

The Junction News

Newsletter of The Junction Public School



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Term 4 – Week 1

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PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Welcome back everyone to a very busy term 4. I hope you had a very enjoyable holiday time with your families. The weather was certainly very kind and a good indication we could be in for a fairly warm summer.

This term teachers will be completing second semester assessments and reports which will become available towards the end of term.

Year 4 students will be off to the Great Aussie Bush Camp later in the term and Years 1, 3 and 5 will attend Life Education lessons to name a few things ahead of us. We will put out a term calendar next week – to assist you with planning for the next ten weeks.

Bandfest – next week

Next week is an exciting week for all three bands as well as our percussion group. Bandfest will take place out at Warners Bay Performing Arts Centre and is a highlight of the year for all regional bands. Our Percussion Group, Junior, Intermediate and Senior Bands have all been practising hard and are ready to display their high level talents in the competition. Huge congratulations to our tutors, conductors and band co-ordinator Lesley Fitzgibbon for their organisation and commitment to this quality music program. Best wishes everyone.

Parent Survey – Parent School Planning Forum

Parents will be invited to participate in an online survey to provide feedback around school programs and organisation for 2014 and also to provide comment on the strategic directions which will be outlined for the next planning phase of 2015-2017.

There will be a parent and community school planning forum on Tuesday 28th October from 5.30pm at school.

I would like to present to parents an overview of our draft plan and discuss our proposed strategic directions. This will involve our planning for English, Maths, History and Science. I envisage the meeting would go till 6.30pm.

I will send home this week an 'Expression of Interest' form for parents to indicate their possible attendance. I look forward to seeing you all.

Professional Development – Planning Afternoon

This afternoon all teachers will be involved in a 3 hour planning session to develop formative assessments and tracking systems for the implementation of the new Maths syllabus. This is an area we have been working

on during last term and is part of our strategic directions for our next school planning phase. We will update parents on our progress later this term.

P&C Holiday Raffle

I would like to publicly acknowledge our wonderful, hard-working P&C and parent groups who were responsible for the amazingly successful P&C raffle at the end of last term. We were extremely appreciative of all families who purchased tickets – but behind the scenes there was an enormous amount of work that went into the organisation of the raffle and its promotion. For many weeks our parents counted money each morning at school, promoted the raffle, sold enormous amounts of tickets and did everything they could to make it a success – and they more than succeeded! I am very grateful – thank you!

Book Week Parade

Congratulations to all students who participated in the Book Week parade on the last day of term. It was a really enjoyable event for all students from Kinder to Year 6. The creativity of students was really wonderful to see.



Wendy Cheek, Principal



Education &
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CALENDAR - TERM 4 – 2014**Week 1****Event**

Thursday, October 9 **No Girls Tap Group today – Starts week 2**

Friday, October 10 **P & C Meeting – 1.30pm**

Week 2**Event**

Tuesday, October 14 **Junior Band at Bandfest – leave school at 8.45am**

Thursday, October 16 **Year 1 & 2 Intensive Swimming begins (every Thursday up to Week 9 of Term 4)**

Thursday, October 16 **Intermediate Band at Bandfest – leave school at 7.30am**

Thursday, October 16 **Senior band & Percussion at Bandfest–leave school 11.30am**

Week 3**Event**

Thursday, October 23 **Year 1 & 2 Intensive Swimming**

Friday, October 24 **Year 2 Wetlands Excursion (1/2L, 2H, 2R, 2W, 2B)**

Week 4**Event**

Monday, October 27 **Kinder 2015 Orientation**

Monday, October 27 **Camp Australia–OOSH meeting – 6pm**

Tuesday, October 28 **Parent planning forum – 5.30pm**

Wednesday, Oct 29 **Kinder 2015 Orientation**

Saturday, November 1 **Olive Tree Market – 9am to 3pm**

RECENT NOTES HOME

Year 1 & 2 – Intensive Swimming – Thursdays in Term 4 – Starting Week 2- \$70 (Pink note)

Year 2 Wetlands Excursion – Friday 24th October – Cost: \$16 (Orange note)

New (Mustard Colour) Summer Canteen Menu – Please destroy the Winter Menu

SPECIAL MENTION AWARDS**YEARS 3, 4, 5 & 6 ASSEMBLY**

3W	Oscar H	York Neal
3/4CR	Keira H Alex S	Django H
4A	Charlotte C Max W	Jai M
4L	Sam T Ashton S	Noah J Tom P
4F	Yvonne M	Curtis F
5C	Patrick P Oliver P	Alyssa W
5S	Saxon C Brayden K	Jackson D
5/6B	Jasmine M	Katrina G
6B	Sebastian C Quentin W	Caitlin F Isabelle D
6C	Jade D Ethan S Josh C	Sam A Gabe B Chile H
Student of the month	Joe L Sunny W	Rose P Poppy D
Band Awards	Jonathon D Barnaby Y Scoutt H	Eloise K Henry K Lara B

K - 2 Assembly

Wednesday 2pm – New hall.

