

The Junction News

Newsletter of The Junction Public School



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Term 2 – Week 9

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PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

P&C Fundraiser Movie Night

Many thanks to all families who attended the P&C Movie night last week at the Tower Cinemas. A great family night was had by all.

The P&C also launched their major holiday raffle on the night. The holiday includes airfares and accommodation for four people to the Gold Coast.

Thanks to the P&C for their continued support of the school.

Student Reports

Semester one student reports will be coming home on Thursday of this week.

These reports are an assessment of learning for the last two terms. Early next term you will have the opportunity to have an interview with your child's teacher and discuss aspects of the report and any other matters that you wish to raise. Information on these meetings will be coming home to you at the beginning of next term.

Public Speaking

All students from Kindergarten to Year 6 have been involved in public speaking activities this semester. During this week and early next term some students from all grades will be presenting their speeches to their grades in preparation for the zone public speaking competition which will be held in week 4 of next term. Public Speaking is part of our Talking and Listening section of the English syllabus. It is really pleasing to see the growing confidence of all students in this area.

Design Challenges

It was really interesting to see the problem solving skills of stage 3 students last week as they presented their solutions to the balloon powered car challenge. Students had to design a car at school made from recyclable materials brought from home. The car had to be powered by an inflated balloon and travel greater than a distance of 3 metres. Needless to say there was a great variation in design and performance. The winning design was from students in class 5N – Brandon Towney-Connors, Archie Carter and Matthew Harrison who thought about placement of the balloon, weight of the car, free spinning wheels and the car travelled over 6 metres in distance. Well done boys!

Stage 2 will be displaying their design challenges tomorrow Wednesday in their classrooms from 12.30 pm

till 1.00pm. Their challenge was to design a chest or diorama based on Governor Macquarie's chest with samples or drawings of local flora or fauna. There have been some really wonderful constructions. Parents are warmly invited to attend.



Stage 3 State Parliament Excursion

I joined Year 6 on their State Parliament excursion yesterday and have to say I was very proud of all students for their behaviour and participation in the questioning at Parliament House. The students participated in a mock parliament session in both the legislative assembly and the legislative council.

Their sound knowledge of the workings of parliament was really evident and the guides were really impressed with them. Needless to say their mock bill that 'the school week to be extended to include Saturdays' was soundly defeated.



Band Night

Looking forward to the band night tonight beginning at 6.00pm in the new hall. I know that Mrs Fitzgibbon was very pleased with the participation of all students at Band Link last week and many of the students came back buzzing about the day and the high standard of performance that took place.

Our school band program is one of the best in the region.

Education Week Open Day

Just flagging to you an early date for our Education Week Open day on Thursday 1st August with an assembly beginning at 9.30am in the new hall. There will also be visits to classrooms after the assembly. More details to come early next term.

Happy holidays!

I'd like to thank all parents for the way that you have supported our school this term and for your wonderful children. Hoping you all have a great holiday with your families. Students return on Tuesday 16th July.

Wendy Cheek, Principal

CALENDAR - TERM 2 – 2013

Week 9	Event
Tuesday, June 25	Band Concert Night at School (6pm-7.30pm)
Wednesday, June 26	Year 3 & 4 Design Challenge Parent observation – 12.30pm
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

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
Monday, July 29	P & C Raffle tickets returned
Tuesday, July 30	Zone Field Athletics
Wednesday, July 31	ICAS English
Thursday, August 1	Education Week open day-9.30am
Thursday, August 1	P & C Raffle drawn
Saturday, August 3	Olive Tree Markets – 9am-3pm

BAND NEWS**BandLink**

BandLink took place last Tuesday and Wednesday at the Newcastle City Hall. I'm pleased to report that it was a huge success. This new venue proved to be much more suitable in catering for such large numbers (over 500 students). Our school was represented by 110 students who all enjoyed the experience. The supervising teachers, (Miss Robertson, Mrs McLeod, Mrs Ware and I) were very proud of our students in their wholehearted participation and impeccable behaviour. The concert on Wednesday, featuring the 5 bands, showcased the talents of both conductors and performers and displayed how much had been learnt over the two days.

