

# The Junction News

Newsletter of The Junction Public School



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Term 3 – Week 3

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## PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

### Welcome to Education Week 2013

The theme for Education Week this year is 'Celebrating Our Stories' and at our school we have many great stories to celebrate! We will hold an assembly in the new hall on Thursday morning this week at 9.30am. Our student executive will lead the assembly and there will be student performances including choir and band. Mrs Jenny Moody, our new Director – School Education Newcastle will also be in attendance.

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. Looking forward to seeing you all.

### School Enrichment Framework

This week we are running Maths workshops for Years 3 to 6 students with a talent in the area of Maths. We are working with the Maths staff from Newcastle High School to provide enrichment challenge activities for these students. We are challenging the students in the area of higher order thinking and applied mathematics and they have certainly enjoyed these activities. Students from Years 1 and 2 participated in some similar maths enrichment activities today.

These activities form part of our 'Enrichment and Engagement Framework' which we have in place across the school.



**Are you coming to the Trivia Night?  
Friday 9<sup>th</sup> August!**

### Public Speaking

Best wishes to the students who are representing our school at the Zone Public Speaking Finals at various schools next week. All students in all classes have taken part in these activities and there have been wonderful speeches given by all students right across the school. Best wishes to Josie Doyle and Phoebe Lowe from Kinder; Ella S and Benjy C from Stage 1; Ruby Z and Callum H from Stage 2 and Zalia and Rosalili F from Stage 3. The Stage 1 final will be held at our school on Tuesday of next week in the new hall if you would like to come and listen.

### Zone Athletics

Congratulations to all students who represented our school at the Zone Track Athletics Championship at Glendale last Friday – results from this meet are still being finalised. Today we had another school group participate in the Zone Field events at Glendale. Thank you to all students for your participation in these events. We are very proud of you.

### Senior Band

Looking forward to a fine performance from our Senior Band who will be performing at school for Education Week this Thursday, and again on Friday at Charlestown Square between 11.30am and 12 noon – if you happen to be over in that area shopping. All our bands are performing exceptionally well at the moment and we appreciate all the hard work that students put into their practice.

## KINDERGARTEN ENROLMENTS

### Looking for Quality Education for your child?

The Junction Public School prides itself in delivering quality programs to students in a warm, caring, learning environment. Our teachers are professional, caring and committed to teaching students a broad and balanced curriculum across the key learning areas (KLAs). We pride ourselves on catering for the individual learning needs of all children. If your child is turning 5 before 31 July 2014 they can enrol at The Junction Public School for 2014. Please see the school office as soon as possible. Proof of age will be required.

If you know of children turning 5 and not in this area, but who are interested in attending the Junction Public School, have the parents contact the school to arrange enrolment

Wendy Cheek  
Principal

**CALENDAR - TERM 3 – 2013****Week 3****Event**

<b>Wednesday, July 31</b>	<b>ICAS English test</b>
<b>Thursday, August 1</b>	<b>Education Week open day- 9.30am</b>
<b>Thursday, August 1</b>	<b>P &amp; C Raffle drawn</b>
<b>Friday, August 2</b>	<b>Senior Band performance at Charlestown Square</b>
<b>Saturday, August 3</b>	<b>Olive Tree Markets – 9am-3pm</b>

**Week 4****Event**

<b>Tuesday, August 6</b>	<b>Year 3 &amp; 4 walking excursion to Lovett Gallery</b>
<b>Tuesday, August 6</b>	<b>P &amp; C Meeting – 7pm staffroom</b>
<b>Friday, August 9</b>	<b>Trivia night – 7pm</b>

**Week 5****Event**

<b>Tuesday, August 13</b>	<b>ICAS Mathematics test</b>
<b>Friday, August 16</b>	<b>Year 3 &amp; 4 excursion to The Australian Reptile Park</b>

**Week 7****Event**

<b>Monday, August 26</b>	<b>Kindergarten 2014 –Parent information evening 7pm</b>
<b>Friday, August 30</b>	<b>Father's Day Breakfast – 8am</b>

**BAND NEWS**

Our Senior Band will be performing at Education Week celebrations at Charlestown Square this Friday, 2nd August at 11:30am near Myer and Prouds. Band members are to wear band uniform including black shoes. We welcome any parents who would like to support us. All band members will receive a note this week with important band dates for this year.

**YEAR 3 & 4 STUDENTS**

All Year 3 and 4 students including Year 3 students from Class 2/3B received two notes last week 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.

**Have you got your tickets for the Trivia Night?**  
**See the front office for tickets! \$10 each!**

**SPECIAL MENTION AWARDS****Kinder to Year 2 ASSEMBLY – Term 3 Week 2**

<b>KK</b>	Andrew F	Hamish M
<b>KDG</b>	Charlie B	Ava F
<b>KH</b>	Ella R	Louie J
<b>KR</b>	Sebastiaan S	Louis G
<b>1J</b>	Oscar F	Nicholas G
<b>1CR</b>	Yorygi F	Benjy C
<b>1L</b>	Matilda A	Ilaria M
<b>1C</b>	Milijana M	Matika S
<b>1/2H</b>	Oscar H	Harvey M
<b>2B</b>	Rory H	Harri M
<b>2D</b>	Braithen H	Caden L
<b>2W</b>	Amy M	Ethan A

