

The Junction News

Newsletter of The Junction Public School



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Term 1 – Week 7

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PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Welcome to week 7! How quickly time goes.....

A Message from our Regional Director - Frank Potter

This week I would like to take time to acknowledge the wonderful support each school's Parents and Citizens Association provide. Thank you to the many parents and other community members who give freely of their time in assisting students and staff in the many tasks and learning activities in our schools. We value the partnership we have with families and recognise the positive message about learning that each child gets when they see the value their parents and carers place on education.

Frank Potter

ACTING REGIONAL DIRECTOR, HUNTER CENTRAL COAST

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

Our school Cross Country will take place this Wednesday 13th March 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 (they run a distance of 2km). 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 come along on Thursday 21st March for a celebration of Grandparents Day (Senior Citizens Week) and Harmony Day. We would like to warmly invite all grandparents / aunts / 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 beginning at **9.30am in the new hall** - as well as visits to classrooms afterwards, to see our wonderful students at work. A morning tea will be available from the school canteen at 11.00am. This is always a special day on our school calendar.

Bush Dance

A reminder again - we will be holding a Bush Dance this Friday night 15th 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 – looking forward to seeing you there.

Working Bee

I would like to sincerely thank all the parents and students who came to school last Sunday to help with weeding and tidying the school gardens. It was hard work on a very warm day but a lot was achieved. I am grateful for all that was done – with lots of ongoing garden maintenance needing to continue. Thanks to co-ordinator Leonie Funk for all her organisation and special thanks to all parents for their very generous donation of plants – a great help to our school! See P&C report for further details.

Student Resource Books

This week – all students will have received their grade resource books for maths and literacy as well as some junior classes receiving their handwriting books. We have previously sent home a financial overview sheet with pricing for these books included. Many thanks to the parents who have already paid for their children's books – but we would greatly appreciate payment for all books over the next couple of weeks. The publishers have sent us a rather large invoice to be paid – over \$20 000 – and we need to finalise this account before the end of term. Many thanks.

Wendy Cheek
Principal

CALENDAR - TERM 1 – 2013**Week 7****Event**

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

Week 8**Event**

Monday, March 18	Year 5 & 6 Antarctica Incursion
Thursday, March 21	Grandparents/Harmony Day

Week 9**Event**

Thursday, March 28	Easter Hat Parade - (K – Year 2)
Friday, March 29	Good Friday

Week 10**Event**

Monday, April 1	Easter Monday
Tuesday, April 2	State Swimming-Homebush – (Revised date)
Wednesday, April 3	State Swimming-Homebush – (Revised date)
Saturday, April 6	Olive Tree Market – 9am to 3pm

Week 11**Event**

Friday, April 12	Last day for Term 1
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CALENDAR - TERM 2 – 2013**Week 1****Event**

Monday, April 29	Staff Development Day – Staff only
Tuesday, April 30	Staff Development Day – Staff only
Wednesday, May 1	STUDENTS RETURN – TERM 2

CANCELLATION OF JUNIOR BAND REHEARSAL!

Junior Band Rehearsal this Wednesday 13 March (2pm – 3pm) is cancelled due to Cross Country

SPECIAL MENTION AWARDS**Term 1 Week 6****Kinder to Year 2 ASSEMBLY**

KK	James J	Lucille H
KDG	Sophie B	Taj W
KH	Charlotte A	Harry B
KR	Sadie S	Oliver H
1J	Jessica P	Xavier C
1CR	Seren R	Raiyan R
1L	Maeve T	Loki D'A
1C	Jada N	Ashton M
1/2H	Luca W	Ziv T
2D	Indah J	Bailey F
2W	Charlie G	Annabelle F
2/3B	Phoebe L	

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

3MC	Ebony D Malika K Natasha N	Pearl C Anna N Matthew B
3B		
3CW	Alex S Charlie B	Charlie W Daniel B
3W	Declan F Asher T	Yvonne M Jet R
3/4L	Oliver A Patrick P Eva N	Kepei T Charlotte H
4A	Charlotte K Imigyn M Flynn H	Ayesha Le R Cameron S Phoebe P
4F	Justin T Cameron R	Ellen C
5B	Khushi P Jet W Sebastian C	Darcy O'D Alexandra H Caitlin F
5N	Laura O'S Henry K	Harrison W Susanna B
5/6C	Max T Will L Jonathan O	Echoe C Hannah N Aleksandr F
6C	Marlon M	Miette B

	Bella S Indira S	Brayden T
6F	Ejay S Luke O'D	Sascha M Amy M
Band	Brayden K Lily F Ellie C Eva N Isla H	Leelani T Logan R Kepei T Indira S
Student of the Month	Bella D-5/6C Madison S-4F Michelle J-3MC	Millicent C-5B Charlotte M-4A

Assembly Times:

Kinder to Year 2: Wednesday at 2.15pm in new hall.

Year 3 to Year 6: Friday at 11.30am in new hall.

