

The Junction News

Newsletter of The Junction Public School



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Term 2 – Week 5

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PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Pink Stumps Day

Congratulations to all students for their great participation in 'Pink Stumps Day' last Thursday - fundraising for 'Breast Cancer Research'.



We had amazing support from students, parents and community members with over \$1400 being raised with many generous donations.

Thanks to our school canteen members who sold 'pink goods' and donated all funds raised to the cause as well. Many thanks to teacher Louise Cooper, who organised the day.

Student Illness

Currently there is a very contagious gastric illness in the community. A number of students over the last week have been coming to school with the illness and reporting to the clinic early and throughout the day. Several of these children have been vomiting at school, which is very distressing for them and challenging for the staff who are attending to them. As a result staff and other students are also becoming ill. I am appealing to parents to please keep children at home if they appear to have symptoms - feeling nauseous, temperature, headaches and generally feeling unwell. Medical advice suggests that children with symptoms should stay at home for at least 48 hours until all symptoms are gone. Your help with this situation would be greatly appreciated. Thanks.

Blue Cards – Parent Contact Information

Earlier this term we sent home 'blue cards' and asked all families to return them to school with up to date contact information on them. Currently we have a significant number of families who have not returned this information to us. It becomes a great problem when we need to contact families when their children are ill and the mobile numbers are incorrect etc. If you have not done so – could you please look for the blue cards – fill them out and return them as soon as possible.

If you need 'another' blue card - please call at the office and collect one. Many thanks.

After School Pick-Ups

When the bell goes at 3.00pm of an afternoon – most students and parents have a routine of where to meet for pick-ups etc. If parents who pick their children up are delayed for any reason, we would like all students to wait up in the office area where staff are still present, to supervise and assist students. Could parents please reinforce this information to children and talk again about what procedures need to be in place if you are delayed? It would also be helpful if we always have up-to-date contact information – ie mobile phone numbers etc for quick contact.

Gate near 'Old Hall' Union Street

A reminder to all families that I am seeking the co-operation of all families, with a safety issue at school at the moment. I am asking that all students / parents / visitors **refrain from using the gate near the old hall for entering or leaving the school grounds.** Staff members and music tutors use this gate as vehicular access to the car park at the side of the hall and it a serious safety issue with children walking in and out of this gate. I would also ask that this car-park is also not used as a 'short cut' from the back of the old hall. Thanks.

DEC – Parent Information.

The following excerpts are from the DEC web-site to assist parents on a number of important topics:

Cyberbullying – what the experts say

While research into cyberbullying is still in its infancy, the one thing we do know is the online environment is really just a new setting for age-old issues. Cyberbullying is an extension of face-to-face bullying. It's all about relationships. Find out more:

<http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/technology/cyberbullying/what-the-experts-say>

Helping your child with homework

Video: **Teachers talk** about how parents can help kids take responsibility for their homework and avoid Thursday night meltdowns. Find out more:

<http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/homework-and-study/homework-tips/helping-your-primary-school-child-with-homework>

Wendy Cheek, Principal

CALENDAR - TERM 2 – 2013**Week 5****Event**

Friday, May 31	Pizza Day Meal Deal - No other lunch orders today
Friday, May 31	PSSA Rugby League game at Stockton – game starts 1.30pm
Friday, May 31	All Schools Starstruck Rehearsal at Entertainment Centre
Saturday, June 1	Olive Tree Markets – 9am-3pm

Week 6**Event**

Monday, June 3	Intermediate Band Day
Tuesday, June 4	P & C Meeting 7pm - Staffroom
Wednesday, June 5	ICAS Science Test
Friday, June 7	Junior Band Day

Week 7**Event**

Monday, June 10	Public Holiday – School closed
Wednesday, June 12	Starstruck Rehearsal
Wednesday, June 12	Parent information session 3.15pm – Year 4 GAB Camp
Thursday, June 13	Starstruck Rehearsal
Friday, June 14	Starstruck Show
Saturday, June 15	Starstruck Show

Week 8**Event**

Tuesday, June 18	BandLink
Wednesday, June 19	BandLink
Friday, June 21	P & C Movie Night

K-2 NEWS

We will be having our assembly at 2pm this Wednesday but please note that 1J will not be leading this week. It will be another shared assembly and some children from Year One will share their work.