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

<b>3MC</b>	Quinn P Natasha N	Callum Harris
<b>3CW</b>	Jai M Leelani T	Charlie Wilson
<b>3W</b>	Felix M Declan F	Ayden Kattou
<b>3/4L</b>	Georgia S Cooper J	Eva Nyman
<b>4A</b>	Charlotte W Shanika B	Saxon Coates Caitlin Kroef
<b>4F</b>	Myah R Logan R	Eloise Alsop
<b>5B</b>	Abi D Guy H	Tom Flook
<b>5N</b>	Brandan T Hayley C	Matthew L
<b>6F</b>	Gemma Wright Jack Shone	Onyx H
<b>6C</b>	Brayden Tindal Daniella Valentinis	Brendan B
<b>5/6C</b>	Summer Campbell	Isabelle D
<b>Band</b>	Alice D Leelani T	Imigyn M

## K-2 ASSEMBLY

This week we will have another shared assembly and will hear from some more of our public speakers. KDG will be sitting on the chairs this week - well done KDG for listening so beautifully at our last assembly.

Year 3 – 6 Assembly – Friday 11.20am

## YEAR 2 GYMNASTICS

Due to Education Week Open Day being on this Thursday, gymnastics will not be happening this week. The lesson will be rescheduled for the last week of term.

## 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

## SPONSOR CHILD WITH WORLD VISION

The Junction School sponsors two children from overseas through the World Vision Program.

Alios Michael Bure from Tanzania was our first. Bure is now 17 years old.

Our second was Mom Nheav. Mom is from Cambodia and is 14 years old.

Last week we were informed by World Vision that Mom has left the program and will no longer be receiving the sponsorship from our school.

World vision have now given us SARAVUT KEO.

Saravut is 7 years old and lives in the Rukh Kiri Project area of Cambodia. Saravut's birthday is the 1<sup>st</sup> May and he enjoys playing hide and seek.

He lives with his parents and his one brother and one sister. His father is a farmer and his mother is a seasonal worker. Saravut herds the animals at home to help out.

Saravut is in Grade 1 at school and his favourite subject is spelling.

### Blue

*Blue is the colour of sadness*

*Blue is the freezing cold Antarctic*

*Blue is the colour of ice*

*Blue tastes like sweet snow cones*

*Blue sounds like the waves crashing at the beach*

*Blue feels like snowy winter*

*Blue looks like it's falling from the sky*

*Blue makes me feel happy, like I can touch the heavens*

*Blue is the colour of the atmosphere*

*By Axel H*

## Technology News

During the first few weeks of the term Stages 2 and 3 will be looking at Digital Citizenship. Students use the internet to communicate with friends, share information, play games and find material for assignments. It is vital we educate them on what it is to be a respectful and responsible digital citizen. Stage 2 students this week will be learning about internet etiquette or 'netiquette'. After learning about this concept, students will create a 'voki' character that explains how respectful digital citizens behave online.

Stage 3 students will also be looking at 'netiquette', as we learn about social networking. Social networking sites are a common place for cyberbullying. Students will be identifying these behaviours and finding out what they can do and who is there to help. Each week Stage 3 students will be adding information to create a Digital Citizenship information flyer using the online program Smore.

This week Stage 1 students are using the Web 2.0 tool, Tagxedo, to create a personalised word clouds. They will insert a suitable silhouette and upload words to describe themselves.

Kindergarten students are learning about growing and changing. In Technology lessons this week they will be looking at the lifecycles of a bird.

### Wiki News

<http://tips.wikispaces.com>

[Please check out the wikipedia for updated information about the Doogie 4 Google competition.](#)

### Website of the Week

<http://www.digitalcitizenship.nsw.edu.au/>

Essential information for students, teachers and parents about digital citizenship and being safe, positive and responsible online.

## CANTEEN NEWS

Don't forget the 'Fresh for Kids' competition has started. 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.

## 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.

## 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

## 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 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.

### Upcoming P&C Events

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**The Holiday Raffle will be drawn Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> August.**

Only 1 day to go until we draw our wonderful raffle prizes.

**If you haven't yet returned your tickets, please send them back to the Office by tomorrow, Wednesday.**

**Thank you to all those who have returned their raffle tickets.**

The raffle will be drawn on **Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> August, 2013** during Education Week. The winners will be notified by phone and/or mail.

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.

**2: Father's Day Breakfast:** will be held on **Friday, August 30<sup>th</sup>** between **8am-9am**. Volunteers are needed to help on the day. If you are able to help, please contact Kim Forbes on 0435 064 541, or at [kimandrewforbes@hotmail.com](mailto:kimandrewforbes@hotmail.com). Please also see the 'Bright yellow' flyer coming home with the newsletter.

**3: Oktoberfest:** Stay tuned for more details.

**Olive Tree Market BBQ – Saturday, 3<sup>rd</sup> August – YEAR 2 Can you help?**

We desperately need volunteers to help run the BBQ this Saturday. At the moment we only have (4) volunteers. Money raised from the OTM BBQ is used to purchase resources for the school to help our children learn, such as classroom readers and library books. If you have an hour and a half (or even an hour) to spare please contact 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).



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**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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A pair of children's Reading Glasses have been handed into the office. They are 'Superflex' with a turquoise inner frame.