**Band Concert**

Our first Band Concert for the year is on tonight in the new hall at 6:00pm (students are to arrive at 5:40pm). 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. In true tradition, this concert will be short and sweet.

SPECIAL MENTION AWARDS

Term 2 Week 8

Kinder to Year 2 ASSEMBLY

KK	Lyvia H	Laila L
KDG	Charlie B	Amelia G
KH	Kou E Harry B	Lachlan C
KR	Cameron A	Isla H
1J	Marco B	Sabine Y
1CR	Kate M	Sophie H
1L	Loki D	Ella W
1C	Owen D	Max W
1/2H	Maxis F	Lucy Z
2B	Lulu S	
2D	Isabella G	Bailey F
2W	Kalani F	Luke S

YEARS 3, 4, 5 & 6 ASSEMBLY - Term 2 Week 8

3MC	Jesse S	Max W
3B	Molly M	
3CW	Joseph P	Charlie Wilson
3W	Kyan S Declan F	Imogen W Kiani C
3/4L	Daniel M	Finnian G
4A	Jackson B	Jack W
4F	Justin T	Sunny W
5B	Alexandra H	Ethan B
5N	Bella D	Brayden M
6F	Nicholas N	Sophie W
6C	Ethan C	Timothy H
Choir	Alexandra M Kate L Brayden K Nell H	Rhiannon M Caitlin F Jai M

Assemblies: New hall

K – 2 Assembly - Wednesday 2pm

Year 3 – 6 Assembly – Friday 11.20am

STAGE 2 DESIGN CHALLENGE

A reminder to parents that they are invited to view their children's "Australian Flora and Fauna" design challenge in classrooms on Wednesday, 26th June, at 12:30pm.

KINDER TO YEAR 2 ASSEMBLY

The last assembly for this term will be led by Class 1J.

Class 2D won last week's assembly class award and will be sitting on the chairs at this week's assembly. Well done 2D. Thank you, Mrs Hughes

Technology News

Stage 3 students have been learning about infographics and how they are used to display information, data or knowledge quickly and clearly. This week they will use the program easel.ly to create an infographic displaying information on a subject of their choice.

Kindergarten students have been logging on to book marked websites to create avatars, graphic representations of themselves, in the program MeMaker. This week they are creating their own pet passport.

Stage 1 students have been hard at work creating digital artworks and storytelling using the Biteslide program. Examples of student's work are being added to their class wiki page.

Stage 2 students have enjoyed experimenting with a variety of animated widgets to enhance the overall appearance of their wiki page. This week they are learning how to use a range of tools in Microsoft PowerPoint to create engaging animations.

Website of the Week

www.easel.ly

This site is a free and easy to use infographics creator. It offers a range of templates to display your information online.

www.3x3links.com/tips

3x3Links is a sharable internet start page with various book marked sites appropriate for the younger students. This could be useful during the holidays as most students are familiar with the programs.

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 this week. Thanks again for all your support!

SCHOOL BANKING

There will be no student banking on the first week back as students will not return to school until the Tuesday.

Banking for Newcastle Permanent and Commonwealth Bank will resume Week 2 on Monday 22nd July. All banking should be taken to the school library at 9am.

Commonwealth Bank

Good luck to the student bankers who have qualified for the Commonwealth Bank's School Banking competition in Term 2.

The competition will be drawn on 23rd July, winners will be notified soon after in writing and by phone, published in *The Australian* on 2nd August (names and suburbs only), and who knows, maybe we'll be reading about one of our student bankers here in our newsletter – cross your fingers!!!

More details on the competition are available at... www.commbank.com.au/adventureisland

UNIFORM SHOP -

The Uniform Shop will open on Tuesday 16 July – first day back for Term 3.

Normal shop day is: Monday mornings 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.**

Thank you to all the ladies who have helped out at the Uniform Shop this term, Vera Moore, Kim Forbes, Wan Smith, Jessie Bullas, Cherie Pearson-Maytom and Bernadette Ryan. Hope to see you all there next term. Donna Reay, Co-ordinator

P & C NEWS

Our **next P&C meeting** will be **Tuesday 6th August at 7pm**. Everyone is welcome. The meeting will be held in the Staff Room, down the hall from the Front office.

