



DEPUTY PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

St John's Ambulance Visit

On Friday a representative of the St John's Ambulance attended the Stage 2 & 3 assembly to promote junior first aid courses for our senior students. He brought along an ambulance to show the junior students. The students were extremely interested to learn about the activities carried out by these volunteer ambulance officers and how many community events they attend. After the assembly the officer stayed on at school with the ambulance and many of the Stage 1 and Early stage 1 students visited the van.

Hunter Life Education Van

This week Harold the giraffe and the Life Education Van are in the school. This activity supports the Personal Development studies for the Year 1, 3 and 5 students. It is a developmental program designed to assist with the teaching of child safety, child protection and student well-being issues. Year 1 will learn about: 'How a body works'; 'the safe use of medicines'; 'peer pressure and personal safety'. Year 3 will discuss medicines as drugs and their use; strategies for managing difficult situations and making healthy choices. Year 5 will look at the effects of smoking, laws and peer influences. All the children love the idea of learning in a van and look forward to their next interaction with Harold.



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.

Student Leadership Training

The Year 5 students are currently participating in the senior leadership course that prepares them for the leadership roles they will take on next year. The student leadership program has been developing over the last 4 years to ensure that all senior students have leadership responsibilities. The traditional roles of captain, prefect and sports leader have been expanded and new roles created. Year 6 now run playground and peer group activities and arts and crafts lunchtimes as well as being responsible for such areas as the flags, the sound systems and the sports equipment. All Year 5 join together for 4 one-hour sessions that are designed to develop an understanding of leadership, how to communicate successfully, and their responsibilities into the future. At the end of the course all Year 5 students will be given the opportunity to nominate for the captain, prefect or sports leaders positions. Students from Years 2 to 6 will then vote for their 2015 school leaders.

Road Safety

We are always aware of the need to remind our students of how to travel safely to and from school. Our school is surrounded by busy roads and a lot of our students must cross these roads in the morning and the afternoon. Students are encouraged to use the available crossings. However some of the roads near the school do not have designated crossing areas. We would like to remind all our parents that before and after school is a time to take special care and slow down on our surrounding roads even outside the 40 zones.

School Invoices

We still have a large percentage of unpaid invoices for elective band, and dance programs. We need all families to understand that, in good faith we employ tutors to provide these programs for students and families who choose to participate. So it is essential that these programs are paid for by parents who want their children to participate. We also would appreciate payment for class resource books. We issue these materials to all students and we have to pay the suppliers of these goods. Your support would be greatly appreciated – thank you.

Anne Keating, Deputy Principal

CALENDAR - TERM 4 – 2014

Week 7

Event

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
Thursday, Nov 20	Yr 1 & 2 Intensive swimming
Friday, Nov 21	Hunter Life: Catch up day

Week 8

Event

Monday, Nov 24	Year 5 & 6 Design day – Parents welcome – 2pm-3pm to see rocket launch!
Tuesday, Nov 25	2015 Leader speech presentations – 11.30am new hall
Tuesday, Nov 25	Spider drinks – (K – Yr 2) - \$1
Thursday, Nov 27	Performing Arts Concert – New Hall – 6pm to 7.30pm
Thursday, Nov 27	Yr 1 & 2 Intensive swimming
Thursday, Nov 27	Spider drinks – (Yr 3-6) - \$1

Week 9

Event

Monday, Dec 1	Announcement of 2015 School leaders – 9am assembly
Thursday, Dec 4	Yr 1 & 2 Intensive swimming – last week!
Thursday, Dec 4	Band Presentation Night-6pm
Friday, Dec 5	P & C Thank you Morning Tea
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

SPECIAL MENTION AWARDS

TERM 4 WEEK 6

KINDER, YEAR 1 & 2 ASSEMBLY

KK	Luka K	Snöfrid Y
KD	Carmen M	Eli M
KE	Georgiana W Koby C	Oliver V
KH	Kevin S	Ella W
1J	Boston B Neve O	Josie D
1C	Blake F	Isla H
1CF	Oliver H	Alex K
1/2L	Lucy R	Noah A
2H	Milijana M Ella W	Isaac J
2R	Imogen W	Kristian R
2W	Sophie H	Darby R
2/3B	Jonah R	

YEARS 3, 4, 5 & 6 ASSEMBLY

3MC	Lucy Z	Gypsy R
3W	Jeremy S	Lulu S
4A	Georgia S Matina M	Eva R
4F	Jet R-F Natasha N	Talara B Kobi L
5C	Charlotte K Leela B	Jackson B
5S	Flynn H	Jack W
5/6B	Breeanna E Estelle S	Tom J Lara Z
6B	Billy B	Ethan B
6C	Ethan S Bella D	Khushi P
Band Awards	Imigyn M Yasmin P	Lucia P

K-2 ASSEMBLY

This week KE will be leading the way and we have a double whammy on the chairs - KD and KK were so wonderful last week that Mrs Campbell chose them both! See you there 2pm Wednesday in the new hall. Mrs Hughes

K - 2 Assembly

Wednesday 2pm – New hall.