Assembly Information K-2

Thank you for attending our Week 6 assembly. Mrs King has reported that Kindergarten really enjoyed their first assembly at TJPS. Congratulations all our Special Mention recipients - don't forget to keep those somewhere safe and when you have 5 bring them to Mrs Hughes and you will receive a special award at a future assembly. Class 1CR loved the privilege of sitting on chairs and this week class 2D will be doing the same as reward for the excellent assembly manners. Class 1L will lead the assembly this week and we look forward to seeing you there - Wednesday 2:15 in the new hall.

HUNTER REGION SWIMMING CARNIVAL

The Hunter Region Swimming Carnival was held at Maitland Pool on Thursday 7th March, where the students of the Newcastle Zone performed extremely well. As part of the Newcastle Zone, the following students have qualified to compete at the State Swimming Carnival in April. Their event(s) and placing at the Hunter Region Carnival are also shown:

- Saxon C- 1st Jun Boys Medley, 1st Jun Boys Butterfly, 1st Jun Boys Breaststroke, 3rd Jun Boys Backstroke
- Marc C- 2nd Jun Boys Backstroke, 3rd 10 yrs boys freestyle
- Claude C- 1st 11 yrs boys freestyle
- Chiara V- 1st 11 yrs girls freestyle, 1st 11 yrs girls backstroke, 3^{rs} Sen girls Medley
- Ayesha L- 2nd Jun Girls Butterfly, 3rd 10 yrs girls freestyle
- Kelsey V- 1st 8 yrs girls freestyle
- Ethan Cs, Claude C, Karl F, Joshua T- 1st Sen Boys Relay
- Jorjia V, Kelsey V, Ayesha L, Emily D -Jun Girls Relay



HUNTER SPORTS HIGH APPLICATION FORMS

Hunter Sports High has sent through application forms for Year 7 - 2014 for their targeted sports program. If your child is entering high school in 2014 and you are interested in applying for this school you can pick up application forms from the front office.

CANTEEN NEWS

On Thursday 21 March, Grandparents/Harmony Day, the canteen will be selling party pies, sausage rolls, cakes, sandwiches, wraps, soft drinks, tea and coffee – for students these items will be available to order for lunch on the day - the regular menu will not be available. Prices will be in the newsletter next week.

Technology News

Last week was extremely busy with World Education Games taking place. We had lots of students participate in the warm up sessions as well as the actual competition event. Congratulations to the following school winners for each category:

Word Literacy Day

4-7 years: 1st Lily F 2nd Isabelle M
3rd Connor F

8-10 years: 1st Jonathan O 2nd Noah F
3rd Charlotte H

11-13 years: 1st Hannah N 2nd Zoe
3rd Joseph L

World Maths Day

4-7 years: 1st Lily F 2nd Rhiannon n
3rd Aiden F

8-10 years: 1st Jonathan O 2nd Oliver A
3rd Lily

11-13 years: 1st Hannah N 2nd Benjamin H
3rd Benjamin B

World Science Day

4-7 years: 1st Lily F 2nd Amy M

8-10 years: 1st Noah F 2nd Eloise A

11-13 years: 1st Benjamin H 2nd Bella D

Stage 1 students this week are registering themselves onto their class Biteslide project. For the next few weeks students will be creating fantastic presentations focused on their class HSIE topic. Early Stage 1 students are developing their knowledge and skills in Microsoft Word program by changing font styles, size and colour and typing their names.

Wiki News

Stage 2 students are busy creating their own wikipages, including adding link buttons and titles. Check back regularly to see how they are going. The school swimming carnival photos have been added to the school's wikipage. Thanks to Miss Chaffey for all her fantastic work.

www.tips.wikispaces.com

Website of the Week

<http://bullyingnoway.gov.au/>

This Friday 15th March is National Day of Action Against Bullying and Violence. The Bullying No Way website contains information and support on this important issue. The site's resources are categorised to cater for students, teachers and parents.

Student Portal Link

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

GARDENING BEE

Thanks to all those who showed up on Sunday for the gardening bee and to those who donated plants! We weeded, mulched, planted natives and agaves, planted vege seedlings and prepared the vege patch for the next season. We acknowledge and thank Rob Kane, Sharyn Kane, Alex K, Sarah Cook, David B, Ben D, Leone Cook, Michael Jonker, Michelle J, Janice Hamilton, Flynn H, Maryann Lees, Ziv T, Asha T, Ben Turner and Leonie Funk and Cynthia Behne, grandmother of Suzanne B. Leonie Funk, organiser.

SCIENCE CLUB

Free lunch-time sessions are held each term with the help of volunteer parents and the support of the P&C. We are starting off the year investigating surface tension with bubbles! Sessions start after the eating bell at 1.10pm in the old hall.

Week 8 - (Thurs 21 March) will be for 3-6 students and Week 9 - (Thurs 28 March) will be for K-2.

As we have many eager young scientists at The Junction, we are always appreciative of parent helpers, no experience necessary!

Please contact Robyn on 0414 240198 or just meet at 12:50 at the Old Hall on the day.

