

# The Junction News

Newsletter of The Junction Public School



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Term 4 – Week 6

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## DEPUTY PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

### Year 4 Camp

It was wonderful to see the Year 4 return from The Great Aussie Bush Camp last Friday with so many great stories. They all had a very busy time and completed many activities that, at times required them to step outside their comfort zone. The students especially loved the Giant Swing and Treasure Island. I would like to thank Mr Alcock, Mrs Briggs, Mrs Tilse and Mr Corbett who supervised the students on this excursion. They enjoyed the opportunity to support the students in a different environment and apparently, late night talkers didn't disturb too much sleep. See photos and more reports further in this newsletter.

### Year 5 High School Experience

Over the last few weeks students from Year 5 have participated in activities at Newcastle High School. These activities are designed to give all students an opportunity to experience a high school environment and to meet other students, at the same stage of schooling from around the district. The Sports Gala was a great day and students participated in Soccer, Netball, Austag and Ultimate Frisbee. Last week the students experienced woodwork, food technology and science lessons that were designed and taught by the high school teachers. This program is an important part of the transition to high school process and regardless of what high school the students attend in the future, it allows them to begin to understand the next step in their school life. We would like to thank the Newcastle High School staff for this opportunity. See report and photos further in this newsletter.

### Congratulations

Congratulations to all our senior mathematicians. Last Friday at the Stage 2 & 3 assembly the awards for the Newcastle Permanent Mathematics Competition were presented. The level of achievement this year was very high. In Year 5, there were 28 merits, 14 distinctions and 2 high distinctions. In Year 6 there were 18 merits, 20 distinctions and 4 high distinctions. All these students are to be commended. Special mention needs to be made of Chris Beck from 6C. Chris was recognised at the official awards ceremony last Wednesday at Hunter Stadium as one of The Hunters most outstanding junior mathematicians. Cooper Janzen from 5S has also been recognised for his achievement and has been invited to attend the Primary Mathematics Camp next March.

### Debating Medal

Another achievement recognised at last week's assembly was for debating. Ruby Z of 5C was presented with the 'Tracy Williams medal'. This award is presented annually by the District debating adjudicators to a Newcastle district Year 5 student who shows an excellent understanding of the debating process and who is capable of presenting articulate, well thought-out ideas. Well done Ruby!

### Leaving school safely

I would like to remind parents that travelling to and from school should be planned and students should be reminded to consider safety and security during these times. School finishes at 3pm. All students should be collected at this time or attend OOSH. There is no supervision in the play areas after this time and students cannot stay behind and play. If a teacher asks a student to stop playing and wait with their parent they are just following the 'duty of care' rules. If a parent is unexpectedly held up, the teacher will take the child to the office so the family can be phoned. As students get older they often walk or ride home. Please remind your child to leave school promptly and to walk or ride with friends. It is not a good idea for any child to be the last one on the street.

### Performing Arts Concert

On Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> November at 6pm, a concert will be held in the new hall to celebrate the achievements of some of our performance groups and individuals. The program will feature the dance groups, the junior choir, individual musicians and small group items. A note with full details will be sent home later this week.

### Selective High Applications

If your child is in Year 5 and you would like them to attend the Selective High School (Merewether High) for 2016 you are required to apply online. Information has previously been sent home and applications close on November 17<sup>th</sup>. If you need more information please contact the office for an appointment or for the information booklet.

### Hunter Life Education – Years 1, 3 and 5

The Life Education van will be here at school next week addressing many of the components within PDHPE curriculum. Please ensure the payment and permission note is returned by tomorrow. Thank you.

Anne Keating, Deputy Principal

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**CALENDAR - TERM 4 – 2014****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 8****Event**

Tuesday, Nov 25 2015 Leader speech presentations–11.30am new hall

Thursday, Nov 27 Performing Arts Concert – New Hall – 6pm to 7.30pm

**Week 9****Event**

Monday, Dec 1 Announcement of 2015 School leaders – 9am assembly

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 & Staff

**YEAR 1, 3 & 5****HUNTER LIFE EDUCATION**

A 'Bright Green' note went out recently!  
Money is due by tomorrow - \$10 per child  
The Hunter Life Van will be here next week!

