

The Junction News

Newsletter of The Junction Public School



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Term 2 – Week 4

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PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Grandparent's Day

What a hugely successful Grandparent's Day we were able to experience today! It was wonderful to see so many grandparents, parents and family friends at school today and so many happy faces from our community. Congratulations to our junior choir, senior band and our strings group - all high quality performances which were appreciated by many. Special thanks to our guest speaker Desiree Pearson who attended The Junction Public School from 1941 and then again from 1943 to 1946. Mrs Pearson very kindly and generously shared her childhood memories with us all and provided some precious photographs of her own father who attended our school in 1911. Mrs Pearson's family established the first grocery shop on Glebe Road called Dunn's Grocery store. It was a fascinating look back at the past. Congratulations to our Year 6 drama group who performed a 'Reader's Theatre to the Mem Fox book – Wilfrid Gordon McDonald Partridge.' Again very enjoyable! All of these performances made for a very special assembly topped off by classroom visits which the children thoroughly enjoyed. To all who came – many thanks for making it such a special day!

Book Fair

The Scholastic Book Fair will be open this Wednesday and Thursday in the school library from 8.30am to 3.30pm. A variety of items and books can be purchased. Payment can be made by cash, cheque or if you are accompanying your child Eftpos facilities are available. Thank you.

Thankyou

Many thanks to the families who attended the P&C Working Bee last Sunday to help Tom tidy the gardens, weed and mulch. The Creative playground looks even better now – thankyou to the Southam family for the use of their 'truck' in shifting the mulch. It was very kind and generous of all of you.

Unpaid Invoices

This week we are sending home invoices for resource books, band fees, dance fees and school programs. We know how busy everyone is and how easy it may be to overlook payments. If you receive an invoice, we greatly

appreciate your assistance in making payments as soon as possible as we are required to pay our suppliers for these goods – or pay the band and dance tutors for their professional expertise in these parent requested programs which are voluntary.

If you have already made payment since issuing these notices, many thanks – and please disregard the invoice.

Walk Safely to School Day – Friday 23 May

Well it's that time of year again when our school seriously starts talking about walking! Walk Safely to School Day asks that we all consider our transport habits and try to incorporate more walking as part of a healthy, active way to get around. And although walking all the way to school isn't realistic for many of us, it's quite easy to figure out how you can build a walk into your family's daily routine. You can teach your child the healthy habit of walking more by: walking with them the whole way to school; if they get the bus or train, walk past your usual stop and get on at the next stop; if you have to drive, park the car a few blocks away from the school and walk the rest of the way. Regular exercise like walking with your child not only helps them (and you!) beat chronic problems like obesity, heart disease, behavioural and mental health issues and diabetes, it also gives you a great opportunity to teach your child safe ways to behave around roads and traffic. For more information, visit www.walk.com.au. If you would like to discuss this with your child visit the website above. We have stickers at school that will be given out by the class teachers on the day.

After School Pick-Ups and Leaving School Grounds

When the bell goes at 3.00pm of an afternoon – most students and parents have a routine of where to meet for pick-ups etc. If parents who pick their children up are delayed for any reason, we would like all students to wait up in the office area where staff are still present to supervise and assist students. Could parents please reinforce this information to children and talk again about what procedures need to be in place if you are delayed. We would also appreciate all students, when dismissed at the end of the school day, to make their way home promptly and not remain in the school grounds playing unsupervised. If parents are 'catching up' with other parents, we ask that children remain with their parents until they are ready to leave. Thanks.

