

The Junction News

Newsletter of The Junction Public School



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Term 3 – Week 5

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PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Enrolments 2014

We are now finalising our numbers for Kindergarten enrolment for 2014. If you know of any in zone enrolments for Kindergarten and they have not contacted us as yet – could you please let the families know – that would be much appreciated.

Our Kindergarten Information night is Monday 26th August commencing at 7pm. We have sent out

information to all families who have so far put forward applications for enrolment. We are also taking in zone enrolments for all other grades as we begin our forward planning for next year. Again – if you know of any prospective enrolments – please have them contact the school. Thanks.

Professor Barry Carpenter Visit

There is a wonderful opportunity for **parents and community members** to hear a presentation from Professor Barry Carpenter - currently on tour in Australia from the UK. Professor Carpenter is Honorary Professor at the Universities of Worcester (UK), Limerick (Ireland), Hamburg (Germany) and Flinders (Australia). **He holds the International Chair in Special and Inclusive Education.** This is an essential presentation for all school communities. Barry will speak on:-

- Children with Complex Learning Difficulties and Disabilities;
- Improving the learning outcomes for children and young people with Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorders;
- New Generation Children – The complex challenge faced by parents

Professor Carpenter will outline the significant shifts in the profile of children's needs, often resulting from new causal bases e.g. prematurity, alcohol or drug abuse, medical interventions. He poses the question - 'What does this mean for the world of Education, and our Schools?' He is a great presenter with essential information for all educators and parents. The conference will be held on Saturday 14th September from 9.00am to 1.00pm at The Hunter School of Performing Arts – Lambton Road, Broadmeadow. The cost is \$55 – if you are interested in attending please contact Wendy Cheek this week – money not needed immediately – but numbers are limited – so please let me know as soon as possible. Thanks.

Stage 2 Reptile Park Excursion

Years 3 and 4 are off to the Reptile Park near Gosford, this Friday as part of their unit studies on Australian Flora and Fauna. Students are required to be at school by 8.00am as the buses are leaving at 8.15am. We expect students to return at 3.30pm – parents will need to be present to collect children at that time - or make other necessary arrangements. Students are to wear their sports uniform.

News for Parents from Department of Education and Communities:

Asthma awareness Does your child suffer from asthma? Asthma affects about 1 in 9 school-aged children.

The Asthma Foundation has great information for parents of children who suffer from asthma.

For more information on how you can support a child with asthma, go to <http://www.asthmafoundation.org.au/>.

Cyberbullying - prevention tips for parents

The statistics around cyberbullying are sketchy, mainly because it often goes unreported. What we do know is that the likelihood of children being bullied online or over the phone increases as they get older and use technology more frequently. Find out more:

<http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/technology/cyberbullying/say-no-to-cyberbullying>

How much screen time?

'Screen time' used to mean how many hours you spent watching TV and playing on the computer. However, with the growing number of digital devices on offer today, the question of what screen time means now is far more complex. Find out more:

<http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/technology/using-technology/screen-time>

Thanks to the P&C

Many thanks to the P&C Association and all parents who continually support the school and its programs. Last week at the P&C meeting, the P&C again approved a request by the school to fund a new oven for the canteen. The hard work and support of all volunteers at Olive Tree Market barbecues is really appreciated. So far this year the P&C have provided over \$25 000 to school programs and the purchase of resources which are directly benefitting all students. What a great school community!

Wendy Cheek, Principal

CALENDAR - TERM 3 – 2013**Week 5** **Event**

Wednesday, Aug 14 **Year 3 & 4 Spelling Bee final
10am – New hall**

Friday, August 16 **Year 3 & 4 excursion to The
Australian Reptile Park**

Week 6 **Event**

Friday, August 23 **Regional Athletics Carnival**

Week 7 **Event**

Monday, August 26 **Kindergarten 2014 –Parent
information evening 7pm**

Wednesday, August 28 **NPBS Maths Competition –
Year 5 & 6**

Friday, August 30 **Father's Day Breakfast – 8am**

Friday, August 30 **Regional Athletics Carnival**

Week 8 **Event**

Thursday, Sept 5 **Year 1 Excursion to Glenrock
Lagoon (Note home today)**

Saturday, Sept 7 **Olive Tree Market – 9am to 3pm**

Week 9 **Event**

Friday, Sept 13 **Kindergarten Excursion to
Oakvale Farm (Note home
today)**

TRIVIA NIGHT FUNDRAISER

A huge thank you to all those who attended the Trivia Night last Friday. Judging by the laughs and the comments after, a great night was had by all. We raised \$2,516.60 to help Jody Cooper on her way to South Africa to play indoor cricket as part of the open Australian Womens' Team. I would like to acknowledge those who donated prizes to help make this night such a success:- Junction Tavern, Beaute' Junction, Blue Star Elements, Response (our wonderful Canteen), Cha Chaz, Michael Bridges (Jets), Danny Buderus (Knights), Melissa Spratt, The Garvey family and The McTaggart family.

CONCRETOR NEEDED!!