Year 3 – 6 Assembly

Friday 11.20am – New hall.

K-2 ASSEMBLY

Our first K-2 Assembly for Term 4 will be tomorrow at 2pm in the new hall. It will be shared assembly and all are welcome to attend.

Swimming and wetlands excursion reminder

ALL Money and notes for swimming must be in by the beginning of next week.

Also, a reminder that 1/2L, Year 2 and 2/3B-(Year 2) will be visiting the Wetlands in Week 3, please return notes and money for this as well. Thank you, Mrs Hughes

CANTEEN NEWS

A new (MUSTARD COLOUR) 'Summer Canteen menu' is going out with today's newsletter. Please destroy your old (BRIGHT GREEN WINTER MENU). Thank you.

UNIFORM SHOP

THERE ARE NO EFTPOS FACILITIES FOR THE UNIFORM SHOP.

Payment for orders is by Cash or Cheque only –
Cheques payable to: The Junction School P & C.

There is a large supply of girl's summer second hand uniforms in the Uniform Shop at present.

The Uniform Shop is open on Mondays - 8.45am to 9.15am

If you are unable to make it at the above time, you may pick up an Order Form from the front office and place the order and leave payment (Cash/Cheque only) and your order will be filled. Thanks, Donna Reay

SCHOOL BANKING

Newcastle Permanent Building Society and Commonwealth Bank offer school banking to our students. Parent volunteers process the money on the banks' behalf in our school library immediately after roll call on Mondays.

P & C NEWS

Holiday Raffle Results

Congratulations to the following people who won prizes in our raffle, drawn on Sept 17th. It was particularly exciting to find out that the amazing first prize went to one of our school families!!

Prize	Ticket No	Name
1 st	2838	S. Sridharan
2 nd	1398	A. Byrnes
3 rd	12097	A. Martin
4 th	10137	E. Hennessy
5 th	11020	O. Fothergill

Holiday Raffle Results

Wow – the holiday raffle exceeded all of our expectations, and while we haven't quite finalised the numbers – it made about \$14,000 (more than double last year) for our school. As planned, the funds raised will go towards upgrading PA equipment to meet new regulations, including upgrades to portable emergency announcement systems. It is likely that the funds raised will more than adequately cover the planned costs, and we may have a surplus. The P&C may consider setting some of the money aside for similar PA equipment to be included in the new classrooms next year, or we will go through an appropriate process of assessing other suitable means for spending the money on school

programs, in accordance with the School Plan. Please see full results of the raffle elsewhere in the newsletter.

Thanks again to all of the local businesses who supported this initiative, all of the families who sold tickets, and everyone who helped count money and process tickets. These events require a real community effort to make them successful, and the huge success this year is a great reflection on our TJPS school community.

Art Show

On behalf of the P&C, I'd like to congratulate our wonderful teachers for the art show that was held in the last week of term. There was a huge amount of work that went into the event, and our teachers did a fabulous job of supporting all of the children in presenting art works that related to books that they had been reading in class. If you enjoyed the art show, make sure you say thanks to your class teacher!

Term 4 Overview

We have a busy term ahead for the P&C. Here is a brief overview, with added details below:

Upcoming P&C Events

Date	Time	Event
10 Oct	1.30 pm	P&C Meeting
24 Oct	Morning	Deliver cake stall donations to Staff Room
25 Oct	8am onwards	By-Election – polling booth cake stall & BBQ
27 & 29 Oct	9.30am	Kindy Orientation Morning Teas
31 Oct	-	Betty Anderson Award Nominations Close
4 Nov	7.00pm	P&C Meeting
15 Nov	All day	OTM BBQ & Council By-Election (TJPS polling location)
30 Nov	Morning	Run Newcastle (fundraising opportunity)
5 Dec	11am	P&C Thank You Morning Tea for Teachers
6 Dec	All day	OTM BBQ
Nov / Dec	TBC	Mango Tray Fundraiser

**The next P&C Meeting is THIS Friday
10th October at 1.30pm
All Welcome**

State By-Election – 25th October – Cake Stall & BBQ – HELP NEEDED

TJPS will be a polling booth location for the by-election to be held on Sat 25th October. We will be running a cake stall and BBQ on the day.

The cake stall will require donations of cakes / slices to be delivered to school the day before (Friday 24th), along with people to help run the stall in shifts on the day. The preference will be for smaller items such as slices, biscuits, cupcakes etc rather than larger cakes, as we can sell these in smaller quantities. A flyer will be sent home next week, but in the interests of allergy awareness, please make sure that all baked goods include a label stating all ingredients that have been used.

