

The Junction News

Newsletter of The Junction Public School



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Term 3 – Week 2

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PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

New Director for Newcastle Network Public Schools

The Department of Education and Communities (DEC) has undergone a new alignment of senior positions across the state. The new Executive Director for our area is Mr Frank Potter – looking after the areas of Newcastle, Coffs Harbour and Tamworth. Mr Potter was previously relieving Regional Director. The newly appointed Director for Public Schools – Newcastle – working more directly with our school will be Mrs Jenny Moody who was previously Implementation Co-ordinator Learning Management and Business Reform (LMBR) and Principal at Swansea High.

I look forward to working with Mrs Moody who I am hoping you will see at some of our public events.

Hunter Region Dance

Congratulations to our Year 6 Dance group who performed so brilliantly on Monday night and the Year 5 group whose performance was exceptional last night at the Hunter Region Dance Festival at Panthers Club. Tonight will be the opportunity for the ensemble group to perform on stage. Our dance programs give students a wonderful opportunity to participate in performing arts and the standard at our school is very high. Thanks again to teacher Karen Read for all her organisation of these events.

Zone Athletics this week and next.

This year we are sending one of the strongest teams ever to the Zone Athletics Championships at Glendale. With 35 students representing in the track events and 23 students representing in the field events – our school will have one of the largest contingents taking place. Congratulations and best wishes to all students who are attending this carnival and for representing our school.

Enrichment Day - Maths

As part of our 'Enrichment and Engagement Framework' we will be holding a Maths Enrichment Day for groups of students from Years 5 and 6 next Monday and then for groups of students in Years 3 and 4 on Wednesday of next week. These workshops will be held at our school and we have been liaising with Head Teacher Maths Renee Wells from Newcastle High School to provide input into these sessions. We will be providing an opportunity for students who have a talent in Maths to engage in some problem solving and higher order

thinking maths activities. Last term our focus was Visual Arts and over 100 students had access to Visual Arts activities – some samples of this work is currently in our foyer now.

Education Week – Open Day

A reminder that our Education Week Open Day will take place, next week, on Thursday 1st August beginning with an assembly in the new hall at 9.30am. The theme for Education Week is 'Celebrating Our Stories'.

All parents are warmly invited to attend this assembly and then also visit their children's classrooms at 10.15am followed by a morning tea at 10.45am. The morning will conclude at 11.30am.

Reading With Your Children

A part of my day that I really enjoy, are the students who come and show me work samples or share their reading with me. The Reading Recovery program at our school is a wonderful support program for Year 1 students who need extra assistance with their reading. Ruth Dewar and Ian Gunter - who have both been trained by the DEC in this program have been taking cohorts of students and the progress for these students has been absolutely stunning. It reminded me of the power of reading with children – and how important it is as parents to put aside that twenty minutes a day to read along with their children and engage in some quality literature. This is a really powerful thing to do with your child – in taking turns to read a page together, talking about the pictures in the book or what message the author was trying to convey. What books are your children reading at the moment?

Parent/Teacher Interviews

All parents should have received a Parent/Teacher Interview note home last week giving you the opportunity of choosing a time slot to see your child's class teacher. Interviews are being held at various times and days over the next two weeks.

Wendy Cheek, Principal

TRIVIA NIGHT – Friday 9th August

Look out for the flyer coming out with today's newsletter!

CALENDAR - TERM 3 – 2013**Week 2****Event****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 test****Thursday, August 1****Education Week open day-
9.30am****Thursday, August 1****P & C Raffle drawn****Friday, August 2****Senior Band performance at
Charlestown Square****Saturday, August 3****Olive Tree Markets – 9am-3pm****Week 4****Event****Tuesday, August 6****Year 3 & 4 walking excursion to
Lovett Gallery
(Note home today)****Tuesday, August 6****P & C Meeting – 7pm staffroom****Friday, August 9****Trivia night – 7pm****Week 5****Event****Tuesday, August 13****ICAS Mathematics test****Friday, August 16****Year 3 & 4 excursion to The
Australian Reptile Park
(Note home today)****BAND NEWS**

Our Senior Band will be performing at Education Week celebrations at Charlestown Square on Friday, 2nd August at 11:30am near Myers and Prouds.

We welcome any parents who would like to support us. Band members should have received information about this excursion yesterday. Mrs Fitzgibbon

YEAR 3 & 4 STUDENTS

All Year 3 and 4 students including Year 3 students from Class 2/3B will bring two notes home today about two upcoming excursions. They will be walking to the Lovett Gallery on Tuesday August 6 and on Friday August 16 will be attending the Australian Reptile Park. Could parents return permission notes and money to the office as soon as possible.

SPECIAL MENTION AWARDS**YEARS 3, 4, 5 & 6 ASSEMBLY - Term 3 Week 1**

3B	Ashton S Charlotte C	Eva R
3MC	Louise S Rhiannon M	Noah F
3CW	Axel H	Gus A
3W	Alexandra M Tallen M	Paris R
3/4L	Maya L	Benjamin D
4A	Dimitri F	Taj A
4F	Cooper S	Bella F
5B	Caitlin F	Jackson A
5N	Sebastien D	Kieron B
6F	Nicholas N	
6C	Miette B Jackson S	Rebecca S
5/6C	Christopher B Daniel B	Rosalili F
Band	Jesse S Jade D	Marc C

K-2 ASSEMBLY

K-2 assembly was held today in the new hall. This week we had a shared assembly and our fantastic public speakers, Ella Spratt and Benjy Church, entertained you with their winning speeches. 1L showed great listening manners at our last assembly and had the opportunity to sit on the seats at the back of the hall.

