

# The Junction News

Newsletter of The Junction Public School



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Term 3 – Week 6

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## PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

### A Wonderful Community Comment

Last Friday students from Year 3 and 4 went to the Australian Reptile Park as part of their studies on Australian Fauna. I have heard from the accompanying teachers that it was a very enjoyable excursion enjoyed by all students. It was therefore very heartening to receive the following e-mail on Friday afternoon from a pre-school teacher from St Ives Pre-School:

*Dear Wendy,  
We have just returned from an excursion to the Australian Reptile Park at Somersby, where we encountered a number of the students from your school. We would like to acknowledge their exemplary behaviour and courteous attitude to our students and parents. They opened doors for us when we were guiding the preschool children into different areas and waited until the children had gone through. It is so refreshing in this day and age, to see such behaviour in school children, and it is a credit to both the school and parents, that the children are so polite in public situations. Regards, Helen Jackson St Ives Pre-School.*

That was a wonderful e-mail to receive. Congratulations to all students – and their parents!

### Regional Athletics Carnival

Best wishes to the following students who will be attending the Regional Athletics Carnival at Woodberry Athletics track next Friday: Tom J, Emily D, Ejay S, Isabelle D, Ellie S, Violet H, Ellen C, Madi S and Lily L.

We hope you have an enjoyable and successful day and thank you for representing our school.

### Kindergarten 2014 Information Night

Our Kindergarten Information night will be taking place next Monday 26th August – in the new school hall commencing at 7.00pm. On this night, new parents will be given an overview of school organisation, an overview of Kindergarten structures and practices, meet the Kindergarten staff and be able to have all questions answered. Parents will be able to nominate their days for orientation visits in November. We look forward to meeting all our new Kinder parents next week. If you are a current parent with our school and are not attending this information evening, please call in to the office next

week and pick up your information pack and select an orientation day.

### Father's Day Barbecue – 30th August – next week

We will be holding our annual Father's Day Breakfast BBQ on Friday 30th August, commencing at 8.00am near the canteen. We warmly invite all fathers, uncles and grandads to come along to school early on this day to enjoy a delicious barbecue breakfast with their children. The P&C always make this a very special event and we thank them for their great organisation.

### Concert Rehearsals for Concert 31st October

All students are really enjoying the concert rehearsals and practices which are now taking place. Classes are rehearsing their class items, and choirs and dance groups are learning new songs and dance moves. Many parents have organised the basic parts of the costing requirements which is good to see. If you require further information on this – please contact your class teacher.

Last Thursday afternoon 20 staff members stayed back after school for several hours to begin making the props and cut-outs that will be a fantastic feature of the concert. On Sunday 8 teachers met for the day to sew costumes and accessories that will further enhance all the costumes. We are all working hard to put an outstanding performance experience together for all students.

In the next fortnight we will finalise ticketing details and provide information on how to begin purchasing for this gala event.

### Keeping our Children Safe

Last week I spoke to the students at assembly about keeping themselves safe. I referred to keeping safe around our busy roads, keeping safe in our local environment by not picking up dangerous objects in the streets near our school (glass, needles or syringes) and keeping safe by not talking to strangers in the streets if approached. I explained to students that a stranger is someone who you do not know or your parents do not know etc. It would be helpful if all parents could continue those conversations with their children.

Wendy Cheek, Principal

**CALENDAR - TERM 3 – 2013****Week 6****Event**

<b>Friday, August 23</b>	<b>Regional Athletics Carnival</b>
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**Week 7****Event**

<b>Monday, August 26</b>	<b>Kindergarten 2014 –Parent information evening 7pm</b>
<b>Wednesday, August 28</b>	<b>NPBS Maths Competition – Year 5 &amp; 6</b>
<b>Friday, August 30</b>	<b>Father's Day Breakfast – 8am</b>
<b>Friday, August 30</b>	<b>Regional Athletics Carnival</b>

**Week 8****Event**

<b>Tuesday, Sept 3</b>	<b>P &amp; C meeting – 7pm</b>
<b>Thursday, Sept 5</b>	<b>Year 1 Excursion to Glenrock Lagoon</b>
<b>Saturday, Sept 7</b>	<b>Olive Tree Market – 9am to 3pm</b>

**Week 9****Event**

<b>Friday, Sept 13</b>	<b>Kindergarten Excursion to Oakvale Farm</b>
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**UPCOMING EXCURSIONS/PAYMENTS –  
Notes went home last week!**

**YEAR 1** Excursion to Glenrock Lagoon – Orange Note

**KINDERGARTEN** Excursion to Oakvale Farm – Bright Yellow Note

**CONCERT COSTUME PAYMENTS** – All students have been appropriately invoiced for their performance items. – Please pay at the office.

