

The Junction News

Newsletter of The Junction Public School



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Term 1 – Week 11

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PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

How quickly the term has gone with so many achievements taking place.

Annual School Report

Our Annual School Report for 2013 is now on our school web-site.

Best Wishes

We are very proud of our 16 strong school swimming team – off to Homebush tomorrow and Thursday for the State Swimming Titles. It is quite a remarkable achievement to have such a large group represent one school. All four school relay teams – boys and girls, junior and senior are participating. They are: 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. The students have been practising hard and we wish them all the very best at the championships.

Farewell and a Huge Thank you

On behalf of the school community, I would like to publicly say farewell and an enormous thank you to our Administration Manager – Kerry Patterson who will be finishing up at the end of this week to take leave with a view to retirement later in the year. Kerry has worked at The Junction for ten years and is to be commended for her untiring devotion, professionalism and support to the students, parents and teachers at the school. Kerry has always gone 'above and beyond' in her everyday role - it was always more than a 'job' to Kerry as she has always wanted the best outcomes for everybody. At a time of significant change in the organisational structures for the department, Kerry has always been devoted to the school and particularly the students. I have thoroughly enjoyed working with Kerry and will miss her support and enthusiasm. If you are around school this week it would be really nice if you drop in and say 'farewell' and thanks to a wonderful staff member.

We are very pleased to welcome our new School Admin Manager next term – Dianne Edwards who is really looking forward to working at The Junction – relieving for Kerry until the position is filled.

I know you will all make Dianne feel welcome next term.

Technology Workshop

We ran our Technology workshop for parents last Tuesday night and it was very well attended. Survey feedback from parents told us they really appreciated the opportunity to hear about our Technology programs and the structures and organisation within the school. Sharelle Land our teacher/librarian gave an overview of the 'Mathletics' program as well as the Lexile Reading Program and the Premier's Reading Challenge. Rob McTaggart our technology teacher, showed parents our scope and sequence for technology and showed student work sample., Louise Tilse showed parents or school 'Wiki' page and student wiki pages as well as demonstrating some of the 'apps' we use on our iPads. Angie King explained and presented her class 'weebly' (class info page) and how parents can get a real insight into what and how their children learn.

We had some great discussions on student safety and security on the internet, I flagged a Cyber Safety Workshop coming up in Term 3; and we discussed the equity of the use of technology as a tool for learning and I appreciated the feedback from parents who were present.

We will run a stage based literacy session for parents next term and a numeracy one in Term 3.

Design Challenges

This Wednesday 9th April will be our sharing session of our grade design challenges.

The design challenges are grade based and structured to complement curriculum areas for the term. Years 3 and 4 will demonstrate the outcomes of their challenges to parents tomorrow with both Year 3 and Year 4 beginning at 12.15pm – for parents who can attend. These grade design challenges are again part of our whole school 'Enrichment and Engagement Framework' to provide high engagement experiences across the school for all students.

Year 3 and 4 were given the challenge of 'Creating a Movie – for the Short Film Festival'. It involved incorporating five selected items. Students had to work in collaborative groups and learn many new skills.

Wednesday afternoon will be the Year 5 and 6 design challenge day beginning at 2pm in the new school hall. The challenge for Years 5 and 6 was working within a group and creating musical instruments that produce different sounds and play a short tune together. Sounds like great fun (pardon the pun).

Easter Hat Parade

As Easter falls in the middle of our school holidays, our Easter hat parade for students in Kinder to Year 2 will take place this Thursday from 9.15am in the new hall. Students in Kinder to Year 2 may be out of uniform on Thursday. This is always a really happy, enjoyable and colourful event and is a great one to bring along grandparents / aunties and uncles. We will also be drawing the Easter raffle prizes on this day – so you may be going home with some wonderful chocolate goodies. Looking forward to seeing you then!

Staff Development Day Term 2

A reminder to parents that school for all students from Kinder to Year 6 next term, will begin on Tuesday 29th April as staff will be involved in professional development activities on the preceding Monday. Wishing all families a safe and enjoyable holiday break – see you all next term.

Wendy Cheek, Principal

REMINDERS

- (Kinder-Year 2) Easter Hat Parade this 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) Program starts Thursday 1st May (Week 1).

