

# The Junction News

Newsletter of The Junction Public School



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Term 2 – Week 8

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## PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

### Star Struck

I would like to sincerely congratulate the 20 students involved in the dance performances of Star Struck this year - the performances were last Friday and Saturday. All students represented our school in an outstanding fashion – it was a very involved and tiring week for them and their families with the multiple drop – offs and pick-ups at the Entertainment Centre.

The items 'Newspaper Mumma' and 'Mummamia – from ABBA' were wonderful to watch as were all the segments. Congratulations as well to student Amy M – who had a singing performance at Star Struck this year as well.

On behalf of the school community I would also like to thank teacher Karen Read who supervised all the dance segments for our school, organised our schools participation, made all the costumes as well as designed costumes for most of the segments at Star Struck. A huge effort! Thanks Mrs Read!



### P&C Movie Night Fundraiser.

Don't forget the P&C are holding a movie night fundraiser on Friday night of this week at the Tower Cinemas – with the film 'Despicable Me 2'. Details for this were sent home in a flyer last week – if you require further information please contact the office. This event is the first of its type for the P&C and will be a great family night – please support this event if you are able to.

### Road Safety for Our Students!

It has come to my attention that some parents or family members are involved in some unsafe practices with vehicles at pick up and drop off times. A few concerned

parents are telling me that cars are stopping in 'No Stopping' zones adjacent to school crossings to let their kids out. It is obscuring the view of other cars approaching the crossing – and not seeing the children running out. This is putting students 'at risk'. These 'No Stopping' zones exist at pedestrian crossings - for safety and to give drivers a clear view of the crossing.

Last week while on bus duty on Union Street - I saw a parent stop in the middle of the road and call their children to run over to the car and get in – it was chilling to watch with all the traffic about - apart from the fact that it is illegal and highly dangerous. Let's try to keep all our children safe. As a parent said- 'a couple of extra minutes parking down the street and walking your children up – is far preferable to the alternative'. Thanks.

### Student Reports

Student reports will be coming home towards the end of next week. These reports are a summation of the progress of your children during these first two terms. Early next term – within the first few weeks – you will have an opportunity to attend an interview with your child's class teacher to discuss any aspect of their report or any other matters pertaining to your child. Teachers will be sending home, information and available times for you – early next term.

### Whole School Concert

I am very excited to announce to our school community that this year we will be holding a whole school concert at the Civic Theatre in Newcastle on Thursday 31<sup>st</sup> October. In 2009 we held a similar event at the Civic Theatre and it was absolutely outstanding. In 2011 – we held the concert at our school – and while it was a fabulous event – we had difficulties with lighting / sound and the weather. We have therefore decided to go back to the Civic Theatre so that we can ensure that this will be a spectacular event without any limitations. We will from next term on, be providing you with a lot more information about this – and what it will mean for your children. I know you will really enjoy what is to come.

### Unpaid Invoices

As we near the end of term – I would like to ask parents who have still unpaid invoices for student resources or unpaid fees for participation in dance or band programs to finalise these accounts. This would be greatly appreciated.

Wendy Cheek, Principal

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**CALENDAR - TERM 2 – 2013****Week 8** **Event**

Wednesday, June 19	BandLink
Thursday, June 20	ICAS Spelling Test
Friday, June 21	P & C Movie Night fundraiser

**Week 9** **Event**

Monday, June 24	Year 6 Sydney Excursion
Tuesday, June 25	Band Concert Night at School (6pm-7.30pm)
Friday, June 28	Year 5 Sydney Excursion
Friday, June 28	LAST DAY OF TERM 2

**School Holidays** **Event**

Saturday, July 6	Olive Tree Markets 9am – 3pm
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**CALENDAR - TERM 3 – 2013****Week 1** **Event**

Monday, July 15	Staff only
Tuesday, July 16	STUDENTS RETURN - TERM 3

**Week 2** **Event**

Monday, July 22	Dance Festival – Panthers
Tuesday, July 23	Dance Festival – Panthers
Wednesday, July 24	Dance Festival - Panthers
Friday, July 26	Zone Track Athletics

**Week 3** **Event**

Tuesday, July 30	Zone Field Athletics
Wednesday, July 31	ICAS English

**BAND NEWS**BandLink

All of our band students are at BandLink today and tomorrow. There are over 500 students from the Newcastle region attending this special event which will culminate in a concert at 2:00pm tomorrow (Wednesday). I'm sure that our students are all enjoying this experience.

Band Concert

Our first Band Concert for the year will be held next Tuesday, 25<sup>th</sup> June in the new hall at 6:00pm. All students have taken home invitations for parents and

friends and we look forward to seeing many at this concert. Our band students have been rehearsing for some time and it promises to be an entertaining event. Thank you, Mrs Fitzgibbon

**SPECIAL MENTION AWARDS****YEARS 3, 4, 5 & 6 ASSEMBLY - Term 2 Week 7**

3MC	Erin K	Rylee F
3B	Lara B	
3CW	Lillian S	Mary-Jane R
3/4L	Lucy U	Brodie P
4F	Ellen C	Ruby Z
5B	Quentin W	Estelle S
5N	Maya J	Henry K
6F	Logan O	Kye S
6C	Joshua T	Zalia W
Choir	Cameron R - 4F Eva R – 2/3B	Tilda S – 4F

**Assemblies: New hall**

K – 2 Assembly - Wednesday 2pm

Year 3 – 6 Assembly – Friday 11.20am

**STUDENT LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE 2013**

On 22<sup>nd</sup> May the prefects and captains went to Panthers in Newcastle for the GRIP Leadership conference. Prefects and student leaders from all over the Hunter attended the day. Some schools only had three leaders as the school was so small and some schools bought all their leaders. Some students travelled up to four hours to attend.

