

# The Junction News

Newsletter of The Junction Public School



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Term 4 – Week 3

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## PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

### The Junction Public School - Parent and Community Planning Survey.

All parents and community members are invited and encouraged to participate in an online survey currently on our web-site, 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. This is part of our review of strategic directions for the next three years. We would greatly appreciate parents and/or community members taking the survey **before next Friday 24th October.**

[https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1mdhYP0HrVHAo34PA\\_sWACBu\\_GruvS5t-mqJDhf57ST0/viewform?c=0&w=1](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1mdhYP0HrVHAo34PA_sWACBu_GruvS5t-mqJDhf57ST0/viewform?c=0&w=1)

If you lose the link, you can access the survey from the school website. <http://www.thejunction-p.schools.nsw.edu.au/>

Please also remember that there will be a **Parent and Community School Planning Forum on Tuesday 28th October from 5.30pm** (expected to take about an hour). This will be held in the 5S classroom (second classroom on the right if coming from the staff room into the COLA). An expression of interest was sent home last week – if you did not receive one just contact the office on 49 631343 and let us know that you are planning to attend. It would be great to see a diverse range of families represented in both the survey and the forum next week.

### Congratulation to our Bands!

Huge congratulations to all band members for their outstanding performances last week at Bandfest at Warners Bay Performing Arts Centre. I know all our students performed brilliantly and we are very proud of them all. See Mrs Fitzgibbon's report for a full summary further in the newsletter.



### Before and After School Care (OOSH)

The school executive in conjunction with the Asset Management Unit (AMU) of the Department of Education and Communities has approved the management of the school's Before, After and Vacation Care program with Camp Australia. This service will start operating on Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> January 2015.

Please come and meet the Camp Australia team at an information night on Monday 27<sup>th</sup> October – 6pm. Every family will receive a letter regarding this with today's newsletter.

### Merewether KU Art Exhibition

We currently have an Art Exhibition in our new hall with stunning works from children who attend Merewether Kindergarten Union. Please feel free to go and enjoy the exhibition if you have time – the display will be up till Wednesday.

### Year 2 Wetlands Excursion

This will take place this Friday and we wish all students a really enjoyable and interesting day at this wonderful regional resource. I hope we see some great information reports from Year 2 next week!

### Safe People / Safe Places

We have had another alert that a child may have been approached by an unknown person in a car last week – out around the Lake Macquarie area.

We frequently talk to the students about – 'Safe People / Safe Places' staying safe and not talking to strangers on the way to or from school. We talk about strategies to use if a stranger approaches them or wants to talk to them. We tell them that a stranger is a person who they do not know or is not known to their family. For very young students we simplify this message, trying not to alarm or frighten them about strangers, but also trying to keep them safe. It is preferable that students walking to or from school, do so with other students. Talk about staying safe when you are not around. Rather than banning kids from getting into a stranger's car, make it a rule that they can't make changes to plans or get into anyone's car unless they have run it past you.

Encourage a "no secrets" policy, so if something happens to make them feel uncomfortable they can talk to you – or have other people they can confide in. Could I ask also that all parents talk to their children as well, about how to be safe and what to do if they feel unsafe or uncomfortable

in any situation, at any time? Thanks. Please contact me if you need further clarification. The following link will provide you with further information.  
[www.bodyandsoul.com.au/Parenting/Parenthood](http://www.bodyandsoul.com.au/Parenting/Parenthood)

### Before School Supervision

I need to remind all parents and carers that there is no formal supervision of students before 8.30am of a morning. It is preferred that students do not arrive at school before this time so that they are completely safe. If this provides difficulty for working parents and families, perhaps arrangements can be made with other families for assistance or enquiries be made to 'Before School Care' for that additional supervision. Please contact me if you would like to discuss this issue further – thanks.

### Best Wishes

Best wishes to class 4L teacher Aleisha Ladkin who will be commencing her maternity leave at the end of this week. The school community will be waiting eagerly to hear the happy news.

Mr Haydn Corbett will be working on 4L with Sharon Ladkin during this leave.

Wendy Cheek,  
Principal

### CHARITY DAY 2014

Charity Day 2014 takes place on Friday 31<sup>st</sup> October. Below are the stalls and activities taking place on the day. If you are able to donate items, where specified, it would be greatly appreciated. Please deliver your donations to the classrooms not the office.

