

The Junction News

Newsletter of The Junction Public School



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Term 4 – Week 7

Tuesday 19 November 2013

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Launch of 'Life Education Van' - Postponed

The launch of the new Hunter Life Education van at our school was postponed yesterday due to the torrential rain. Life Education lessons will continue to take place this week.

Presentation Days 2013

Following is information to parents of our Presentation Days which will take place on Thursday 12th and Friday 13th December this year. We will start with a whole school assembly from **Kinder to Year 6 at 9.00am** under the COLA (main assembly area), to present the major awards and prizes as well as invest and present the school captains, prefects, sports house captains and vice captains with their badges. This assembly should take approximately 30 minutes. At the following assemblies, in the new school hall every single child in every class will be called forward to receive a certificate. **At 9.45am on Thursday 12th December** in the new school hall, we will continue with the Stage 3 assembly (Years 5 and 6) – and present the class awards and some special stage awards.

At 11.00am on Thursday 12th December there will be a morning tea supplied for parents staying on for the next assembly. **At 11.30am on Thursday 12th December** we will continue with Stage 2 assembly (Years 3 and 4) and present the class awards and some special stage awards. This assembly should conclude by 1.00pm.

At 9.15am on Friday 13th December in the new school hall we will hold the Early Stage 1 assembly – (Kindergarten) and present the class awards and some special stage awards. **At 10.15am (approx) on Friday 13th December** we will continue with Stage 1 assembly (Years 1 and 2) and present the class awards and some special stage awards. This assembly should conclude by 11.15am (approx).

A morning tea will be available to all attending parents during this time.

Presentation Day will be focussed on celebrating the achievements of all students and recognising their efforts over the whole year. There will be some small class items at each assembly.

Kindergarten Orientation Visits

This week sees the last of our Kinder 2014 Orientation visits with our new young students again visiting the Kinder rooms and participating in our class programs.

Year 5 buddies have been doing an exceptional job in overseeing their smooth transition to 'big school'. We warmly welcome all new parents and families to our school and The Junction community.

Year 5 Leadership Training

Year 5 are currently participating in leadership training with Mrs Keating, Mrs Briggs, Mrs Cooper and Ms Newton and are really enjoying the experience. They will participate in two more training sessions this week and next **Tuesday 26th November, the nominated leadership candidates** will present their election speeches to the student body from Years 2 to 6 at **11.30am in the new hall. Parents are very welcome to attend.**

Outstanding Payments

As we work towards the end of the school term for 2013, unfortunately we have a significant number of outstanding invoices still to be paid. These are primarily for goods and services provided to students over the year – band participation, dance participation, payment for resource books, magazines, and readers that students have used. We have sent home many reminders to families over the last couple of months but have not had a significant response. These outstanding fees exclude any that may be voluntary, and includes only materials and activities that require the user to pay. **At present, the school has covered these costs from our global budget which is affecting our ability to organise other activities.** We urgently need to be reimbursed for these amounts. Our budget is designed to be shared equally throughout the entire school population. Please attend to payment of these invoices as soon as possible. Many thanks.

Charity Day

Charity Day will take place next week on Friday 29th November in our main COLA area, with all classes running their own stalls to raise funds to continue the educational and welfare support for our two sponsored children overseas – Bure and Saravut, and also for other nominated charities by the students. The stalls will operate from recess to lunchtime on Friday. This is usually a very exciting and enjoyable day for all students who are highly organised in their class activity. Students are able to 'buy tokens' to exchange for goods. Trading begins at 11.00am.

Wendy Cheek,
Principal

CALENDAR - TERM 4 – 2013

Week 7	Event
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
Friday, Nov 22	Hunter Life Educ –Catch up day

Week 8	Event
Tuesday, Nov 26	2014 Student executive speeches – 11.30am
Wednesday, Nov 27	Year 1 & 2 Intensive Swimming
Friday, Nov 29	Charity Day here at school

Week 9	Event
Tuesday, Dec 3	P & C Meeting – 7pm
Wednesday, Dec 4	Year 1 & 2 Intensive Swimming
Thursday, Dec 5	Helpers ‘thank you morning tea’ 10.45am in old hall
Saturday, Dec 7	Olive Tree Markets – 9am-3pm

Week 10	Event
Monday, Dec 9	Band Presentation Night 6pm
Thursday, Dec 12	Whole school Presentation Day 9am – 9.30am COLA area
Thursday, Dec 12	Year 5 & 6 Presentation Day – 9.45am – New Hall
Thursday, Dec 12	Year 3 & 4 Presentation Day – 11.30am – New Hall
Friday, Dec 13	Kindergarten Presentation Day – 9.15am – New Hall
Friday, Dec 13	Year 1 & 2 Presentation Day – 10.15am – New Hall

