

The Junction News

Newsletter of The Junction Public School



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Term 2 – Week 1

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PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Welcome back to all families and to the new families who have joined us this term. Term 2 is only 9 weeks long at the end of which, you will receive a class report on the progress of your child. This is also a very busy and eventful term – read on.

Mother's Day Morning Tea

We will be holding our Mother's Day morning tea next Thursday morning from 10.30am in the old hall. This is our annual Mother's Day event as a thank you to all our mums for the great job they do all year. All mothers are welcome to attend to have a chat with friends and enjoy a delicious morning tea served by some of our senior students. Some entertainment will also take place. Looking forward to seeing all those who can make it.

Mother's Day Stall

Our annual Mother's Day Stall will run next week on Wednesday and Thursday. Students will have the opportunity to buy a small gift for mums, aunties or family friends etc. Gifts are modestly priced – so students may need some extra 'pocket money' on these days.

I'm sure the P&C would still like to receive any appropriate mother's day gift donations in readiness for next week. Donations may be left in the large tubs in the admin foyer any time this week. Thanks.

NAPLAN

The National Assessment Program for Literacy and Numeracy for years 3 and 5 students will take place on Tuesday 13th, Wednesday 14th and Thursday 15th May. This diagnostic assessment program is a very useful tool for demonstrating the strengths and areas for development of students. Tuesday will be Language, Wednesday is Reading and Thursday is the Numeracy Assessment.

These assessments give us valuable diagnostic data of students' learning and give a snapshot of student achievement at this time of the year.

GRANDPARENTS DAY / EDUCATION WEEK OPEN DAY

On Tuesday 20th May we will be holding an Open Day at school to combine 2 events – our celebration of

Senior Citizen's Week ie Grandparents' Day and our Education Week Open Day.

We will begin our celebrations at 9.30am with an assembly in the new hall. All parents and grandparents are invited to attend to enjoy performances and presentations led by our student leaders. At the conclusion of the assembly all parents and grandparents are invited to visit their child's classrooms and participate in some class activities. After this, a morning tea will be available from 11.00am till 11.45am for all families to enjoy together. Put this date aside in your diaries – looking forward to seeing you then.

Book Fair

We will be holding a Book Fair in our school library, in three weeks' time - beginning Monday 19th May. This is always a very popular event and a great opportunity to purchase some great literature from Scholastic. More information will be available as the date nears.

Staff Development Day

On Monday at our Staff Development Day teachers worked on the new Maths syllabus, developing assessment tasks that will give us explicit information on the progress of students. We also looked at the new Science syllabus to be implemented next year, and a Science Framework called 'Primary Connections' which will really complement this. Staff then also worked on English units – it was a very productive day.

Welcome

I would like to offer a very warm welcome to Dianne Edwards our new relieving School Admin Manager who has joined us this term. Kerry Patterson is currently on leave. Our admin staff do a wonderful job at our school and Dianne is looking forward to working with them and our whole school community. Please say 'hi' to Dianne next time you pop in to school.

ANZAC Day Service

Lisa Hughes our Assistant Principal attended the local ANZAC Service at Townsend Oval Merewether with School Captains, Jo L and Ava R. Our wreath was made by Kath Sipple, we also planted poppy seeds at the memorial in hope they will flower in spring for Remembrance Day.

Wendy Cheek, Principal

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Communities

CALENDAR - TERM 2 – 2014**Week 1****Event**

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| Thursday, May 1 | Year 1 Gymnastics commences |
| Saturday, May 3 | Olive Tree Markets-9am to 3pm |

Week 2**Event**

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| Tuesday, May 6 | P & C Meeting – 7pm |
| Wednesday, May 7 | Senior Band perform West Leagues club at 10.10am – Bus to depart at 9am |
| Wednesday, May 7 | Mother's Day Stall |
| Thursday, May 8 | Mother's Day Stall |
| Thursday, May 8 | Mother's Day Morning Tea – 10.30am in the old hall |

Week 3**Event**

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| 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**

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| Tuesday, May 20 | Grandparents Day/Education Week Open Day |
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BAND NEWSEntertainment Books

Envelopes will be sent home today for the purchase of Entertainment Books. If you wish to purchase one, please place \$60 cash, cheque (made out to The Junction Public School), or complete the credit card form, place in the envelope, and return it to the school office. Books or the digital version can also be bought online. Money raised will contribute to the purchase of new instruments and scores for our bands.

