

The Junction News

Newsletter of The Junction Public School



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Term 2 – Week 2

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PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Mother's Day Morning Tea

We will be holding our Mother's Day morning tea this Thursday morning from 10.30am in the old hall. This is our annual Mother's Day event as a thankyou 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.

Parent Survey Results

I would like to thank all parents who returned surveys at the end of last term and gave us some great constructive feedback on school structures and organisation. Following are some of the results from that survey:

- 98% of respondents agree or strongly agree that our school is a friendly school and is tolerant and accepting of all students.
- 95% agree or strongly agree that a wide range of extracurricular programs are offered and that there are engaging programs for students.
- 90% agree or strongly agree that there is an effective focus on literacy and numeracy.
- 98% agree or strongly agree that the school office responds to enquiries and requests in a friendly and prompt manner;
- 95% agree or strongly agree that the school executive team is providing strong purposeful leadership.

We received some constructive feedback on our student welfare programs, with suggestions about a clearer understanding of the policy and achievement recognition for students. We are now going to review our student achievement and recognition structures ensuring equity for all, in this area. We also received feedback around improving our communication around school directions and focus areas for professional development. I will therefore be consistently conveying this type of information in newsletters to parents, keeping you as updated and informed as I can. There were many other useful individual comments which were really helpful to receive. The survey has provided invaluable information for us to further plan and improve our practices. The comments from parents I really appreciated. We would

like to thank our parent community for their partnership and support of our school.

Canteen News

Congratulations to our Canteen Manager Kath Elvins who has managed to change our current canteen menu, to meet the Fresh Tastes @ School NSW Healthy School Canteen Strategy (Aim: >50% GREEN items and 0% RED)! We have no food products sold from our canteen that are classed as being in the red zone! It is fantastic to see our canteen manager and workers committed to providing healthy nutritious food and drink choices to students. We are one of only 8 in the whole of the Hunter Region who have met these guidelines. Well done!

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 – 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 invite 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.

Wendy Cheek,
Principal



Education &
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CALENDAR - TERM 2 – 2014**Week 2****Event**

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
Wednesday, May 7	Star Struck Rehearsal
Thursday, May 8	Mother's Day Stall
Thursday, May 8	Mother's Day Morning Tea – 10.30am in the old hall
Thursday, May 8	PSSA Rugby League game at Learmonth Park – 1pm
Friday, May 9	Star Struck Rehearsal
Saturday, May 10	P & C Gardening day 11am-1pm

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 – 9.30am
Wednesday, May 21	Book Fair in school library
Thursday, May 22	Book Fair in school library

BAND NEWS

Entertainment Books - AVAILABLE IN THE OFFICE
TIME IS RUNNING OUT! WHAT A GREAT MOTHERS DAY PRESENT!!!

Envelopes were sent home last week 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 tomorrow, 7th May, at 10:10am. All students will wear their new band uniforms for this event. Lesley Fitzgibbon

SPECIAL MENTION AWARDS**Term 2 Week 1 YEARS 3, 4, 5 & 6 ASSEMBLY**

3MC	Gypsy R	Chelsea B
3W	Anthony U	Lulu S
3/4CR	Charli T	Luke S
4F	Ronan E	Ella A
4A	Matina M	Kayne M
4L	Neve H	Leelani T
5/6B	Brayden Mc	Cameron R
6B	Ellie C	Bas D
6C	Laura O'S	Lachlan A

Year 3 – 6 Assembly

This Friday – 11.30am in the new hall.

K - 2 Assembly

The first assembly for Term 2 will be this Wednesday commencing at 2pm in the new hall. This will be a shared assembly.

