

The Junction News

Newsletter of The Junction Public School



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Term 1 – Week 8

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PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Bush Dance

What a wonderful night was had by all at the 'Welcome to new Families' Bush Dance last Friday night. The weather fined up to produce a fantastic evening of great music, great dancing and great company. It was wonderful to see so many families having such a great time together.

We were fortunate again to enjoy the high quality music from Bush Band 'Celtic Beat' who really gave us all such an enjoyable night. What a great school community!

Grandparents Day/ Harmony Day – Thursday 21st March

We are looking forward to seeing lots of grandparents and family friends at our Grandparents Day / Harmony Day celebrations this Thursday 21st March. Harmony Day is an internationally recognised celebration of tolerance for all, respectful relationships and caring for others. We will begin the day with an assembly at 9.30am with performances from our band and choirs, followed by classroom visits after that. At 11.00am morning tea will be available from the canteen. This event is always a very popular and much enjoyed occasion. Hope to see you there.

Design Challenge Days

Parents will be receiving notification of upcoming design challenge days for classes from Years 1 to 6 in the next week or so. These days have been organised as part of our whole school enrichment and engagement framework to provide stimulating experiences for all students. Parents will be invited along to school to see the outcomes from these design challenge tasks which have been based on current units of work which the class has been completing.

This is an exciting and innovative practice we have developed to further engage our students and provide stimulating experiences for all.

Easter Hat Parade

I would like to flag to parents of Kinder to Year 2 students that we will be having an Easter Hat Parade in the new school hall on Thursday 28th March beginning at 9.30am. Parents and grandparents are warmly invited along to watch the students' parade in class groups with their wonderful hat creations which were made at home.

This is always an enjoyable and colourful event and a great Easter celebration. Students from Kinder to Year 2 may be out of uniform if they wish.

Empowering Local Schools Funding

As part of our school's participation in the Empowering Local Schools funding program, we are developing assessment tasks with visible criteria for students to enable them to clearly understand the focus of the task. We are also looking at ways we can provide effective feedback to students about their learning to assist them in self-regulation of their learning. We are one of 229 schools nation-wide participating in this project.

Payment for Resources

A reminder to please check if you have paid for your child's resource books issued last week. If you would like another financial over view sheet for your child's class - please contact the office.

Many thanks to the parents who have helped us out with payments so far.

Wendy Cheek
Principal

CANTEEN MENU Grandparents/Harmony Day

Sandwiches / Salad wrap	\$ 3.50
(Egg & Lettuce, Salad, chicken/lettuce/mayonnaise, Ham/cheese/tomato)	
Ham Wrap	\$ 4.00
Party Pies	\$ 1.50
Sausage Roll	\$ 1.00
Party Spinach / Ricotta Roll	\$ 1.50
Cakes	\$ 2.00
Fruit Salad	\$ 2.00
Can Soft Drink	\$ 2.00
Slushie	\$ 1.50
Tea / Coffee	\$ 1.50



This is a special menu for Grandparents' Day! These items will be available for sale over the counter at recess. Students can order these items for lunch by the normal process.

The standard canteen menu will not be available this Thursday.

CALENDAR - TERM 1 – 2013**Week 8****Event**

Thursday, March 21	Grandparents/Harmony Day
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Week 9**Event**

Tuesday, March 26	Easter Raffle prizes drawn
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)
Tuesday, April 2	P & C Meeting – 7pm
Wednesday, April 3	State Swimming-Homebush – (Revised date)
Thursday, April 4	Last payment day for ICAS Tests
Saturday, April 6	Olive Tree Market – 9am to 3pm

Week 11**Event**

Tuesday, April 9	Zone Cross country
Friday, April 12	Last day for Term 1

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

PREMIER'S READING CHALLENGE

I would like to encourage all Year 3-6 students to record the books that they are reading on the PRC website <https://products.schools.nsw.edu.au/prc/home.html> Students can log onto the website using their school username and password.

K-2 students will have their record completed for the reading challenge as part of their library lesson. Congratulations to Saxon C in 4A being the first student to complete the challenge this year!

Mrs Land

SPECIAL MENTION AWARDS**Term 1 Week 7****Kinder to Year 2 ASSEMBLY**

KK	Lucca S	Sienna P
KDG	Boston B	Lan P
KH	Amelia L	Albert F
KR	Ryland D	Sahara L
1J	Lily B	Oscar F
1CR	Vincent M	Ned R
1L	Lauren F	Hannah S
1C	Claire L	Asha W
1/2H	Bailey H	Mia J
2D	Toby S	Marly S
2W	Billy R	Lucia P

YEARS 3, 4, 5 & 6 ASSEMBLY - Week 7

3MC	Louise S	William D
3CW	Caitlyn H	Max F
3/4L	Eilidh M	Finn M
4A	Nathan F	Lucy U
5B	Tom F	Niamh L
5N	Matthew L	Hannah R
Music	Eloise K Khushi P	Justin T Millicent C
Student of the Month	Jade D – 5N	Paris R – 3W Kenyah V – 3CW

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.

LIBRARY

Thank you to the mums who have been covering books for the Lexile reading program. There are still more books to be covered over the next few weeks, if you are able to assist please see Mrs Land.

There are two Book Club orders with no names on the orders – if your child has not received their order please see Mrs Land in the library.

