

The Junction News

Newsletter of The Junction Public School



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Term 3 – Week 10

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PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Concert Update

Activity is ramping up in preparation for our whole school concert on 31st October. Ticket sales are steady – but it may be a good idea to think about your purchases in the next couple of weeks - to ensure you get what you need. Tickets on sale at the Civic Theatre or Ticketek. See further information in the newsletter.

Book Week Parade

We are looking forward to seeing all students participating in the Book Week Parade on the last day of this week (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. See you on Friday.

Interrelate - 'Sexuality and Relationships Family Education Program' – Wed 16th October

We have been very fortunate to get the Interrelate – Sexuality and Relationships evening program to our school on **Wednesday evening 16th October**. Last year they were booked out and I could not get a booking for our school at all. These are excellent programs, interactive, family focused and presented in the context of 'caring relationships'. Experienced educators will run two sessions of 1 hour – 6.00pm – "Where did I Come From?" for students in Years 3, 4, 5 and 6 and at 7.15pm – "Preparing for Puberty" – for students in Years 5 and 6. Students attend the programs accompanied by their parent or parents. It will be up to parents to decide if just one program is suitable for their child – or stay on for both programs – depending on your child's age and developmental maturity.

A separate flyer will be coming home with more detailed information on the different programs – to enable you to decide. The costs - \$27.50 per family for one session or \$33.00 per family for 2 sessions are determined by Interrelate Family Centres. See further information in the newsletter – and the separate flier coming home today. Thanks.

Congratulations

Congratulations to our senior and intermediate bands as well as our percussion group who performed at The Spring Winds Concert at The Conservatorium last Friday night. I would have to say that this performance was one of the most outstanding I have heard from all three groups and is no doubt the result of a lot of hard work from all students and also due to the skills of our talented tutors and conductors. Sincere thanks as well to Lesley Fitzgibbon for her amazing co-ordination of our music programs. Our children are indeed fortunate to have access to one of the best music programs in the region. It was also great to see a number of our ex-students progressing on to the Conservatorium Concert Band - which also gave a stunning performance! Well done everyone.

Late Students

If a student is late for any reason – medical appointment etc - **a reminder to parents that they need to accompany students into the school and come to the office to get a late slip** – as a way of ensuring the safety of all children. In the past we have had a case where the child has not come straight into school when dropped off by the parents. Thanks for your support of this.

Fun Run / Walk Opportunity

'Cotton On Foundation' are holding a Fun Run /Walk on Sunday 10th November around the Foreshore in Newcastle to raise funds for the John Hunter Hospital Adolescent Ward. There is a 12km run; 6km run and a 6km walk. One of our parents Kim Forbes is happy to organise a TJPS School Team – parents / friends and students – with a potential of also being eligible to raise funds for the school at the same time. Go to the web-site:

www.runnewcastle.com.au for full details if you are interested in having a healthy and fun Sunday in a couple of months.

If you are interested, check out the website and more details will be made available early next term. Thanks.

Wendy Cheek,
Principal

CALENDAR - TERM 3 – 2013**Week 10****Event**

Friday, Sept 20 **Book Week Parade – (K-2) at 9.30am and (3-6) at 10.15am**

Friday, Sept 20 **Last day of school for Term**

School Holidays**Event**

Saturday, October 5 **Olive Tree Markets – 9am-3pm**

CALENDAR - TERM 4 – 2013**Week 1****Event**

Monday, October 7 **Public Holiday**

Tuesday, October 8 **Staff & students**

Tuesday, October 8 **P & C meeting-7pm-Staffroom**

Wednesday, October 9 **Year 1 & 2 Intensive Swimming starts at Balance**

Week 2**Event**

Wednesday, October 16 **Interrelate Sessions – Years 3-6 at 6pm and/or 7.15pm (Yrs 5 - 6)**

Week 3**Event**

Friday, October 25 **P & C Oktoberfest Night at Souths Leagues Club – 7pm**

Week 4**Event**

Thursday, October 31 **School Concert – Civic Theatre – 12.30pm & 7pm performance**

UPCOMING EXCURSIONS/PAYMENTS –

YEAR 3 TO YEAR 6 INTERRELATE – Year 3 – 6 students have the opportunity to attend Interrelate Sessions on Wednesday 16 October – 6pm and/or 7.15pm ('Bright Green' Note home today)

YEAR 1 & 2 INTENSIVE SWIMMING PROGRAM – All Year 1 & 2 students received a 'Bright Blue' note recently – Cost \$70 (Program starts in Term 4)

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

A school family have duplicated their concert tickets – if you would like to purchase them – (3 tickets evening or 2 tickets matinee session)..... great seats - purchased first day of ticket sales. Please see the school office.

