

# The Junction News

Newsletter of The Junction Public School



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Term 3 – Week 7

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## PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

### Father's Day BBQ

Looking forward to seeing lots of dads, uncles and grandads at the Father's Day Breakfast BBQ this Friday, outside the canteen beginning at 8.00am. The P&C run this highly popular BBQ each year as a thank you to all the dads, uncles and grandads who support our school. Come along and enjoy a delicious bacon and egg sandwich with your children.

### School Gardens

The school grounds are looking really attractive with the enhanced gardens near the netball court and around the classrooms in that area. I would like to congratulate the students from these classrooms – for example students from 3MC, who very proudly work hard on their classroom gardens which are looking really fantastic. Have you noticed the gnomes, bird cages, windmills and toadstools? Please read the report from students in 3MC further in the newsletter. They are doing such a great job. We are currently constructing a 'white picket fence' around the entire vegetable garden which will really enhance this area.



### Free Piano – to give away

We have a piano in 'fair condition' to give away to a good home. The upright piano is currently in the music room and needs repair to the front side support legs. One of the keys on the keyboard is also in need of repair. Apart from these two matters – the piano is in reasonable order. If you are interested please contact the school office. The piano would need to be removed by the interested parties at their expense. 'First in -best dressed!'

### Staff Development Day – Saturday 31<sup>st</sup> August

All staff will be involved in a staff development day this coming Saturday to look at an evaluation of our current school plan and further plan for the rest of this year and for 2014. We will also look at the new Student Well Being modules and complete further work on the class literacy continuums. The staff are participating in this professional development in lieu of working on December 19th at the end of term 4.

### Professor Barry Carpenter Visit

There is still 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 14<sup>th</sup> 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. Thanks.

### English resources on the 'A to Z' DEC website.

Being able to communicate and understand the written and spoken word is an important building block to learning. These resources will help you support the development of your child's English skills.

<http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/homework-and-study/english>

Wendy Cheek, Principal

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**CALENDAR - TERM 3 – 2013****Week 7** **Event**

<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>Wednesday, Sept 4</b>	<b>PSSA Soccer/Netball Gala Day</b>
<b>Thursday, Sept 5</b>	<b>Year 1 Excursion to Glenrock Lagoon</b>
<b>Thursday, Sept 5</b>	<b>Intermediate Band day at school</b>
<b>Saturday, Sept 7</b>	<b>Olive Tree Market – 9am to 3pm</b>

**Week 9** **Event**

<b>Tuesday, Sept 10</b>	<b>Senior Band day at school</b>
<b>Friday, Sept 13</b>	<b>Kindergarten Excursion to Oakvale Farm</b>
<b>Friday, Sept 13</b>	<b>Spring Winds Concert – 7.30pm at Ncle Conservatorium</b>

**Week 10** **Event**

<b>Friday, Sept 20</b>	<b>Book Week Parade – (K-2) at 9.30am and (3-6) at 10.15am</b>
<b>Friday, Sept 20</b>	<b>Last day of school for Term</b>

**KINDERGARTEN 2014**

If you did not attend our Parent Evening last night – please come into the office and pick up your Kinder pack. You will need to select an Orientation Day, either Monday or Wednesday morning commencing the first week in November.

**UPCOMING EXCURSIONS/PAYMENTS –**

**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)

**SPECIAL MENTION AWARDS****Kinder to Year 2 ASSEMBLY – Term 3 Week 6**

<b>KK</b>	Stella S	Phoebe D
<b>KDG</b>	Josie D	Zack M
<b>KH</b>	Dhanya R	Paige B
<b>KR</b>	Claudia W	Lillie C
<b>1J</b>	Tess N	Sammy D
<b>1CR</b>	Breanna S	Amber B
<b>1L</b>	Hannah S	Agamjot A
<b>1C</b>	Brianna R	Owen D'A
<b>1/2H</b>	Ziv T	Trisha S
<b>2B</b>	Ned M	
<b>2D</b>	Toby S	Lily F
<b>2W</b>	Hugo W	Lily F

