

The Junction News

Newsletter of The Junction Public School



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Term 1 – Week 9

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PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Grandparents' Day

What a wonderful celebration took place last Thursday for Grandparents' Day and Harmony Day. It was fantastic seeing so many grandparents in attendance and so many happy faces from our community. Congratulations to our choir, band, public speakers – Hayley C, Angus McT, Annika S, the dynamic duo of Sam S and his Grandad Barry Finch – talking about 'Then and Now' and the outstanding performance from our Janzen brothers - Cooper and Jacob. All of these performances made for a very special assembly topped off by classroom visits which the children thoroughly enjoyed. To all who came – many thanks for making it such a special day!



Easter Hat Parade

I would like to again flag to parents of Kinder to Year 2 students that we will be having an Easter Hat Parade in the new school hall this 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 much enjoyed by all who attend. **Students from Kinder to Year 2 may be out of uniform on this day if they wish.** Thanks to all families who sent along Easter Eggs for the Easter Egg raffle which was drawn today – over 50 prizes! Well done everyone! The names of the lucky winners are further in the newsletter.

ANZAC Service

Just wanting to flag to you that we will be holding a school ANZAC service in our new school hall on Friday 12th April at 10.00am. This is the last day of school and then we have two weeks of holidays – including 25th April ANZAC day – therefore we will be holding our service early as will all schools and the Department of Education.

Two Staff Development Days – Monday 29th and Tuesday 30th April

I need to inform parents that immediately after these holidays which begin on 12th April, we will be having two staff development days. **Staff will return to schools on Monday 29th April but all students do not return to school until Wednesday 1st May.** The Department of Education is providing these two staff development days to all teachers in NSW to enable them to effectively implement the new English syllabus for the Australian Curriculum which comes into effect in 2014. Parents may need to make special arrangements for their children for these two dates.

Payment for Resources

A reminder to please check if you have paid for your child's resource books issued in the last fortnight. 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

CALENDAR - TERM 1 – 2013**Week 9****Event**

Thursday, March 28 **Easter Hat Parade - (K – Year 2)**
9.30am

Friday, March 29 **Good Friday**

Week 10**Event**

Monday, April 1 **Easter Monday**

Tuesday, April 2 **State Swimming-Homebush**

Tuesday, April 2 **P & C Meeting – 7pm**

Wednesday, April 3 **State Swimming-Homebush**

Thursday, April 4 **Last pay't 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 **School Anzac Day Service**

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**

Week 3**Event**

Friday, May 17 **School Athletics Carnival – Whole School**

KINDER – YEAR 2 ASSEMBLY

K – Year 2 assembly is back on this week, apologies for not notifying about last week's cancellation.

This week Class 1CR will be presenting the assembly. Congratulations 2W and the year 2 children from 2/3B, you will be sitting on the chairs at assembly this week. See you all on Wednesday at 2.00pm in the new hall. Don't forget the Easter Hat Parade this Thursday 9.30am in the new hall. Hip hop along!

Thank you, Mrs Hughes

SPECIAL MENTION AWARDS**YEARS 3, 4, 5 & 6 ASSEMBLY - Week 8**

3B	Noah J	Ethan O'B
3MC	Sam T	Oliver S
3W	Freya K Sylvia K	Alexandra McK Felix M
3CW	Lillian S	Joseph P
3/4L	Kelvin W	Alyssa W
4A	Poppy S	Tom J
4F	Bella F	Ruby Z
5B	Alexandra H	Rose P Quentin W
5/6C	Emily D	Zoe D Sam A
6C	Mackenzie G Tyler B	Taleaha S Samara F
6F	Nicholas N Alice Du'B	Clare S Jack S
Music	Sam N Brayden K	Georgia McL Leelani T

Assembly Times:

Kinder to Year 2: Wednesday at 2.00pm in new hall.

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

YEAR 1 GYMNASTICS

All Year 1 students will receive a 'Blue Note' today for the Gymnastics program which starts on Wednesday 8th May (Week 2 of Term 2). The cost of this program is \$36.00.

PSSA SPORT

A number of students have recently been selected to represent the school at a Zone level. The schools in the Newcastle area are given the opportunity to send a small group in the respective sports to trial for further selection. If picked for a zone team they then attend the regional trials. The regional team then competes at the NSW Tournament.

Joe L was selected in the sport of AFL in the Hunter Region Team. Joe will travel to Barooga, near the Victorian Border, in May to attend the NSW State Tournament. Congratulations Joe.

In the game of Rugby League the following boys attended the zone trials recently. Kye S, Luke G, Tyler B, Dixon S and Brendan B.

