

The Junction News

Newsletter of The Junction Public School



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Term 2 – Week 5

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PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Parent Support

I'm always really appreciative of the many ways that parents support the school. Many parents assist the school programs in many different ways – either through class support, Olive Tree Market BBQ's, P&C membership, special events, Uniform shop, canteen and so on.

At P&C, I'm always very interested in the feedback I get from parents and community members – it's a great forum to hear and contribute to the latest information and decisions made about school focus areas and plans. With almost 400 families currently attending the school this year, it would be really wonderful if there was a greater degree of involvement from parents, within the P&C Association. I'm aware that the executive of the P&C are going to be seeking your viewpoint around how the operation of the P&C might meet your need and how we can also receive your input. Please keep an eye out for a survey from the P&C – thanks.

Road Safety

With several serious traffic incidents occurring around schools in the last few weeks, I thought it would be timely to draw attention to this and raise awareness of the need to observe the 40km/h speed limits around the school environs. Our two crossing supervisors do a wonderful job, before and after school each day – but they often report to me their concerns over drivers who do not slow down around the school streets. Dropping off and picking up children is always a time when the greatest degree of care should take place.

Some timely reminders for parents:

- Children up to eight years old should hold an adult's hand in the car park, on the footpath and when crossing the road.
- Children aged between eight and 10 should be closely supervised by an adult in the traffic environment, and should hold an adult's hand when crossing the road.
- Most 40km/h school zones operate on school days from 8am to 9.30am and from 2.30pm to 4pm in NSW. Drivers must obey this speed limit even if children cannot be seen.

- You may have noticed dragon's teeth road markings near your school. These are triangular road markings which will alert drivers that conditions have changed and they are entering a school zone. Drivers must obey the 40km/h speed limit during the two periods.

Literacy Information Session

Next Tuesday evening at 6.15pm - before the P&C meeting, we will be holding information sessions for parents in the area of literacy. The aim of the session is to provide information to parents how we teach reading in the early years to how we use quality literature to enhance language and writing skills in the later primary years. We will hold potentially four different sessions, one for each Stage – Early Stage 1 up to Stage 3. An expression of interest form will come home today with this newsletter asking if you would like to attend one or more of these sessions and then we will have an idea what type of sessions you would like to see.

National Collection of Data for Students with Disability

Our school is participating in the collection of nationally consistent data on school students with disability. We will be collecting information already available in the school about the support that is being currently provided to students to assist their learning. Better data will help the Government plan for students with specific needs. The data collection will have no direct impact on students and they will not be involved in any testing process. We will send home information to the families involved at our school, in the next couple of weeks.

The NSW Department of Education and Communities will then provide data to the Australian Government from all NSW public schools in such a way that no individual student or school will be able to be identified. In this way, we will ensure the privacy and confidentiality of all students.

All information is protected by privacy laws which regulate the collection, storage and disclosure of personal information. Information about the Australian Government's Privacy Policy can be found here: <http://education.gov.au/condensed-privacy-policy>. Information about the NSW Government's privacy policies can be found here: <http://www.ipc.nsw.gov.au/>

Wendy Cheek, Principal

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Education &
Communities

CALENDAR - TERM 2 – 2014**Week 5****Event**

Wednesday, May 28 'Intermediate Band day' at school

Week 6**Event**

Tuesday, June 3 Literacy information sessions 6.15pm

Tuesday, June 3 P & C Meeting 7pm Staffroom

Friday, June 6 (Last day for Ticket/combo orders) for P & C Movie night

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 (Last day for orders) - P & C movie night tickets

Friday, June 20 P & C Movie Night

Week 9**Event**

Monday, June 23 Band Concert night - New Hall

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

K - 2 Assembly (Wednesday 2pm new hall)

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

SPECIAL MENTION AWARDS**Term 2 Week 4****KINDER, YEAR 1 & YEAR 2 ASSEMBLY**

KK	Abby R	Zachary R
KD	Carmen M	Eli M
KH	Regan H	Tyson O'B
KE	Sofia G	Koby C
1J	Lillie C	Hamish M
1C	Bill W	Rebecca H
1CF	Max A	Sienna P
1/2L	Phoebe L	Toby I
2R	Mia J	Max B
2W	Breanna S	Bailey H
2/3B	Brianna R	