Can you help! We have a small job that needs doing around the school. If you are able to help, please see our teacher Jody Cooper or the school office. Thanks

SPECIAL MENTION AWARDS**Kinder to Year 2 ASSEMBLY – Term 3 Week 4**

KK	Samuel B	James J
KDG	Patrick J	Amelia G
KH	Jude V	Lucy R
KR	Cameron A	Lateisha S
1J	Lily B	Ella B
1CR	Mia V	Jade T
1L	Hunter M	Lily B
1C	Zenon C	Trinity M
1/2H	Michael M	Luca W
2B	Oskar C	
2D	Jeremy S	Jessie F
2W	Nate R Theo D	Adele B Angus W

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

3MC	Hunter A	Matthew B
3W	Alexandra M	Finnlay F
3/4L	Kepei T	Charlotte H
4A	Nathan F	Ayesha L
4F	Lara Z	Myah R
5B	Millie C	Rose P
6F	Alice D	Bella S
6C	Samara F	Tyler B
5/6C	Violet H	Sapumal G
Music	Annika S James B	William D
Choir	Grace F Yvonne M	Georgia S
Band	Matthew H Georgia F	Jordan D

K-2 ASSEMBLY

This week we have a shared assembly. Thank you to Class 2D who lead the assembly last week and congratulations to Class KH who will be sitting on the chairs. See you in the new hall on Wednesday at 2pm.

UPCOMING EXCURSIONS – Notes home today!**YEAR 1** Excursion to Glenrock Lagoon – Orange Note**KINDERGARTEN** Excursion to Oakvale Farm – Bright Yellow Note**PSSA RUGBY**

Last Friday the school's Rugby Team travelled to Coffs Harbour to play in the next round of the PSSA Knockout. This round was the quarter finals meaning that the team were one of the final eight in the state still in the competition.

The game was played at The Coffs Harbour Rugby Ground and it was against Kingscliff Public School. Both teams travelled about five hours to the venue. The three Year 4 students who came for the game played fantastically and they are looking forward to signing up next year.

Unfortunately the Kingscliff team were the victors winning 12 points to 10 in a closely contested game. Our team played well and defended heroically throughout the game.

Thanks goes to Mr Atallah for once again coaching the boys this year. It is also extended to all the parents who have helped with transport, supporting at games and helping with specific aspects of the games on the day (water boy etc).

The team: Dixon S, Tyler B, Jake S, Luke G, Kye S, Brendan B, Claude C, Joe L, Archie C, Kofi H, Ethan C, Alexandr F, Joshua T, Tom J, Orlando H and Taj A.

**SENIOR BAND THANK YOU**

Thank you to Cliff Ford, grandfather of Finnlay for making a video of the Senior Band performance at Charlestown Square. The students have enjoyed and benefitted from watching their performance.
Mrs Fitzgibbon

YEAR 3 AND 4 SPELLING BEE FINAL

Year 3 and 4 will be holding their Spelling Bee final in the new hall on Wednesday at 10:00am. Two representatives from each class will compete to represent our school at district level. Mrs Fitzgibbon

YEAR 5 & 6 SPELLING BEE FINAL

Last week on Wednesday, the Stage 3 Spelling Bee was held. Will, Ben, Archie, Ava, Nick, Blake, Balin, Alex, Raha, and Isabella were the class representatives. It was a nerve-wracking experience for everyone in the contest. We had many tough words, and with skill and some luck, we were the winners of the competition. We will be going to Regional Final on the 11th of September at Belair Primary School. We are both VERY nervous and excited. We hope we do well in the Regional Spelling Bee and meet some new friends while we are there. By Ben H and Archie C

**WILDLIFE PHOTOGRAPHER OF THE YEAR EXHIBITION EXCURSION**

On Tuesday the 6th of August, Year 3 and 4 walked to the Lovett Gallery in Newcastle Regional Library to see the Wildlife Photographer of the Year exhibition. It was a long walk and we were a little tired when got there but when we went upstairs and saw what was in front of our eyes in the gallery, we were amazed. There were pictures of sunsets, turtles and bears. There were shots of arctic foxes, Sumatran tigers and emperor penguins. They were all breath taking to look at.

When we got there, a lady called Julie gave us a little talk on some of the photos. She seemed to know a lot about the photos and the photographers. Then we walked around and had a closer look at some of the photos and read about the inspiration for the photos. Some photos made you smile, but others were a bit sad. They made you think about our effect on the environment. We also filled out work sheets.

After we had a look around, we sat on the floor and mentioned some of our favourites to Julie. Some of us liked pictures called turtle gem, leaping lemur and dolphin show. Before long it was time to head back to school. We all loved the exhibition but we were happy to come back to school again and have lunch.

Charlotte M - 4A

Technology News

Stage 2 students have been learning about what it means to be a responsible, respectable and safe digital citizen. Students will be creating an e-comic about 'Digital Citizenship' and why it is important for all students. This week students will be developing their ideas around characters, setting, time period and possible plots.

Stage 3 students are still working on their online, interactive flyers, which are looking fantastic! This week some students will be publishing their work ready to upload to their wikipage.

Stage 1 students are creating engaging Power Point presentations all about themselves. They are learning how to use the programs tools to create eye-catching animations.

Kindergarten students have been learning all about shapes in class. During technology lessons they will be using the program 'Paint' to insert shapes and create shape collages.

Websites of the Week

<http://www.wikihow.com/Make-a-Great-Comic>

This site proves a ten step 'How To' guide for making great comics.

http://marvel.com/games/play/34/create_your_own_comic

Marvel.com have a free Web 2.0 tool to create your own e-comics.

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

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 on **Tuesday 3rd September at 7pm.**

Everyone is welcome. The meeting will be held in the Staff Room, down the hall from the Front office.

This is a very quiet week this week for the P&C. Thank you to the parent's and carer's who came along and supported the trivia night to raise funds for Jody Cooper. It was a fun night.

Upcoming P&C Events

1: Father's Day Breakfast: Will be held on Friday, August 30th between 8am-9am. If you are able to help please contact Kim Forbes on 0435064541, or kimandrewforbes@hotmail.com

2: Oktoberfest: Will be held on Friday 25th October, 2013 at Souths. This is an adults only evening. There will be food, singing and German beer on offer.

3: Olive Tree Market BBQ – Saturday, 7th September – Year 3

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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