

The Junction News

Newsletter of The Junction Public School



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Term 1 – Week 7

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PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Swimming Champions

Again we are very proud of all the students who attended the Regional Swimming Championships at Maitland last Thursday. A very strong team of 28 students represented our school – the biggest team ever at this level. Great achievements took place for all swimmers - with the outcome now being that 16 of those competing at Region are now going to the State Swimming Championships at Homebush at the end of this term. This is an outstanding achievement again – and of particular note is the participation of all four relay teams – boys and girls, senior and junior. Amazing stuff! Congratulations to Kelsey V, Travis H, Flynn H, Marc C, Saxon C, Lachlan B, Noah J, Guy H, Declan F, Michelle J, Coco D, Jorja V, Ayesha L, Ava R, Charlotte C, Susannah B. We are proud of all of you and wish you all the best at the State Championships.

Cross Country

Looking forward to our Cross Country Carnival to be run at Nesca Park this Friday – 14th March. Students will be leaving school at 11.00am, walking up to Nesca Park accompanied by their teachers and returning to school by 2.30pm. The P&C are cooking sausage sandwiches for \$2 as canteen lunch orders will not be available for students attending the carnival. Students will need to take sunscreen, hats and water bottles as well as other food requirements. 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 'Blue 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.

Staffing Changes

This week we have farewelled teacher Laura Chaffey (5C) who has taken up a relieving position at Caves Beach Public School as Assistant Principal. Ms. Chaffey has been a wonderful staff member at The Junction for the last three years and we all have certainly benefitted from her innovative teaching and strong technology skills. She is well regarded in the region for the support she provides to all her colleagues in curriculum. Mrs Louise Tilse, our current technology teacher - will be taking 5C for the rest of the year and is really looking forward to working with 5C. She will be following the Stage 3 program and students will continue to participate in the quality innovative programs that Ms Chaffey has in place. Mrs Tilse is another wonderful teacher at our school. A new technology teacher Mr Rob McTaggart will be taking the whole school technology programs for the remainder of the year and has started this week. Welcome Mr McTaggart!

Teacher, Robyn Hargreaves (2H) will be retiring from teaching at the end of next week. Mrs Hargreaves has been a wonderful colleague and teacher at The Junction Public School for the last seven years and has enjoyed working with the children and overseeing the educational journey of many families throughout this time. Ms. Amy Webster will be taking 2H for the remainder of the year from Monday 24th March. Ms Webster is a very experienced teacher who is very enthusiastic and keen to work with Year 2 for the rest of the year. I know you will join me in thanking Mrs Hargreaves for all she has done for your children and wishing her well for the future.

Girls Sport Shorts – Fridays

Just a reminder to all families that the black girl's sports shorts worn for sport on Fridays are to be mid length shorts – mid-way between the thigh and the knee - not 'short' shorts. Your attention to this part of our uniform will be appreciated. Thanks.

Wendy Cheek, Principal



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CALENDAR - TERM 1 – 2014
Week 7 Event

Thursday, March 13	2015 Selective High School test
Friday, March 14	School X 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

Week 10 Event

Tuesday, April 1	P & C Meeting – 7pm – Staffroom
Saturday, April 5	Olive Tree Markets – 9am-3pm

Week 11 Event

Wednesday, April 9	State Swimming
Thursday, April 10	State Swimming
Thursday, April 10	K-2 Easter Hat Parade (Note home soon!)
Friday, April 11	Last day of Term 1

CALENDAR - TERM 2 – 2014
Week 1 Event

Monday, April 28	STAFF ONLY Return
Tuesday, April 29	Students return for Term 2

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

3MC	Marly S	Teddy P
3W	Bridget H	Ethan M
3/4CR	Eloise K	Django H
4F	Natasha N	Travis H
4L	Pearl C Ana N	Eva N Nicholas C
5C	Justin T	Ruby Z
5/6B	Madison S	Darby P
6B	Hannah R	Joseph L
6C	Rose P	Ross M
Music	Kushi P - Senior	Harry B – Intermediate Kelsey V - Junior
Student of the month	Lily F – 3MC Paris R – 3/4CR Nathan F – 5/6B Rosallii F – 6C	Kelsey V – 3W Tahlia R – 4F Georgia S – 5C Ava R – 6B

Term 1 Week 6
KINDER, YEAR 1 & YEAR 2 ASSEMBLY

KK	Felix B	Sophie B
KD	Phoebe U	Jarvis S
KH	Samantha A	Thomas M
KE	Ty A	Zoe C
1J	Patrick J	Lan P
1CF	Lucca S	Mako Le R
1/2L	Luke G	Kira H
2H	Isaac J	Lara C
2R	Rayshai H	Kristian R
2/3B	Millin B	

Year 3 – 6 Assembly

Friday – 11.30am in the new hall.