SCHOOL CROSS COUNTRY

Congratulations to all of our wonderful students who participated in our school cross country carnival. The day was a huge success and the weather was perfect. A big thankyou to all of our parent volunteers who helped out on the day and all of our dedicated teachers who work non-stop for our students. The following students will be competing at the Zone cross country on Tuesday 9th April at Stevenson Park. Notes will go home to all competitors this week.

Congratulations: Flynn H, Sam S, William D, Yasmin P, Charlotte H, Evie T, Josh T, Saxon C, Cooper J, Emily D, Madison S, Hannah R, Henry K, Sascha M, Joe L, Chiara V, Isabelle D, Jade D, Tyler B, Joshua T, Jack S, Isla H, Kiara M and Claudia K.



BOYS' CRICKET REPORT

Last Tuesday the boys' PSSA knockout cricket team travelled to Hudson Park to play Belair Public School.

The team was led well by Dixon S the captain and after a solid start we put 61 runs on the board for Belair to chase. A wonderful bowling effort by Angus M, Daniel B, Chris B and Tyler B had the home team on 26 runs halfway through their innings. Belair managed to get over the line in the last few overs. It was a wonderful debut for many boys playing cricket for the first time and an exceptional effort from past players. Man of the match was Angus M. The full team was: Dixon S, Tyler B, Blake S, Daniel B, Tobias G, Angus M, Chris B, Ben B, Luke G, Jake S, Aleksandr F and Matthew H.

Technology News

Stage 2 this week will be analysing information displayed on a searchable database of 780 first fleet convicts. This information they collect will help them create their convict voki in later weeks.

Stage 1 students are busy working on their 'Biteslide' projects which are looking fantastic at the moment. Keep an eye out on their class wikipage in the next few weeks to see what they have created.

Early Stage 1 students will be further developing their Microsoft Word skills, including changing font style, size and colour while practicing to write their focus sound in capital letters and lower case letters.

Wiki News

Last week was 'National Day of Action Against Bullying and violence' some of the classes created videos to bring awareness to this national day.

Check out the wikipage news feed to view their work.

www.tips.wikispaces.com

Website of the Week

<http://www.harmony.gov.au/>

This Thursday 21st March is Harmony Day, a day of cultural respect for everyone who calls Australia home. This website contains great resources, information and some fantastic videos of young people discussing the importance of this day.

Student Portal Link

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

ICAS TESTS

Last week students from Year 3 to Year 6 received a 'Purple Note' advising of the dates and costs of the ICAS tests. These tests are optional for students. Payment must be received by **Thursday 4 April** – payments cannot be accepted after this date.

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.

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

What a busy BBQing week we had last week-the Cross Country Carnival BBQ, Bush Dance BBQ and Olive Tree Markets BBQ. I can't remember the last time we had **3 BBQ's** in one week!

Vacant P&C position: We still require someone to take on the role of second vice president. Are you the person we are looking for to fill these positions? If you would like to know more about the position, please send me an e-mail at junctionpandc@hotmail.com, or come along to the next P&C meeting. We have had someone volunteer to fill the position of Correspondence Secretary- a big thank you to Barb Donnan from Year 5. Our **next P&C meeting** will be held on **Tuesday 2 April at 7pm**. Everyone is welcome, and it would be great to see some new faces. Come and find out what is happening at the school. Do you have a fundraising idea? The meeting will be held in the staff room, down the hall from the front office.

Cross Country BBQ – Wednesday, 13 March

Many thanks to Suzanne Taylor for co-ordinating the Cross Country BBQ and her helpers, Drew Ferguson-Tait (for transporting the BBQ to the park and cooking), Jamie Stephens, Sophie De Vitis, Sarah Knights, Leah Coffin, Lydia Meem, Susie Galloway and Neil Mawson, for providing sausages and cool drinks to the children. Thanks must also go to Jody Cooper, for always lending a hand when needed, and Tom for helping to pack and unpack the BBQ/equipment at school in the morning and afternoon.

Easter Raffle:

Keep the eggs coming! We also need some **baskets for the eggs** to be packed in.

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 were sent home to each family last Friday. Additional books available at the front office)
- ☐ Return tickets & money by Monday 25 March
- ☐ **Prizes drawn Tuesday 26 March at school**

Bush Dance + BBQ – Friday 15 March. A great evening was had at the Bush Dance BBQ. All who attended had a lovely evening of bush dancing and catching up with friends. The P&C ran another BBQ and raised money (about \$600) to help pay for the band. **Many thanks** to Tori Smart, Robert Kane, Karen Howard, Kelsey Barrett, Justine Smith, Michael Jonker, Michael Smith, Erin Ginters, Katrina and Lexie Geerarts, Steve Spencer, Karla Karinen, Max Spencer-Karinen, Cathy McIntyre and our fabulous BBQ co-ordinator Liz Ginters! It was lovely to see some "old" faces back at the school!

Olive Tree Market BBQ Saturday, 16 March

The rescheduled markets went ahead on Saturday 16th of March, without a hint of rain in the sky. **Many thanks** to BBQ volunteers Mandy Murtagh, Julie-Anne Robinson, Sue Lucas, Justine Smith, Kim Kelson, Robert Kane, Jane Clack, Oliver Brown, Roy Byrne, Michael Jonker, Sarah Cook, Ravi Mawson, Chris Taylor, Martin Krause and Dominique Tindall. We took over \$1300 which is great.

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