SPECIAL MENTION AWARDS**YEARS 3, 4, 5 & 6 ASSEMBLY - Term 3 Week 9**

3B	Yasmin P	
3CW	Leelani T Stephen P	Tabitha C
3MC	Michelle J Erin K Louise S	Pearl C Malika K
3W	Yvonne M	Tilly R
3/4L	Kelvin W Annika S	Sam S Jordan D
4A	Lily L	Phoebe P
4F	Ruby Z Zack J Eli S	Toby Le M Eloise A
5B	Lachlan A Lillian M	Lachlan B Josh C
5N	Haylie S	Brayden M
5/6C	Sam A	Jonathan O
6C	Raha R	Ethan C
6F	Zoe S Gemma W	Anika L Onyx H
Choir	Oliver S Pearl C	Brodie P
Band	Oliver S Mackenzie G	Clara A Josh C

K-2 Assembly – No assembly this week.

Year 3 – 6 Assembly – No assembly this week.

'JUNCTION RULES THE WAVES'

School concert at the Civic Theatre on:

Thursday 31st October

Matinee performance at 12.30pm - \$20

Evening performance at 7pm - \$25

Tickets on sale through Ticketek or Civic Theatre Box Office.

(All students will be performing – no tickets required for them!)



Get in early – don't miss out!!!

BAND NEWS

Spring Winds Concert

Last Friday night our Intermediate and Senior Bands and Percussion Ensemble performed at the Spring Winds Concert at the Newcastle Conservatorium of Music. All performers played brilliantly and were great representatives of our school. Many thanks go to our fantastic conductors, Matthew Law, David Tracy and Michael Bell for their leadership and fine work with our performers. All is looking good for Bandfest early next term.

Bandfest

We are awaiting our Bandfest program and we will probably have it in the next few days. Our bands will all be performing in Week 2 of next term and we will only have a short time to collect money for coaches so it would be appreciated if parents would return the money and permission slips to school as soon as the notes are sent home.

Junior Band 2014

I already have 34 interested Year 2 students for our Junior Band 2014. If you are interested, please return the note to school or contact Mrs Fitzgibbon. I will be auditioning our students after Bandfest.

KINDER EXCURSION – OAKVALE FARM

Last Friday we went to Oakvale Farm on a bus. We saw lots of farm animals and we milked Daisy the cow. I liked patting the kangaroos. One had brown fur and it felt soft. She also had a joey in her pouch. It was sticking its head out. We had a ride on the tractor with Farmer Kate and listened to a reptile talk. We learnt about blue tongue lizards and I got to pat a shingle back lizard. It felt rough. We fed the goats and ducks. The goats were very hungry and a little bit naughty. They tried to chew my shirt. We all had a lot of fun at the farm. I hope I can go back one day. Sam Bone - KK



SPORTING ACHIEVEMENTS

Congratulations to Ejay S who will head to the State Athletics Carnival in Homebush next term. Ejay will compete in the 12 year girls 100m and Senior Long Jump.

Angus McT and Tyler B have been attending the Regional Cricket trials, they will be trialling again soon for the 'Possibles and Probables'. Best of luck boys!

UNLOAD CREATIVE WRITING WORKSHOPS (Years 3-6)

Unload is a writing programme with an emphasis on fun and creativity. Each week students play with language through word games, writing activities and story-telling.

Everything supplied - kids just bring imagination!

