



PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

It's really hard to believe that we are in Week 10 and there is only just over a week of school left. The last day for students is Wednesday of next week. The school will be officially closed after Wednesday.

This week is an extremely important week with our Presentation Days being the culmination and celebration of learning for all students. Below is the outline of the program over those two days.

Presentation Day – this Thursday 11th December

We will begin our 2014 Presentation Day program with a whole school assembly from Kinder to Year 6 at 9.00am under the COLA, to present the major awards and prizes as well as invest and present the school captains, prefects, sports house captains and vice captains with their badges. This assembly should take no more than 30 minutes. After this at the following assemblies, in the new school hall every single child in every class will be called forward to receive a certificate.

At 9.40am on Thursday 11th December in the new school hall, we will continue with the Stage 3 assembly (Years 5 and 6) – and present the class awards and some special stage awards.

At 11.00am on Thursday 11th December there will be a morning tea supplied for parents staying on for the next assembly.

At 11.30am on Thursday 11th December we will continue with Stage 2 assembly (Years 3 and 4) and present the class awards and some special stage awards. This assembly should conclude by 1.00pm.

Presentation Day – this Friday 12th December

At 9.15am on Friday 12th December in the new school hall we will hold the Early Stage 1 assembly – (Kindergarten) and present the class awards and some special stage awards.

At 11.15am (approx) on Friday 12th December there will be a morning tea supplied for parents staying on for the next assembly.

At 10.15am (approx) on Friday 12th December we will continue with Stage 1 assembly (Years 1 and 2) and present the class awards and some special stage awards. This assembly should conclude by 1.00pm. Presentation Day will be focussed on celebrating the achievements of all students and recognising their efforts over the whole year. There will be entertainment from some class groups during the Presentation Days. All parents are warmly invited to attend.

Retirement – Lesley Fitzgibbon - Assistant Principal Stage 2

I wish to inform our community, that Lesley Fitzgibbon will be taking leave next year with a view to retirement after that. Lesley has been at The Junction since 2003 and has played an integral role in the school in leadership as well as driving our wonderful music and band programs. A dedicated teacher, colleague and mentor to many, Lesley has created a framework in our school of quality band and music programs. Under her guidance our band program has grown from 100 students to now around 140 students all eagerly gaining lifelong skills in musicianship that will take them far. These programs are well renowned in the region for their high quality demonstrated by our bands consistently achieving in the top places in all sections.

She has always impressed me with her dedication to the children and their educational progress and has had an outstanding career with the Department of Education and Communities. She has been a wonderful colleague and friend to all staff and we will all miss her. She is happily retiring to spend more time with her family and begin that next phase of exciting opportunities to come. Please take the time to wish Lesley well over this next week – I'm sure she will appreciate that.

Michael Jobson - one of our current band conductors, will be taking Lesley's position next year and will be leading our school based music programs. Laura Chaffey will return to our school next year as relieving Assistant Principal.

Class Reports

These will be coming home to families this week and will reflect the academic and social progress of all students in the second semester of this year. I would like to congratulate all students for the very fine efforts they have put into their studies this year.

The students of our school are an outstanding group of children and I am very proud of all of them.

Farewell Year 6 2014

It is almost time again to farewell our Year 6 for 2014. They have been a fantastic group of students who have led this school with great dedication and respect. We all thank them for their contribution to the school over the last seven years and though they will be going off in different directions next year – we hope they maintain their close friendships and continue to think fondly of their primary school years. We wish them all great success in their further education studies and hope they drop back at some point to let us know how they are travelling. Thank you - Year 6, 2014.

There will be a whole school 'clap-out' for Year 6 next Monday afternoon from 2.30pm after which they will all attend their school Farewell at South's Leagues Club at 6.00pm on Monday night.

Thanks to our P&C Association

Many thanks to our wonderful P&C led by Bronwyn Geerarts for the first part of the year and by Julie Wharton in the second part of the year. The P&C have supported the school in many ways throughout the year – not just in the financial sector. It is really heartening to work with such a positive, innovative and purposeful group. The contribution from the P&C members has been significant and cannot be underestimated – we are indeed fortunate to have such a wonderful group working with us. Sincere appreciation to you all.

It's also been an incredible year across all facets of the school – with high academic achievements, extraordinary cultural achievements in band, choir, dance, public speaking, chess and environmental programs and memorable sporting achievements for many students.