Wendy Cheek, Principal

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CALENDAR - TERM 2 – 2014**Week 4****Event**

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
Friday, May 23	Walk Safely to school day

Week 6**Event**

Tuesday, June 3	P & C Meeting 7pm Staffroom
Friday, June 6	Ticket/combo orders for P & C Movie night close
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

Week 8**Event**

Tuesday, June 17	P & C movie night tickets orders close.
Friday, June 20	P & C Movie Night

Week 9**Event**

Friday, June 27	Whole School–Athletics Carnival–Glendale Sport Centre
Friday, June 27	Last day of Term

CALENDAR - TERM 3 – 2014**Week 1****Event**

Monday, July 14	STAFF ONLY RETURN
Tuesday, July 15	Students return for Term 3

BOOK FAIR

The Scholastic Book Fair will be held in our school library, this week –
Wednesday and Thursday 21st & 22nd May.
The library will be open for purchases from
8.30am to 3.30pm.
Thank you.

SPECIAL MENTION AWARDS**Term 2 Week 3****KINDER, YEAR 1 & YEAR 2 ASSEMBLY**

KK	Luka K	Sam R
KD	Amelie P	Quillon L
KH	Ashton B	Kevin S
KE	Lucy Wi	Oliver V
1J	Natalia B	Shai-Scott H
1C	Isla H	Zack M
1CF	Ronan B	Neve H
1/2L	Jaedyn M	Madeline P
2H	Lilly D	Lily B
2R	Trinity M	Connie B
2W	Andre H Viklesh N	Emily K
2/3B	Zenon C	

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

3MC	Imogen S	Maxxis F
3/4CR	Lily F	Julia K
4F	Hana G	Sam S
4A	Emily N	Angus W
4L	David M William D	Trinity B
5C	Leila F	Eloise A
5/6B	Matthew L	Eli S
6B	Isabelle D Susanna B	Jye F
6C	Summer C	
Band	Oliver P Oliver S	Eloise A

K - 2 Assembly (Wednesday 2pm new hall)
Congratulations to Class 1C who performed 'Happy' at last week's assembly! This week will be a shared assembly.

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. Mrs Fitzgibbon

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!

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

SCHOOL BANKING

Newcastle Permanent Building Society and Commonwealth Bank offer school banking to our students on Mondays mornings in the school library. The Commonwealth Bank are running a competition this term for school bankers. To be entered into the competition, simply make three or more deposits during Term 2.

- **Major Prize** - Five nights at the Sea World Resort (Gold Coast); VIP Passes for two adults and three kids to Sea World, Warner Bros Movie World and Wet 'n' Wild; a Dolphin Family Aqua Adventure; and a \$3000 travel gift card to get you there
- **Runner up Prizes** - 130 Toys "R" Us Gift Cards (to the value of \$250 each)
- **PLUS**, a separate draw of \$1000 cash for one school in each state/territory.

Remember, your deposit can be as little as twenty cents, just as long as you make 3 deposits during the term.

Full terms & conditions:

<https://www.commbank.com.au/personal/accounts/savings-accounts/youthsaver-comp-terms.html>

P & C NEWS

Our **next P&C meeting** for the year will be held on **Tuesday 3rd June at 7pm.**

Over the last few months there has been a decline in the number of people able to attend the P&C meetings on a Tuesday evening. We recognise that many parents are busy, however if you can spare time to attend one meeting a year, we would love to see you.

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. We will also be establishing a sub-committee to run the Spring Fair next year.

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>

Dissolution of NSW P & C Federation and removal of all Office Bearer's by Education Minister Andrew Piccoli

The P&C has received information from the DEC advising us that new legislation was introduced last week to address longstanding issues within the NSW P&C Federation. Although, office bearer positions within the NSW P&C Federation body have been dissolved, The Junction Public School P&C Association is still able to operate normally (i.e. fundraising etc).

For your information, here is the letter I received:

"To the P&C President

This letter is to inform you of important reforms taking place to the NSW Federation of Parents & Citizens Associations. The changes will not directly affect the day-to-day operations of your P&C, which will continue as normal, however your P&C will be asked to vote for the leadership of the new P&C Federation. As you may be aware, for some time the P&C Federation has suffered from a variety of issues surrounding its leadership and governance structures. This led to a situation where the office of the P&C Federation has suspended operation pending Supreme Court action.

