

The Junction News

Newsletter of The Junction Public School



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Term 2 – Week 2

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PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

NAPLAN Testing – next week

The National Assessment Program for Literacy and Numeracy for years 3 and 5 students will take place next week. On Tuesday 14th May students will be 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. Results are available around mid September.

Find out more:

<http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/homework-and-study/homework-tips/all-about-naplan>

Athletics Carnival

Our athletics carnival is coming up quickly next week on Friday the 17th May at Glendale Athletics Centre. 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 was sent home to you last week. Additional notes are available in the foyer of the administration block.

Mother's Day Stall

Students were busy purchasing gifts from our annual Mother's Day Stall today. This stall will run again tomorrow. Students have the opportunity to buy a small gift for mums, aunties or family friends etc. Gifts are modestly priced – so students may need some extra 'pocket money' tomorrow.

Many thanks to the co-ordinator Kim Forbes and the P&C members who have been involved in organising and wrapping the gifts for students.

Mother's Day Morning Tea

We will be holding our annual **Mother's Day morning tea this 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'.

Best Wishes

Best wishes to our regional Cross Country representatives who will compete this coming Friday at Broadmeadow Racecourse. All the best to: Chiara Voigt, Josh Taylor, Saxon Coates, Emily Donovan-Schultz and Henry Knights. We hope you have a wonderful day.

Unpaid Invoices

Last week many invoices were sent home to families for resource books for Maths, Grammar, school magazines, and other student commitments. It would be greatly appreciated if these invoices could be paid as soon as possible so that we may pay the providers of these services. Many thanks.

Gifted and Talented Enrichment Days – Visual Arts

We are currently displaying in our foyer, the work of students who participated in the Visual Arts Enrichment Days at the end of last term. The workshops were attended by students in Years 3 to 6 – facilitated by talented teacher Karen Read and focussed on students experimenting with a wide range of media. There are many outstanding works for you to view. See photos of some of the artwork in this newsletter.



- Year 1 Gymnastics Program starts this Wednesday 8th May (Week 2).
- New "Blue Emergency Cards" for every student need to be returned to the office this week!
- Please send in note and payment for the whole school Athletics Carnival by this Friday.
- Mothers' Day morning tea this Thursday at 9am in the Old Hall.

Wendy Cheek
Principal

CALENDAR - TERM 2 – 2013

Week 2	Event
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
Friday, May 10	Regional Cross Country

Week 3	Event
Tuesday, May 14	NAPLAN-Year 3 & 5 Language & Writing
Wednesday, May 15	NAPLAN-Year 3 & 5 Reading
Wednesday, May 15	K-2 assembly at 2pm
Thursday, May 16	NAPLAN-Year 3 & 5 Numeracy
Friday, May 17	School Athletics Carnival – Whole School
Friday, May 17	CANTEEN CLOSED

Week 4	Event
Tuesday, May 21	ICAS Computer Test
Friday, May 24	Last day to order Pizza Day Meal Deal

Week 5	Event
Friday, May 31	Pizza Day Meal Deal - No other lunch orders on this day
Saturday, June 1	Olive Tree Markets – 9am-3pm

EMERGENCY CONTACT CARDS

There are still many 'Blue Emergency Cards' that haven't yet been returned to the office. If you require a new card please call into the office. Every student requires a new Blue Card.

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.

YEAR 1 GYMNASTICS

Year One gymnastics will begin this week on Wednesday (tomorrow). Year One children are to wear their sports uniform on Wednesdays in Term 2. It is optional to wear it on a Friday. The classes will be participating at the following times:

9:15-10:00 Class 1C
 10:00-10:45 Class 1L /1H
 11:30-12:15 Class 1CR
 12:15 - 1:00 Class 1J

Children may only participate if their permission note is returned. Thank you Mrs Hughes.

SCHOOL ASSEMBLIES

(Change of date) The first Term 2 assembly for Kinder – Year 2 has been changed from week 2 to week 3 (May 15). This is due to the Mothers' Day stall. Class 1/2H will be leading the assembly.

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

ENTERTAINMENT BOOKS

We would like to finalise the Entertainment Book fundraiser by the end of this week. If you would like to purchase your book or buy additional books please come to the school office. If you do not require your book please return it to the office by this Friday. Thank you, Mrs Fitzgibbon

BOYS SOCCER VS MEREWETHER HEIGHTS

Our boys' soccer team will be playing the first game of the knockout competition this Thursday 9th May at National Park against Merewether Heights Public School. The game will take place at 1.30pm. We wish the team the best of luck on the day. Mr Alcock

ENVIRO SKILLS

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

CANTEEN NEWS

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

Just a friendly reminder to put your child's name and class on lunch orders please.

The Canteen will be closed on Friday 17th May which is the whole school Athletics Carnival day.

PIZZA DAY MEAL DEAL: Friday 31st May

Every student will receive a "Bright Yellow" Pizza Day Meal Deal order form today. There will be no other lunch orders available on this day. Any orders for this special meal day must be at the canteen by: Friday 24th May. The cost of the meal is \$7.00 – please take your orders to the canteen.

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YEAR 6 DESIGN CHALLENGE

Last term all Year 6 students participated in a design challenge. The challenge was to design a protective casing for a water filled balloon which was then dropped from a height of 3 metres. The casing had to be made from materials that cost no more than \$5 in total. Some designs were more robust than others but all students enjoyed participating in this experience. The winning team consisted of: Raha, Ethan, Mackenzie, Brittney and Tim.



5/6C ANTARCTICA WEBSITES

Last term Stage 3 students researched Antarctica as part of their HSIE studies. Students had to create a website to share all of the amazing tasks they completed throughout the term. Students used a wide variety of Web 2.0 tools and iPad apps to present their researched information in eye-catching ways. Take a look at some of their amazing websites:

<http://antarcticaguide.weebly.com>
<http://emilysantarctica.weebly.com>
<http://zacsantarcticaweb.weebly.com>
<http://violetsfreezer.weebly.com>
<http://rosebud99.weebly.com>
<http://jdant.weebly.com>

VISUAL ARTS ENRICHMENT DAY ARTWORKS

More examples of artworks can be viewed on the school website or visit the office foyer.

ARTWORK STAGE 3 ENRICHMENT 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

Our **next P&C meeting** will be tonight, **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.

The first **Mother's Day Stall** was held today, **Tuesday 7th**. The second stall is on tomorrow, **Wednesday 8th May**. A big thanks to Kim Forbes and her helpers: Wendy Donovan, Melissa Spratt, Johanna Anderson, Melina Roberts, Liz Knapp, Melina Roberts, Karly Zachariah, Suzy Galway, Janet Doyle, Eithne Healy, Kendall Long, Kate Bridges, Angie Jackel, Melissa Chappel, Sylvia Allen, who have made it possible for all the The Junction mothers, grandmothers and other special "mums" to wake up on Sunday with a beautiful gift!

Olive Tree Market BBQ – Saturday, 6th May

Many **thanks** to Elizabeth Ginters and her wonderful helpers who turned up and helped cook at the OTM BBQ on Saturday:- Stephen Stokes, Kathy Sammut, Jim Garvey, Danielle Fogg, Suzanne Taylor, Chris Rice, Anna Hackett, Dominique Tindal, Daniel Bishop, Karla Karinen, Gabrielle Day, Elizabeth Ginters, Eloise Fleck, Max Spencer-Karinen, Mark Nicholls and Erin Ginters. We took over \$1100 on the BBQ on Saturday.

Olive Tree Market BBQ – Saturday, 1st June – Kindergarten

It's the turn of **Kindergarten** 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