CALENDAR - TERM 1 – 2014

Week 11	Event
Wednesday, April 9	State Swimming
Wednesday, April 9	ANZAC Day service at school at 10.30am
Wednesday, April 9	Year 3 & 4 Design Challenge – presentation to parents 12.15pm
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 Thursday, May 1	<u>Students return for Term 2</u> Year 1 Gymnastics commences
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Week 2	Event
Tuesday, May 6	P & C Meeting – 7pm
Wednesday, May 7	Mother's Day Stall
Thursday, May 8	Mother's Day Stall

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

SCHOOL ANZAC SERVICE

Tomorrow the school will be conducting its annual Anzac Remembrance Service in the new hall at 10.30am. This service will be led by our school leaders. Mrs Keating

SPECIAL MENTION AWARDS

Term 1 Week 10 KINDEr, YEAR 1 & YEAR 2 ASSEMBLY

KK	Greta D'A	Luka M
KD	Dominic M	Ava K
KH	Isla S	Ella W
KE	Kahn W	Kimmika G
1J	Ruby K	Lachlan C
1C	Elyssa K	Lewis S
1CF	Sofia M	Kai H
1/2L	Tess N	Charlotte A
2H	Lucy C	Astrid M
2R	Claire L	Marco B
2W	Mitzi K	Tyrone H
2/3B	Charlotte W	

Term 1 Week 10 YEARS 3, 4, 5 & 6 ASSEMBLY

2/3B	Jack W	
3MC	Jada D	Ziv Tu
3W	Poppy D Phoebe L	Bridget H Isabella G
3/4CR	Gus C Asha T	Alexandra McK
4F	Finnlay F	Daisy B
4A	Lara B	Arkadjya H
4L	Jesse S	Yasmin P
5S	Annika S Louka P	Peter S
5/6B	Niamh L Jasmine M	Lara Z
6B	Jonathon De V	Darcy O'D
6C	Sam A	Alexandra H
Band	Bridget H	
Student of the month	Jeremy S	Natasha N

Year 3 – 6 Assembly

This Friday – 11.30am in the new hall.

Year K - 2 Assembly

There is no assembly this week! The next assembly will be in Week 2 of Term 2 on Wednesday May 7th.

ZONE CROSS COUNTRY

On Wednesday 26th March a team of 24 students represented The Junction Public School at Stevenson's Park Mayfield for Zone Cross Country. Humid conditions made for a tough race. All our students lifted themselves to the occasion and put in their best efforts. Congratulations to all our Zone Cross Country participants especially those listed below who are progressing through to Regionals. 8/9 Years: Nell H 5th, 10 Years: Flynn H 5th, 11 Years: Saxon C 5th, 11 Years: Maddison S 5th, 12/13 Years: Henry K 3rd

BOYS' PSSA SOCCER

Last Thursday, our boys' soccer team played Hamilton South Public School in an exciting match. Both teams played well, unfortunately Hamilton South won the match on the day. Our boys should be proud of their performance on the day. Mr Bryant

ENTERTAINMENT BOOKS

Envelopes will be sent home next term for the purchase of Entertainment Books. Books can be purchased online or money can be placed in envelopes and returned to the school office. Once orders and payments are made we will send the book home with your child.

People who have pre-ordered online will receive their book and voucher soon. Mrs Fitzgibbon

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.

New trackpants will be arriving next term. A big thank you to Kim Forbes, Vera Moore, Bernadette Ryan, Monique Watson, Sarah Harden and Sally Hodgson who have helped out in the Uniform shop this term. Donna Reay, Co-ordinator

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**

(Please note the correct code for ordering the specialty photos – 39946AQ)

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: 39946AQ then choose Pre-existing – specialty groups.

P & C NEWS

April 1st, P&C meeting

Our last P&C meeting was held after the Parent Technology Workshop last Tuesday, 1st April. It was lovely to see so many people at the technology evening. It was a very informative evening. Angie King, Louise Tilse and Rob McTaggart demonstrated how technology is used as an integral part of the curriculum at The Junction Public School.

