

The Junction News

Newsletter of The Junction Public School



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Term 1 – Week 10

Tuesday 1 April 2014

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Congratulations Kindergarten!

Last week at assembly we celebrated the fact that Kindergarten have finished learning all their 42 'Jolly Phonics' sounds - and we were delighted to witness a small demonstration of that at assembly. They are now happily forming 'blends' with their sounds and writing some fantastic sentences! Well done to all Kinder students on their enthusiasm and joy for learning and thanks to parents for their support of this program.



Wonderful Bush Dance Night

We had a wonderful time at the 'Family Bush Dance' night on Friday night. Though the weather turned a bit damp - we were all nice and dry - under our COLA area and really enjoyed the fantastic music of 'Celtic Beat'. What a great band! It was really nice to see all the parents up and dancing with their children. We all learned some steps to some great new dances as well. Many thanks to the teachers who attended and also to the P&C for the fantastic barbecue - yet again! Welcome to all our new families!

Parent Technology Session – Tonight!

I am looking forward to seeing all parents at the Parent Technology workshop tonight at 6.15pm in classroom 5C. We are providing for parents this year a number of workshops in different learning areas - to better provide insights into our teaching and learning programs.

Tonight we are having a look at technology and I have teachers from across the stages ready to present some information to you about what we are doing across the school in this area.

We will look at what happens in technology classes, have a look at some class 'blogs', talk to you about 'Mathletics' and 'Lexile reading' for the primary and also show you some 'apps' we use on the iPads. It should be a very informative session.

At The P&C Meeting tonight I will be presenting information from the School Plan 2014 and the Annual School Report. All parents are warmly invited to attend.

Unpaid Invoices

Parents - we really need some help with some unpaid invoices at the moment as we head towards the end of term. We need to receive payment for resource books and programs we are using - 'Mathletics'; 'Grammar Conventions'; Handwriting and Spelling books. The students have received all these resources and are using them. We also require payment for elective programs such as band and dance groups. If you could please attend to this before the end of term (next week) we would really appreciate it - as we have to pay our suppliers. Thankyou.

Parent Information from the DEC Website:

What makes a good book for young kids?

Books with vivid imagery, exciting stories and strong characters will not only entertain your child but set them up to enjoy reading for the rest of their life.

Find out more:

<http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/zh/homework-and-study/english/my-book-club/what-makes-a-good-book-for-young-kids>

Helping kids learn how to make friends

If children are happy socially they tend to be more engaged in their learning. Teaching your child about the importance of making friends is as vital as learning their ABCs.

Find out more:

<http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/wellbeing/development/how-friendships-boost-your-childs-learning>

Wendy Cheek, Principal



Education &
Communities

CALENDAR - TERM 1 – 2014**Week 10****Event**

Tuesday, April 1	Parent information Technology session 6pm – 7pm
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
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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REMINDERS

- (Kinder-Year 2) Easter Hat Parade
Thursday 10th April – 9.30am
(Out of uniform day for K-Year 2 only)
Easter Hat to be made at home.
- Year 1 students – Term 2 Gymnastics program - \$36.00 (Pink note home last week!) Program starts Thursday 1st May.

SPECIAL MENTION AWARDS**Term 1 Week 9****YEARS 3, 4, 5 & 6 ASSEMBLY**

2/3B	David M	
3MC	Archie J Marly S	Jack D
3W	Harvey Mc	Adele B
3/4CR	David B	Nate R
4F	Chloe P	Jet R
4A	Charlotte C	Freya K
4L	Levi B	Evie T
5C	Logan R	Cameron S
5S	Flynn H Lily L	Bronte S Joshua T
5/6B	Marc C Caitlin K	Darby P Niamh L
6B	Ethan B	Hayley C
6C	Charli C	Jackson A
Band	Poppy D Kayne M	Emily D
Student of the month	Mia A – 4L Cooper J -5S Sophie C - 2/3B	

A Note from the Office

- Please ensure your child knows end of day arrangements. The school office is a very busy place and we are not always able to deliver late messages to students.
- Payment at the office before 3pm would be appreciated as we need to close off for the day.