Year 3 – 6 Assembly – Friday 11.20am

YEAR 2 GYMNASTICS

Don't forget Year 2 gymnastics starts TOMORROW.

Children are to wear their sports uniform. The timetable is as follows:

9:15am - 10:00am - Class 2W

10:15am - 11:00am - Class 2D

11:30am -12:15pm - Year 2 classes from 2/3B and 1/2H

GIFT CARDS

We have created five sets of gift cards using student's artwork from the GATS Creative Arts days. Each set has five assorted cards and envelopes enclosed. These can be purchased at the eastern end of the COLA (near library) at Monday morning assembly - \$8.00 per pack. Proceeds to go towards the school visual art program. Thank you, Mrs Land

Technology News

Welcome back!!!

Wiki News

This term Google are running a competition for all Australian students. The competition requires students to design their own Google logo for their Australia homepage. This year's theme is "If I was an explorer I would..."

The competition is for students from years 1 to 6 and they will be judged in age groups. (Years 1-3 and Years 4-6). We will be holding a competition to determine the school's finalists, judged by Mrs Keating. Entries will need to be given to Miss Picton by 23rd August.

For any further questions please see Miss Picton.

Kindergarten students have fallen straight back into technology lessons with ease. They are learning a few new skills in Word, while consolidating others, to produce amazing recounts of their holidays.

Stage 1 & Stage 2 students are getting ready for the 'Doodle 4 Google' competition by creating a digital design of their Google logo in the program ArtRage.

Students in Stage 3 are currently working through the Wet 'n' Wild competition run by the Hunter Wetlands Centre. The competition requires students use a variety of advanced search options to research the clues provided. Good Luck!!!

Websites of the Week

<http://www.google.com.au/doodle4google/index.html>

This is the 'Doodle 4 Google' Australia competition website for 2013. Includes information about the competition including, submitting entries, judging and prizes. You will also find google logo templates in lesson resources.

CANTEEN NEWS

Next Monday 29th July, the 'Fresh for Kids' competition starts. When you buy food at the canteen containing fresh fruit or vegetables you will receive a 'Fresh for kids sticker and one token'. When you collect four tokens and stick them on an entry form you then hand it in to the canteen to win a free Banner pen and then your entry form goes in the draw to win more cool major prizes. There will be posters of the competition around the school. This is a fun way for students to eat more healthy food.

Regards, Kath and the canteen crew

Buddhism SRE Lessons

Expressions of interest are being called for families who wish their child to participate in Meditation and Buddhism classes as an alternative to scripture or ethics lessons. The school has been approached by the Losang Dragpa Buddhist Centre who propose to offer these sessions once a week in scripture/ethics time slots.

At this stage we are asking for any interested families to contact the office to determine the numbers for a possible class. Initially these sessions will be offered to Years 3-6 students. If the numbers warrant the formation of a class we will provide more information at a later date. The classes are planned for later this year or early next year. Mrs Keating

SCHOOL BANKING

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

UNIFORM SHOP -

Uniform shop is open on 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.

P & C NEWS

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

Upcoming P&C Events

The Holiday Raffle: Drawn Thursday August 1st, 2013.

Keep selling those tickets!

Only 9 days to go until we draw our wonderful raffle prizes.

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

***Additional ticket books are available from the Front Office ***

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

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.

Just in case you have forgotten what the fantastic prizes are:-

First prize: 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:- A Samsung tablet, kindly donated by Officeworks at Marketown.

Can you help count raffle ticket money?

Help is needed to count the raffle ticket money as it comes in over the next week. Please contact Bronwyn on 0422 965 631 or send an e-mail to junctionpandc@hotmail.com if you can spare some time to help.

2: Father's Day Breakfast:

A big thank you to Kim Forbes who has offered to co-ordinate the Father's Day Breakfast in September. If you can offer to help Kim out please contact the P & C or phone Kim on: 0435 064541. More details to come home in the near future.

3: Oktoberfest: Stay tuned for more details.

OLIVE TREE MARKET 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).



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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FRENCH LESSONS

The FUN way to become bilingual

👉 FRENCH for 5-12 year olds

Fun after school program at the Junction PS
 French club on Monday and Wednesday from 3.20pm to 4.20pm

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MEREWETHER SCOUTS

Get out and have some real fun!

Scouting offers the best opportunity to have some good old fashioned real fun, make new friends, as well as learn new life skills. It also offers the opportunity to enjoy the great outdoors, challenge yourself, develop personal confidence and problem solving skills.

So why not drop in and check us out - Allworth Street Merewether. Further details contact Michael Schmidt (Group Leader) on 0438 129 728.

Hey! On Sunday 28 July (12noon – 2pm) come and join us as Scout Groups all across the Hunter have a big sausage sizzle. We'll be at our hall in Allworth Street Merewether. Come talk to a Leader about what we get up to!

NEWCASTLE CITY COUNCIL – NAME THE CREEK

There are six creeks in Newcastle that need to be officially named. Come along to a creek naming 'walk and talk' to learn about your local bushland. You can find out how to make a submission to name the creek.

Aries Way/Taurus Street Reserve (10 August – 9am)
 George McGregor Bushland (10 August – 11.30am)
 Kotara Park (10 August – 2pm)
 Jesmond (11 August – 10am)

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