

The Junction News

Newsletter of The Junction Public School



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Term 3 – Week 8

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PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Thanks for Coming...

It was great to see all the dads, grandads, uncles and family friends at the Father's Day BBQ breakfast last Friday. It was a beautiful morning and the P&C worked awfully hard to put together a delicious breakfast for everyone. Thank you all for your attendance.

Concert News – 'The Junction Rules The Waves!'

We are now in full swing in preparation for the upcoming whole school concert. Here is the latest details for you.

The concert entitled 'The Junction Rules the Waves' will take place on Thursday 31st October at The Civic Theatre, Hunter Street Newcastle – with the main night performance taking place at 7.00pm. We have themed the concert around a rollicking adventure on the high seas featuring all your children. There will also be a matinee / dress rehearsal performance on the Thursday afternoon at 12.30pm. All students from Kindergarten to Year 6 have been included in the concert in either a grade or group item. The senior band and both junior and senior choirs will also perform. There will be drama, dancing from all our dance groups – including the tap groups as well as a featured performance from our strings group and a rousing finale involving all students. This will be a stunning and memorable occasion for your children and families. It will be a very professional production with lighting, staging and sound.

You will receive a separate note with all these details.

We will take the whole school to the Civic Theatre on the morning of 31st October by bus – where students will stay for the day with all teachers supervising their classes. We have hired the Banquet Room of the City Hall – next door to the Civic Theatre – which will be a place for all students to be supervised, and have their morning snacks and lunch. There are toilets available. There will be a technical rehearsal and a matinee at 12.30pm which will go for approximately 2 hours. Buses will return all students to the school by 3.00pm on this day, as normal. All students will then be expected to return to the theatre by 6.15pm that evening to meet with their class teacher and be taken to the holding rooms prior to the performance commencing at 7.00pm.

Tickets:

Tickets will go on sale from next Monday 9th September and will be available through Ticketek or in

person from The Box Office of the Civic Theatre in Hunter Street. If you book online through Ticketek – fees and charges may apply. If you pick up tickets in person at the box office – there are no further charges.

Tickets will be \$25 for the night performance or \$20 for the matinee performance. Toddlers 4 years or under will be able to sit on parent's knees. The theatre seats 1450 per performance – but tickets will sell fast. The concert at the Civic Theatre in 2009 was a huge success – with parents expressing absolute delight in the quality of the show. We will provide ongoing information to you over the next few weeks.

Information on Anaphylaxis

A reminder that this year at The Junction Public School, we have a significant number of students throughout the school who have a range of allergies including nut allergies, seafood allergies, egg allergies, fish allergies and grass allergies. Some of these students may have a slight reaction such as skin irritation etc while others may have a more serious allergic reaction which affects their breathing and respiratory system and requires the use of an Epi-pen. This is a device which is used to inject adrenalin into the mid-thigh of a student. For some students, without this intervention a severe allergic reaction could be life threatening.

I have been in contact with Hunter Health and their advice is to keep the community informed as I am doing now, to work towards making our school an "allergy friendly" school. This will involve having class teachers talk to all students about the allergies in our school, how we need to be mindful of the foods we have present near these students and how we will work together to make the school environment safe for everyone. Students in some classes may be asked to wash their hands regularly if they have a child who has allergic reactions.

Class teachers may send notes home to inform all parents in a particular class of the specific information relating to allergies in that class. **While we cannot ensure that we have, a 'nut-free' environment we can certainly attempt to make all environments at school 'allergy friendly' by being thoughtful about what food or allergens are brought to school or are near these children at school. It would be very helpful if nuts were not sent to school at all for example.**

If you require further clarification – please feel free to contact me. Thank you for your support.