Year 3 – 6 Assembly

Friday 11.20am – New hall.

SPIDER DRINK DAY!

Next Tuesday, 25th November, Year 6 will have a fundraiser Spider Day for Kindergarten to Year 2. For \$1.00 the students can buy a lime spider, lemonade spider, orange spider or raspberry spider to drink at lunchtime. A Spider is a scoop of ice-cream with a flavoured drink added. Tastes yummy! Years 3 to 6 will be on the following Thursday, 27th November, 2014.

Year 6 Fundraising Committee



POETRY SAMPLES.....

Anger

*Anger is bright red
It tastes like burnt food
It smells like flaming wood
It looks like a burnt fire.
It sounds like a roaring monster
And it feels like heated metal.*

By Bas

Grief

*Grief is painful grey
It smells dull and dead
It tastes of rotten rubber
Grief looks like long infinity roads
It sounds of moaning spirits and
feels like enclosed boxes.*

By Ellie

Excitement

*Excitement is the colour of a rainbow
it tastes like popping candy
Excitement is the smell of salty air
Excitement is the sight of fireworks
Excitement sound like someone laughing till
It's hard to breathe
Excitement is bubbly.*

By Lillian

The Storm

Part 1 - The Storm Approaches

Outside the wind howled ferociously bending the huge trees as though they were little more than twigs. Brilliant flashes of lightning lit up the sky like fireworks, while all around us pelting rain lashed furiously at the windows. We huddled together worried there was worse to come. The storm was getting more and more ferocious as the howling wind tore up the grey cloudy sky. The more it grew, the more and more we hoped it would go away. Down by the shore, the waves grew huge tearing out the sea life under the swirling water, turning it green. A huge wave crashed into the rocky platform making a huge boom! For days it went on, the people who lived there hadn't seen sunlight for three days and they grew tired of the pitch black clouds. Then suddenly it was gone, and the people cheered and shouted as one by one the

kids came out to play in the sunshine and run around in the grass, but didn't last.....

Part 2 - The Old Lady

In an old house lived an old lady, and this old lady was sitting on her front porch in the sun, when a cold wind brushed past her neck, and she said "Hmm that's strange". The next day she woke to the sound of rain on the roof, pit pat pit pat and the howling of the wind. So she walked outside to see what was making the noise. Outside the storm was back, so she called her neighbours to warn them that the storm was back. As she was sitting by the fireplace she heard someone knocking on the door. When she opened it, there was her nephew smiling at her so she greeted him and he came inside. As the day got later and later her nephew left and went back to his home. The next day it stopped raining and the wind calmed down and a glittering rainbow appeared. And the storm was finally gone.

By Max

My Amazing Rolling Stones Experience!

On Saturday the 15th of November, my dad and I went to the Rolling Stones concert. I wasn't sure what to expect because it was my first concert ever!

When we got there I found myself in the middle of a HUGE field of long, yellow grass in the middle of the Hunter Valley Vineyards. There were lots and lots of cars so we ended up parking the furthest away we could possibly get from where we were supposed to be!

When we got inside the boundaries, there were a few support acts. They were all quite good.

At quarter to eight people began to get restless. But all of a sudden, lights came on and it gave everyone a shock! Most of the lights were red and they were flashing at the crowd like mad!

The Rolling Stones came on stage a couple of minutes later and they were all wearing brightly coloured waistcoats. Mick Jagger started jumping from one end of the stage to the other while singing and punching the air. I thought that was really funny.

Keith Richards was the only band member who was wearing a bandana. Keith Richards also sang a couple of songs but most of them I didn't know the words to.

My favourite songs were Brown Sugar, Satisfaction and Honky Tonk Woman.

It was really late when we got into the car. My dad and I listened to some more Rolling Stones songs and joked about how well Mick Jagger and Keith Richards were going for their age!

