

# The Junction News

Newsletter of The Junction Public School



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Term 1 – Week 6

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## PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

### Bush Dance – come and have a great time!

We will be holding a Bush Dance on Friday night 15<sup>th</sup> March at school, as a fun family and community event to welcome everyone to the new school year – especially all our new families. We will hold the bush dance under our COLA area, where we have plenty of shelter and lighting. We have engaged the wonderful bush band 'Celtic Beat' – to provide some great rhythms and tunes for a fantastic night's participation. The night will begin at 6.00pm and conclude after 8.30pm. A barbecue will be available for all to enjoy. The last three of these events have been hugely popular – so set this date aside in your diaries. Entry cost is \$5 per family. This money is to offset the cost of the band.

### Congratulations!!

Congratulations to The Junction Public School Zone Swimming Team for winning the overall point score at the Zone Swimming Carnival last Wednesday. It was an outstanding effort on behalf of all students who attended and again there were many records broken by our students. We now have a very strong team going off to the Regional Finals at Maitland this coming Thursday. Special congratulations to Year 6 student Chiara V who will represent in all strokes and the relay team – an amazing achievement. See full report and details later in the newsletter.

### Cross Country – Year 3 to Year 6 plus capable 8 year old runners from Year 2

Our school Cross Country will take place on Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> March (next week) at Nesca Park Newcastle. Students will leave school at 11.00am and walk up to the park. This is always an enjoyable event, with competitive participation from all students. All parents are warmly invited to attend and cheer on the students. The carnival is for all primary students and capable 8 year old runners from Year 2. Students are encouraged to wear a t-shirt in their house colours with their sports uniform for the day. They will also need their school hat and sunscreen – see full note which was issued last week – re BBQ lunch etc. We will aim to have presentation of awards back at school between 2.30pm and 3.00pm.

### Grandparents Day / Harmony Day

Please put aside the date of Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> March for a celebration of Grandparents Day (Senior Citizens Week) and Harmony Day. We would like to warmly invite all

grandparents / aunties / uncles or valued family friends to a celebration of Senior Citizens Week on this day as well as celebrate the theme of 'Many stories – one Australia'. Grandparents will be invited to an assembly as well as visits to classrooms to see our wonderful students at work. More details will be available closer to this date.

### Attendance

A reminder about students who are arriving late for school each morning on a regular basis. The school bell rings at 8.55am for students to gather in lines and receive any morning messages. The best time for students to arrive at school is from 8.30am onwards – playground duty officially commences from 8.40am. Your help with this matter would be appreciated. Thanks.

### Thanks

Many thanks to all the parents who have forwarded money for payments for voluntary school contributions as well as paying for work books and resource books. We were pleasantly surprised to receive a huge response to the financial overview sheet that we sent home and we are really grateful for the wonderful support from you all. Of course we are still taking payments from those who have not had a chance as yet to pay.

**Wendy Cheek**  
Principal



Junior Girls Relay team at Zone Swim Carnival last week - 1st by a mile and a good chance at Regional this week

**CALENDAR - TERM 1 – 2013****Week 6****Event**

<b>Tuesday, March 5</b>	<b>P &amp; C Meeting + AGM - 7pm Staffroom</b>
<b>Thursday, March 7</b>	<b>Regional Swimming Carnival</b>
<b>Sunday, March 10</b>	<b>Garden working bee – 9am-11am</b>

**Week 7****Event**

<b>Wednesday, March 13</b>	<b>Cross Country Carnival - Year 3-6 (plus competent 8 year old runners in Year 2)</b>
<b>Thursday, March 14</b>	<b>Merewether High School – 2014 Selective test</b>
<b>Friday, March 15</b>	<b>P &amp; C Bush Dance</b>
<b>Saturday, March 16</b>	<b>Olive Tree Market – 9am to 3pm</b>

**Week 8****Event**

<b>Monday, March 18</b>	<b>Year 5 &amp; 6 Antarctica Incursion</b>
<b>Thursday, March 21</b>	<b>Grandparents/Harmony Day</b>

**Week 9****Event**

<b>Wednesday, March 27</b>	<b>State Swimming</b>
<b>Thursday, March 28</b>	<b>Easter Hat Parade - (K – Year 2)</b>
<b>Friday, March 29</b>	<b>Good Friday</b>

**Week 10****Event**

<b>Monday, April 1</b>	<b>Easter Monday</b>
<b>Saturday, April 6</b>	<b>Olive Tree Market – 9am to 3pm</b>

**Week 11****Event**

<b>Friday, April 12</b>	<b>Last day for Term 1</b>
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**SCHOOL BANKING –**

Newcastle Permanent Building Society and Commonwealth Bank offer banking to our students. Parent volunteers process the money on the banks' behalf in our school library immediately after roll call on Mondays.

For any new students to the school, you may open an account at either bank and start Monday banking.

