

The Junction News

Newsletter of The Junction Public School



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Term 2 – Week 1

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PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Welcome Back

Welcome back to Term 2. This term - like every other - promises to be a very busy one - but is a 9 week term. Students will continue to participate in ongoing assessments this term - with parents receiving a semester report towards the end of the term.

NAPLAN

The National Assessment Program for Literacy and Numeracy for years 3 and 5 students will take place the week after next, on Tuesday 14th May with students completing Language and Writing, Wednesday 15th will be Reading and Thursday 16th May will be Numeracy. This diagnostic assessment program is a very useful tool for demonstrating the strengths and areas for development of all students.

Athletics Carnival

Our athletics carnival is coming up quickly on Friday the 17th May at Glendale Athletics Centre. All parents are warmly invited to attend and enjoy this day. All students from Kinder to Year 6 will be participating and enjoying the competition and activities. A detailed note about this event will be sent home today.

Congratulations Mrs King!

Congratulations to Angie King on her promotion to the position of Assistant Principal at The Junction Public School. Mrs King has been relieving in this position since the beginning of the year and has been doing a wonderful job. Mrs King will supervise classes in Early Stage 1 - Kindergarten and will be working as part of a great executive leadership team.

Staff Development Days

On Monday and Tuesday of this week - staff participated in professional learning in readiness for the implementation of the new English syllabus in 2014. Staff completed modules which analysed the organisation of the new syllabus. The syllabus is organised into a table of objectives and outcomes for a continuum of learning. There is an expectation that students will:

- Communicate through speaking, listening, reading, writing, viewing and representing
- Use language to shape and make meaning according to purpose, audience and context

- Think in ways that are imaginative, creative, interpretive and critical
- Express themselves and their relationships with others and their world
- Learn and reflect on their learning through their study of English

The new English syllabus is accessible for all parents online through the NSW DEC home page.

Mother's Day Stall

Our annual Mother's Day Stall will run next week on Tuesday and Wednesday. Students will have the opportunity to buy a small gift for mums, aunts or family friends etc. Gifts are modestly priced - so students may need some extra 'pocket money' on these days. I'm sure the P&C would still like to receive any appropriate mother's day gift donations in readiness for next week. Donations may be left in the large tubs in the admin foyer any time this week. Thanks.

Mother's Day Morning Tea

We will be holding our annual **Mother's Day morning tea next Thursday 9th May at 9.00am** - straight after the bell and after 'drop off'. This is for all our wonderful mums, aunts, nannas and family friends and is our way to say Happy Mothers' Day to you and thanks for all the help and support you give the school - in the many different ways you do. The morning tea will be held in the 'old hall'.



- Year 1 Gymnastics Program starts next Wednesday 8th May (Week 2).
- New "Blue Emergency Cards" for every student need to be returned to the office this week!
- Accounts went out to all families today with any outstanding Term 1 monies highlighted could payment be made as soon as possible.

Wendy Cheek
Principal

CALENDAR - TERM 2 – 2013**Week 1****Event**

Friday, May 3 **Wrapping Mother's Day gifts at 9am in the Old Hall**

Saturday, May 4 **Olive Tree Markets – 9am-3pm**

Week 2**Event**

Monday, May 6 **Set up for Mother's Day stall at 2pm in the New Hall**

Tuesday, May 7 **P & C Meeting – 7pm Staffroom**

Tuesday, May 7 **P & C Mother's Day Stall**

Wednesday, May 8 **P & C Mother's Day Stall**

Wednesday, May 8 **Year 1 Gymnastics starts**

Thursday, May 9 **Mothers' Day Morning Tea – 9am**

Week 3**Event**

Tuesday, May 14 **NAPLAN-Year 3 & 5 Language & Writing**

Wednesday, May 15 **NAPLAN-Year 3 & 5 Reading**

Thursday, May 16 **NAPLAN-Year 3 & 5 Numeracy**

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

EMERGENCY CONTACT CARDS

All students received a new 'Blue' Emergency Contact Card in the last week of last term. We ask that you complete the information and return it to school by the end of this week.

This update is necessary to keep the information we have on hand as current as possible in the event of illness or accident to a student.

This information is also needed for our new SMS emergency warning system, which forms part of our Emergency Evacuation Procedures. This means in the event of an emergency an SMS can be sent to a parent's mobile number with instructions on the type of emergency and evacuation procedures.

Your assistance in completing this vital information is appreciated.

ENVIRO SKILLS

Enviro skills commences Friday 10th May (Week 2) at 8.30am outside Class 5B.