This school is a positive and vibrant learning environment - that will continue to grow in strength in 2015. Many thanks to all staff of The Junction Public school for the caring and professional manner in which they have carried out their responsibilities this year. Students from Years 1 to 6 return on Wednesday 27th January and new Kinders begin on Thursday 28th January.

My personal thanks to our whole school community for your support in 2014.

Happy holidays everyone!

Wendy Cheek,
Principal

CALENDAR - TERM 4 – 2014

Week 10	Event
Wednesday, Dec 10	Year 3-6 Meal Deal Day – (NO OTHER LUNCH ORDERS TODAY)
Thursday, Dec 11	9am- Major Presentation Day & Leader Induction 9.45am -Yrs 5-6 Presentation 11.30am –Yrs 3-4 Presentation
Friday, Dec 12	9.15am - Kinder Presentation 10.15am – Yrs 1-2 Presentation
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

CALENDAR - TERM 1 – 2015

Week 1	Event
Tuesday, Jan 27	Staff only return to school
Wednesday, Jan 28	Year 1 – 6 students return
Thursday, Jan 29	Kindergarten students start

SPECIAL MENTION AWARDS

TERM 4 WEEK 10

KINDER, YEAR 1 & 2 ASSEMBLY

KK	Yo Han S	Ocean L
KD	Jarvis S	Roxanna B
KE	Rosie B	Lillie S
KH	Ashton B Shaykiel J Jackson B	Maya L Regan H
1J	Paige B Natalia B Shai-Scott H	Maliyah W Taj W
1C	Claudia W Myles M	Bill W
1CF	Andrew F	Neve H
1/2L	Louis G Lucy R	Lily R
2H	Matika S Noah P	Asha W
2R	Connie B	Loki D
2W	Viklesh N	Maeve T
2/3B	Yorygi F	Livinia C

YEARS 3, 4, 5 & 6 ASSEMBLY

3MC	Joel W Michael M Teddy P	Lucy Z Jada D
3/4CR	Isabelle M Amy M	Joshua R
4A	Matthew B Mary-Jane R	Ayden K Felix M
4F	Rhiannon M Cormac M	Noah F Hana G
4L	David M Grace F	Pearl C
5C	Cameron S Clara A	Patrick P Oliver P
5S	Shanika B Brayden K Kelvin W	Jackson D Nick W Saxon C
5/6B	Darby P Brayden M Jasmine M Nathan F Darcy H	Lara Z Caitlin K Cameron R Taj A

6B	Caitlin F Kyllah A Quentin W	Isabelle D Jon D
6C	Jade D Josh C	Henry K Chile H

BAND NEWS

Band Presentation Night was held last Friday at the Newcastle Conservatorium of Music. All bands performed brilliantly and the Year 6 soloists played superbly. Thank you to our great conductors, Michael Bell, Michael Jobson and David Tracy for each band's terrific performance. The combined item, Born to be Wild, was a big hit with our appreciative audience. Thanks to parents and friends who attended and thank you students and Mrs Wendy Cheek for your kind words and gifts for my retirement.
Mrs Fitzgibbon

FUNDRAISING FOR FIJIAN SCHOOLS

Pre-Christmas toy cupboard clear out! Please support us in helping make this Christmas special for the children of Fiji. We would gratefully receive your unwanted....

Old laptop computers / Educational activities and games for any age / Mega blocks, Duplo or Lego in any quantities / Unused drawing books or art materials / Books from baby to year 6 / Jigsaw puzzles for any age group / Balls, frisbies, outdoor games.

Please do not send Happy Meal toys, clothes, old soft toys, or dolls.

There will be a box in reception to receive your donations. Many thanks for your support.

Vinaka!

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 open on the first two days back in 2015 – Wednesday 28th January and Thursday 29th January. Thanks, Donna Reay, Co-ordinator

SCHOOL BANKING

Newcastle Permanent Building Society and Commonwealth Bank school banking has finished for the year! Thank you to the students who support this service and a huge thank you to Tanya Fitzgerald & Jackie Murnain for giving up their time every Monday to collect and bank the money on behalf of the students.

LIBRARY NEWS

Could all students return any library books they have at home to the school library for the end of year stocktake. Thank you

CREATIVE WRITING WORKSHOPS

This is the last week for the Creative Writing Workshops.