We had a great day and met a lot of other students. We did a lot of different activities including games, video watching and we even had a disco segment. We concentrated on the 'head, shoulders and knees theory' of leadership and how leaders have to carry the load in many different ways.

It was a really worthwhile day and all school leaders should try to go to these activities. It really made leadership seem more important and interesting. Joshua Turner

**EARN & LEARN PROGRAM**

The program has now finished for this year, so a big thanks to everyone who supported our school.

Remember to check your handbag, the car glove box or they may be stuck on the fridge. Every little bit helps. Please get these stickers to the school by the end of the term. Thanks again for all your support!

## CREATIVE WRITING WORKSHOP

Wanted: Superheroes & Villains dead or alive!  
In term 3, Unload presents Comic Capers!

Create your own comics with humour, adventure and audacious characters.

Where: The Junction Public School

When: Starting Week 2 - Tuesday 23 July from 3.20pm - 4.20pm

Who: Years 3-6

Cost: 8 weeks @ \$100

Contact: Suzie Galwey on: [sgalwey@bigpond.com](mailto:sgalwey@bigpond.com) or [aleeta.cliff@gmail.com](mailto:aleeta.cliff@gmail.com)

## BOOK CLUB

Book Club orders have closed. Some orders have been received and handed out to students, however we are still waiting for some orders to arrive. Thanks Mrs Land

## FUNDRAISING FOR 3MC GARDEN

Our class is raising money to buy a toad stool table and chairs for our garden. I raised \$29 towards this by doing chores such as ironing and sweeping for my family. My mum and dad gave me \$9 and my nanna gave me \$20. Callum in our class raised \$16 out of his lunch money. We now have \$127.50 towards our goal. Thank you, Grace Fleming and Callum Harris.

## DONATIONS FOR FIJI

3MC are collecting items such as books, toys and clothing for the disadvantaged Fijian children. The Fijian monitors are Pearl Carney and Ana Neale. We are also becoming pen pals to the children. We are encouraging The Junction Public School to make a difference bringing donations to 3MC. Mrs Rea will be picking them up and sending them to Fiji. Thank you for your help.

## SCHOOL BANKING

Banking for Newcastle Permanent and Commonwealth Bank is on a Monday. All banking should be taken to the school library at 9am.

### Commonwealth Bank

#### THERE'S STILL TIME FOR YOUR CHANCE TO WIN a \$5,000 FAMILY ADVENTURE HOLIDAY!

So far we have **10** student bankers who have qualified for the Commonwealth Bank's School Banking competition in Term 2. There is still one week left... all you need to do is **bank at least 3 times during Term 2 here at school** and you will automatically be entered into the draw.

**First prize:** \$5,000 family holiday to anywhere in Australia with \$500 spending money and **\$5,000** cash for your school.

**25 Runner Up prizes:** Kid's adventure packs valued at over \$700 include a Wii U, Razor eSpark electric scooter, walkie talkies, night vision goggles and an underwater digital camera.

More details are available at

[www.commbank.com.au/adventureisland](http://www.commbank.com.au/adventureisland)

## 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 **Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> August at 7pm**. Everyone is welcome. The meeting will be held in the Staff Room, down the hall from the Front office.

### Building Fund donations:

The Junction Public School P&C Association Building Fund is a registered tax deductible gift recipient fund. Donations made to the fund are tax deductible. Donations made previously to the Building Fund have been used to fit out the new hall.

For more information please read the letter and brochure that was sent home yesterday (Monday).

### Upcoming P&C Events

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**1: Family and Friends Movie Night, Friday 21<sup>st</sup> June, 2013, Event (Tower) Cinemas Newcastle.**

**Only 3 days to go until "Despicable Me 2"! Lights, camera, get ready for the action!**

If you haven't got your tickets yet, don't worry, there is still time. Just fill in the details for purchasing tickets and candy bar items on the flyer sent home yesterday (Monday), and send it back to school by Thursday.

All tickets will be sent home with your child/ren this week.

Friday promises to be a fun and entertaining night. Will you win one of the lucky door or seat prizes? Or will you be the one who knows the most trivia about "Despicable Me"?

Doors will open at 5:30pm. We ask that you be seated between 6:00 - 6:10pm for our fun and trivia to commence. "Despicable Me 2" will screen at 6:30pm.

Money raised from the movie night will go towards purchasing playground equipment.

**NOTE:** The Travelling Film Festival is on at the Tower Cinemas on Friday night. Please allow time to find parking.

**2: Holiday Raffle:** On Friday at the movie night we will be launching details of our fantastic holiday raffle. We will be raffling a 5 day holiday to the Gold Coast for a family of 4. Ticket books will be sent home on Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> June. The raffle will be drawn in Education Week (early August), Term 3.

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### **Olive Tree Market BBQ – Saturday, 6th July – Year 1**

It's the turn of **Year 1** 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](mailto: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](mailto:junctionpandc@hotmail.com) if you would like to be on the P&C email contact list.

Bronwyn Geerarts, TJPS P&C President

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