Year 3 – 6 Assembly

Friday – 11.30am in the new hall.

Year K - 2 Assembly

This week will be the final assembly for K-2. The next assembly will be in Week 2 of Term 2 on Wednesday May 7th. Class 2W will be running the assembly and Class 2R will be sitting on seats as a reward for their excellent assembly manners. We hope to see you there this Wednesday in the New Hall at 2:00pm.

ENTERTAINMENT BOOKS

Envelopes will be sent home next Tuesday for the purchase of Entertainment Books. Books can be purchased online or money can be placed in envelopes and returned to the school office.

People who have pre-ordered online will receive their book and voucher next week and anyone who has pre-ordered with cash or cheque will receive a code to access their vouchers. **Any other pre-orders must be completed by this Friday 4th April.**

Mrs Fitzgibbon

CHESS CLUB

Chess Club will begin Wednesday at lunchtime straight after eating time outside the Tiered Learning area. All welcome! The inter-school competition will start next term but only eligible senior students will be able to participate in competition events. Thank you.

Mrs King, Chess co-ordinator

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 from 8.45am to about 9.15am in the Old School Hall.

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

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.

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

NEWCASTLE SCHOOL PORTRAITS School Photos

If there are any problems with the School photos you have received, please phone: Newcastle School Portraits on 4965 4114.

If you would like to order Specialty Photos e.g. Captains, House Captains, Band groups, Choir you need to go online and order using the code: 399468Q.

WHAT A FUN NIGHT AT THE BUSHDANCE!



P & C NEWS

Next P&C Meeting

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

What's on the agenda?

Wendy will be talking about the school plan for the coming year. The school plan articulates the priority areas and outcomes for the coming year at the school.

Everyone is welcome!

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!

Parent Technology Workshop – Tuesday 1st April, 6pm - 7pm

Prior to the P&C meeting tonight, 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 6:15 pm and finish by 7pm.

***** **Volunteers needed urgently** *****

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

We still need at least 2 more people per shift for the April OTM BBQ. Can you help?

We are asking any parents/carer's of **Year 1** children to help on the BBQ, **this Saturday, 5th April**. If you have an hour and a half to spare please contact 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).



Thank you!

Easter Chocolate Raffle

IF YOU SELL RAFFLE TICKETS TO FAMILY & FRIENDS – PLEASE ALSO PLACE YOUR NAME & CLASS SOMEWHERE ON THE TICKET IN CASE WE ARE UNABLE TO CONTACT THE WINNER!!!

Keep those donations coming!

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

Thank you to all those people who have donated eggs for the Easter chocolate raffle.

Please leave any **donations of eggs** at the front office.

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.

Additional raffle ticket books are available from the office.

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

It was a great night at the Welcome Bush Dance BBQ on Friday night! Although the weather was a little downcast, "Celtic Beat" provided wonderful music for those who attended. Many thanks to Liz Ginters, Cathy McIntyre, Eloise Fleck, Hana, Oliver, Caitlin Cooper, Neil Mawson, Jody Cooper & Anne Keating, who did a fantastic job feeding and watering the many hungry and thirsty dancers on the night.

Upcoming P&C Events

1. **Parent Information Evening – Technology in the School – Tuesday 1st April 6 – 7pm.**
2. **P&C Meeting – Tuesday 1st April, 7pm, Staff room.**
3. **OTM BBQ Year 1 – Saturday, 5th April, 9am – 3pm.**
4. **Last Day to return Easter Raffle tickets – Tuesday 8th April.**
5. **Easter Egg Raffle drawn – Thursday, 10th April.**

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

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS.....

Newcastle Youth Orchestra

Kids Classics: The Places You'll Go

When: Saturday, 5th April 2014, 2pm

Where: Newcastle Civic Theatre

Tickets: Available through Ticketek and through the box office Civic Theatre!

Newcastle Youth Orchestra presents their first concert for the season, exploring music across the globe. Climb aboard with NYO and *Captain Elliot Peck* as we visit France, Ireland, America and Hungary, and explore the works of Saint-Saens, Brahms and a whole lot more! Bring the kids and your imagination as we enjoy a wonderful afternoon of music making and giant puppetry!