**SPECIAL MENTION AWARDS****Term 1 Week 5****YEAR 1 & 2 ASSEMBLY**

<b>1J</b>	Ella B	Nicholas G
<b>1CR</b>	Reece K	Maraya D
<b>1L</b>	Aisling V	Patrick M
<b>1C</b>	Isaac J	Imogen W
<b>1/2H</b>	Nate D	Trisha S
<b>2D</b>	Sophie C	Lily F
<b>2W</b>	Ethan A	Monica L
<b>2/3B</b>	Poppy D	

**Assembly Times:**

Kinder to Year 2: Wednesday at 2pm in new hall.  
Year 3 to Year 6: Friday at 11.30am in new hall.

**NEWCASTLE ZONE SWIMMING CARNIVAL**

The Newcastle Zone Swimming Carnival was held at Lambton Pool on Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> February. Thirty students from our school competed at the carnival, along with students from most of the other schools in our zone. We had a very successful carnival, placing 1<sup>st</sup> in overall points and by handicap. Congratulations to all students who competed.

Special congratulations to the following students who have qualified to compete at the Hunter Region Carnival on Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> March at Maitland Pool:

Chiara V, Ayesha L, Kelsey V, Sophie W, Saxon C, Marc C, Billy B, Kark F, Flynn H, Claude C, Jorjia V, Emily D, Luke O'K, Travis H, Haylie S, Ellie S, Ethan C, Joshua T.

Best of luck to you all!

**SCHOOL SOCCER TEAM**

The school soccer team for this year is:- Daniel B, Tyler B, Ethan C, Toby G, Kofi H, Jacob J, Joe L, Angus M, Sascha M, Nicholas N, Blake S, Dixon S, Brayden T, Adam T and Max T. Our reserves are Lachlan A, James B, Sebastian C and Ethan S.

Our coach for this year is Paul Newman. Training will be every Friday afternoon 3.15pm to 4.15pm. Training will commence Friday 8<sup>th</sup> March. Players are reminded to come to school ready for training each week with soccer boots and shin pads.

Mr Alcock

## BAND NEWS

I am pleased to report that all of our bands are making great progress so far this year. I'm very happy with the students' punctuality at rehearsals and the efforts of all. Many exciting new scores have been purchased for our Intermediate and Senior Bands.

Mr Jobson is pleased that our new Junior Band members are all practising well and great sounds are being produced.

All of this great progress will continue as long as each band member practises at least once each day. Please keep encouraging your child to practise his/her instrument.

A big thank you to our conductors and tutors for your dedication to our band program.

All band fees for Term 1 should have been paid by now.

Thank you. Mrs Fitzbiggon

## UNLOAD: CREATIVE WRITING WORKSHOPS (YEARS 3-6)

**Unload** is a new programme dedicated to having fun with words. Each week students will play with language through word games, writing activities and story-telling. Everything will be supplied - kids just bring imagination!

Where: The Junction Public School

When: 3.30-4.30 Tuesday (Beginning Term 2)

Cost: 10 weeks @ \$120 per child

Numbers limited to 12 per class

For further information contact Suzie Galwey -

[sgalwey@bigpond.com](mailto:sgalwey@bigpond.com) ph 0409 409 141 or Aleeta Cliff -

[aleeta.cliff@gmail.com](mailto:aleeta.cliff@gmail.com)

**Please Note: the office will not collect money for this event**

## P & C NEWS

**P&C Meeting is tonight, Tuesday, 5 March, 7:00pm.**

This will be our Annual General Meeting (AGM), where all positions are declared vacant, and P&C Officers are elected. The positions are: President, Treasurer, Secretary, Vice Presidents (2) and Correspondence Secretary. The AGM is where you'll hear the 2012 in Review – with reports from the President, Treasurer, the Uniform Shop and the Principal. It's a great meeting for information about the P&C and is followed by our regular March P&C Meeting. Everyone is welcome, and it would be great to see some new faces there. The meeting will be held in the staff room, down the hall from the front office.

**Olive Tree Market BBQ – new date Saturday, 16 March**

The Market was cancelled due to the rain and wind, and is rescheduled for the 16<sup>th</sup> of March. Keep your fingers crossed for sunshine! If you volunteered, Liz Ginters will be contacting you, but I'm sure we'll need a few new people due to other commitments. If you can help out on the new date, please call Liz Ginters on Ph 0411 487 713 or [elizabeth-g@bigpond.com](mailto:elizabeth-g@bigpond.com).

## Garden Working Bee

It's that time of the year again - an autumn clean in the garden. Please bring your enthusiasm and morning tea to share! Bring the kids - they can play together or help out too! The gardening days are always fun community events that really make a big difference to the upkeep of our beautiful school grounds.

**Time: 9-11am**

**Date Sunday, 10 March**

**What to bring:** gardening tools, gloves, **wheelbarrows**

Meet at the Vege Patch at 9:00. Just come or you can contact Leonie Funk (0422 048 397) for more information.

We're also looking for donations of **tough native plants**.

