

The Junction News

Newsletter of The Junction Public School



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Term 1 – Week 9

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PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Harmony Day

Last Friday we celebrated Harmony Day across all classes. The message of Harmony Day is 'Everyone Belongs'. It is a day to celebrate Australia's diversity. It is a day of cultural respect for everyone who calls Australia home – from the traditional owners of this land to those who have come from many countries around the world. Our students participated in class based activities as well as assemblies.

3/4CR began the assembly singing the National Anthem in an Indigenous language. Students from classes then presented posters and class based activities to the rest of the assembly. Ghuilherme K of 1C and Patrick J of 1J spoke to the assembly in their native languages of Spanish and Swedish which was enjoyed by all.

The student executive then presented our school values messages based round the Harmony Day theme of everyone belongs as well. It was a most enjoyable day.



Cross Country

Best wishes to our school Cross Country team of:

Charlie G, Jack D, Ethan A, Nell H, Monica L, Natasha N, Flynn H, Daniel Byrne, Sam S, Charlotte H, Ebony D, Evie T, Joshua T, Saxon C, Cooper J, Madi S, Emily D, Millie S, Henry K, Angus M, Joe L, Ava R, Jade D and Charli Cl who will be representing our school at the Zone Cross Country trials at Stephenson Park, Mayfield tomorrow.

We have a really strong team of very fit runners who I hope will have lots of pasta for tea tonight. We wish them a very enjoyable day.

Welcome Bush Dance!

Looking forward to seeing everyone this Friday night 28th March, when we will be having a 'Welcome to new Families' Bush Dance at our school in the COLA area. 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 gives 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.

Zone Soccer Trials

Congratulations to Susanna B and Jo L who were successful in selection for the Newcastle Zone PSSA Soccer teams. Well done !

Parent Technology Workshop

Next Tuesday night we will be having a parent technology workshop at the school from 6.15pm till 7.00pm in classroom 5C prior to the P&C meeting at 7.00pm. The workshop is to provide for parents an insight into the application of technology in our current teaching and learning programs and how students so readily use it as a tool for learning. You will really find this workshop interesting. I will be sending home a separate note today with the newsletter to get an idea of attendance for the night. Next term we will be holding some stage based literacy workshops for parents.

Supervision After School

When we dismiss the students at 3.00pm we would like the students to leave the grounds safely and proceed on to home. If students remain on the school grounds they need to be under direct supervision of their parents. We cannot and do not wish to supervise games, 'play-dates' at school, or picnics in the school grounds. Skateboards are not to be ridden within the school grounds after school etc. Another very worrying practice is the students who climb the trees down in the Creative Playground – outside the Kinder rooms – while their parents are catching up or chatting with friends etc. We don't allow the children to climb trees in school hours – for obvious reasons - but many parents seem to not have our concerns about safety and I'm very worried someone is going to fall and have a serious accident. Thanks for your help with this.

Design Challenge Days

The stage 2 and 3 design challenge days will be taking place in the last week of school this term. Parents are welcome to attend. Notes will be coming home very soon.

Wendy Cheek, Principal

CALENDAR - TERM 1 – 2014**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
Tuesday, April 1	Parent information Technology session 6pm – 7pm
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
Thursday, April 10	Easter Raffle draw
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
Thursday, May 1	Year 1 Gymnastics commences

Week 3**Event**

Tuesday, May 13	NAPLAN – Year 3 and 5
Wednesday, May 14	NAPLAN - Year 3 and 5
Thursday, May 15	NAPLAN – Year 3 and 5

Week 4**Event**

Tuesday, May 20	Grandparents Day/Education Week Open Day
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SPECIAL MENTION AWARDS**Term 1 Week 8 KINDER, YEAR 1 & YEAR 2 ASSEMBLY**

KK	Alexis S	Noah Cleary
KD	Roxanna B	Ryder Ledlin
KH	Saoirse V	Jayden Berry
KE	Georgiana W	Harry Rundle
1J	Stanley M	Phoebe Daniels
1C	Sadie S	James Jackson
1CF	Maiya Y	Ella Rapley
1/2L	Ella B	Kou Evans
2H	Charlie C	Sammy Davis
2R	Ilaria M	Tayte Ryder
2W	Nate D	Amber Brown
2/3B	Jonah R	

Term 1 Week 7 YEARS 3, 4, 5 & 6 ASSEMBLY

2/3B	David M	
3MC	Archie J Marly S	Jack D
3W	Harvey M	Adele B
3/4CR	David B	Nate R
4F	Chloe P	Jet R
4A	Charlotte C	Freya K
5C	Logan R	Cameron S
5S	Flynn H Bronte S	Lily L Joshua T
5/6B	Marc C Caitlin K	Darby P Niamh L
6B	Ethan B	Hayley C
6C	Charli C	Jackson A
Music	Poppy D Kayne M	Emily D

A Note from the Office

- Could we remind parents to carefully check credit card details before sending in payments to the office. To avoid confusion, please write the numbers clearly.
- Payment at the office before 3pm would be appreciated as we need to close off for the day.

February Students of the Month

Mia A 4L
Cooper J 5S
Sophie C 2/3B

Year 3 – 6 Assembly

Friday – 11.30am in the new hall.