Jody Cooper Nominated for DEC Employee of the Year

Each year the NSW Federation of P&C Associations seeks nominations from school P&C associations' of DEC employees who have made an outstanding contribution to their school and community. This year, the P&C is very pleased to nominate Jody Cooper for the DEC Employee of the Year Award.

Jody Cooper has made an outstanding contribution to The Junction Public School over a number of years, both to the education needs of students and in enhancing relationships with parents and community members.

Jody has taken an active role in supporting decisions and initiatives of the P&C. She initiated and oversaw the design of the Creative playground near the kindergarten rooms, the new playground equipment and the beautiful 150th memorial garden near the front office.

I hope you will join me in congratulating Jody on a well-deserved nomination.

Family and Friends Movie Night, Friday 21st June 2013, Tower Cinemas Newcastle.

Thank you to all who attended on Friday night and supported The Junction Public School. Movie night proved to be very popular, with tickets to "Despicable Me 2" selling out early in the week. We apologise to those who missed out on tickets - we will hold another movie night in the future.

Once everyone was seated, the movie theatre was abuzz with anticipation of the movie starting. Over the hum of excitement, the Holiday Raffle was launched and lucky door prizes drawn. A large number of children then hotly contested the trivia quiz, impressing us with their extensive knowledge of "Despicable Me"! However, once the movie started, all that could be heard was families and friends enjoying the movie.

The movie night **raised \$2300** towards new playground equipment.

A big **thank you** to Sophie Williams and Sophie De Vitis for organising the movie night.

Upcoming P&C Events

1: Holiday Raffle: On Friday at the movie night we launched details of our fantastic holiday raffle.

We are raffling a holiday to the Gold Coast for a family of 4, including flights, accommodation and a 3 park Superpass, to the value of \$3500. Travel for the holiday is kindly organised through Jetset Travel at The Junction. Second prize is a Samsung tablet, kindly donated by Officeworks at Marketown.

You will have received a book of raffle tickets to sell today. Please do not feel obliged to buy the raffle tickets. We hope that you will offer friends, relatives and work colleagues the opportunity to buy a ticket to be in with a chance to win these great prizes. All sellers of complete raffle books will go into the "Ticket Sellers Draw" for the chance to win a bodyboard from Sanbah at The Junction.

All raffle tickets – sold and unsold – **MUST** be returned to the school by **Monday 29th July, 2013.**

The raffle will be drawn on **Thursday 1st August, 2013** during Education Week, early in Term 3.

2: Oktoberfest: Stay tuned for more details after the July school holidays.

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

Thank you to all the parents and carer's in **Year 1**. The roster is full. If you are free on Saturday 6th July, don't forget to drop by and take in the wonderful atmosphere at the markets!

OTM BBQ – Saturday, 3rd August – Year 2.

It's **Year 2** turn on the BBQ after the July school holidays. Why don't you 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).



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 last week. Copies of the brochure are also available from the front office.

Many thanks to those people who have recently made a donation to the Building Fund.

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

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P&C Fundraiser Raffle



Organised through
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FIRST PRIZE

x1 5 night holiday for 4 people to The Gold Coast including:

- ✓ Airfares direct from Williamstown airport to the Gold Coast;
- ✓ Transfers;
- ✓ Accommodation in a 2 bedroom Gold Coast apartment;
- ✓ **PLUS** a 3 Park Superpass!!



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SECOND PRIZE

**x1 Samsung Galaxy Tab 2
Silver 8GB 7"**



Prizes drawn in Education Week – Open Day at The Junction Public School, Thursday 1 August 2013 at 11.30am. Winners will be notified by phone and mail. Prize must be taken intact through Jetset Travel The Junction by end of 2014. Not redeemable for cash. Does not include meals. May be taken in peak holiday times subject to availability. Value limited to \$3,500.

SCHOOL ACTIVITIES & EXCURSIONS.....



Design Challenge



Year 6 Sydney Excursion

