

# The Junction News

Newsletter of The Junction Public School



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Term 4 – Week 5

Tuesday 4 November 2014

## PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

### Charity Day

Another spectacular Charity Day occurred last Friday when all students again rose to the challenge and collectively set up some superb stalls and raised funds for Charity.

The funds raised continue to support our two World Vision children for 2015, sponsored by the students as well as some of the remaining funds going to our nominated charity this year – Children's Brain Cancer Research - after our successful 'Beanie for Brain Cancer Day'.

We are very proud of all students. Many thanks to all parents for your donations and support.

### Kinder Orientation

It was a pleasure last week, to meet all our new Kinder enrolments for 2015 and their families. It really is the beginning of an exciting journey for all these children and we certainly intend for them all to have a very successful educational experience at The Junction. The partnerships between families and the school is a very important aspect in all this.

The second Kinder visits are happening this Wednesday.

### Great Aussie Bush Camp

Best wishes to all Year 4 students who set off for the Great Aussie Bush Camp this week for three days of great experiences. This particular camp is a very popular one for all students who participate in a range of enjoyable activities under direct supervision of camp staff and teachers. Sincere thanks to all teachers who will be accompanying them: Mrs Tilse, Mr Alcock, Mr Corbett and Mrs Briggs – who are leaving their own families and personal circumstances to accompany and supervise the students. We will enjoy hearing all the stories from students when they return.

### Leadership Training

All Year 5 students will participate in Leadership training over the next few weeks as part of our Student Leadership Framework. The students will participate in role play, discuss key leadership attributes... 'what makes a good leader' and will be assisted to participate in group discussions on leadership skills.

At the end of this training, students can decide if they wish to stand for any of the student leadership positions

or sporting leadership positions to lead the student body in 2015. It is a very effective personal development program which all Year 5 students really enjoy.

### Outstanding Payments

As we work towards the end of the school term for 2014, unfortunately we have a significant number of outstanding invoices still to be paid. These are primarily for goods and services provided to students over the year – band participation, dance participation, payment for resource books, magazines, and readers that students have used. We have sent home many reminders to families over the last couple of months but have not had a significant response. These outstanding fees exclude any that may be voluntary, and includes only materials and activities that require the user to pay. **At present, the school has covered these costs from our global budget which is affecting our ability to organise other activities.** We urgently need to be reimbursed for these amounts.

Our budget is designed to be shared equally throughout the entire school population. If this has been an oversight on your part, could you please attend to payment of these invoices as soon as possible. Many thanks.

### Presentation Days

Just flagging to all parents and carers that Presentation Days will take place on Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> December for whole school awards, as well as Stage 3 and Stage 2 (Year 3-6) and again on Friday 12<sup>th</sup> December for Early Stage 1 and Stage 2 (K-2). Thursday's presentations will commence at 9.00am and Friday's presentations will commence from 9.15am. All students in the school receive a certificate in recognition of their fine efforts for the year.

More specific information will be forthcoming in the next couple of weeks.

Wendy Cheek,  
Principal



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## CALENDAR - TERM 4 – 2014

## Week 5 Event

Tuesday, Nov 4	All band instruments to old hall for maintenance
Wednesday, Nov 5	2 <sup>nd</sup> Kinder 2015 Orientation – 9.30am
Wed 5th to Friday 7th	Year 4 - Great Aussie Bush Camp – Leave school at 9.15am on Wed and return Fri at 2.30pm

## Week 6 Event

Tuesday, Nov 11	Parent Meeting-Junior Band 2015 – 4pm – Music Room
Friday, Nov 14	All Kinder 2015 enrolments Orientation – 9.15am
Saturday, Nov 15	Olive Tree Markets – 9am-3pm

## Week 7 Event

Monday, Nov 17	Hunter Life: 1J, 1C & 3MC
Tuesday, Nov 18	Hunter Life: 1CF, 1L & 3W
Tuesday, Nov 18	P & C Meeting – 7pm
Wednesday, Nov 19	Hunter Life: Girls 5B, 5S, 3B, 3CR
Thursday, Nov 20	Hunter Life: Boys 5B, 5C
Friday, Nov 21	Hunter Life: Catch up day

## Week 9 Event

Thursday, Dec 4	Band Presentation Night-6pm
Saturday, Dec 6	Olive Tree Markets – 9am-3pm

## 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 &amp; Staff

## BAND NEWS

Tomorrow all band instruments will be checked by our repairer, Gary Clare. Instruments must be in the old hall by 9:00am tomorrow. All Year 4 students need to deliver their instruments to the Music Room before they go to Camp.