**PAYMENTS & PERMISSION NOTES SHOULD BE  
POSTED IN THE OFFICE FOYER  
(Not given to Class teacher)**

**PREMIER'S READING CHALLENGE (PRC) &  
BOOK CLUB ORDERS**

Students must enter their books on the Premier's Reading Challenge site by this Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> August. All Book Club orders need to be handed in to the library by this Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> August. Please make sure your child's name is written at the top of each order. Thank you.  
Mrs Land, Librarian

**SPECIAL MENTION AWARDS****Kinder to Year 2 ASSEMBLY – Term 3 Week 5**

<b>KK</b>	Noah A	Mako L
<b>KDG</b>	Shai-Scott H	Guilherme K
<b>KH</b>	Albert F	Max A
<b>KR</b>	Neve H	Emiel E
<b>1J</b>	Luke P	Jessica P
<b>1CR</b>	Seren R	Toby I
<b>1L</b>	Patrick M	Lucy C
<b>1C</b>	Esther H	Connie B
<b>1/2H</b>	Rori L Ella W	Harvey M Harry C
<b>2B</b>	Phoebe L	
<b>2D</b>	Jayavi G	Bailey Fa'
<b>2W</b>	Brianna Du'	Charlie G

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

<b>5B</b>	Gabe B	Ross M
<b>5N</b>	Harrison W Chile H	Angus Mc Laura O'S
<b>6F</b>	James F	Logan O
<b>6C</b>	Claudia K Tyler B	Brittney R
<b>5/6C</b>	Emily D	Aleksandr F
<b>Choir</b>	Natasha N Kenyah V	Benjamin D
<b>Band</b>	Tahlia R Maya L	Joseph L

**K-2 ASSEMBLY**

At last week's assembly some Year 2 children shared some amazing descriptive writing and mind blowing multiplication!! Mrs Cheek also gave us all a very important message about staying safe. This week class 1C will lead our assembly. Miss Robertson's class were beautiful listeners so will be sitting on the chairs. Parents and visitors welcome - Wednesday 2pm in the new hall. Mrs Hughes

**Band date correction**

The recent Term 3 Newsletter had an incorrect date for Term 4. The Junior Band day is Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> October.

## YEAR 3 & 4 EXCURSION TO AUSTRALIAN REPTILE PARK

On Friday the 16<sup>th</sup> of August all of Stage 2 woke up early and caught a bus to the Australian Reptile Park. It was a long trip to get there but we had to cope with it! When we got there we all split up in our groups. There were 24 groups with no more than 8 and no less than 6 in each group. Some of the groups were led by the stage 2 teachers and others were led by stage 2 parents. It was fun!

First, some of the groups went to see a show about some of the reptiles and what you do if you get bitten by them. We also got to pat them and 3 lucky people got to hold them. Two of the teachers Mrs Ware and Mrs Wilson got to hold Fluffy the huge python. Mrs Ware was not really impressed! After that had finished we went to learn more about Tasmanian devils. Then we had recess for about 10 minutes.

Later we were allowed to check out the reptiles with our groups. At the reptile park there was a fake crocodile mouth that led into an ancient reptile cave. In the cave there were many reptiles such as: chameleons, snakes, long neck turtles and there was even a crocodile enclosure!

After that, groups went to go look at spiders, wombats, platypuses, kangaroos, dingoes, bats, birds, cassowaries, frogs and to end the trip we saw Elvis the crocodile. He wasn't doing much so the guide people made it a little more interesting by tapping a stick so Elvis would move around.

A bit later on we had lunch! When we finished eating our lunch we went on the playground that was incredibly awesome! Everyone liked playing on the equipment. At the end of the day we went home on the bus. We were all so tired after our big day that we almost fell asleep on the way home. It was a great day and all of stage two really enjoyed it!

