

The Junction News

Newsletter of The Junction Public School



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Term 1 – Week 6

Tuesday 4 March 2014

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Though it has been a wet week – it has been nice to see the rain! All our tanks are now full again and our back playground has come to life! With that comes a lot of late summer growth – including the weeds in all our gardens. If you have a spare couple of hours over the next fortnight – and some gardening gloves – it would be wonderful to have some assistance with some weeding around the playground. Let us know if you can help – thanks!

Congratulations!

Congratulations to our band captains and vice-captains who were received their badges at Monday morning assembly this week. Niamh L, Ethan S, Kushi P, Gabe B, Sylvia K, Will De, Maya H, Angus W, Ella S, Jack D, Monica L, Bailey Fa', Finnian G and Alan S. It was great to see all students take on these responsibilities of leading our bands who are among the best in the region.

High School Choices 2015

Next Monday parents of Year 6 students will receive the high school nomination forms for Government Schools for 2015. The forms will contain information for local high school choice or other high school choices. Please note the return date for these forms and return to school as soon as possible – to allow all the processes to be followed. Thank you.

Cross Country –

Year 3 to 6 & (some 8 year old) Year 2 students

We are looking forward to our Cross Country Carnival to be run at Nesca Park on Friday week – 14th March.

Students will be leaving school at 11.00am, walking up to Nesca Park accompanied by their teachers and return to school by 2.30pm. The P&C are cooking sausage sandwiches for \$2, as canteen lunch orders will not be available for children in Year 3 – 6 and those in Year 2 who are at the Cross Country.

This is always a very enjoyable day for all students from Years 3 to 6 as well as strong 8 year old Year 2 runners – (who can competently run the 2km course). See the note with full details which has been sent home.

Welcome Bush Dance!

On Friday night 28th March we will be having a 'Welcome to new Families' Bush Dance at our school in the COLA area. We are hoping for fine weather to produce a fantastic evening of great music, great dancing and great company. We will be fortunate again to enjoy the high quality music from Bush Band 'Celtic Beat' who always give us such an enjoyable night. The P&C will be offering a delicious BBQ and we ask for a \$5 Family 'door entry' to help us pay for the band. The night will begin at 6pm and finish by 8.30pm. Looking forward to seeing everyone there.

P&C Meetings

The P&C Meeting will be held tonight in the staffroom at 7pm. P&C Meetings are held on the first Tuesday of the month and I would like to say, play a very important role in partnership with the school. I value highly the time given by parents who attend these meetings and assist me with input on important decision making processes for the school. It would be great to see some more new faces at these meetings which are friendly, informative and an essential link to our school community. Meetings are finished by 9pm – come along and say 'hello'.

Maths A to Z

Brush up on some of the maths terms your child uses in the classroom. The Maths A to Z glossary provides straightforward explanations and illustrated examples. Find out more:

<http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/homework-and-study/maths/maths-a-to-z>

Great books for tweens to read

Favourite books from the Premier's Reading Challenge team that will inspire kids aged between nine and 13 to read read read!

Find out more:

<http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/hu/homework-and-study/english/my-book-club/helping-tweens-to-love-reading/ideal-books-for-tweens-to-read>

Wendy Cheek,
Principal

CALENDAR - TERM 1 – 2014**Week 6** **Event**

Tuesday, March 4	P & C Meeting & AGM – 7pm
Thursday, March 6	Regional Swimming Carnival – Maitland Pool

Week 7 **Event**

Thursday, March 13	2015 Selective High School test
Friday, March 14	School Cross Country – Nesca Park

Week 8 **Event**

Friday, March 21	Harmony Day
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Week 9 **Event**

Wednesday, March 26	Zone Cross Country
Friday, March 28	P & C Bush dance (6pm-8.30pm)

SPECIAL MENTION AWARDS**Term 1 Week 5****YEARS 3, 4, 5 & 6 ASSEMBLY**

2/3B	Jake P	
3MC	Ethan A	Lucy Z
3W	Annabelle F	Adam Y
3/4CR	Alexandra McK	Kalani F
4F	Kobi L	Lilley H
4A	Piper B	Sylvia K
5C	Charlotte K	Kepei T
5S	Oliver K	Shanika B
5/6B	Kieron B	Bella F
6B	Quentin W	Caitlin F
6C	Joshua L	Emily D
Music	Ella S Logan R	Lilley H

Year 3 – 6 Assembly

Friday – 11.30am in the new hall.