Senior Band Performance – Wednesday 7th May

Our Senior Band will perform at the Bald and Beautiful Day at Western Suburbs Leagues Club on Wednesday, 7th May, at 10:10am. Students will have a band rehearsal day on Thursday 1st May to prepare for this performance. Lesley Fitzgibbon

TAP DANCE NOTICE

Just a reminder the Boys and Girls tap classes will resume next week at 8am. A note will also go home this week to parents of tap students about the Park Avenue Dance Studio concert on 25th May. Our tap students are invited to perform at this concert with their parent's permission.

SPECIAL MENTION AWARDS**Term 1 Week 11****YEARS 3, 4, 5 & 6 ASSEMBLY**

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| 3MC | Harri M | Joel W |
| 3W | Ava L Phoebe L | Lucia P |
| 3/4CR | Declan F | Gus A |
| 4F | Harriet C | Aiden F |
| 4A | Imogen W | Max F |
| 4L | Rylee F | Callum H |
| 5C | Finnian G | Lucy U |
| 5S | Jorjia V | Nick W |
| 5/6B | Tom F | Haylie S |
| 6B | Sebastian C | Lillian M |
| 6C | Bella D | Gabe B |
| Band | Lucia P Jai M Lily F | Jorjia V Annika S Oliver A |
| Student of the month | Kepei T | |
| Monthly Band Award | Georgia F Piper B | Jade D Monica L |

Year 3 – 6 Assembly

This Friday – 11.30am in the new hall.

K - 2 Assembly

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

YEAR 1 GYMNASTICS STARTS THIS THURSDAY!!!

Students in Year 1 are to wear their Sports Uniform each Thursday – however there will be no Gymnastics on Thursday 8th May.

Class 1CF – 9.15am to 10am
Class 1J – 10.15am to 11am
Year 1 Students (1/2L) – 11.30am to 12.15pm
Class 1C - 12.15pm to 1pm

STAGE 2 POETRY WRITING

Last term some Year 3 & 4 students participated in a poetry writing GATS Day with Mrs Liz Bugbird. The children thoroughly enjoyed this opportunity and produced some wonderful poems. Here are a few:

Eva:

The Beach

*I see the giant blue monster with its hand of cool crispness,
lapping upon the shore of pure gold.
The rocks, cracked and old like my kind old grandad.
I feel the icy water shielding me from the hot, shining sun.
I taste the salty water mixed with seaweed and hear seagulls gossiping.
I hear the clashing of the hands of water as I look out to the mass of glitter
The beach is where I live.*

Nell:

Christmas

*I feel the snow beneath my feet.
I feel the laughter that soon will be unleashed.
I feel the fur of the reindeer warm
At Christmas.
I taste the berries from the trees,
I taste the sweetness from beneath.
I taste the ice cold snow
At Christmas.*

Chloe:

Beach

*Waves crashing, seagulls crunching our chips,
Hot sand burning my feet,
Hot chips in my mouth,
Ice-cream running all sticky down my face.
Sunbaking with my sister,
Just loving the day.*

Joe:

My Imagination

*A world where I am in charge,
A world in my head when I awake
I control the world with my hand.
In my imagination all is happy;
There is no sad.
It is my world
This wonderful world is my imagination.*

Kaj:

My Book

*The cover, the colossal cover
I touch it, it feels golden.
Slowly I open, carefully devouring each word.
I can feel the excitement exploding with each page.
What will happen next in my beautiful bold book?.*

Declan:

The Beach

*Waves crashing on the shore like a dinosaur's roar
People screaming, as big waves form.
I see...
People sunbaking across the blazing sand
People having fun; joy in the water.
I taste...
Salt water, crunchy chips in tomato sauce.
Tasty sausage sandwiches crunching in my teeth.
I feel...
My heart beat with joy and love of the beach.
I love the beach just like you.*

STATE SWIMMING

Last term 16 talented swimmers from our school spent 2 days at Sydney Olympic Park swimming in the State Championships. Schools and students came from all over the state and the level of talent was extremely impressive, definitely future Olympians were amongst them. Our students performed to the highest standard with some breaking their personal best times. Our relay teams didn't miss a beat finishing in the top 25 in the state, our junior boys finishing 11th overall. Congratulations to our relay teams 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 LI, Ava R, Charlotte C, and Susanna B.

