attend. If you are interested in attending the budget meeting this Thursday, please e-mail me at junctionpandc@hotmail.com for the meeting place details.

Tamburlaine Wine Fundraiser

Tamburlaine Winery produces organic wines here in the Hunter Valley. The P&C will receive a percentage of all sales from the fundraiser. It's also a great way to get some Christmas shopping done early! All wine is delivered to your front door and you may place orders until the end of this term. If you didn't get an Order Form with last week's newsletter (Year 4 parents check bags this week), you can download a form from our Facebook page, or pick up a new order form from the front office. Order Forms are to be sent directly or emailed to Tamburlaine Wines. If you have already sent an order form in to the school office, these orders will be forwarded on for you by the P & C, however all orders from now on need to be forwarded directly to the winery.

Kindergarten Orientation Morning Teas

Thanks to Kim Forbes and crew: Jenn Krause, Mel Lowe, Angela Le Rougetel, Lee Kurtz, Eithne Healey, Rachel Sutherland, Kate Case, Natalie Paterson, Kristen Saunders, Angela Jackel and Justine Ulph who put on a wonderful morning tea for new Kindergarten parents at the Orientation Days last week.

Tell us what you think of the P&C and its activities.

Each year the P&C holds social events and organises fundraising activities to benefit the school and school

community.

The P&C is seeking feedback from you, the parents and carers of the school community, to hear your thoughts on the activities carried out by the P&C. We are asking parents and carers to complete a brief survey (5 minutes in length) at the following address:

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/s.aspx?sm=Msz0co7p%2bmFqhCAI7dA6JQ%3d%3d>

The survey will be open until Friday 29th November, 11:59pm. This is your chance to tell us what social activities and fundraising activities **you** would like to see at the school. We are looking forward to hearing what you have to say.

P&C Christmas Raffle

Many thanks to Karen Howard and her band of helpers who have offered to run the P&C Christmas raffle this year. Stay tuned for information about the Christmas Raffle. Information will be available in next week's newsletter.

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.

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, 7th December – Kindergarten, Years 2, 4, & 6**

This is the last BBQ this year. If you have an hour and a half to spare please call Liz Ginters on 0411 487 713 or elizabeth-q@bigpond.com. Shifts are:

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



Liz Ginters is retiring as OTM BBQ co-ordinator at the end of the year. **Would you like to take over her role?** If you think you may be interested in taking on the role of OMT BBQ coordinator and would like more information, please contact me (Bronwyn) or Liz to discuss what the role entails.

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