

# The Junction News

Newsletter of The Junction Public School



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Term 2 – Week 3

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## PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

### Grandparents' Day / Education Week Open Day

Next Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> May we will be holding an Open Day at school to combine two events – our celebration of Senior Citizen's Week – Grandparents' Day and our Education Week Open Day.

We will begin our celebrations at 9.15am 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.

### School Focus Areas 2014

We have been working on the directions for our school plan for 2014 and have been able to summarise our targets into the following action areas. These action areas will be on display in each classroom for reference by all.

#### Specifically for teachers:

Differentiate learning as needed for all students;

Provide learning experiences for students that are enriching and engaging;

Track the learning of students and adjust learning as needed;

Give feedback to students to assist them to self-monitor and set learning goals.

Teachers are looking to also set their own professional learning goals for their effective professional development.

#### Specifically for students we will assist them to:

Know and understand the learning intentions in their class;

To know what needs to be done to improve in learning in all subjects;

To discuss how they can improve learning and achievements with their teacher;

To track their own learning and know what comes next.

#### Specifically for parents and community members we are endeavouring to:

Outline the learning frameworks for each child;

Demonstrate how differentiation of content will take place to meet the needs of each child;

Provide a clear articulation of the focus areas for school improvement;

Provide a framework for clear communication across the school.

### NAPLAN

The National Assessment Program for Literacy and Numeracy for Years 3 and 5 students is taking place this week. This diagnostic assessment program is a very useful tool for demonstrating the strengths and areas for development of students. Tuesday will assess 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.

### Thank You

Thank you to our wonderful parent volunteers, who organised and ran the Mother's Day stall last week – what a great success! A team of over 23 parents manned the stalls and gave all students a wonderful opportunity to choose a small gift for someone special in their families – whether it was a mum, a nanna and aunt or a special family friend. We have a wonderful sense of community at The Junction and I really thank everyone who contributed. It was also lovely to see so many attend the morning tea on Thursday.

### Book Fair

We will be holding a Book Fair in our school library, next week. This is always a very popular event and a great opportunity to purchase some great literature from Scholastic. The Book Fair will be open on Wednesday and Thursday. If any parents are able to help out on these days could they see Mrs Land in the library. Thank you.

### Kindergarten enrolments for 2015

We are taking names for kindergarten for next year. We ask current families of this school to come into or phone the office as soon as possible to place their child's name on our list. If you know of any other family, neighbours or friends intending on 2015 enrolment can you ask them to see the office.

Wendy Cheek, Principal



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**CALENDAR - TERM 2 – 2014****Week 3****Event**

Wednesday, May 14	NAPLAN - Year 3 and 5
Thursday, May 15	NAPLAN – Year 3 and 5
Sunday, May 18	P & C garden working bee (Rescheduled date)

**Week 4****Event**

Tuesday, May 20	Grandparents Day/Education Week Open Day – 9.15am (Senior Band to perform and wear full band uniform)
Wednesday, May 21	Book Fair in school library
Thursday, May 22	Book Fair in school library
Thursday, May 22	P & C Budget meeting 7.30pm

**Week 6****Event**

Tuesday, June 3	P & C Meeting 7pm Staffroom
Saturday, June 7	Olive Tree Market – 9am-3pm

**Week 7****Event**

Monday, June 9	Queen's Birthday Public Holiday
Wednesday, June 11	Major Star Struck Rehearsal
Thursday, June 12	Star Struck Dress Rehearsal
Friday, June 13	Star Struck performances
Saturday, June 14	Star Struck performance

**BOOK FAIR**

We will be holding a Book Fair in our school library, on Wednesday and Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> & 22<sup>nd</sup> May. 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.

**REGIONAL CROSS COUNTRY**

Last Friday the following students attended Regional Cross Country at Broadmeadow Racecourse. Congratulations to you all making it to Regional: Flynn Hamilton-10th, Saxon Coates-8th, Nell Harden-22nd, Madison Shone-13th and Henry Knights-9th.

**SPECIAL MENTION AWARDS****Term 2 Week 2****KINDER, YEAR 1 & YEAR 2 ASSEMBLY**

KK	Abbey A	Luka M
KD	Charlie F	Freya D
KH	Noah G	Emma R
KE	Zahra N	Rowan L
1J	Eva N	Harry B
1C	Rebecca H	Zack M
1CF	Anna S	Millie B
1/2L	Noah A	Laila L
2H	Lily B	Sammy D
2R	Timothy P	Loki D'Ag
2W	Holly Du'B	Harry C
2/3B	Livinia C	

**Term 2 Week 2****YEARS 3, 4, 5 & 6 ASSEMBLY**

2/3B	Maya S	
3MC	Morgan S	Ethan A
3W	Rory H	Scoutt H
4F	Cormac M	Jonty S
4A	Max F	Jai M
4L	Lillian S	William D
5C	Emily F Toby L	Dimitri F Alyssa W
5S	Tom S Ayesha L	Cooper S Jack W
5/6B	Orlando H	Taj A
6B	Quentin W	Susanna B
6C	Harrison W	Summer C
Music	Sidney F Ethan S	Charlotte C
Student of the month	Jesse G – 6B Chris B – 6C Logan R – 5C Molly H – 5/6B	Joe P – 4L Piper B – 4A Coco D – 4F Adam Y – 3W

**K - 2 Assembly** (Wednesday 2pm new hall)

**Year 3 – 6 Assembly** (Friday 11.30am new hall)

## BAND NEWS

### Entertainment Books:

Books are available at the office for a few weeks only. Don't miss out! Books are \$60 – there are great savings on restaurants, takeaway food outlets, cafes, arts, sports, attractions, accommodation plus lots more.