We'll also run a BBQ similar to our OTM BBQs – but offering bacon and egg sandwiches in the morning, and sausage sandwiches later in the day.

Please contact Liz Ginters via the P&C email or elizabeth-g@bigpond.com to place your name on the roster for either the cake stall or the BBQ.

Kindy Orientation Morning Teas – 27 & 29 October

If you can help by providing a cake / slice for morning tea, and / or hang around after morning drop-off to help welcome new parents to our school, as they drop their kindy kids off for their first day of orientation, please contact Kim Forbes via the P&C email. We are particularly seeking current kindy parents for this event, but any school parents are welcome to help.

Betty Anderson Award 2014

Each year the P&C awards the Betty Anderson Award to a volunteer from within the school community who goes "above and beyond" helping at our school. The award is named for Betty Anderson, who ran our school canteen for over 40 years, on a voluntary basis.

Nominations are now open for the Betty Anderson Award. Please include with your nomination, an overview of why you are nominating the person (ie: what they have done for the school, and over what period). Please email your nominations to junctionpandc@hotmail.com or drop them to the school office in an envelope marked to the attention of the P&C President. Nominations are treated with confidence.

Nominations will close at the end of the month, and financial members of the P&C can vote on the nominations at the November P&C meeting. Financial members who are not able to be present at the November meeting will be given the opportunity to vote by proxy (details to be advised).

The award is usually announced in December.

Next Olive Tree Market BBQ – Sat 15th November

The next OTM BBQ that the P&C will attend is Saturday 15th November. This is also the Newcastle Council mayoral by-election day, and we understand that TJPS may be a polling location. At this stage, we will not run a cake stall for this date given that it is also OTM day. We

are keen to make sure that we can fully roster this BBQ to take advantage of the larger crowds that tend to attend the markets.

Please contact Liz Ginters via the P&C email or elizabeth-g@bigpond.com to place your name on the roster. The roster slots are:

8.30-10am, 10-11.30am, 11.30-1pm and 1-2.30pm. Four people are needed for each shift.

The next OTM BBQ after this date is Saturday 6th December. Last year this was an incredibly busy market day, and was one of the busiest every days for our BBQ. We will likely need five people per shift for this market, particularly the last two shifts.

Run Newcastle – 30th November

Run Newcastle is on again this year. This is a fun social morning out, with options including a 12 km or 6 km run, or a 6km walk. All funds raised go to JHH Adolescent Ward – something that any of the families at our school could, but hopefully won't, need to use at some point in time.

Additional to raising funds for JHH, the event provides an opportunity for TJPS P&C to raise funds. If we can secure 100 entries that are accredited to TJPS, we will receive a \$500 donation from the organisers. More entries provide an opportunity for a greater donation.

To register, go to www.runaustralia.com.au and click on the Newcastle event. Follow the instructions, and when you get to the part that says "Where did you hear about the event", please select "other – The Junction Public School". **Please also join the team "The Junction Public School – Official"**. Tell your friends and work colleagues to do the same – they do not need to be a part of the school to join our team.

This is a great cause, and a great event. Last year was very well supported by our school community, and we look forward to doing the same again this year – possibly even boosting our numbers. Any questions, please drop me a line at the P&C email, and I will put you in contact with Kim Forbes who is coordinating again this year.

Mango Tray Fundraiser

This event is being held in response to parent feedback in last year's fundraising survey. Details are yet to be confirmed – but this will likely be held in late November / early December.

P&C EMAIL LIST - Please send me a note at junctionpandc@hotmail.com if you would like to be on the P&C email contact list. You will receive general notices of P&C activities, as well as meeting agendas and minutes. This is a great way to keep up with the P&C and stay involved in school.

Julie Wharton, Acting P&C President

Want to keep up with P&C news “on the go”? You can:



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P&C
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on Twitter

Register Now for Unload Creative Writing workshops in Term 4!

Unload is a fun creative writing programme offered here at The Junction Public School. Each week students experiment with language through word games, writing activities and story-telling. Next term Unload will be mixing it up with epic stories, crazy characters, comics, poetry slams and generally delving deep into the kids' bottomless well of imagination and creativity.

Who: Students from Year 3-6

Where: 6C - Classroom

When: Tuesdays 3.20-4.20pm (starting week 2)

Cost: 9 weeks @ \$120 per child

Numbers limited to 15 per class so be quick!

For further information www.unload.org.au or contact Suzie - suzie@unload.org.au 0409 409 141

What an exciting end of term...
Art Show & Book week!!!!