Ayesha, Saxon, Marc and Kelsey also competed in individual events with impressive results. Kelsey V finished 7th in the final of her age race and was selected in the Hunter region All Stars Relay team.

A few thoughts from our team:-

State swimming was a great experience for me. It was really fun and nerve wracking swimming in the Olympic Pool. For me it was one of the many fun experiences that go with school. (Lachlan B)

Swimming in the Olympic Pool was amazing!! Even though we didn't place we learnt just by the experience. We had a great time and achieved our goals. (Ava Robertson)
It was a long way to travel. It was packed with people as we arrived. We started with warm ups and then tried to relax. When we were called I started to worry that my goggles would fall off but in the end it was over in a second. I loved it!! (Susanna B)

The state swimming carnival was a great experience. There were a lot of schools and swimming in the Olympic Pool was very exciting. State swimming was the furthest I've gone in all of my years of swimming. (Guy H)
We are very proud of all of our students and they have achieved something very few people get to experience. How many of us can look back and say we competed in the Sydney Olympic Pool??

PSSA ORGANISATION

Once a student reaches the age of 8 years they are eligible to participate in competitions outside those run just for the students of The Junction Public School. These competitions are run by a governing body known as Primary School Sports Association (PSSA). When students leave primary school and go to high school the governing body is Combined High Schools (CHS). These competitions are Cross Country, Swimming and Athletics. Successful placement in one of these events will allow the students to continue to the next level known as ZONE. The Junction School is in the **Newcastle Zone**. If students are successful at Zone level they have the opportunity to attend REGION. Our school is in the **Hunter Region** which extends from Central Coast to Taree and as far west as Muswellbrook.

In all of the Zone and Regional competitions there are guidelines for schools to follow. This will often include the number of competitors we can send and qualifying times or distances.

Separate to these competitions the PSSA run a state knockout competition in a variety of sports. Our school in 2014 has entered Cricket, Netball, Basketball, Soccer, Rugby and Rugby League. Teams are selected from our senior grades and are teacher selected/chosen sometimes with the guidance of a community body or coach. In this competition once you are defeated in a game you are no longer part of that competition.

There are a number of other sports designated for Primary students. These include Touch Football, Golf, Diving, Tennis, AFL, Softball and Hockey. Schools will pick representative students to attend Zone Trials in all of the primary sports. Selection is by a teacher who has to follow the guidelines presented to them from the Zone Association. Guidelines often restrict the number of students who can be sent and the quality of the students. Selection at Zone level leads to Regional Trials which again have restrictions and guidelines on numbers and ability.

If a student is successful at a Regional trial they are selected for a Hunter Regional Sporting team to attend a State Carnival.

In the past The Junction Public School has had a great deal of success with individuals representing at State level and National level. Some of our ex-students have continued to represent Australia at Olympic level and play in competitions overseas. We have been NSW State Team Champions in Boys Basketball, Cricket and Rugby. This has been a tremendous effort from our young athletes.

Recently the following students' have been successful in gaining a position in Hunter Regional Teams – Joe L will travel to Ryde for the AFL State Competition, Ava R and Georgia F will travel to Narellan for Hockey and Susannah Behne-S travels to Tomaree for Soccer.
Mrs Briggs

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).

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.

EASTER RAFFLE PRIZE WINNERS

Thank you to everyone who donated Easter eggs and purchased tickets in the P & C Easter Raffle. Congratulations to the following winners.....

1st: Amanda F C/- Blake 1C; 2nd: Josie 1J;
3rd: Reed Van Huisstede C/- Hunter M 2W;
4th: Samantha A KH; 5th: Rory H 3W;
6th: Liam S 1J; 7th: Kelsey V 3W;
8th: Lisa C C/- Nick 4L; 9th: Millie G 1C;
10th: Koby C KE; 11th: Tilly Shedden C/- Jarvis KD;
12th: Joshua D 3W; 13th: Lily F 3/4CR;
14th: Jenny Metcalf -Office; 15th: Neve & Isla H;
16th: Khair S KH; 17th: Maya L 5S;
18th: Fabian K C/- Malika 4L;
19th: John Thaw C/- Jett P 2W;
20th: Amelia L 1CF; 21st: Isabella S 1C;
22nd: Holly D 2W; 23rd: Piper B 4A;
24th: Isaac J 2H; 25th: Janet C C/- Zoe C KE;
26th: Lily F 3Mc; 27th: Will C C/- Max H 3W;
28th: Asha T 3/4CR;
29th: Harmony B KE;