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

<b>3B</b>	Evie T	
<b>3CW</b>	Ashley P Mary-Jane R	Alexander S Lillian S
<b>3MC</b>	Grace F James H	Kayne M Pearl C
<b>3W</b>	Asha T	Luke O'K
<b>3/4L</b>	Joshua T Patrick P	Tom S Finnian G
<b>4A</b>	Imigyn M Tom J	Flynn H Louka P
<b>4F</b>	Molly H	Eli S
<b>5B</b>	Sebastian C	Georgia F
<b>5N</b>	Billy B	Hannah R
<b>6F</b>	Sascha M	Kiesha B
<b>5/6C</b>	Echoe C	Zoe D
<b>Choir</b>	Nathan F Eloise A	Maddie S
<b>Band</b>	Zoe D Nell H	David M Charlotte W

**K-2 Assembly – Wednesday 2pm**

**Year 3 – 6 Assembly – Friday 11.30am**

## POETRY FROM 1J

We have started learning about Poetry in 1J. We wrote our first poem as a class about "Dippa" the diplodocus. We also learned about similes and alliteration. Our second poem was about foxes.

*A silly, French fox sneezes fast,  
Its tail is as thick as an elephant,  
The sneaky fox scares the snake.*  
By Astrid M

*As fast as a leopard,  
Scary fox,  
Fierce fox,  
Tail like a fat snake.*  
By Marco B

*As sneaky as a thief,  
As fierce as a bear,  
Teeth like razors,  
Fur like steel.*  
By Lara C

## 3MC GARDENING REPORT

3MC have been raising money to buy a toadstool table and chairs for our garden. Unfortunately we only had enough money to buy a toadstool and one chair but we did have enough extra money to buy a bike with holders to put pot plants on. We also bought many decorative garden ornaments so all the students of our school could enjoy them. We drove to Bunnings and bought pansies, fun bird cages that come in a set, one big, one small. We also bought a barrel planter, a couple of pots and a plaque that said "Welcome" on it.

We enjoy shopping for our garden and working as a team to help our school.

By Natasha N, Malika K and Michelle J

## BOOK WEEK PARADE

We are looking forward to seeing all students participating in the Book Week Parade on the last day of this term (Friday September 20). The Kinder to Year 2 parade commences at 9.30am in the new hall followed by Year 3 to Year 6 at 10.15am. This is always a highly anticipated event and well participated in by all students. There will be a morning tea available at the canteen from 11.00am.

There will be books available for donation to our school library and the Visual Arts card and envelope sets will also be for sale.



## 100 WORD CHALLENGE

The students in 5/6C love to write and the 100 Word Challenge website (<http://100wc.net>) provides them with the opportunity for their writing to be shared with an international online community of educators and students. Each week a prompt is provided for students in the form of a phrase or image. Students then write a creative response to the prompt with the only rule being they must use no more than 100 words.

Each student publishes their story onto their blog and then links it to the 100 Word Challenge website. Educators from all around the world visit these posts and leave feedback for the students. They also select a handful of student posts to be showcased each week.

This year we have already had a number of students from 5/6C showcased at an international level. Congratulations to Bella, Sapumal, Violet, Will, Zac and Zoe. A very special congratulations must go to Bella who this week was showcased for her third time - An amazing achievement! You can visit each of their blogs by heading to <http://tips56c.edublogs.org> and clicking on the links to student blogs in the right hand side menu. The students also love to read comments from our school community members too, so if you have time please leave them an encouraging message. Miss Chaffey



## SPECIAL RELIGIOUS EDUCATION(SRE)

Teachers needed!

Currently there is a shortage of SRE teachers in our school. Many students are missing out on this valuable aspect of their education. These classes are taught by volunteers. Do you enjoy working with children? Are you reliable, a committed Christian and an active member of your church? To teach SRE, you will need to meet the government's Child Protection requirements and undergo 1-2 days helpful training. To find out more please contact the SRE Co-ordinator, Amy Soutter on 0417 236 140 or [amy080485@gmail.com](mailto:amy080485@gmail.com)

The following classes are currently missing out on SRE: 3W, 3MC & 4A all on Thursday at 9:05-9:35am.



## 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.

### Upcoming P&C Events

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

Our Fathers' Day Breakfast is being held near the canteen this **Friday 30th August from 8am - 9am.**

Bring along your Dad, Grandad, Pop, or other special father figure 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

**2: Oktoberfest:** Will be held on Friday 25<sup>th</sup> October, 2013 at Souths' League Club. This is an adults only evening. There will be food, singing and German beer on offer. More details will be available in the next 2 weeks.

#### 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.

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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

### More photos from the visit to The Reptile Park – Year 3 and 4 .....