## Meeting for new band parents

A meeting will be held in the Music Room at 4:00pm next Tuesday, 11th November. All parents of Junior Band for 2015 are welcome to attend. Mrs Fitzgibbon and Mr Jobson will inform parents about the band program for next year. Mrs Fitzgibbon

## CHARITY DAY

Charity Day was held last Friday, and what a great success it was! Through the efforts of our school community, we raised over \$3500.00 which will go to assist some very worthy charities.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank students, teachers, parents, Paul Newman (Aldi, Cooks Hill) for the donation of sausages etc for the BBQ and other community members for their support and generosity in the lead up to Charity Day, and on the actual day itself.

An announcement will be made in the coming weeks as to the distribution of the money that was raised.

An additional 'student report' about Charity Day follows. Mr Alcock

Another note....The Guess The Teacher competition winner was Taj from 5/6B.

The Guess the Jelly Beans in the Jar competition winner was Jada from 3Mc.

## Charity day... By Imogen W and Charlotte C

Charity day was on Friday the 31<sup>st</sup> of October, the same day as Halloween. There were a lot of stalls such as toy stall, book stall, white elephant stall, lucky dips, haunted house, chocolate stall, guess which teacher is which baby, cupcake stall, lolly stall, nail and hair salon, face painting, cans of drinks and sausage sandwich stall.

Charity day is where classes put some stalls together to raise money, where all of the money raised goes to charities. We raised \$3,500 this year for charities like World Vision and will also be distributed to other charities. Charity Day was so much fun! Our favourite stalls were the haunted house, lolly stall, hair and nail stall, cupcake stall and the book stall.

We love Charity Day. We can't wait till next year's Charity Day.

## YEAR 1, 3 &amp; 5

## HUNTER LIFE EDUCATION

A 'Bright Green' note went out last week!

\$10 per child

The Hunter Life Van will be here from the week commencing Monday 17<sup>th</sup> November

## SPECIAL MENTION AWARDS

### TERM 4 WEEK 4

#### KINDER, YEAR 1 & 2 ASSEMBLY

KK	Ocean L Elizabeth H	Lalita F Alexis S
KD	Jarvis S Edie W	Phoebe U
KE	Sofia G	Thomas K
KH	Thomas M Samantha A	Jayden B
1J	Shai-Scott H Hamish M	Lachlan C Phoebe D
1C	Louie J Elyssa K	Lucille H
1CF	Dhanya R	Joshua M
1/2L	Kira H	Lily R
2R	Illaria M	Liam C
2W	Maraya D	Amber B
2/3B	Millin B	

### K-2 ASSEMBLY

Thank you KD for a lovely assembly last week - stay off the middle of that railway track! This week will be a shared assembly with Kindergarten sharing some work. Class 1/2L will be sitting on chairs as reward for their great listening last week. All welcome 2pm new hall on Wednesday.

#### K - 2 Assembly

Wednesday 2pm – New hall.

#### Year 3 – 6 Assembly

Friday 11.20am – New hall.

### CRICKET

Congratulations to the Boys PSSA Knockout Cricket Team. The boys travelled to Smith Park to take on Eleebana PS and it was a heart stopping game coming down to the last wicket in the last few balls of the final over. With a top scoring effort by Joe L, the boys made a defendable total of 84 runs. After weathering a strong fight by a talented Eleebana line up the boys' rallied to win by 5 runs. Joe L was 'Man of the Match' for his 37 runs, keeping during the game and bowling the last over under pressure. The boys' are now in the final 16 teams remaining in the State and our next game is against Wingham Public School next week. Mrs Cooper

### A Note from the Office

- The office asks you have the correct money for excursions etc because we do not have any change....money is banked every day!
- Payment at the office before 3pm would be appreciated as we need to close off for the day.
- School absences – If your child is absent from school, once your child returns to school you must supply written advice of their leave. You only need to phone the school if the absence is over 3 days. No need to phone the office if the absence is for 1 day only.
- Holiday Leave – (5 school days or under) Please ensure you advise the teacher in writing (prior to the leave if possible).
- Holiday Leave (over 5 school days) – You must come to the office and pick up an "Exemption for Leave" form prior to your holiday leave.
- Medication at School – The school is unable to administer Panadol. If your child requires medication it must be prescribed by a doctor and in the original packaging with the child's name and dosage. A Medical Indemnity Form is required to be filled in at the office.