P & C MOTHERS' DAY STALL CLASS ROSTER

TIME	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY
9.15 – 9.30	1C	2/3B + Rugby boys & soccer girls
9.30 – 9.45	2H	5/6B
9.45 – 10.00	2R	3MC
10.00 – 10.15	2W	3/4CR
10.15 – 10.30	3W	4F
10.30 – 10.45	4A	4L
10.45 – 11.00	1/2L	1CF
11.30 – 11.45	KD	5S
11.45 – 12.00	KK	6B
12.00 – 12.15	KH	6C
12.15 – 12.30	KE	5C
12.30 – 12.45	1J	

Your child may purchase a Mothers' Day gift tomorrow and Thursday. They will be taken over to the new hall as a class as per the above roster. The stall will sell any left over gifts on Thursday afternoon. Gifts will range in price from \$2 to \$6.

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. Please ensure you write your child's full name not just their Christian name on permission & payment notes.
- Payment at the office before 3pm would be appreciated as we need to close off for the day.
- School absences – If your child is absent from school, once your child returns to school you must supply written advice of their leave. You only need to phone the school if the absence is over 3 days. No need to phone the office if the absence is for 1 day only.
- Holiday Leave – (5 school days or under) Please ensure you advise the teacher in writing (prior to the leave if possible).
- Holiday Leave (over 5 school days) – You must come to the office and pick up an "Exemption for Leave" form prior to your holiday leave.
- Medication at School – The school is unable to administer Panadol. If your child requires medication it must be prescribed by a doctor and in the original packaging with the child's name and dosage. A Medical Indemnity Form is required to be filled in at the office.

LARGE APPLIANCE BOXES NEEDED!!

We are trying to source large appliance boxes for the school art show in Term 3. If you can help us out or have any contacts for supply of these types of boxes please contact the school office. Thank you.

BOOK FAIR

We will be holding a Book Fair in our school library, in three weeks' time on Wednesday and Thursday 21st & 22nd May. This is always a very popular event and a great opportunity to purchase some great literature from Scholastic.

These book fair days are very busy and we are asking if any parents are able to assist from 8.30am in the morning on both of these days. Please see Mrs Land in the library and we will organise a roster. Thank you.

ETHICS TEACHERS

Abbie Bingham, David Lourey and Suzie Manning have all contributed significantly to the ethics teaching at The Junction. Abbie was one of the first teachers to commence here. Due to other commitments they have all had to cease teaching and we thank them for their contribution to this program.

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.

P & C NEWS

Our **next P&C meeting** for the year will be held **tonight, Tuesday 6th May at 7pm**. Everyone is welcome. Items on the agenda tonight include discussing the upcoming movie night fundraiser, Building Fund and Olive Tree Markets BBQ compliance issues.

Mother's Day Stall – this Wednesday and Thursday

Mother's Day is fast approaching! The P&C will be holding a stall during school hours this week, **Wednesday 7th May** and **Thursday 8th May**.

More information can be found in today's newsletter, or by contacting Kim Forbes on kimandrewforbes@hotmail.com.

Gardening Day – Saturday, 10th May – 11am – 1pm

The P&C will be holding a gardening day on Saturday 10th May. Please bring along any garden tools you may have to help us tidy the garden's up in time for Education Week/Grandparents' Day.

The working bee will be held between 11am-1pm on Saturday. Meet at the Union Street gates.

Movie Night – Friday, 20th June – Tower Cinemas

After the success of last year's movie night, the P&C are holding another movie night on Friday 20th June at the Tower Cinemas in Newcastle.

The movie will be "How to Train Your Dragon 2".

Stay tuned for more details about where and when you can get your tickets.

Olive Tree Market BBQ – Saturday, 7th June, 9am until 3pm – Year 1 & 2

For the June OTM BBQ we are asking any parents/carer's of **Year 1 & 2** 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!

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.

Keep a look out for the Building Fund and Gifts for Learning brochures over the next few weeks.

Upcoming P&C Events

1. **Mother's Day Stall – Wednesday 7th May and Thursday 8th May.**
2. **Gardening Day – Saturday May 10th May.**
3. **OTM BBQ – June 7th – 9am – 3pm**
4. **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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