These plants have to be able to withstand the occasional bit of foot traffic (our General Assistant, Tom Jervis, compares it to the M1/Pacific Highway)... well, a lot of foot traffic. If you have a plant or two, please call Leonie, or bring it into the school on Friday 8 March.

## Technology News

### World Education Games



The UNICEF World Education Games will be held this week during technology. Students who have technology classes on the specified days will be participating in online mathematics, literacy and science quizzes against other students their age around the world. World Literacy Day is held on Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup>, World Maths Day will be on Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> and on Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> World Science Day is held.

In the lead up to the actual event days, students have been busy participating in practice quizzes using their unique log in and password at [www.worldeducationgames.com](http://www.worldeducationgames.com). Using these unique logins students can also participate at home. If you have any questions please see Miss Picton.

### Website of the Week

<http://en.origami-club.com/>

This website is a fantastic resource for creating origami. There are varying levels of difficulty and contain both video animation and diagrams of step by step instructions.

### Student Portal Link

<http://student.det.nsw.edu.au>

**Bush Dance + BBQ – Friday 15 March.** We'd like to celebrate the start of a great year at The Junction Public School with a lovely community night of bush dancing and catching up with friends. The P&C will run a BBQ and the money raised will help pay for the band. We'll start set up at 5:30 and serve until 7pm. So, if you can help out for an hour at the BBQ – either 5:30-6:30pm or 6:30-7:30pm, please let Liz Ginters know on Ph: 0411 or [elizabeth-g@bigpond.com](mailto:elizabeth-g@bigpond.com).

**Olive Tree Market BBQ – Saturday, 6 April – YEAR 5**  
It's the turn of **YEAR 5** parents and carers, so recruit a friend and book a shift to help the P&C raise some money for the school. If you have an hour and a half to spare please call Liz Ginters on Ph 0411 487 713 or [elizabeth-g@bigpond.com](mailto:elizabeth-g@bigpond.com). Shifts are:

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



**COMING SOON...** The annual TJPS **Easter Chocolate Raffle**...Donate an egg, sell some raffle tickets, and help raise some money for the school. We have volunteers, but need a **Chief Easter Bunny**, er, **Raffle Organiser**. Please send an e-mail to [junctionpandc@hotmail.com](mailto:junctionpandc@hotmail.com) if you'd like to take on this important job.

**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](mailto:junctionpandc@hotmail.com) if you would like to be on the P&C email contact list. This will be my last newsletter, as my term as President finishes at the AGM tonight. The new P&C president will take up the e-mail list, so it will continue with my departure. Again, I'd like to thank all the parents and staff who have made this job such a pleasant experience. A fond farewell, Karla Karinen, TJPS P&C President

### PARENT READING HELPERS NEEDED.

Years 3 – 6. Can you spare a half an hour to listen to some children read and assist with Reading Programs? Please contact your child's class teacher or the office.

### SPORT NEWS!

#### JUNIOR GIRLS WINTER HOCKEY

Girls 9 + of any level and goalkeepers.  
Training and games TUESDAY afternoons at the Hockey Centre Broadmeadow.

Training starts 5 March 2013 4.15pm. First game 19 March 5.30pm.

Contact Linda Taylor 0401438717 or email [lkmlinda@yahoo.com.au](mailto:lkmlinda@yahoo.com.au)

#### NEWCASTLE KNIGHTS OPEN DAY

The Knights are holding an Open Training Session on **Wednesday the 6th of March** at No. 2 Sportsground, Newcastle (just near Marketown).

This is a **FREE** event and a great chance for the children to watch the team train, meet the players, mascots and cheerleaders and get some autographs and photos with them as well.

Gates open at **3:30pm** with training commencing at **4pm - 5pm**.

#### SOUTHS NEWCASTLE JUNIOR RUGBY LEAGUE

U10s - more players needed

Training - Learmonth Park

Tues & Thursdays at 4pm

Ph Matt - 0423 1280 77 or Andrew 0407 4100 17

#### NOVA NETBALL CLUB

We have a few spots left for girls turning 6, 7, 11 or 12 this year, no netball experience necessary. Please contact Grant Hobden by email: [grant@novanetballclub.com.au](mailto:grant@novanetballclub.com.au) or mobile: 0409 158880.487 713

### SPEAK OUT! SEND A LETTER TODAY! 23 YEARS IS A LONG TIME TO WAIT!

The Junction Public School (TJPS) P+C requests that the Liberal State Government advise when our school community can expect to see an eight (8) classroom block built to replace a classroom block demolished over 23 years ago in the 1989 Newcastle earthquake.

The previous State Government did not deliver. When will the Liberal Government deliver, or will they just follow in the footsteps of the other NSW governments?

If you would like to help encourage the State government to do something for our children at TJPS, put your name, address and signature on the letter provided (or write your own) and drop it in to the front desk. The P+C we will post it to the Minister for Education Hon Adrian Piccoli, and cc copies to the Leader of the Opposition John Robertson, Member for Newcastle Tim Owen, and other influential people.

Twenty-three years is a long time to wait – TJPS community needs to speak out. Send a letter today!