P & C NEWS

Wow! It's hard to believe we're this close to the end of another school year. Some final messages from the P&C ahead of the Christmas Break.

Carols By Candlelight (Kind Edward Park – 19th Dec)

– Many apologies that we were not able to come through with our proposed Carols event here at school. Unfortunately we reached a point that I'm sure many people can relate to, where there was just not enough time and resources to be able to pull it together and do it justice.

However, it has been suggested that for any school families who might be interested, we are nominating a "meeting point" for the annual **King Edward Park Carols** which are on **Friday 19th December**. Felicity Ferguson-Tait has offered to mark out a spot "near the top of the amphitheatre, in front of the stage" with some big tarpaulins. She will gratefully accept any offers of help in getting there early to help (I can put you in touch with her through the P&C email). But if you'd like to link up with other school families, then keep an eye out in this area of the park, and bring your festive cheer.

Final Olive Tree Market BBQ last Saturday

Our final OTM BBQ was a phenomenal result! As expected, it was VERY busy, and we raised almost \$2200. I'd like to take this opportunity to single two people out for their outstanding contributions to our school this year: Suzanne Taylor took on the role of "quartermaster" of the BBQ equipment and ordering of supplies. She has rostered herself onto the set-up shift just about every market this year, and on Saturday she stayed and pulled a triple shift because it was so busy. It was an amazing effort –and we could not have had the year we've had without her. I'd also like to thank and acknowledge Liz Ginters. While Liz took a small step

back this year (she had previously been the sole OTM BBQ organiser for several years), she has still been instrumental in organising the roster every month! Liz and her family have also rostered themselves on for just about every "pack up shift" this year. Both ladies deserve a big pat on the back for their efforts. We couldn't have done it without them.

Also, don't forget that there is one more OTM at TJPS on 20 December (just no P&C BBQ). Next year the markets move to their new home of Civic Park – an exciting time for all involved. Again, we thank the OTM operators for their support of the P&C over the years, and wish the markets all the very best.

Betty Anderson Award 2014

We are looking forward to announcing the Betty Anderson Award winner for 2014 at this week's presentation day ceremonies. We will include an announcement in next week's final newsletter for the year.

Congratulations – Karla Karinen

Karla Karinen is a former parent and P&C president of TJPS, and as you will see in the thank you's below, still a valued contributor to our school. Recently Karla was announced as one of only a small handful of NSW Department of Education "Parent of the Year Award" recipients across the state, for her work at Newcastle High School. We wish to pass on our heartfelt congratulations to Karla for the recognition of her tireless support of public education.

P&C Events 2015

Next year will be a big year for the P&C. It is looking increasingly likely that we will be contributing funds towards the planned building works programs for a range of ancillary items, so that we can get the best possible outcome from the funding that has been allocated. This may include planning to pay for items like air conditioning, technology support, outdoor seating, landscaping and other items, so that more of the funding can go into fixed classroom structures.

As you will see elsewhere in the newsletter, we are aiming big for the Spring Fair. But we are also looking at other events like a Book Fair (to be held in conjunction with a cake stall and BBQ on State election day in March), another holiday raffle, and anything else we need to do next year to make sure the new classroom facilities have everything that we want them to have.

We will be calling for volunteers for many things in the new school year, and will also be open to other ideas. 2015 will be the Year of Volunteering at TJPS!

Please also start thinking ahead to our AGM, and think about how you might like to become involved with the P&C next year. The P&C and our Spring Fair sub-committee are a great bunch of people. You are welcome to join us at

any time, and if you have any questions, please don't hesitate to drop me a line.

After School Care / OOSH - 2015

Just a reminder that to register for After School Care / OOSH in 2015, you will need to get online at www.campastralia.com.au and register for an information pack with the new operator for next year. There is also information about how to register for before and after school care for next year.

Thank You:

OTM BBQ - Thank you to everyone who helped on the mammoth OTM BBQ on Saturday, including Suzanne Taylor (x3 shifts!!!), Sarah Cook, Jim Garvey, Karen Brown, Brett Ninness, Gillian Harris, David Martin, Richard Haines, Allison Garrett, Vanessa Hedges, Johanna Anderson, Ethan, Liz Ginters, Erin, Chris Wharton, Alyssa, Michael Jonker and Leone Cook. I'd also like to pay a special thanks to Karla Karinen, Steve Spencer, Maija and Max – who are no longer a family here at our school, but love us so much that they came back for just “one more BBQ”. We couldn't have done it without them.