### 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 new style white shirts (with embroidered logo on pocket) are now available - price \$25.

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.

As mentioned in last week's newsletter that there was no Commonwealth Banking this week – for those who sent their child's banking in to school, it has been locked away in the school safe to be processed next Monday when Jackie our banking mum returns.

## P & C NEWS

### Help Needed - Olive Tree Market BBQs – Sat 15<sup>th</sup> November & 6<sup>th</sup> December

We need to quickly fill the rosters for the last two Olive Tree Market BBQs that we will be running this year (and for the foreseeable future). Markets will be held on 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**.

TJPS will be a polling place on 15<sup>th</sup> November for the Council Mayoral election, but we will NOT be hosting another cake stall for this event – just the BBQ this time, due to it being the same day as the markets.

They are busy markets in the lead up to Christmas, 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.

### Kindy Orientation – Extra Uniform Shop Days

Please note that the uniform shop will again be open for Kindy orientation on Wednesday this week (5 Nov).

### Betty Anderson Award 2014 – Nominations Open

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 have been extended and will close on Friday 14<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 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 (approx. 18-22 mangoes per tray). Closing date for orders is 21st November 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. Order forms should come home with next week's newsletter.

### Kindy Orientation – Thank You!

Many thanks to Kim Forbes and Justine Ulph who coordinated this year's morning teas for the incoming kindy parents during orientation days last week. Thanks also to anyone who dropped in a cake or slice, or helped out on the day, including Monica Mamonto, Mel Lowe, Karly Zacharia, Leigh Kurtz and Patricia Kinney, plus anyone else who helped out. If anyone would like Patricia's orange cake recipe, drop me a line and I will forward it on!

Thanks also to the parents who have made it possible to have the uniform shop open for extra days during these orientations. I apologise for not having a complete list of names – but a big thanks to Donna Reay who continues to do a great job coordinating the uniform shop.

#### Uniform Shop – Embroidered Shirts

The short sleeved shirts with the school logo embroidered on them have finally arrived, and they look great! If you need to stock up on white shirts, and don't want to sew the badge on, these are a great alternative. Available from the Uniform shop for \$25 each.

#### After School Care / OOSH - 2015

If you missed the information night last week, you can get online at [www.campaaustralia.com.au](http://www.campaaustralia.com.au) and register for an information pack for After School Care with the new operator for next year. There is also information about how to register for before and after school care for next year.

**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 10th October 2015 in your diaries and stay tuned!! They will soon be seeking expressions of interest from within our school community initially, for business support of the Fair.

#### Upcoming P&C Events

Date	Time	Event
14 Nov	-	Closing date for Betty Anderson Award Nominations
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
21 November	-	Orders Close for Mango Tray Fundraiser
30 Nov	Morning	Run Newcastle (fundraising opportunity)
5 Dec	11am	P&C Thank You Morning Tea for Teachers
6 Dec	All day	OTM BBQ
12 Dec 2014	Evening	Carols By Candlelight (TBC)
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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#### COMMUNITY NOTICES.....

##### SAMARITANS IN HOME CHILD CARE

Samaritans is one of Australia's largest regional welfare organisations, providing a wide range of services for children, youth, families and those with a disability in the Hunter, Central Coast and Manning regions.

Samaritans is focused on building community, developing connections between clients and services, clients and families, and clients and the community.

Our aim is to provide a quality, professional caring service.

Samaritans in Home Care offers care for sick children or for those who are recuperating from illness.

Child care for parents who work outside normal business hours such as shift workers.

Care when a parent/child is ill or hospitalised.

To register for Samaritans in Home Child Care, or to find out more information please contact them on:

Phone: 4960 7100 or  
[www.samaritans.org.au](http://www.samaritans.org.au)

**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)

**VACATION CARE 4 – 12yrs**

December 2014 / January 2015

**Child Care Rebate**

Helping families with the cost of child care

15 new and exciting programs on offer these school holidays including obstacle courses and wet and wild water play!

Vacation Care is available from

Mon 22nd December - Tues 27th January, 7.30am - 6pm (all meals included)

**1 HOUR GYMNASTICS BASED HOLIDAY PROGRAMS ALSO AVAILABLE, PLEASE REFER TO OUR WEBSITE**



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