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 ph 0409 409 141 or Aleeta Cliff -

aleeta.cliff@gmail.com

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

UNIFORM SHOP

Open Monday mornings only 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 on the Monday 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

New P&C Executive: Our Annual General Meeting (AGM) was held last Tuesday, 5 March and the following P&C Officers were elected:

President- Bronwyn Geerarts,

Vice President (1):- Sophie Williams.

Treasurer:- Michael Jonker,

Secretary:- Ruth Conroy,

P&C Positions vacant and needing to be filled:

Unfortunately one vice president and the correspondence secretary positions were not filled. Are you the person we are looking for to fill these positions? If you would like to know more about either position, please send me an e-mail at junctionpandc@hotmail.com, or come along to the next P&C meeting.

Our **next P&C meeting** is a regular meeting and will be held on **Tuesday 2 April at 7pm**. 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.

As new president, I would like to take the opportunity to thank Karla Karinen, our outgoing President, for the wonderful job she has done over the last 2 years in running the P&C and its associated activities. I am looking forward to continuing in Karla's footsteps to help the school in providing our children with the best education possible.

It's time for the **EASTER CHOCOLATE RAFFLE**... Please leave all donations at the box in the front office.....

It's time for that annual eggs-travanganza...

It's the Easter Raffle

- ☐ Donate a chocolate Easter Egg or bunny
- ☐ Sell tickets to family and friends (raffle tickets will be sent home to each family next week)

Run by TJPS P&C



Cross Country BBQ – Wednesday, 13 March



The P&C is running a sausage sizzle at the school's Cross Country races. It's a lovely day in the park and it's great fun to see the kids running their races. We're still looking for a few **parent volunteers** from around 10am until 2pm. Can

you help out? We'll be especially busy from noon – 1:30pm, send me an e-mail (see address below).

Olive Tree Market BBQ – new date Saturday, 16 March

The Market was cancelled due to the rain and wind, and is rescheduled for the 16th 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.

Garden Working Bee

Many thanks to Leonie Funk and her band of loyal helpers who came and weeded mulched and planted the schools garden beds on Sunday 11th March. The grounds are now looking beautiful for the start of autumn. The gardening days are always fun community events that really make a big difference to the upkeep of our beautiful school grounds.

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 487 713 or 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. 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

OLIVE TREE MARKETS THIS SATURDAY 16 MARCH!!!

(This is an extra market day due to the cancellation of the previous two markets due to inclement weather)

Come along and experience this wonderful market!

.....Some budding Poets

Tiger

*In the dark of the night
Behind the bushes,
Lurks the black and orange prowler
Claws like knives and ears as straight as rulers
It is the robber of the jungle.
(By Rosie 5B)*

Cheetah

*On the hot floor sleeping
Like there are no tomorrows
It runs like the wind
And hunts down its prey in a flash
It is as silent as a whisper
A sleek racing car.
(by Darcy 5B)*

Ghost Horses

*Beneath the light of the moon
Where the trees moved with the wind
The clatter of hooves beat like drums
A silhouette moves through the bush
Like a wave rolling to shore
They dance with glee across the rocky plain
They are the travellers of the world
(by Ellie 5B)*

Wolves

*Under the amazing moon
Of the night sky
It howl, is frightening but thrilling
The night hunter creeps
Along the dark shadows
Of trees and grass
The solitary adventurer
(by Estelle 5B)*

MY HIGH SCHOOL EXPERIENCE

Dear Mrs Cheek

High school is going well so far and I'm so glad I'm at Newcastle High, it is so big and is full of space to explore. I love it here even though I still miss The Junction – I have to say I love both schools.

The great thing about high school is that you get a different teacher for each subject, which means that you don't have to stay with the same teacher all day!

High school is so big and at first I felt intimidated because the school is so big and so are the people in it! After a while I got used to it and now feel very comfortable and love it! I do miss The Junction so much because I made the best friends and the best memories there and had the best times there. Now I have to take the next step and I am so glad I get to take that big leap here at Newcastle High School.

Yours sincerely, Olivia Z

Creative Writing by 5/6C.....

There it was, so wonderfully beautiful, as it performed an elegant, majestic leap out of the water. I was staring at the whales as they hurled themselves out into the open air like a jet breaking through the layer of clouds into the sky. Suddenly, I jerk back to reality as I hear a spine tingling crack and notice a huge chunk of ice break apart and fall into the water.

I'm on an enormous boat called the Aurora, on my journey to Antarctica. It is just about to come to an end. "This is the most satisfying, super, snowy sight I have ever seen!"

By Will

My feet feel slightly cold as I step onto the freezing deck. Icicles hang down like the teeth of a fearsome beast. Cold, frozen, frosty air licks my face. Then a fluke of a whale appears, followed by a spray of salty, sea water. Droplets cling to my hair, like icy beads of frost. Then I see it. Coming out like a giant out of the mist, was a landmass known to most as Antarctica. Another blow of sea water makes me look down. A shock goes through me. It's a pod of blue whales. A few seals are swimming with them. Some more wildlife appears. Gentoo penguins, swim alongside the starboard of the Aurora, as she slides smoothly into Casey Station. A group of Weddell seals back off as I set foot on Antarctica for the first time ever!

By Sapumal

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!