By Haley Moore and Charlotte Worth – Class 4A



## GIFT CARDS

GATS Creative Arts gift cards can be purchased at the eastern end of the COLA (near library) at Monday morning assembly or at the school library - \$8.00 per pack. Thank you, Mrs Land

## BUDDHISM LESSONS

The expression of interests have been collated for the Buddhism class. This session is an alternative to SRE and Ethics. The majority of responses have come from Year 3 & 4, so the class will be formed in the Year 3 & 4 SRE timeslot. This class is now full so any new students will be placed on a waiting list. The class will commence next week on Thursday morning.

## YEAR 3 & 4 SPELLING BEE FINAL

Last Wednesday, 14<sup>th</sup> August, the Stage 2 school spelling bee final was held in the new hall. The 16 class representatives were: Georgia, Ben, Eloise, Leelani, Noah, Grace, Ashton, Evie, Declan, Hannah, Kepei, Patrick, Haley, Ayesha, Bronte and Maddie.

Thank you to all of these participants for a great contest. Leelani and Ayesha were the winners and will represent our school in the regional finals in September. By Leelani T and Ayesha LR



A Poem - By Daniella V – Class 6C

*It happened yesterday,  
The black cloud descended  
The devil came down  
Her frightening eyes  
Captured the darkness and threw the light away  
I wonder what she was thinking  
Then....  
Silence. I had thought too hard  
But I guess that is good  
Because now she is gone!!!*

## Technology News

### Doodle 4 Google

Doodle 4 Google entries close this week!!! All students wishing to partake in this wonderful competition must hand their entries into Miss Picton by this Friday.

Remember, we are looking for designs that:

- Are neat and presentable.
- Link to the competition theme, "If I was an explorer I would..."
- And have created clever images from the letters in Google.

For spare templates please see Miss Picton.

Good luck!!!!

## 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 3<sup>rd</sup> 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.

### Upcoming P&C Events

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#### 1: Father's Day Breakfast:

It is less than 2 weeks until our Fathers Day Breakfast, being held near the canteen on **Friday 30th August from 8am - 9am.**

Don't forget to remind your loved ones to keep that morning free on their calendar and come along to enjoy an egg and bacon sandwich, a juice and/or a cup of tea or coffee.

**Breakfast Special** - Bacon and egg sandwich + juice or hot drink – \$4

Family Deal: x 3 breakfast specials – \$10

Juice: \$1

Hot drinks: \$1

Thank you to all those who have already volunteered for this event, but we would like 3 or 4 more helpers please. If you are able to volunteer some time on this morning between 07.30-08.30am or 08.30 – 09.30am, please text or email Kim on 0435064541

or [kimandrewforbes@hotmail.com](mailto:kimandrewforbes@hotmail.com)

Any help would be greatly appreciated.

**2: Oktoberfest:** Will be held on Friday 25<sup>th</sup> 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, 7<sup>th</sup> September – Year 3

It's **Year 3's** turn to run the BBQ this month. 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).

The Olive Tree markets raise money for our children at The Junction Public School.

As Wendy mentioned last week, the P&C has donated over \$25,000 to the school this year to date. Money raised from the 'OTM BBQ' contributed approximately \$8,000 towards that balance.

Some of the items purchased by the school with money donated by the P&C include:

- 1: Trophies and gift vouchers for presentation day
- 2: Stage 2 readers
- 3: Interactive recorder music
- 4: Books for the library (Australian Standing Orders- used in conjunction with the school magazine)
- 5: Stage 3 maths equipment
- 6: Outdoor seating
- 7: iMath teacher resources
- 8: New oven for the canteen
- 9: Playground equipment
- 10: Ambulance Insurance.

Thank you to all the parents who have volunteered to work on the OTM BBQ and other P&C fundraising efforts- without your help, we would not have been able to raise so much.

Any amount of time you are able to volunteer to help with either the Olive Tree Market BBQs or other fundraising activities is always greatly appreciated and helps raise money for our children.

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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

## COMMUNITY NOTICE

### MEREWETHER SURF LIFE SAVING CLUB

#### REGISTRATION FOR NIPPERS 2013/14 SEASON

Merewether Nippers are holding registrations for the upcoming 2013/14 season.

**Registrations for current members are now available online:**

Visit [www.merewetherslsc.com.au](http://www.merewetherslsc.com.au) (this is certainly the easiest way to register for existing members)

Or **FOR NEW MEMBERS** at the Clubhouse on:

Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> August – 10am - Midday

Saturday 31<sup>st</sup> August – 3pm - 5pm

Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> Sept – 6pm - 8pm