Congratulations to Kye, D, Tyler and Luke who were successful in gaining a place in the Zone Rugby league team. These boys will now attend the Regional Trials later this term. Brenda Briggs

EASTER RAFFLE RESULTS

1 st	Aedan R	2 nd	Kroef family
3 rd	Chloe H	4 th	Sadie & Poppy S
5 th	Yorgi F	6 th	Reed V C/- Hunter
7 th	T De Bruin C/- Livinia	8 th	Summer C
9 th	Jack D	10 th	B Cogan C/- Potter fam.
11 th	L Hextell C/- Ben D	12 th	Adam T
13 th	Indah J	14 th	Mrs Patterson-Office
15 th	Nicholas G	16 th	Milijana M
17 th	Ejay S	18 th	Daniel B
19 th	C Meredith C/- Scoutt	20 th	Lan Prosser
21 st	Jett P	22 nd	Peter Moss
23 rd	J Krause C/- Elyssa KR	24 th	Mia Colvin C/- Rylee F
25 th	Jake S	26 th	Zack Morris
27 th	Michael M	28 th	Coco Rosevear C/- Gypsy
29 th	Joshua R	30 th	Phoebe D
31 st	Brodhi B	32 nd	Isabella S
33 rd	Charli T	34 th	Nate R
35 th	Max O	36 th	Zac Isaacs C/- Toby 1CR
37 th	Charlie B	38 th	Imogen P
39 th	S Allen C/- Cameron	40 th	Callum H
41 st	James Bone 5N	42 nd	Jessie F
43 rd	Louie J	44 th	Oliver A
45 th	Mrs Russell	46 th	Tilda S
47 th	Maya L	48 th	Evie T
49 th	A Rosenblatt C/- Lucy	50 th	James J
51 st	Matilda A	52 nd	Daniel M
53 rd	Neve H	54 th	Keely S
55 th	Jess & Noah P	56 th	S Fewson C/- Samia F-Hoy
57 th	Lachlan C	58 th	Ethan M
59 th	Coco D	60 th	Brendan B
61 st	Mrs Bowen	62 nd	Adam Y
63 rd	Isaac L	64 th	Malika K
65 th	Levi B	66 th	Breanna S

.....and the first five lucky Easter Raffle winners are!

**NEWCASTLE ZONE SOCCER TRIALS**

Congratulations to Sascha M, Nicholas N and Daniel B who have been selected to attend the Newcastle Zone soccer trials on Thursday 28th March at Nesbitt Park. We wish the boys luck during this selection process.

ICAS TESTS

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.

Technology News

Stage 2 students over the next few weeks will be selecting a convict and creating a wikipage about their chosen convict. Students will need to research and gather information from the First Fleet database about their chosen convict to complete this task.

Stage 1 students are busy finishing up their 'Biteslide' projects. Part of their task will be to create a digital picture and insert it onto one of their pages. 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 combining all their skills learned over the term as well as learning how to insert a clip art to their word document.

Wiki News

During week 7 the annual school cross country was held at Nesca Park. All students aged 8 and over were able to compete in their age race. Check out the school wikipage for a lovely video displaying the photos taken on the day.

Thank you Miss Chaffey.

www.tips.wikispaces.com

Website of the Week

<http://www.earobics.com/gamegoo/gooneyhome.html>

A great website with loads of fun educational games designed to develop early reading skills.

Student Portal Link

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

WORLD'S GREATEST SHAVE

Recently, Sam A from 5/6C participated in The World's Greatest Shave to raise money for the Leukaemia foundation. A message from Sam:

"I have entered the World's Greatest Shave because people with Leukaemia and other blood cancers will remember this life changing experience as probably the hardest time of their life! We can all help to make it less painful for those in need with both emotional support and research funding."

As a result of his fundraising efforts, Sam has raised over \$1000. We are extremely proud of his efforts.



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.

***** HELP NEEDED! Uniform Shop *****

The Uniform Shop is operated by a group of wonderful mums who volunteer their time to run the shop. They are hoping to draw up a roster – (maybe you will only be required once a month!) Many hands make light work – if you can spare 30min to 45min from 8.45am on a Monday, please call Donna Coates on: Mob: 0428 443817. Thank you.

P & C NEWS

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.

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 this position? 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.

Easter Raffle:

The Easter Bunny came early at The Junction Public School today - there were 66 prizes to be won in today's Easter raffle draw. Congratulations to all the winners! Many thanks must go to Chief Easter Bunny Katharine Barrett and her willing helpers:- Emma Byrne, Karen Goldsmith, Sarah Knights, Sarah Cook, Melissa Chappell, Robyn McGuire, Eithne Healy, Olga Kovacev, June McTaggart, Karly Zacharia, Johanna Anderson and any others who hopped in and out helping make the raffle such a success!

The **Mother's Day Stall** is coming shortly. Please see the flyer with the newsletter for more details.

*****HELP NEEDED*****

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. At the moment we only have **2 volunteers**. This is not enough to run the BBQ, and if we don't get enough volunteers, we will have to cancel the BBQ. The BBQ's are a great way for the P&C to fund everything from Science Club to new equipment for the school. All you have to do is turn up, cook a few sausages and enjoy the fantastic atmosphere at the Olive Tree Markets. So, 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

EASTER AT THE JUNCTION FAIR

Come Meet the Easter Bunny at Junction Fair on Thursday 28th March from 3.30pm - 4.30pm. Lots of Easter eggs and the chance to win! All you have to do is wear your Easter hat into Junction Fair and if you are chosen by the Easter Bunny or Alice in Wonderland you could be one of the lucky winners! (Prizes - 1st \$250, 2nd \$150 & 3rd \$100 eftpos gift card).

Easter Services

Leaflets are in the school foyer for Easter Service locations and times.