Class KR listened beautifully last week so will be sitting on the chairs this week. Well done KR.

1J will lead the assembly later in the term and we will let you know closer to the date. Thank you Mrs Hughes

Assemblies: New hall

K – 2 Assembly - Wednesday 2pm

Year 3 – 6 Assembly – Friday 11.20am

SPECIAL MENTION AWARDS**Term 2 Week 4****Kinder to Year 2 ASSEMBLY**

KK	Jaedyn M	Phoebe D
KDG	Josie D	Blake F
KH	Liam S	Louie J
KR	Lillie C	Samia F
1J	Lucy W	Luke P
1CR	Mia P	Toby I
1L	Livinia C	Agamjot A
1C	Isaac J	Imogen W
1/2H	Ella W	Courtney B
2B	Ava L	
2W	Connor F	Isabelle M

YEARS 3, 4, 5 & 6 ASSEMBLY - Term 2 Week 4

3MC	Callum H	Curtis F
3W	Harriet C	Luke O'K
3CW	Trinity B Jai M	Rhys B Mia A
3/4L	Jordan D	Joshua T
4A	Charlotte W	Caitlin K
4F	Emily F	Brayden K
5B	Georgia F	Lachlan A
5N	Chile H	Darcy H
5/6C	Sam N	Isla H
6F	Luke G	Zoe S
6C	Claudia K	Noah J
Music	Nicholas N Sylvia K Emily D Khushi P	Orlando H Kepei T William L Angus W
Choir	Imogen W Jonty S	Ebony D



**UNIFORM SHOP
NEXT 2 MONDAYS**

STARSTRUCK 2013

The school will not be taking students to see the Friday matinee performance of Starstruck as in previous years. If you would like to see any of the Starstruck shows on Friday 14th or Saturday 15th June tickets are available from Ticketek or The Entertainment Centre.

PINK STUMPS DAY

Last Thursday our school turned 'Pink' for Pink Stumps Day. Our school raised over \$1,400 for the Jane McGrath Foundation. A big thank you to the canteen for selling pink drinks and cupcakes and donating all proceeds to the cause. Well done to the staff and students! Thank you Mrs Cooper

PSSA RUGBY GALA DAY

On Tuesday, 24th May, The Junction Public School Rugby team played at a gala day which was equivalent to the first three rounds of the PSSA Knockout Competition.

Our Round 1 game was against New Lambton and we were the victors convincingly 37 to nil. The Round 2 game was against Bolwarra PS, we were again the victors 36 points to 7. The Round 3 game was against Nulkabar, this was a great game with the score being nil all at half time. We eventually came out winning the game 19 to nil.

Thank you to Mr Atallah, who has taken up the coaching for another year, the boys had a great experience.

The team comprised of Dixon S, Tyler B, Joe L, Brendan B, Aleksandr F, Joshua T, Luke G, Kye S, Claude C, Ethan C, Kofi H, Archie C and Jake S.

Well done boys, Brenda Briggs



CLASS 6F WEATHER REPORT

We have been studying the science of weather this semester. Recently we were lucky enough to have Gavin Morris visit our class. He talked about many things including the coriolis force and how he became a weatherman.

He told us that when he was a kid, he met Des Hart, who was the local weatherman. Gavin Morris started practising how to be a weatherman and one day he tried out.

Next he talked about the coriolis force. He explained how high pressure needs to get to the low pressure area, but because of the coriolis force it doesn't just travel in one direction. In a high pressure zone, the air moves slowly and in a low pressure zone the air moves fast. After that, he told us about the synoptic chart. He put up a couple of different synoptic charts and told us what the arrows and lines meant.

Lastly, he put up a video of a satellite recording the weather patterns, and told us a little bit about satellites. I thought it was really good fun and I enjoyed his talk.

By James

Recently, Gavin Morris came into our classroom to tell us about the weather. He got onto our computer (smartboard) and went onto the NBN website and showed this really cool stuff.