Wendy Cheek, Principal

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CALENDAR - TERM 3 – 2013

Week 8	Event
Tuesday, Sept 3	P & C meeting – 7pm
Wednesday, Sept 4	PSSA Soccer/Netball Gala Day
Thursday, Sept 5	Year 1 Excursion to Glenrock Lagoon
Thursday, Sept 5	Intermediate Band day at school
Saturday, Sept 7	Olive Tree Market – 9am to 3pm

Week 9	Event
Tuesday, Sept 10	Senior Band day at school
Friday, Sept 13	Kindergarten Excursion to Oakvale Farm
Friday, Sept 13	Spring Winds Concert – 7.30pm at Ncle Conservatorium

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, Oct 5	Olive Tree Markets

CALENDAR - TERM 4 – 2013

Week 1	Event
Monday, October 7	Public Holiday
Tuesday, October 8	Staff & students
Wednesday, October 9	Year 1 & 2 Intensive Swimming starts at Balance

UPCOMING EXCURSIONS/PAYMENTS –

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

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)

3CW'S CLASS CAKE STALL

On Wednesday 28th August 3CW had a class cake stall. All of Stage 2 came and had fun. 3CW had fun too. All of us (3CW) did the baking. We did the cake stall because we are learning about money in maths. We are raising the money for the sponsor child in our school. We wanted to learn how to give the right change. WE RAISED \$ 156.65. Thanks to everyone in Stage 2 who supported us.
By Charlie W in Class 3CW

On Wednesday 28th August we had a class cake stall. We are learning about money and giving change in maths. We did it to raise money for our school's sponsor child. We also did it to learn more about money and how to give the correct change. It was so exciting and fun. All of Stage two came. 3CW did the baking. Thank you Stage 2.
By Jonty S in Class 3CW

**SPECIAL MENTION AWARDS****Kinder to Year 2 ASSEMBLY – Term 3 Week 7**

KK	Anna S	Myles M
KDG	Blake F	Isabella S
KH	Natalia B	Liam S
KR	Samia F	Adisyn L
1J	Timothy P	Lucy W
1CR	Ned R	Kate M
1L	Maeve T	Liam C
1C	Ciara F	Hollie D
1/2H	Maxxis F	Niamh H
2B	Poppy D	
2D	Marly S	Jack W
2W	Scoutt H	Annabelle F

YEARS 3, 4, 5 & 6 ASSEMBLY - Term 3 Week 7

3B	Piper B	Noah J Evie T
3CW	Rhys B Kenyah V	Mia Austin Lillian Sutton
3MC	Rylee F Pearl C	Oliver S James H
3W	Levi B	Ella A
3/4L	Daniel M Patrick P	Talara B Finnian G
4A	Cameron S Imigyn McG	Oliver F Flynn H
4F	Emily F	Madison S
5B	Ethan S Ellie C	Ava R Sebastian C
5N	Jasmine M	James B
6C	Mackenzie G Noah J Saige S	Tyler B Kiara M Jake S
6F	Kieesha B Clare S	Isabella S
5/6C	William L Zac F	Ellie S
Student of the month	Charlie W - 3CW Ebony D - 3MC Ellen C - 4F Shaylee W - 5N Rosalili F - 5/6C Rebecca S - 6C	Molly Mc - 3B Ruby H - 3W Jorjia Van E - 3/4L Nathan F - 4A Lillian McG - 5B Blake S - 6F
Choir	Kenyah V	Natasha N
Band	Tahlia R Maya L Annika S Lilley H Kayne M	Bella D Nicholas K Joseph L Georgia S
Band Person of the month	Jacob J – Senior Myah R-Levy - Intermediate Jai M - Junior	

K-2 Assembly –

This week will be our final assembly for Term 3 and 2W will be leading the way. Congratulations 1C for your great listening and winning the assembly award last week. Our next assembly will be in Term 4, Week 2. See you on Wednesday 2pm in the new hall. All welcome.

Year 3 – 6 Assembly – Friday 11.30am**RAISING MONEY FOR THE RSPCA**

Bella and Zalia participated in a fundraiser for the RSPCA to raise money for the sick animals. We raised \$75 to give to the workers at RSPCA to help care for the sick and wounded animals.