**SPECIAL MENTION AWARDS****TERM 4 WEEK 5****KINDER, YEAR 1 & 2 ASSEMBLY**

|      |                |           |
|------|----------------|-----------|
| KK   | Cooper Felix   | Abby      |
| KD   | Isla           | Campbell  |
| KE   | Rowan          | Tamara    |
| KH   | Noah           | Isla      |
| 1J   | Lillie Patrick | Eva       |
| 1C   | Lilly          | Cody      |
| 1CF  | Maiya          | Anna      |
| 1/2L | Emiel          | Jaedyn    |
| 2H   | Lily Lily      | Max Blake |
| 2R   | Niamh          | Jessica   |
| 2W   | Mitzi          | Reece     |
| 2/3B | Benjy          |           |

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

|             |  |                           |
|-------------|--|---------------------------|
| 3MC         | Chelsea Courtney                               | Alex Jessie               |
| 3W          | Ava  | Oskar                     |
| 3/4CR       | Julia  | Gus                       |
| 4A          | Kayne Emily                                    | Max Freya                 |
| 4L          | Noah Eva                                       | Hunter                    |
| 4F          | Ebony  |                           |
| 5C          | Kepei Logan                                    | Justin Alyssa             |
| 5S          | Ayesha Louka                                   | Oliver Cooper             |
| 5/6B        | Brayden  | Cameron                   |
| 6B          | Bailey Angus                                   | Ellie James               |
| 6C          | Brandan Laura Balin                            | Joshua Rosalili Chris     |
| Band Awards | Henry – Snr<br>Charli – Jnr<br>Oscar – Interm. | Logan -Snr<br>Ethan - Jnr |

## K-2 ASSEMBLY

This week will be a shared assembly with two children from each kindergarten class leading the assembly. 2H will be sitting on the chairs. Well done 2H. See you all 2pm Wednesday in the new hall.

### K - 2 Assembly

Wednesday 2pm – New hall.

### Year 3 – 6 Assembly

Friday 11.20am – New hall.

## GREAT AUSSIE BUSH CAMP REPORTS...

When I was on the bus going to the Great Aussie Bush Camp, I felt so excited because I had no idea that I was about to experience a very amazing camp. There are heaps of things to do there like rock climbing, canoeing, high ropes (like treetops), archery, a disco, Commando (at night), Lost Island (a mud course) and a very, very giant swing.

Even if the tents aren't the nicest part you get used to them. Even if people tell you the food is bad, it's not really. It's actually quite good. I couldn't believe how fast the time had gone when we had to go home. However I was happy to see my family again.

By: Eva

Year 4 went off to the Great Aussie Bush Camp last week. We left on the 5<sup>th</sup> of November and returned on the 7<sup>th</sup> of November, so that means we were there for nearly three days!

All the activities we took part in were fantastic including the giant swing was so much fun, Lost Island which was challenging, dirty and cold and the high ropes which were very high up off the ground. One group didn't get to do high ropes because a storm came along and we didn't want to get struck by lightning. The rock climbing was a bit hard but we climbed some of the way up. There was so much more! It was an amazing experience for everyone.

The tents were very big. There were 12 beds in a tent. There were either 8, 7 or 6 people in each tent, but there were some talkative people! Every night security would come out to check on us. They were a bit scary! If you spoke you would get in a bit of trouble.

There were a lot of instructors at camp. Our instructors were Kitty Cat, Dan, Nicole and Aleisha. They were all amazing instructors and a bit crazy too.

The food at the great Aussie Bush Camp was ok at times. They served burgers, spaghetti, pancakes, eggs, toast and cereal but not all at the same time. The teachers got to eat in a different part of The Rock and I think their food might have been different to ours.

The journey was amazing!

By: Molly and Piper



## CANTEEN NEWS

The school canteen will be offering Sushi over a few dates towards the end of this term.

The dates are: Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> November, Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> December and Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> December.

The sushi has to be pre-ordered. Orders need to be at the canteen on the Friday before the Tuesday.

A tear off Order Form is on the last page of this newsletter.



## 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.

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.