ANZAC SERVICE

The school student executive attended the Anzac Service at Mitchell Park Merewether on Anzac Day.

**SCHOOL ASSEMBLIES**

The next Kinder to Year 2 assembly will be in Week 2 of Term 2 (Wednesday 8th May) at 2pm.

Year 3 to Year 6 assembly will also start again in Week 2 (Friday 10th May) at 11.30am. Thank you for your support.

SCHOOL PHOTOS

If you have any problems with the photos you must deal directly with Newcastle School Portraits on 4965 4114 or email: nsp@swiftsl.com.au.

Specialty Group photos: For copies of photos of our specialty groups: School Leaders, Sport Leaders, Band Groups & Band Captains and Choir Groups, these photos can only be ordered online at:

www.newcastleschoolportraits.com

and follow the online ordering tabs to School Specialty Groups Password: 250213

The costs are: \$9.00 ordering online and pick up at Newcastle School Portraits or \$16 ordering online and sent to your home address. You may view these photos in the school office before ordering.

ENTERTAINMENT BOOKS

Entertainment Books went home the last week of Term 1. Could any purchases be made or if you do not require the book please return your book by the end of this week to the school office. There were many families away towards the end of the term who may not have received a book. We have kept some spare books in the office if you would like to purchase one. Thank you, Mrs Fitzgibbon

YEAR 1 GYMNASTICS

All Year 1 students will commence the Gymnastics program next Wednesday 8th May (Week 2 of Term 2). The cost of this program is \$36.00.

ZONE CROSS COUNTRY RESULTS

The Zone Cross Country was held on Tuesday 9th April at Stephenson Park, Mayfield West. We had a great representation from our school and congratulate all of our competitors. Good luck to the students going to the Regional Cross Country carnival on Friday 10th May. Below are the placings from the Zone Carnival:

Flynn H	11 th	8/9 Boys
Sam S	12 th	8/9 Boys
William De V	24 th	8/9 Boys
Yasmin P	9 th	8/9 Girls
Charlotte H	18 th	8/9 Girls
Evie T	14 th	8/9 Girls
Josh T	1 st	10 yr Boys
Saxon C	3 rd	10 yr Boys
Cooper J	22 nd	10 yr Boys
Emily D	2 nd	10 yr Girls
Hannah R	8 th	10 yr Girls
Henry K	4 th	11 yr Boys
Sascha M	13 th	11 yr Boys
Joe L	16 th	11 yr Boys
Chiara V	2 nd	11 yr Girls
Isabelle D	26 th	11 yr Girls
Jade D	33 rd	11 yr Girls
Joshua T	38 th	12/13 Boys
Luke G	39 th	12/13 Boys
Isla H	14 th	12/13 Girls
Kiara M	15 th	12/13 Girls

CANTEEN NEWS

All families will receive a new "Pink" Winter Canteen Menu with today's newsletter. Please destroy the "Bright Yellow" Summer menus as there are some price changes and they are no longer current. Thank you.

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.

FRENCH CLASSES

Flyers will go out with the newsletter today advising of French Classes for all students from Kindergarten to Year 6 here at our school from 3.15pm to 4pm from next Tuesday 7th May. For more information see the flyer or call Sandra on Mob: 0402 818034.

P & C NEWS

Our **next P&C meeting** will be held on **Tuesday 7th May 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. 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.

The **Mother's Day Stall** will be held on **Tuesday 7th & Wednesday 8th May**. We still need many more gift donations for our Mothers Day stall, and time is running out! Presents will cost \$2, \$4 or \$6. Don't know what to donate? Here are some ideas - the gifts received will be placed on the following tables:-
For house and Garden, Fun and Games, Pamper/Beauty, Yummy Mummy, Bling, and Smelly Stuff.
Please leave all donations at the front office.

We still would love help on:-

- i) **Wrapping day, Friday 3rd May** after morning drop off in the Old Hall.
- ii) **Stall Setting up day, Monday 6th May**, please meet Kim Forbes at the New Hall at 2pm, and
- iii) the stall on **Tuesday 7th May, and Wednesday 8th May**, times are 9 -10am, 10 -11am, 11:20 – 12pm, 12 - 1pm.

If you can help please let Kim Forbes know on her mobile - 0435 064 541

We are asking for donations of gifts that can be sold at the stall.

Olive Tree Market BBQ – Saturday, 4th May – YEAR 6

It's the turn of **YEAR 6** parents and carers, so recruit a friend and book a shift to help the P&C raise some money 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 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