### Band Fees:

Please note band fees for Term 2 are due this Friday.

### Grandparents' Day:

Our Senior Band will be performing at Grandparents' Day next Tuesday at 9:15am. All Senior Band members will wear full band uniform for this performance.

### Senior Band Performance:

Congratulations to our Senior Band on their outstanding performance at the "Bald and Beautiful" Day at Western Suburbs Leagues Club last Wednesday. They looked great in their new band T-shirts and I was proud to accompany such fine representatives of our school. Thanks to Michael Bell for assisting them in achieving yet another precise performance. Thanks also to Anne Keating for her help on the day. Mrs Fitzgibbon

## GIRLS PSSA SOCCER

On Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> May our Girls' PSSA soccer team played Hamilton South Public School at National Park. The girls played a fantastic game, displaying a high level of skill and excellent sportsmanship. It was an exciting match with Emily D-S scoring a goal in the first few minutes of the game. Hamilton South came through with a goal in the second half sending the game into overtime. It was Ava R's goal in the last five minutes of overtime which ended the match with a 2-1 win for The Junction. Well done girls!



## 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.

## PLEASE SUPPORT OUR YEAR 6 STUDENT – ANGUS MCTAGGART!

Angus will represent NSW for School Sports Cricket to play in Darwin! Congratulations! To assist Angus to get to Darwin there are Raffle Tickets for sale in the school office. Tickets are \$2 each – first prize: Laptop Notebook Computer!

## CANTEEN NEWS

The new 'Bright Green' Winter menu went home last week with the newsletter. Please throw out the 'Yellow summer menus'.

## 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.

There are no Size 10 or 12 Band Shirts available at present. These are on order and will be arriving at the end of June in time for BandLink in July.

Donna Reay, Co-ordinator

## P & C NEWS

### Next P&C Meeting

Our **next P&C meeting** for the year will be held **Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> June at 7pm**. Everyone is welcome!

Items on the agenda for next month will include discussion about alternate days and times for P&C meetings and the P&C's fundraising framework.

The fundraising framework can be found under the P&C's tab on the schools website, <http://www.thejunction-p.schools.nsw.edu.au/p-c/p-c-reference-documents>

A Gifts 4 Learning brochure has been sent home with the newsletter today. Please read about this wonderful program.

### Gardening Day – Sunday, 18<sup>th</sup> May – 10am – 12pm

The P&C will be holding a gardening day on Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> May. Please bring along any garden tools you may have to help us tidy the gardens in time for Education Week/Grandparents Day on Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> May, 2104.

The working bee will be held between 10am-12pm on Sunday. Please meet at the Union Street gates.

If you are able to help, or would just like more information, please drop me an e-mail at [junctionpandc@hotmail.com](mailto:junctionpandc@hotmail.com)

### Olive Tree Market BBQ – Saturday, 7<sup>th</sup> June, 9am ‘til 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](mailto: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!

### Movie Night – Friday, 20<sup>th</sup> June – Tower Cinemas

After the success of last year's movie night, the P&C are holding another movie night on Friday 20<sup>th</sup> 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.

### 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](http://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

With today's newsletter, you should have received the Gifts 4 Learning brochure. Please read the information below about our wonderful "Gifts 4 Learning" program. 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](http://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.

### Mother's Day Stall

Last Wednesday and Thursday, the P&C held our annual Mother's Day stall. We raised over \$1200 from the stall.

A big thank you to those who donated gifts for the stall. It really makes the P&C's job easier when it comes to making sure there are enough gifts for nearly 600 kids. The Mother's Day Stall was enjoyed by all - the kids had a great time picking their special gift and we hope everyone had a lovely day on Sunday.

A big thank you also to Kendall Long, Karen Howard, Kate Case, Kylie Chaffe, Ange Le Rougetel, Johanna Anderson, Janet Doyle, Suzy Galway, Karly Zachariah, Deb Smith, Fiona Wells, Liz Knapp, Katie Heath, Mandy Murtagh, Melissa Spratt, Jane Hamson, Donna Reay, Robyn McGuire, Olga Kovacev, Leone Cook, Kim Forbes, Angela Hailey, Lee Kurtz, and Sharyn Kane.

I would like to thank Kim Forbes for organising and co-ordinating the Mother's Day stall.

### Budget meeting - Thursday 22nd May, 7:30pm

The P&C will be holding a budget meeting on Thursday 22nd May 2014 at 7:30pm.

The meeting will run for no more than (2) hours. We will be looking at the budget for the remainder of the year and identifying surplus funds that can be put towards the purchase of equipment/items needed by the school. We align our fundraising efforts through discussions with Wendy and the school plan to ensure that the money raised through the P&C benefits the most children possible at The Junction Public School.

If you would like to attend the meeting, please contact Bronwyn on 0422 965 631 or at [junctionpandc@hotmail.com](mailto:junctionpandc@hotmail.com) for more information. "

### Upcoming P&C Events

1. Gardening Day – Sunday May 18<sup>th</sup> May.
2. OTM BBQ – June 7<sup>th</sup> – 9am – 3pm
3. Movie Night – Friday 20<sup>th</sup> June – Tower Cinemas Newcastle.

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**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](mailto:junctionpandc@hotmail.com) if you would like to be on the P&C email contact list. Bronwyn Geerarts, TJPS P&C President