30th: Mrs Dowler; 31st: Tayte R 2R;
 32nd: Kylie R C/- Ella R 1CF;
 33rd: Katrina 5/6B; 34th: Cameron 1/2L;
 35th: Saxon 5S; 36th: Isaac 1/2L
 37th: Mrs Patterson; 38th: Luka M KK;
 39th: Declan F 3/4CR; 40th: Beth B KE;
 41st: Phoebe Lock 3W; 42nd: Jade Tindall 2/3B;
 43rd: Charlotte H 4F; 44th: Hana G 4F
 45th: Harry R KE; 46th: Claudia W 1C
 47th: Imigyn M 5S; 48th: Cooper S 5S

P & C NEWS

Welcome Back to School

Welcome back to Term 2. I hope everyone had a safe and enjoyable break.

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**.

Mother's Day Stall

Mother's Day is fast approaching! The P&C will be holding a stall during school hours next week, Wednesday 7th May and Thursday 8th May. If you would like to make a donation for the stall, there is a box in the office where you can leave your donation. More information can be found in today's newsletter, or by contacting Kim Forbes on kimandrewforbes@hotmail.com.

MOTHERS DAY STALL 2014

WED 7th May

THUR 8th May

It is nearly **Mothers Day**

We would love for you to donate a small gift to put in the Mothers Day Stall, they will be priced at \$2, \$4, or \$6

Please leave your donations (soaps, candles, coffee mugs, drawer liners, tea towels etc) at the front office asap.

Last donations to be in by Monday 5th May.

If you can volunteer some time to help at the stall on either day :

time slots are 9-10, 10-11, 11.20 - 12, and 12-1 (12-1.30 on Thur)

Please contact Kim Forbes with preferred time.

kimandrewforbes@hotmail.com

Mob: 0435064541

Gardening Day

The P&C will be holding a gardening day on Saturday 10th May. Stay tuned for details.

Retirement of Kerry Patterson

On Thursday, 10th April, the P&C presented Kerry Paterson with a photo collage of the school on the occasion of her retirement. The following words engraved on the plaque on the frame:

"To Kerry, with appreciation and great thanks for your dedication to, and care of our children. The Junction Public School P&C".

Kerry was surprised and delighted with her gift.

I would like to thank Julie Wharton for organising and co-ordinating Kerry's gift, Mel Roberts for her beautiful photography and Purnell Trophies for engraving Kerry's plaque. We are lucky to have such talented parent's at the school.



The Junction Public School Building Fund – A Tax Deductible Gift Recipient Fund

The Junction Public School P&C has a Building Fund that helps fund permanent fixtures and maintenance works on our historic Old Hall and New Hall. Donations to the P&C Building Fund are tax deductible so in the lead up to the end of financial year you may wish to consider making an online donation or encourage businesses you know to get behind the school to help us provide first-class facilities. To make a donation simply go to www.givenow.com.au and enter the key words 'The Junction Public School'.

Please contact Justine on 0404 470974 if you would like to distribute brochures about the Building Fund at your workplace, amongst your business networks or friends and family. Thank you to those that already have donated. We'd love to be able to raise enough money to put some stage lighting in the new hall, and we're on the way!

Gifts 4 Learning

Gifts 4 Learning is a gifting program that enables parents, families and community members to make cash donations targeted toward specific areas in the school. This initiative is extremely beneficial in assisting with resources for our whole school programs as outlined in the School Plan and gives you the opportunity to donate to a specific area of interest or need (Learning, Environment, Arts, Technology, Play & Sport). To make a donation simply go to www.givenow.com.au and enter the key words 'The Junction Public School' and choose Gifts for Learning after entering the chosen amount click on "special message" to include the specific area you would like to donate to.

Upcoming P&C Events

1. **Mother's Day Stall – Wednesday 7th May and Thursday 8th May.**
2. **Gardening Day – Saturday May 10th May.**
3. **Movie Night – Friday 20th June – Tower Cinemas Newcastle.**

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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KINDER TO YEAR 2 STUDENTS HAD FUN CREATING THEIR EASTER HATS.....