Year K - 2 Assembly

There will be no Kinder to Year 2 assembly this week as the hall is needed for a debating workshop. Our final term 1 assembly will be in week 10 (2nd April). Hope to see you there.

HARMONY DAY

On Thursday Stage 1 were very lucky to experience a visit from Lhamo Dolma. Lhamo came to Australia from Tibet as a refugee and her story was quite amazing and inspiring. She wore her traditional clothing and talked to the children about her culture. Lhamo is a talented performer and entranced the children with her beautiful voice and playing of a traditional Tibetan instrument. Thank you to Sandra Elms (Ronan and Emiel's grandmother) for organising this visit. It was a lovely way to demonstrate the clear message of Harmony Day - everyone belongs. Here is a photo of Lhamo, Emiel and Sandra.



CRICKET

Congratulations to our cricket team who successfully defeated Belair PS last week. They are heading to Stockton on Thursday to play against Stockton PS. Good luck team!



Our victorious cricket team

P & C NEWS

Easter Chocolate Raffle

Easter is getting closer and so is the Easter Chocolate Raffle!!!

We are asking for **donations of eggs** to be left at the front office.

The **Easter Raffle** raises approximately \$1400 for the school, plus there are lots of prizes with yummy eggs and chocolate- last year there were over 70 prizes to be won!

Donate an egg, sell some raffle tickets, and help raise some money for the school.

The Easter raffle will be drawn on Thursday, April 10th. All funds raised will be put towards purchasing more iPads and playground equipment for the school.

Raffle ticket books have been sent home with this week's newsletter. Additional raffle ticket books are available from the office.

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

Come along and enjoy the great music of 'Celtic Beat' at the Welcome Bush Dance BBQ! Meet new parents, or just catch up with those you haven't seen in a while!

Can you help for ½ hr at the Welcome Bush Dance BBQ? We have some lovely parent volunteers already; however we still need a few more. If you can spare ½ hour on the night, please contact Bronwyn at junctionpandc@hotmail.com

Parent Information Evening – Technology at the School – Tuesday 1st April, 6 -7pm

On **Tuesday, 1st April** there will be a parent information session run by Mrs Tilse on how technology is used in the curriculum at the school. The information session will start at 6pm and will run for 1 hour.

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

For the April OTM BBQ we are asking any parents/carer's 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).



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

2: Parent Information Evening – Technology in the School – Tuesday 1st April 6 – 7pm.

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

UNIFORM SHOP

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.

Hair accessories are now available from the Uniform Shop: Hair Bands (2 for 50c), Clips (8 for \$5), Alice Plain Headbands (\$2) or Alice Bow Headbands (\$5). 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.

25 Years and 3 generations of students later – and still waiting!!!

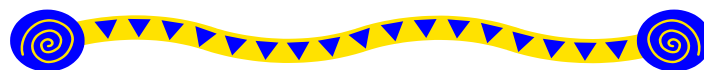
Thanks to those who have returned TJPS P&Cs "temporary" classrooms replacement survey. If you have not returned your survey as yet please fill it in and drop it into the P&C box in the front office by this Friday (28th March).

We need to remind Tim Owen, Newcastle MP, and Adrian Piccoli, Minister for Education, that they both stated that replacing the temporary classrooms at the TJPS was a high priority.

"A Liberal Government would make a new building the top education infrastructure priority for the region" (Tim Owen, Newcastle MP, Newcastle Herald, 28 Feb 2011)

"This will be one of the priorities (of Barry O'Farrell's State Liberal Party)" (Adrian Piccoli, Minister for Education, Ch 9, 8 Feb 2011)

If you have any queries or thoughts please call Janet (TJPS P&C) on 0438 008 697.



A HUGE THANK YOU TO ALL THOSE WHO CONTRIBUTED TO THE WOOLWORTHS EARN N LEARN PROGRAM LAST YEAR. KINDERGARTEN HAVE HAD FUN UNPACKING SOME OF THE PLAY EQUIPMENT WE WERE ABLE TO OBTAIN DUE TO YOUR GENEROSITY.



COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS.....

The Conservatorium Youth Choir

Entry: No audition – enrolment through Conservatorium Office

Ages: from 8 years (Year 3 onwards)

Rehearsals: Monday's 4.00pm-5.30pm, Peter Martin Studio at The Conservatorium

Description: The Conservatorium Youth Choir endeavours to foster excellence in musicianship and a love of music as well as to nurture young voices. It is available to all children from the age of 8 years from public and non-government schools and welcomes new members throughout the year. The CYC participates in various activities around the region and in the life of the Conservatorium. Students who join can expect to perform in a range of Conservatorium and community events often in collaboration with the Conservatorium's other choirs. They experience music from a variety of cultures, exploring many styles and incorporating different musical and vocal techniques. New members are welcome at any time throughout the year.

Director: Christopher Blake

Cost: \$99.00 per 9 week term

Contact: the office on (02) 4921 8900 or email: conservatorium@newcastle.edu.au

Souths Junior Rugby League Club are looking

for players in the U/8 and U/9 age groups. If you are interested in registering please contact:

Graeme Fitzgerald, President & Registrar

Mob: 0407 093 662

Email: southjrflc@gmail.com