Firstly, he talked about how he became a weatherman. The first thing he mentioned was that he was a swell predictor at Merewether Baths. He said he did it by looking at the weather and thinking about how big the swell would be on that day.

Secondly, he said that he also used to be a snow reporter at the Blue Mountains. He would tell people what parts of the Blue Mountains were going to have heavy snow fall during the day and night.

Then he told us how he got an invite to be a local weather presenter at the NBN News building. He then showed us high and low pressure, and how if you pump one bike tyre up very high, and pump another one very low, and connect them with a tube, the really pumped tyre equalizes itself with the other one. Gavin Morris is a very good weather presenter and a very good person. I would recommend him as the world's best weather presenter.

By Jack

Gavin Morris came to the school to talk to my class, 6F about Weather. In my class, we are looking at weather this term for science.

When he got to the class, he started to talk about the synoptic chart and I did not know a thing about it! Then he started to talk about how he became a weatherman. He started by being a surf reporter, then a snow reporter, and then he became a weatherman on NBN News (and he still is)!

Next he started to talk about his trip to Mount Kilimanjaro. Unfortunately he didn't make it to the top. It was too hard, and he was moving extremely slowly.

After that he was talking about all of the low and high-pressure systems, cold fronts and the coriolis force. It was all very interesting.

At the end, he showed us a video of the world, from a satellite. You could see fork and sheet lightning. He also told us that a shooting star is a meteorite flying through the sky, and it catches fire when it hits the ozone layer.

I think Gavin Morris is a very interesting man, and I am very thankful that he came into the school and shared his knowledge with 6F. Now I know all about the synoptic chart!

By Dixon

Technology News

Stage 1 students are hard at work finishing their avatar posters. Students are using a range of formatting tools to make their posters sparkle!

Stage 2 will be using the program 'ABCya Animate' to design and create their very own animation. Students will create a basic animation to experiment with the program's features.

This week in technology Stage 3 students will be independently collecting data from the Bureau of Meteorology (BOM) website. Students will sort, and classify information into an excel spreadsheet and generate a suitable graph to display this data.

Kindergarten students are busy independently navigating their way onto bookmarked internet sites. The sites develop letter recognition and typing skills.

Wiki News

The Junction Public's annual Athletics Carnival was held recently at Glendale and our fabulous Miss Chaffey was there capturing every moment. Check out the video on the wiki's newsfeed.

For those students involved in Starstruck just a reminder that the videos for the two dances you are required to practice are up on the newsfeed.

www.tjps.wikispaces.com

Website of the Week

<http://bigbrownbear.co.uk/learntotype/>

This site aims to improve typing skills. It begins with using a few keys and gradually builds as you improve your accuracy level.

<http://www.abcya.com/animate.htm>

This site offers an easy to use animation program, the same program used by Stage 2 this week. This program is loads of fun and the features make it simple to create very engaging animations.

UNIFORM SHOP - SALE

For the next two Mondays – visit the Uniform Shop for some great bargains on Second Hand Clothing. A gold coin may get you a great item of clothing!!

Thank you to the families who donated the racks for the 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.**

CANTEEN NEWS

Pizza day meal deal: this Friday 31st May

There will be no other lunch orders available this Friday 31st May. Meal deal orders closed last Friday.

P & C NEWS

Our **next P&C meeting** will be **Tuesday 4th June 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.

*****SAVE THE DATES - UPCOMING P&C EVENTS*****

1: Movie Night, Friday 21st June, 2013.

Be the first in Newcastle to see one of the latest new release movies coming for the July school holidays! The P&C will be holding a movie night on Friday 21st June at Events Cinemas in Newcastle. Come along and test your knowledge of movie trivia. Stay tuned for details of the movie!

2: Holiday Raffle: On the movie night we will also be launching details of our holiday raffle. We will be raffling a holiday to the Gold Coast for a family of 4. More details to come.

3: Oktoberfest, Friday 25th October, 2013:

(Not Saturday 26th October as in last week's newsletter) This promises to be a fantastic evening of German food, beer, music and entertainment! Stay tuned as more details are finalised.

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