Term 1 Week 5**YEAR 1 & 2 ASSEMBLY**

1J	Adisyn L	Liam S
1C	Claudia W	Louie J
1CF	Isaac H	Amelia L
1/2L	Lucy W	Louis G
2H	Noah P	Lily B
2R	Imogen W	Luke P
2W	Kate McT	Vincent M
2/3B	Aisling V	

Year 1 - 2 Assembly

This week Kindergarten will join us for the first time. It will be a shared assembly and class 1C will be the first class to sit on the seats as a reward for their excellent assembly manners. Congratulations 1C! We hope to see you there on Wednesday in the New Hall at 2:00pm.

VOLUNTEER ETHICS TEACHERS NEEDED

Philosophical ethics classes are now available for Years 3, 4, 5 and 6 students in NSW public schools as an option for students who have opted out of Special Religious Education/Scripture.

Classes for Years 1 and 2 will be available when sufficient teachers have been trained.

The NSW Government has authorized Primary Ethics, a not-for profit organization, to develop curriculum and deliver classes. Classes are inquiry based and children use dialogue and discussion to learn how to think about ethical matters through the give-and-take of reasoned argument.

We need volunteers to teach.

Primary Ethics provides full training and ongoing support for their volunteer teachers.

To find out more about Primary Ethics and becoming an Ethics Teacher, please go to www.primaryethics.com.au or contact our school's Ethics Co-ordinator, Mark Harden at tjpsethics@gmail.com.

BOOK CLUB

Book Club forms were sent home this week. Book club offers families the opportunity to purchase books from Scholastic book club for home. Please send the order forms to the library by next MONDAY 10th MARCH. Please ensure your child's name and class is on every order form. Thank you Mrs Land, Librarian.

NEWCASTLE ZONE SWIMMING CARNIVAL

The Newcastle Zone Swimming Carnival was held at Lambton Pool on Wednesday 26th February. As is always the case, the twenty-seven students that represented our school absolutely shone in the pool. Though official results have not been faxed through to the school yet, I think it is a fairly safe bet to say that The Junction Public School were the overall winning school on the day.

Special congratulations go out to the following students who have qualified to compete at The Hunter Region Carnival, to be held at Maitland Pool on Thursday 6th March: Guy H, Lachlan B, Annabelle F, Saxon C, Marc C, Declan F, Flynn H, Travis H, Jorjia V, Ayesha L, Ava R, Susannah B, Kelsey V, Noah J, Coco D, Michelle J and Charlotte C.

Age Champions.....



Record breakers.....



UNIFORM SHOP

***** HELP IS NEEDED NEXT TERM IN THE UNIFORM SHOP ON A MONDAY MORNING!! IF YOU CAN SPARE TIME FROM 8.45AM TO ABOUT 9.15AM IT WOULD BE APPRECIATED *******
(TWO OF OUR VOLUNTEER MUMS ARE UNABLE TO HELP NEXT TERM BECAUSE OF WORK COMMITMENTS)

Please phone Donna: 0428 636101 Thanks

The Uniform shop is open on Mondays from 8.45am to about 9.15am in the Old School Hall.

Payment for orders is by Cash or Cheque only – Cheques payable to: The Junction School P & C. THERE ARE NO EFTPOS FACILITIES FOR THE UNIFORM SHOP.

Girls Summer tunics \$ 43 and School Band Shirts \$35 are now available at the school Uniform Shop.