Where: 6F classroom, The Junction Public School

When: 3.20pm-4.20pm Tuesday (Commencing Week 2 – Term 4 : Tuesday 15 October)

Cost: 9 weeks @ \$112 per child

Numbers limited to 15 per class

For further information contact Suzie Galwey -

sgalwey@bigpond.com Mob: 0409 409 141

SCHOOL BANKING

The student banking service for Newcastle Permanent and Commonwealth Bank is processed at school on a Monday. As students don't return to school in Term 4 until Tuesday 8th October banking will resume in Week 2 on Monday 14th October. All banking should be taken to the school library at 9am.

CANTEEN NEWS

The canteen is trialling serving breakfast on a MONDAY only 8.30am to 8.50am.

The canteen will be selling:

Weetbix in a cup : \$1.00

Sultana Bran in a cup: \$1.00

Cold juice cups: 60 cents

Raisin toast: 70 cents a slice

Kath & Jen from the canteen

UNIFORM SHOP

Uniform shop will be open on Tuesday 8th October 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 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.

A big thank you to Kim Forbes, Vera Moore and Cherie Pearson Maytom for all your help in the Uniform Shop this term – your time and effort has been appreciated. We could do with one more helper next term, so if you would like to help out please give Donna a call on:

Mob:0428 636101 Thanks Donna Reay

P & C NEWS

Our next P&C meeting will be held **Tuesday 8th October at 7pm**. (First school day for Term 4)
Everyone is welcome. The meeting will be held in the Staff Room, down the hall from the Front office.

Upcoming P&C Events

1: Olive Tree Market BBQ – Saturday, 5th October – Year 4

It's **Year 4's** turn to run the BBQ this month. This is the long weekend in October and the last weekend of the school holidays. If you will be in Newcastle and 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).



We need people for all shifts. If you are able to help please let Liz know by **Thursday 19th September**.

2: Oktoberfest:

Finally the details you have been waiting for are available today! A flyer has been sent home with today's newsletter.

Oktoberfest will be held at Souths on Friday 25th October, starting at 7pm.

NOTE: This is an adults only evening.

Come along and enjoy a fun social night with friends from The Junction! There will be:

- 1: A German band called the "Oompahpahs" as entertainment
- 2: German beer available to purchase from the bar,
- 3: Commemorative beer steins (additional cost to the price of a ticket and to be ordered prior to the night)
- 4:and other "top secret" activities.

Cover charge for the band is \$15 per person.
There is also the option to purchase an Oktoberfest themed meal for an additional \$40 (\$55 total for meal and cover charge)

The Oktoberfest menu includes roast pork, weiner schnitzel, german sausages, sauerkraut, mashed potato, Black forest gateaux and apple strudel

Tickets will go on sale from Tuesday 8th October.

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

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS - School Holiday programs

NEWCASTLE LIBRARY SCHOOL HOLIDAYS

For a full list of all holiday activities running at Newcastle libraries visit our website www.ncc.nsw.gov.au/library

GIRLS CRICKET

Any girls interested in playing cricket (especially Under 12s) to contact Newcastle City Cricket Association, through Tommy Anderson, 0425 226 010. Teams play between 10-12 on Saturday mornings. Starts mid October 2013.

School holiday activities at the Hunter Wetlands Centre

events@wetlands.org.au or Phone: 4951 6466 Mob: 0425 227 399

Newcastle Junior Oztag, Smith Park Summer Comp

Starts end Sept/early Oct, Wed afternoons
Register a team or Individuals, Boys/Girls or Mixed 8's, 10's, 12's, 14's, 16's

Rego nights at Hamilton North Bowling Club.

Wed 18th and Wed 25th Sept (5pm til 6pm).

Registration \$70 includes a playing shirt

newcastlejunioroztag@gmail.com

Liberty Watters: 0412704221

InZane Football Team – School Holidays

Clinic 1:

23rd-27th September @ Howzat Indoor Indoor (9am-3pm)

Clinic 2:

30th September -4th October Howzat Indoor Indoor (9am-3pm)

<http://www.inzanefootball.com/general/holiday-camps/>

"Kids Yoga Fit!" school holiday program

When: Wednesday 25th September & Wednesday 2nd October

Time: 9am - 12pm

Where: St Josephs Hall, Union Street, The Junction

Book: 0413 889 389 (Mimi)

Visit: www.kidsgetactive.com.au