To remedy this situation the NSW Parliament introduced legislation to restructure the P&C Federation's governance structure. An Administrator will be appointed to take over the Federation while a new leadership team is elected.

This new state executive will be drawn from P&C Associations across the state, which will be divided into 16 separate electoral areas. Shortly you will be asked to participate in elections and you will be encouraged to seek nominations for positions of councillor and delegate for your electorate. Each electorate will send two delegates and one councillor to the Annual General Meeting. The 16 councillors will, from their number, select a seven-member Executive which will be responsible for running the P&C Federation and choosing a President, Secretary, and other office holders.

The first election will be conducted by the NSW Electoral Commission, more information about this process will be provided shortly. Importantly, only parents or carers with children attending a public school and who are members of their school's P&C Association will be eligible to vote and serve as councillors or delegates. Citizen members continue to be encouraged to take part at the school P&C level.

Further updates and more information will be available on the Department's website at <http://www.schools.nsw.edu.au/gotoschool/a-z/involvement.php>.

For more information please read the "P&C Federation Reform: Questions and Answers" information sheet at the following link:

<http://www.schools.nsw.edu.au/media/downloads/gotoschool/a-z/involvement/pc-reform-faqs.pdf>

TJPS P&C will be looking forward to receiving further information in the near future, and we will be passing this information along to you.

It is disappointing that this announcement was made to the media before the individual school P&C's were contacted.

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

Budget Meeting, Thursday 22nd May, 7:30pm – 9:30pm

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

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

For the June OTM BBQ we are asking any parents/carers 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. At the moment we need the following volunteers for each shift:

- 8:30-10am (open) – 2 more people needed
- 10-11:30am – 3 more people needed
- 11:30-1pm – 2 more people needed
- 1pm – 2:30 (close). – 4 people needed



Movie Night – Friday, 20th June – Tower Cinemas

The flyer for "How To Train Your Dragon 2" has been sent home with today's newsletter. Please complete your flyer and return it to school. Tickets will be sent home with your child (as nominated on the flyer).

Have a look at the trailer for the movie at these links:

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=uLBmHtI5KfM>

<http://www.howtotrainyourdragon.com.au/videos/how-to-train-your-dragon-2-official-teaser-trailer>

PLEASE NOTE: 1: All ticket and combo orders need to be received before Friday, June 6th.

PLEASE NOTE 2: All ticket orders need to be received before Tuesday June 17th.

Spring Fair – 2015

Do you have a flair that could be used for our Fair?

The Junction Public School will be holding a Spring Fair next year. We are looking for expressions of interest for parents who would like to be part of the sub-committee running the fair. We would love to have a marketing professional, lawyer, accountant and event planner on the committee. Roles on the sub-committee will include co-ordinator, treasurer, secretary, entertainment and rides, school stalls, compliance, facilities, school representative, marketing, sponsorship and prizes. The sub-committee will be formed at the June P&C meeting.

Keep an eye out for more information next week!

Gardening Day – Sunday, 18th May – 10am – 12pm

Many thanks to the following people and families who turned up on Sunday to help tidy and beautify the gardens: Yvette Anscombe, Karen Brown, Richard Haines, Janis Hamilton, Jane Krippner, Ariane Madden Neale, Fiona Roberts, Jedd Southam, Julie Wharton and the #happytohelp brigade - Jonty, C, Joel, Pearl, Ana and Sam!

I would also like to thank Tom Jervis and Anne Keating for giving up their Sunday morning to come and help and direct us in our efforts.

The gardens look absolutely beautiful for Grandparents' Day today.

Upcoming Events.....

1. Budget Meeting – Thursday, 22nd May, 7:30pm – 9:30pm
2. P&C Meeting – Tuesday, 3rd June, 7pm – 9pm, Staffroom
3. Last day for Movie Night ticket and combo orders – Friday June 6th
4. OTM BBQ – June 7th – 9am – 3pm
5. 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