On Saturday the 31st we went down to the RSPCA to hand them their cheque and for them to show us around. We met a stray dog by the name of Peta, she unfortunately had a hip problem and a problem in her front left leg. We also met a few cats that have had their legs amputated and were very sick. In summer the RSPCA goes through many towels and old blankets because of the very needy animals with bad contagious diseases, so they have to throw the towels out! So please donate any towels or old doonas you have to give to the animals. If you would like to donate to these animals please see Zalia or Bella in 6C for more information.

**REGIONAL ATHLETICS CARNIVAL REPORT**

Last Friday several students represented at the Regional Carnival at Glendale. Congratulations to Ejay Stokes who will participate at the State Carnival for 100m Age Race and 12 year old Long Jump. Tom Jackson came 5th in the Junior shotput only 7cm behind 3rd place – just missing out going to State! Emily Donovan-Schultz competed in the 100m, 200m, 800m and the Junior girl's relay team. The girl's Senior and Junior relay teams also competed well for the school. Well done to all competitors for making it to Regional level!



KINDERGARTEN 2014

If you did not attend our Parent Evening last week – 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.

PSSA RUGBY UNION

On 21st, 22nd and 23rd August, Tyler B and Joshua T travelled to Cronulla in Sydney to represent the Hunter Region in rugby at the PSSA Rugby Union State Championships. Over the three days the team played Sydney North West, Sydney East, Sydney South West, Sydney East West and Polding. There were 13 other teams and we managed to come 7th in the State! Tyler's team position was halfback and Joshua was on the wing. We had a great time and hope to be able to do it again in the future.



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.

CANTEEN NEWS

The canteen is trialling serving breakfast on a MONDAY!

Starting next Monday 9th September breakfast will be available from 8.30am to 8.50am on Mondays only.

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

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

Father's Day Breakfast:

I would like to thank Kim Forbes for volunteering to organize the Father's Day BBQ. She did a fantastic job. The P and C raised \$760 in one hour – What a great effort by everyone involved!

Kim has sent this report in:

Our Father's Day Breakfast was enjoyed by many last Friday.

A big thank you to one of our dad's Paul Newman, who was able to supply the milk and bread from ALDI.

Paul also supplied sugar and coffee cups which were kindly donated by the Merewether United Football Club. We were very lucky to have such a beautiful morning last Friday, and we would not have turned over approximately 300 bacon and egg sandwiches if it wasn't for all the generous helpers, parents and teachers.

Mrs Cheek, Mrs McLeod, and Mrs Cooper were busy in the canteen cooking bacon and eggs as well as Mrs Patterson and the parents outside on the BBQ. Chris the handy man deserves a mention also for helping setup the BBQ, filling gas bottles, cleaning BBQ and putting it away. Thank you! The canteen staff also deserve a special mention for being so helpful in accommodating space for us to store everything the day before which really helped for smooth running on the Friday morning.

Also a very big thank you to Jane Hamson, Leonie Funk, Sophie De Vitis, Kendall Long, Suzy Galway, Sarah Cook, Amanda Boone, Angie Jackel, Chris Cleworth, Felicity Ferguson-Tait, Kylie Chaffe, Mandy Murtagh, Eithne Healy, Aleena Velich, Karen Howard, Michelle Grove, Jo Robertson, Johanna Anderson, Melissa Spratt, Sonya McEntee, Liz Knapp and Leone Cook. Many teachers were there offering help as well. Thank you to everyone for being there.

Hope you all had a great Father's Day. Kim Forbes.

Upcoming P&C Events

1: Olive Tree Market BBQ – Saturday, 7th 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. Shifts are:

- 8:30-10am (open)
- 10-11:30am
- 11:30-1pm
- 1pm – 2:30 (close).



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. More details will be available in the next 2 weeks.

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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FATHER'S DAY BREAKFAST MORNING!



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