Teachers' Thank You Morning Tea - Thank you to everyone who contributed to the Teacher's Thank You Morning Tea. We received some lovely notes of thanks from the teachers who were very grateful for the effort put in by our school community. I apologise that I don't have a complete list of those who “bought a plate” on the day, but thanks to those that I did see, and those who helped set up and pack away again, including Kendall Long, Patricia Kinney, Sarah Cook, Cliff (one of our school granddads), Suki Kwon, Pili Vasquez and a number of others. Thanks!!

Mango Fundraiser – Thanks to everyone who helped with the mango delivery day, including Bronwyn Geerarts, Wendy Donovan, Dave Hancock and several others.... Thanks again also to Mel Currie for organising. There has been a lot of effort by Mel going on behind the scenes this last week due to an unexpected peak in the pricing of mangos at just the wrong time for our little fundraiser. The NT mango season finished earlier than expected, and Qld mangos are still a week or two away from being ripe. Mel has been working extremely hard to achieve a good result for our school families. We'd also like to thank The Fresh Ingredient at Georgetown who have supported us with the fundraiser, and who also worked very hard to source mangos once it was realised that the usual overlap in the seasons had not materialised.

Upcoming P&C Events

Date	Time	Event
6 Feb 2015	1.30pm	P&C Meeting
3 March 2015	7.00pm	P&C Meeting & AGM
31 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

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



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Public School
P&C
on Facebook



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on Twitter



The Junction Public School Spring Fair: 31st October 2015

The P&C Association is delighted to announce that plans for **The Junction Public School Spring Fair 2015** are currently at an early but positive stage of development with a small team in place to help manage the event.

The Fair represents the single largest fundraising and logistical undertaking next year and the P&C will require the support of as many talented people within the school community as is possible.

The team still needs additional volunteers so if you can contribute your time and ideas to help deliver a successful event, please contact Suki Kwon at email: tjpspringfair@gmail.com

Calls for Community Expressions of Interest: become a Spring Fair Supporter.

Before the P&C seeks sponsorship from our local business community, we now invite members of the school community to **register 'expressions of interest' (EOIs) for 'Supporter' opportunities** for the Spring Fair 2015. These 'Supporter' proposals can be financial or can represent 'support-in-kind' across key equipment areas (for example a stage, sound and PA package of support or an outdoor furniture package.)

To register your interest, please contact Eloise Fleck at email: sponsorshiptjpspringfair@gmail.com

Please note that in order to align with the school values and ethos all Supporter EOIs will be assessed against the [P&C fundraising framework](#)

We're on Facebook

For all the latest news on the Spring Fair please visit our Facebook page, **The Junction Public School Spring Fair 2015** at:

https://www.facebook.com/pages/The-Junction-Public-School-Spring-Fair-2015/374092879432389?sk=timeline#!/pages/The-Junction-Public-School-Spring-Fair-2015/374092879432389?sk=timeline&tab=page_info#!/pages/The-Junction-Public-School-Spring-Fair-2015/374092879432389?sk=info

Mary Henry (email: marketingtjpspringfair@gmail.com)

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

NEWCASTLE REGION LIBRARY (NCC)

SUMMER READING CLUB

8th December to 28th January

Students can read books from home and the library. Children who read 10 books go into the draw for major prizes.

Registration is FREE! Visit your local library to collect the reading log or go online to:

www.summerreadingclub.org.au

Further information contact Julie Swane on 4985 6692 or jswane@ncc.nsw.gov.au

Are you a dad who wants to spend quality time with your daughter and participate in physical activities to improve her social and emotional wellbeing?

The DADEE program:

- Is a world first 'Dads and Daughters' program designed to increase physical activity levels and the social and emotional wellbeing of young girls
- Involves 8 x 90 minute weekly group sessions delivered by leading physical activity researchers
- Builds **confidence, self-esteem** and **resilience** in girls
- Teaches girls **sports skills** through fun games and physical activities
- Starts **Term 1, 2015** @ the University of Newcastle

Interested? For more information, contact:

Alyce Barnes **4921 6566** or DADEE@newcastle.edu.au

Chief Investigator: Professor Philip Morgan

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