Week 11	Event
Monday, Dec 16	Year 6 Clap out
Monday, Dec 16	Year 6 Farewell Dinner – Souths
Wednesday, Dec 18	Last day of school for 2013

CALENDAR - TERM 1 – 2014

Week 1	Event
Tuesday, Jan 28	STAFF ONLY RETURN
Wednesday, Jan 29	Year 1 to 6 Students return
Thursday, Jan 30	Kindergarten students start

SPECIAL MENTION AWARDS**Kinder to Year 2 ASSEMBLY – Term 4 Week 6**

KH	Paige B	Phoebe L
KDG	Neve O’K	Blake F
KK	Lucille H	Stella S
KR	Ryland D	Maliyah W
1J	Astrid M	Luke P
1CR	Maraya D	Jade T
1L	Livinia C	Blake O’B
1C	Ashton M	Rayshai H
1/2H	Nate D	Alex P
2B	Harri M	
2D	Isabella G	Jada D
2W	Isabelle M	Lily F

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

3CW	Charlie W	
3W	Jet R	Hana G
3/4L	Brodie P	Daniel M
4A	Aeden R	Charlotte W
4F	Tilda S	Cooper S
5B	Abigail D	Guy H
5N	Sebastien D	Matthew H
5/6C	Ellie S	Chris B
6C	Daniella V	Jake S
6F	Sascha M	Kye S

Assemblies

Wednesday 2pm – Kinder to Year 2 - New Hall
 Friday 11.30am - Year 3 – Year 6 – New Hall

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 (This Thursday!)****PAYMENTS & PERMISSION NOTES SHOULD BE 'POSTED'
IN THE OFFICE FOYER (Not given to Class teacher)****CHARITY DAY 2013**

Charity Day 2013 takes place on Friday 29th November. A 'Bright green note' with details about this very special day has gone home. 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

CASH TOKENS FOR CHARITY DAY

The Charity Day stalls are all cashless. Our office staff will visit each class from 9am to exchange cash for tokens. Your child will have the opportunity to purchase either a: \$5, \$2 or \$1 card. Items for sale will range in price from 10 cents. When your child makes a purchase the salesperson will stamp their card. More cards will be available to purchase during the Charity Day period 11am – 1.30pm at a table outside the staffroom. The only stall that will accept cash as well as tokens will be the BBQ.

SCHOOL CONCERT PHOTOS

Photos ordered from the School concert have been sent for developing – we hope to have them back this week. Thank you.

GREAT AUSSIE BUSH CAMP PHOTOS

During the recent Aussie Bush Camp many fantastic photos were taken over the three days. If you would like a DVD with all 700 photos from the camp on it then bring along an envelope with your name and class on the front and \$4 inside to Miss Chaffey to order your copy. Children have had the opportunity to see all of the photos in class and know if they feature in some of them.

STUDENTS AT JETS V ROAR GAME

The lucky winners of the Jets on field experience enjoyed their time at the game on Sunday!

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.

Competition for the Commonwealth Bank student savers.....

Students who bank with the Commonwealth Bank need to make two or more deposits through the school from 21 October to 30 November and they're automatically entered into the competition. Prizes include:

TREASURE CHEST PRIZES.

- 60 x Apple iPod Touch 16GB
- 100 x Adventure DVD Pack including *Despicable Me*, *Despicable Me 2* & *Hop*

For more information contact our parent helper/banking co-ordinator, Jackie Murnain on: 0412 20977.

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. At this meeting we will be voting on proposed spending of P&C funds and also voting for who will be the 2013 recipient of the Betty Anderson Award.

Staff Thank You Morning Tea

Many thanks to Eithne Healy, Michael Jonker, Janet Ball, Rob and Sharyn Kane, Julie Wharton, Justine Ulph, Kristen Saunders, Rachel Sutherland Leigh Kurtz and Mel Lowe who provided the most delicious cakes, slices and dips for the P&C 'Staff Thank You' morning tea last Friday 15th November. The table looked fantastic and the staff enjoyed their morning tea.

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.

Please bring your donations to the front office and leave them in the white tub.

Raffle tickets will go home later this week.

Tell us what you think of the P&C and it's activities.

Each year the P&C holds organised fundraising activities and social events 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. Thank you to the parents, carer's and community members who have completed the survey to date.

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.

You can download a form from our Facebook page, or pick up a new order form from the front office.

Orders need to be sent directly to the winery.

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!).

The recipient of the award will be 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-g@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 coordinator 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