## YEAR 5 VISIT TO NEWCASTLE HIGH SCHOOL

Last Tuesday, Year 5 students participated in the Newcastle High School ‘taster lessons’. We were put into groups that all got the chance to take part in two of the three following lessons: cooking, woodwork and science. It was extremely fun to try all the different high school subjects. In cooking, we made ‘M & M cupcakes’ using different tools and ingredients. In woodwork, we made a tool that takes your shoes off for you. To do this, we used two blocks of wood, sandpaper, a hammer, nails, a nail punch and wood putty. In science, we had a close look at things under the microscope. We looked at words, sugar, sand, iron, glitter, etc. We also took part in a fun experiment, using vinegar and baking soda. When we mixed both ingredients together, a chemical reaction took place, ‘fizzing’ the mixture up. We also looked inside the cupboards, where we got to see the Bunsen burners, some test tubes, and much, much more! We had so much fun at Newcastle High School, and we thank the school for giving us this wonderful opportunity to have a feel of what high school is like!

By Bronte – Class 5S



## P & C NEWS

### Urgent – Olive Tree Market BBQ – Sat 15<sup>th</sup> November

Thank you to everyone who has answered the call for help for this Saturday's OTM BBQ. This is our second last BBQ for the foreseeable future, but **we still need TWO more people for the 11.30am-1pm shift**. Please contact the P&C ASAP if you can help.

We also need to fill the roster for the last Olive Tree Market BBQ that we will be participating in on **6 December**.

These are both busy markets, 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. 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.

### LAST CALL - Betty Anderson Award 2014 – Nominations Close Friday 14<sup>th</sup> November

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 close this Friday 14<sup>th</sup> November 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). Nominees can be any member of the community who is contributing to our school on a volunteer basis, but cannot have previously won the award. 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.

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

### Mango Tray Fundraiser – Orders Now open

Order forms are coming home today for the P&C's Mango Tray Fundraiser. Families who wish to participate will be able to pre-order trays of mangos for about \$25/tray. Each tray contains around 18-22 mangos. Closing date for orders is 21<sup>st</sup> November. The order form contains information about delivery of the mangos in the week of 8 December. You are welcome to collect as many orders as you'd like from family, friends, neighbours etc.

### 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. If you have any questions, please drop me a line at the P&C email, and I will put you in contact with Kim Forbes who is co-ordinating again this year.

### Uniform Shop – Thank You!

Thanks to the wonderful ladies who work the Uniform Shop each week, including Donna Reay, Kim Forbes, Bernadette Ryan, Suki Kwon, Sarah Harden, Monica Rochow. Thanks also to those who helped open the Uniform Shop on additional days during the kindy orientations, including Kendall Long and Fiona Roberts.

### 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, you can get online at [www.campastralia.com.au](http://www.campastralia.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.

**Teachers' Thank You Morning Tea** – Each year the P&C puts on a morning tea in Term 4 as a “thank you” to the wonderful teachers here at TJPS. Help is required by way of “bringing a plate”, setting up the morning tea, and cleaning up afterwards. The Morning Tea will be held on Friday 5th December. Please let me know if you think you may be able to help on the day.

**Carols By Candlelight** – There is a tentative date of Friday 12<sup>th</sup> December for a ‘Carols by Candlelight’ evening at school. Details are yet to be confirmed, but please pencil this date into your diary.

**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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**SUSHI LUNCH PRE-ORDER FORM**

**Student Name:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Class:** \_\_\_\_\_

- Vegetarian Sushi (Avocado & Cucumber)    Large \_\_\_\_ \$ 3.50    or    Small \_\_\_\_ \$ 2.50
- Vegetarian Sushi (Carrot & Cucumber)    Large \_\_\_\_ \$ 3.50    or    Small \_\_\_\_ \$ 2.50
- Chicken Teriyaki    Large \_\_\_\_ \$ 4.00    or    Small \_\_\_\_ \$ 3.00
- Avocado & Smoked Salmon    Large \_\_\_\_ \$ 4.00    or    Small \_\_\_\_ \$ 3.00

**This order is for Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> November.**

This pre-order and the payment is due by this Friday 14<sup>th</sup> November