If anyone has spare coathangers at home, the uniform shop is needing some. Thanks

SCHOOL BANKING

School Banking has commenced for 2014! Newcastle Permanent Building Society and Commonwealth Bank offer banking to our students. Parent volunteers process the money on the banks' behalf in our school library immediately after roll call on Mondays.

For any new students to the school, you may open an account at either bank and start Monday banking.

P & C NEWS

Our **next P&C meeting** for the year will be held, tonight, **Tuesday 4th March at 7pm**. A general meeting will follow the AGM.

At the AGM, all office bearer positions will be declared vacant. Office bearers hold their position for a maximum of 2 years. Current P&C Office bearers' are:

President: Bronwyn Geerarts
Vice President: Sophie Williams
Vice President: Vacant
Minutes Secretary: Ruth Conroy
Correspondence Secretary: Barb Donnan
Treasurer: Michael Jonker

Are you interested in becoming an office bearer? For more information about office bearer positions and duties, please contact Bronwyn at junctionpandc@hotmail.com, or have a look at the NSW Federations P And C Fact Sheets at <http://www.pandc.org.au/faq.seo>

Who can be an office bearer? Any financial member of the P&C can stand for office bearers.

Who is a financial member of the P&C? Any person who has attended a general meeting and paid their

membership (annual membership fee is \$1) at that meeting is eligible to vote at the following P&C meeting. Membership list is updated at the close of each general meeting, meaning that members who join at one P&C meeting are not eligible to vote until the following meeting.

Can I come to the AGM, pay my membership fee and vote at the following general meeting on the same night? Yes you can. However, you cannot vote at the AGM. Membership fees paid by the end of the AGM will allow a P&C member to vote at the general meeting held immediately after the AGM. However, you will not be able to vote at the AGM. For more information please see the NSW Federations P And C website for information at <http://www.pandc.org.au>

Everyone is welcome – particularly new parents (Kindergarten and others) to the school. The meeting will be held in the Staff Room, down the hall from the Front office. Please come and along and share your ideas, or just sit and listen!

What else are we discussing at the P&C meeting on Tuesday evening?

After the AGM we will hold a general P&C meeting. At this meeting, Donna Reay, who runs the Uniform Shop, will be talking to us about additional items we may like to stock in the uniform shop.

P&C Activities and Class Contact List for 2014

Thank you to all parents who have returned their forms to be included on the P&C Class list contact. Your class list will be e-mailed to you in the next week. Please check your Inbox. If you did not supply an e-mail address, you will receive a class list with next week's newsletter.

Many thanks to Mel Currie who has compiled the class lists.

Can you help at the Cross Country BBQ on Friday 14th March?

Last week you will have received a note about the Cross Country BBQ on Friday 14th March. We need volunteers to help transport the BBQ to Nesca Park, cook and serve sausages and drinks on the day.

If you can help, please return the slip at the bottom of the cross country note you received last week, or e-mail Bronwyn at junctionpandc@hotmail.com

Olive Tree Market BBQ – Saturday, 1st March, 9am 'til 3pm – Kindergarten

Thank you to Darragh O'Hagan, Samantha McDowell, Gavin Dennis, James Hodgson, Jess Black, Graeme Brown, Sally de Zwaan, Vera Moore, Fergus Black, Ben Rainsford, Denise Martin, Gordon Brock, Candie Fong, Steven Gibb and Bruce Rummins our Kindy parents who volunteered for the OTM BBQ. It was a wet day, but we still made \$600!

Upcoming P&C Events

1: AGM Meeting – Tuesday, 4th March, 7pm, School Staff room. All Welcome.

2: Cross Country BBQ – Friday 14th March, 10am – 2pm, Nesca Park.

3: Welcome Bush Dance BBQ – Friday, 28th March, at the school.

P&C EMAIL LIST - You will receive notices of P&C meeting, as well as the agenda and minutes. This is a great way to keep up with the P&C and stay involved in school. Please send me a note at junctionpandc@hotmail.com if you would like to be on the P&C email contact list. Bro
nwyn Geerarts,

TJPS P&C President

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