CLASS	STALL/ ACTIVITIES	DONATIONS
Kinder	Lolly Stall	Yes
1CF & 2H	Chocolate Walk	Yes
1J & 1C	Teacher Baby Guessing Competition	No
2R & 1/2L	Disco	No
2W	Cans of Drink	Yes
2/3B & 5S	Face Painting	No
3MC	Cake Stall	Yes
3W & 3/4CR	Lucky Dips	No
4A & 4F	Second Hand Books and Toys	Yes
4L & 5C	Nail Salon and Hair Colouring	Yes
5/6B	White Elephant Stall	Yes
Year 6	Haunted House	No
Staff	Sausage Sizzle	No

## CALENDAR - TERM 4 – 2014

### Week 3

### Event

Thursday, October 23	Year 1 & 2 Intensive Swimming
Friday, October 24	Year 2 Wetlands Excursion (1/2L, 2H, 2R, 2W, 2B)
Saturday, October 25	P & C Cake Stall & BBQ here – Election Day

### Week 4

### Event

Monday, October 27	1 <sup>st</sup> Kinder 2015 Orientation – 9.30am
Monday, October 27	Camp Australia–OOSH meeting – 6pm
Tuesday, October 28	Parent planning forum – 5.30pm
Wednesday, Oct 29	1 <sup>st</sup> Kinder 2015 Orientation – 9.30am
Thursday, Oct 30	Year 1 & 2 Intensive Swimming
Friday, Oct 31	Charity Day – 11am
Saturday, November 1	Olive Tree Market – 9am to 3pm

### Week 5

### Event

Monday, Nov 3	2nd Kinder 2015 Orientation – 9.30am
Wednesday, Nov 5	2 <sup>nd</sup> Kinder 2015 Orientation – 9.30am
Wed 5th to Friday 7th	Year 4 - Great Aussie Bush Camp

### Week 7

### Event

Tuesday, Nov 18	P & C Meeting – 7pm
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### Week 10

### Event

Thursday, Dec 11	Yrs 3-6 Presentation Day (more details at a later date)
Friday, Dec 12	K – 2 Presentation Day (more details at a later date)

### Week 11

### Event

Monday, Dec 15	Year 6 Clap-out – 2.30pm
Monday, Dec 15	Year 6 Farewell – 6pm at Souths
Wednesday, Dec 17	Last day for Students & Staff

## SPECIAL MENTION AWARDS

### TERM 4 WEEK 2

#### KINDER, YEAR 1 & 2 ASSEMBLY

KK	Maggie B Jett R	Ava B
KH	Clodagh M Tyson O	Lachlan F
KE	Zahra N Zoe C	Archie M
KD	Elka D' Eli M	Lilli W
1J	Paige B Maliyah W	Harry B
1C	Rebecca H	Sadie S
1CF	Kai H	Toby W
1/2L	Louis G	Sabine Y
2R	Max B	Claire L
2W	Elle L	Jett P
2H	Manning G Samuel D	Lara C
2/3B	Brianna R	

#### YEARS 3, 4, 5 & 6 ASSEMBLY

3MC	Jack D	Ella W
3W	Adele B	Max H
3/4CR	Nate R Alexandra M	Brianna D Lily F
4A	Molly M Oliver S	Tilly R Imogen W
4L	Tallen M Yasmin P	Luke O
4F	Tahlia R	Ebony D
5C	Eloise A	Niklas S
5S	Josh T Phoebe P	Finn M
5/6B	Lana E	Matthew L
Choir awards	Monica L Morgan S	Nell H Sophie C

#### K - 2 Assembly

Wednesday 2pm – New hall.

#### Year 3 – 6 Assembly

Friday 11.20am – New hall.

## BAND NEWS

I'm pleased to report on our results at Bandfest held at the Lake Macquarie Performing Arts Centre last week.

On Tuesday our Junior Band competed in the Novice section and performed brilliantly to receive first place.

On Thursday, our busiest day, our Intermediate Band competed in the Intermediate section against (7) other bands and were placed equal first. I was very pleased with the precise performance of these students in their well-deserved win.

Our Senior Band participated in the Premier section and gave their best performance of the year in a hotly contested event. They were highly commended impressing the adjudicator, Mr Bell and myself.

Our Percussion Ensemble once again proved very popular and gave an impressive performance to win the Open section.

I would like to congratulate all of our students for their outstanding performances last week and thank their tutors and conductors, Mr Bell, Mr Tracy and Mr Jobson for their instruction this year. I am proud of all students and thank our many parents for supporting us at this event. I received many compliments on our appearance, behaviour and performances at Bandfest. Well done everyone!

Please note that all Band fees for 2014 are due this week. Check with the office if you are unsure of amount owing. Please pay promptly.

I will be organising a meeting for parents of our Junior Band for 2015 soon. Invitations will be sent home and information will be in the newsletter soon. Mrs Fitzgibbon

## 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.**

**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.

**The Uniform shop will be open for the Monday and Wednesday Kinder 2015 orientation mornings until 9.30am.** 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.