Thank you to the parents who stayed for the P&C meeting. Part of the discussion at the meeting concerned meeting times for the P&C. As a result of this discussion the P&C will investigate alternative days, times and formats for future meetings.

Next P&C Meeting

Our **next P&C meeting** for the year will be held after the school holidays, on **Tuesday 6th May at 7pm**.

Easter Chocolate Raffle

Tomorrow, Wednesday 9th April, is your last chance to get any egg donations or raffle tickets into the office!

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

The Easter raffle will be drawn this 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. A big thank you to the lovely ladies who have counted money and wrapped Easter Eggs for the Easter Raffle: June McTaggart, Eithne Healy, Robyn McGuire, Kristen Saunders, Sylvia Allen, Olga Kovacev, Janet Doyle and Karly Zaccharia. A big thank you also to Liz Knapp for designing the raffle tickets covers and posters that you see around the school.

Retirement of Kerry Patterson

On behalf of the P&C, I would like to take this opportunity to wish Kerry all the best in her very well deserved retirement. Kerry has been an integral part of the school for many years and has given wonderful support to the P&C and all of its activities during this time. We will miss you Kerry!

Olive Tree Market BBQ – Saturday, 5th April.

Thank you to all the parent and carer's who generously volunteered their time to help on the OTM last Saturday 5th April. I apologise for the short notice in cancelling the BBQ, however we were endeavouring to comply with the most recent regulations for temporary food stalls. These changes will be in place for the next OTM BBQ.

Please feel free to contact me if you have any further questions.

School Holidays

Have a safe and happy break! See you in 2 weeks.

Upcoming P&C Events

1. **Last Day to return Easter Raffle tickets – Wednesday 9th April.**
2. **Easter Egg Raffle drawn – Thursday, 10th April.**
3. **Mother's Day Stall – Wednesday 7th May and Thursday 8th May.**
4. **Gardening Day – Early Term 2 – stay tuned for details.**

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.....

YWCA Vacation Care

School holiday fun
for children aged 5-12 years

Games - Theme Days - Excursions - Movies - Cooking

Enquiries: 4929 2954 - yncle@bigpond.com
(Child Care Benefit Available)

Monday, 14th April 2014 - Friday, 25th April 2014				
Monday, 14th April DISCOVER ASIA Japanese drumming workshop Sushi making Yoga...craft...origami... Easter Monday EASTER Vacation Care closed	Tuesday, 15th April Easter Eggstravaganza! Cooking...activities... Easter egg hunt and games at Centennial Park Tuesday, 22nd April EARTH DAY Discover your place in the universe... Recycled crafts... FUN...FUN...FUN!	Wednesday, 16th April KITCHEN SCIENCE Experiments... Activities...Craft... Don't miss the fun! Wednesday, 23rd April MOVIE DAY & picnic lunch at Centennial Park Thursday, 24th April EVERONE BELONGS Harmony Day Cooking - Anzac biscuits Activities...Crafts Anzac Day remembrance picnic lunch Friday, 25th April GOOD FRIDAY EASTER Vacation Care closed Friday, 25th April PUBLIC HOLIDAY ANZAC DAY Vacation Care closed	Thursday, 17th April It's discovery time at hunter wetlands centre Digging Geese feeding Hands-on reptile show Refer to excursion information sheet for full details Friday, 18th April GOOD FRIDAY EASTER Vacation Care closed Friday, 25th April PUBLIC HOLIDAY ANZAC DAY Vacation Care closed	Friday, 18th April GOOD FRIDAY EASTER Vacation Care closed Friday, 25th April PUBLIC HOLIDAY ANZAC DAY Vacation Care closed

YWCA Hunter Region Inc.
24 Dawson Street, COOKS HILL
CRN 555 010 881v
Centre operating hours
7.30am to 6.00pm
Scheduled program runs from
9.30am to 4.30pm

Childcare benefit/rebate available for eligible families.
Contact your nearest Centrelink office for information regarding reduced fees and CRN no. prior to returning YWCA Vacation Care Enrolment Form.
Annual family enrolment fee—\$10.00

Cancellations available on selection of alternative day prior to day of care if position available. All other cancellations and/or non-attendance deemed as absent and fees will apply.

BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL

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