By Eva

STATE GYMNASTICS

Congratulations to Coco and Isabelle who have excelled at the recent State and National championships. Coco competed for Hunter Region at State Gymnastics Championships in Sydney on Saturday 8 November and her team placed third on two apparatus and fourth overall.

Isabelle competed in National Club Championships for gymnastics in Geelong on Monday and Tuesday 10th and 11th Nov and her team placed first on floor, third on vault and second overall.

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.

P & C NEWS

P&C Meeting Tonight 18th Nov – 7pm

The last P&C meeting for the year will be held tonight in the staff room at 7pm. All members of our school community are welcome to attend. Included on tonight's agenda is voting for the 2014 Betty Anderson Award. We have received some very worthy nominations. If you are a financial member of the P&C and can't make tonight's meeting, but would like to vote – please contact me at the P&C email before 6pm tonight and I will arrange a proxy vote.

The next P&C meeting after tonight will be Friday 6th February 2015 at 1.30pm. After that, our AGM will be held on Tuesday 3rd March at 7pm. We welcome all members of our school community to start thinking about what roles they may like to take on next year. All positions will be declared vacant, and available for nominations. The P&C executive roles are President, (two) Vice-Presidents, Secretary, Treasurer and we have capacity to elect up to (six) Executive officer roles to help strengthen the depth of the executive, and level the load. If you think you might be interested in a

position, but would like to know more, please contact me and I'd be happy to discuss.

Mango Tray Fundraiser – Orders Close this Friday 21st Nov.

Everyone should have received their 'mango tray order forms' last week. Orders need to be back to the office **by this Friday 21st November**. Don't forget to mention it to neighbours, work colleagues, family etc. From what we're hearing – this is looking to be a really popular idea! If you need an order form, please email me at the P&C email, or pick a spare up from the office. Trays are \$25 each, and each tray contains around 18-22 mangos.

Run Newcastle – 30th November

Just over a week go to! We have a growing number on our TJPS team, and this is bound to be a fun morning out, walking our beautiful coastline to support a great cause – a cause that any of us (but hopefully none of us) could need to use – the John Hunter Hospital Adolescent Unit. To join The Junction PS team for Run Newcastle, please register at 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.

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.

Next (and last) Olive Tree Market BBQ – Sat 6th December

After six wonderful years of association with the Olive Tree Markets, the P&C's final BBQ will be Saturday 6th December. While there are markets also to be held on Sat 20th December, the P&C has decided that, based on past experience, it will be too difficult to fill the roster after school has broken for the holidays.

While the markets were originally started as a P&C initiative, they have been privately operated for the last five years. I'd like to take this opportunity to thank Justine Gaudry (market operator) and her colleagues who have supported the P&C over the years with our continued involvement with the BBQ. The BBQ has been a regular source of income for the P&C and has allowed us to continue to generously support school programmes.

Last year the December market was incredibly busy – and probably broke all previous P&C BBQ records. Therefore, we need a full complement on the roster, with at least five people for all shifts.

Thank you to those who have already indicated their availability. I'm confident we will be able to celebrate this milestone with a full roster a week or so out from the date, and an "all hands on deck" approach.

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.

After School Care / OOSH - 2015

If you missed the information night, you can get online at 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.

Teacher's 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 12th December for a Carols By Candlelight evening at school. Details are yet to be confirmed, but please pencil this date into your diary.

Thank You OTM BBQ Helpers! Thank you to the following people who helped out with the penultimate OTM BBQ on Saturday, including some stepping in at short notice when unforeseen things arose for a couple of people rostered on. We made just under \$900. Special thanks to one of the helpers who is actually a Kindy 2015 parent!! Thanks to: Suzanne Taylor, Rob Kane, Argun Ramachandran, Mark Masia, Daniel Bishop, Mary Henry, Cathy McIntyre, Ruby Dempsey, David Martin, Gordon Brock, Stuart Turner, Dave Hancock, Dipesh Lakhani, Liz Ginters, Erin, Mark Nichols and Alyssa.

Thanks also to Kath from the canteen who helped us out with some equipment and tips when we were advised to expect the Council food inspectors at the markets on the weekend. The ladies in the canteen are always a wonderful support to the P&C, and we are grateful for the work they do.

Upcoming P&C Events

Date	Time	Event
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)
6 Feb 2015	1.30pm	P&C Meeting
3 March 2015	7.00pm	P&C Meeting & AGM
10 Oct 2015	TBC	Spring Fair 2015

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

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