## WORLD VISION SPONSOR CHILD

The school has received the Annual Progress Report on our Cambodian World Vision sponsor child, Saravut Keo. Saravut is in Grade 1 at school, he goes to school 5 days a week and he says he needs to work hard at maths. His favourite game at school is jumping and his favourite fruit is apple. His family and community benefit from our support by providing rice and groceries and materials for school. Below is a photo of Saravut and his drawing of elephants!



## P & C NEWS

### Cake Stall & BBQ Update

The roster is filling quickly for this Saturday, but we still have a couple of gaps. In particular, the 11.30am-1.30pm shift, but also one or two more for the 9.30am-11.30am shift. The other shifts are close to full. We would also be grateful for a couple of sets of muscles for about an hour at the most from 7.30am – just to help with setting up. Please contact the P&C via [junctionpandc@hotmail.com](mailto:junctionpandc@hotmail.com) if you can help.

What we also need:

- Donations of cakes / slices / biscuits etc. See flyer that went home with newsletter last week. Please deliver to the staff room on Friday 24<sup>th</sup> October, first thing in the morning, please. If you need to drop off at another time, please drop me an email so we can coordinate.
- People to help package and price the donated cakes / slices etc on Friday – from 9am in the staff room.
- If anyone has any cupcake stands, or other stands / trays that might help with displaying the cakes, that we can borrow – can you please also deliver to the staff room on the Friday (label with your name so we can return them). Thank you.

### 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](mailto: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 Friday 7<sup>th</sup> November. Financial members of the P&C can vote on the nominations at the P&C meeting on Tues 18<sup>th</sup> November. If you are a financial member, and cannot make it to the meeting on 18/11, you need to notify me by Friday 14<sup>th</sup> November, so that I can arrange an appropriate proxy vote for you. The vote will be finalised at the meeting on 18 November, so



you MUST notify me before the meeting of your intention to participate in the vote, please. The award will be announced at Presentation Day in December.

### Next Olive Tree Market BBQ dates – Sat 15<sup>th</sup> November & 6<sup>th</sup> December

We are actively recruiting volunteers for the last two Olive Tree Market BBQs that we will be running this year (and for the foreseeable future). The markets will be held on 1 & 15 November, and then again on 6 & 20 December. The P&C has committed to running our BBQ at two of these markets – being 15 November and 6 December.

We are keen to fill these rosters quickly. They are busy markets, and we will likely need a greater compliment on our roster than usual – particularly the 6<sup>th</sup> December date. So, I'm putting out a bit of an "all hands on deck" call out, please.

Please contact Liz Ginters via the P&C email or [elizabeth-g@bigpond.com](mailto:elizabeth-g@bigpond.com) to place your name on the roster for either 15 Nov or 6 Dec. The roster slots are:

8.30-10am

10-11.30am

11.30-1pm and

1-2.30pm.

Four to five people are needed for each shift.

### NEXT P&C MEETING – TUES 18 NOVEMBER – 7PM IN STAFF ROOM ALL WELCOME

Then Friday 6<sup>th</sup> February 2015 at 1.30pm

### Run Newcastle – 30<sup>th</sup> November

To join The Junction PS team for Run Newcastle, please register at [www.runaustralia.com.au](http://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

Details are coming together for this festive season event. Families who wish to participate will be able to pre-order trays of mangos for about \$25/tray. Closing date for orders is late November (approx. 21<sup>st</sup> – TBC), and deliveries will be available for pick up from school a week or two later. You are welcome to collect as many orders as you'd like from family, friends, neighbours etc. More details to come in the following weeks.

**Spring Fair 2015** – There is a dynamic group of parents currently working on initial preparations for a Spring Fair next year. Please note the date 10<sup>th</sup> October 2015 in your diaries and stay tuned!!

### Upcoming P&C Events

Date	Time	Event
24 Oct	Morning	Deliver cake stall donations to Staff Room
25 Oct	7.30am-3pm	By-Election – polling booth cake stall & BBQ
27 & 29 Oct	9.30am	Kindy Orientation Morning Teas
15 Nov	All day	OTM BBQ & Council By-Election (TJPS polling location)
18 Nov	7.00pm	P&C Meeting – 7pm in Staff Room – All Welcome
30 Nov	Morning	Run Newcastle (fundraising opportunity)
5 Dec	11am	P&C Thank You Morning Tea for Teachers
6 Dec	All day	OTM BBQ
21 November	-	Orders Close for Mango Tray Fundraiser
10 Oct 2015	TBC	Spring Fair 2015

**P&C EMAIL LIST** - 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. 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

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### HUNTER SWIM CLUB

The Hunter Swim Club encourages swimmers of all abilities to enjoy both the social and competitive aspects of swimming.

Club Nights are held on Friday nights at Arnolds Swim Centre, The Junction (excluding school holidays) from 6:00pm.

[www.hunterswimclub.com.au](http://www.hunterswimclub.com.au)