Year K - 2 Assembly

This week class 2R will be leading the assembly. It was lovely to have Kindergarten at assembly last week and KE won the award for best class! Congratulations KE. Our K-2 assembly is on Wednesday in the new hall at 2pm. All welcome.

HEAD LICE

From time to time schools suffer the unfortunate spread of headlice. Headlice are only pin-head size and very difficult to see. The eggs, however are white and can be more easily seen. They are found mostly attached to hairs at the back of the neckband behind the ears. Please examine your child regularly and carefully. Headlice are very contagious. They are not the sign of unclean habits...anyone can get them. They multiply quickly within groups of people who are in close contact. Products, which can kill both lice and their eggs, can be obtained without prescription from your chemist. After using the product, it is important that time and care is taken to comb the hair with a fine toothcomb to remove all the eggs and lice. Only when this is done may the child return to school. It may assist if girls with long hair have their hair tied back with elastics or ribbons.

HARMONY DAY

Next Friday 21st March the school will be celebrating Harmony Day. Students may wear "Orange clothing" on the day. Year 6 will also be holding a cake stall. More information will be sent home next week.

NSW SURF LIFESAVING CHAMPIONSHIPS

On Friday, 28th February and the 1st and 2nd of March the New South Wales Surf Lifesaving Championships were held at Umina Beach on the Central Coast. I travelled with my family to go in the Iron man, surf swim, board, board rescue, board relay and surf teams events. I had trained hard for this moment at Bar Beach, Nobby's and Lambton Pool. In the Ironman, I was placed first. This meant I was named the NSW State Champion! In the board relay with Fletcher Myers and Thomas Sargent we came third in the state. In the surf teams with Lachlan Brown, Fletcher Myers and Thomas Sargent we also came third in the state. I was placed 5th in the swim. Fletcher Myers and myself won the board rescue. We were named State Champions! I have two gold medals and two bronze medals for all my efforts. I learnt a valuable lesson – hard work pays off and never miss a training session or you will regret it! Saxon Coates, Class 5S

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

What happened at the last P&C Meeting?

The AGM was held at the last P&C meeting. At the AGM, all office bearer positions were declared vacant, and the following office bearer's voted in:

President: Bronwyn Geerarts

Vice President: Julie Wharton

Vice President: Vacant

Minutes Secretary: Ruth Conroy

Correspondence Secretary: Barb Donnan

Treasurer: Michael Jonker

Sub committees:

Finance: Chaired by Michael Jonker

Fundraising:

Environs:

Uniform Shop: Donna Reay

Olive Tree Market BBQ Coordinators: Liz Ginters and Suzanne Taylor

Lobbying: Janet Ball and James Garvey

All positions except our second vice president were filled. The role of the vice president is to support the president, chair meetings in the president's absence and support the various committees' of the P&C. Are you interested in becoming our second vice president? For more information 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 bearer.

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.

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

Our **next P&C meeting** for the year will be held, **Tuesday 1st April at 7pm.**

What else did we discuss at the P&C meeting last Tuesday evening?

Donna Reay attended the meeting and bought in some sample red hairbands and hair elastics. These items will now be carried in the uniform shop.

P&C Activities and Class Contact List for 2014

The class list should have been e-mailed to you last week. Please check your Inbox. If you placed your name on the class list and have not yet received a copy, please contact Bronwyn at junctionpandc@hotmail.com

If you did not supply an e-mail address, you will receive a class list with this 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?

At the bottom of the 'Blue' Cross Country note there is a slip if you are able to help at the BBQ on Friday 14th March.

Thank you to those who have already volunteered. However, we still need more help! 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, or e-mail Bronwyn at junctionpandc@hotmail.com

Olive Tree Market BBQ – Saturday, 5th April, 9am 'til 3pm – Year 1

For the April OTM BBQ we are asking any parents/carers of **Year 1** children to help on the BBQ. If you have an hour and a half to spare please, call Liz Ginters on 0411 487 713 or elizabeth-g@bigpond.com to place your name on the roster. Four (4) people per shift are needed. Shifts are:

- 8:30-10am (open)
- 10-11:30am
- 11:30-1pm
- 1pm – 2:30 (close).



Not sure what you need to do? Don't worry, there will be other experienced parents to show you the ropes! Come and enjoy the fantastic atmosphere of the OTM and help raise funds for the school, and meet other parent's!

Upcoming P&C Events

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

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

3: P&C Meeting – Tuesday 1st April, 7pm, Staff room.

4: OTM BBQ Year 1 – Saturday, 5th April, 9am – 3pm.

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.

Bronwyn Geerarts,
TJPS P&C President

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