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

2/3B	Sidney F	
3MC	Charlie G Archie J	Hayley Roberts
3W	Joshua D Caden L	Oscar H Caleb M
3/4CR	Tabitha C	Keira H
4F	Rhiannon M Curtis F	Daisy B Noah F
4A	Quinn P	Junior T
4L	Ashton S	Noah J
5C	Georgia S	Jackson B
5S	Brayden K Imigyn M	Saxon C Kelvin W
5/6B	Matthew L Tom J	Archie C Eli S
6B	Millicent C	Guy H
6C	Georgia F Balin K Josh Ch	Harrison W Bella D
Special Awards	Scoutt H	Piper B
Band Awards	Lily F – Junior Poppy S - Senior	Sam S - Intermediate

BAND NEWS

Intermediate Band Day is on at school this Wednesday 28th May from 9am to 3pm. Parents are invited to a concert in the Band room at 2.30pm. Students are required to wear full band uniform. If they do not have a new band shirt they must wear their black T-Shirt.

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

PSSA RUGBY

On Monday, 19th May, the school Rugby Team played in a gala day. This day was organised by the local Rugby club in conjunction with the Department of Education & Communities PSSA knockout Competition.

The games played on the day were the first three rounds of the competition. Our first game was against Singleton Public School who defeated us 5 nil.

The second game was against Bolwarra and this was a fantastic win by The Junction boys – 50 to 0. Our last game of the day was against East Maitland. We needed to win this to go through to the semi-finals. We were victorious.

This meant we had to play the second place holder from the Hunter 2 pool, Soldiers Point Public School. After some tense moments on the sideline, a try and following conversion made us victors on the day. The score was 7 to five with the try coming in the closing minutes of the game.

Thank you to Mr Atallah, who has been our school coach for some years. He was pleased with the team and their game on the field. I would also like to thank all who attended on the day to make it enjoyable for the students. Thanks to Mrs Castaldi who took the jumpers and socks to wash - much appreciated! Mrs Briggs



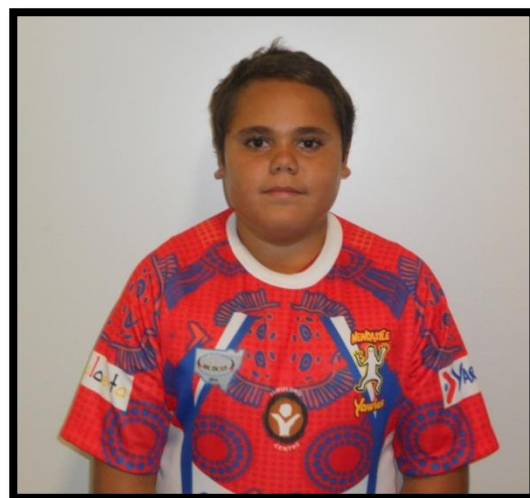
PSSA RUGBY LEAGUE

The school PSSA rugby league team travelled to Windale last Friday to play Floraville in the second round of the PSSA Knockout competition.

Floraville led at half time 6 to 4. After a good talk with Mr Biddle, the coach, the boys came out firing in the second half. Individual players improved their own game and the team worked very well together.

The final score was 16 to 6 with The Junction the victors! We now play either New Lambton or Lambton in the third round of the knockout, they are yet to play their game. Thanks to Mr Biddle who coaches the team and Mr Annan who became 'water boy' on the day. Appreciation also goes to Mrs Jackson who took the jumpers to wash this time.

Whilst on the topic of Rugby League we would like to acknowledge the great effort of Brandan. Brandan played in the Koori Knockout Carnival at Raymond Terrace for the Newcastle Yowies. The



first game was against Redfern and they defeated them 26 to 8. Brandan then played for the Yowies in the Murri's Vs Koori's one day event. He played Waterloo from Sydney, defeating them 24 to 6. Brandan scored one of the tries in this match. He received a medal for his efforts. Well done Brandan! Mrs Briggs

GRIP LEADERSHIP DAY

On Wednesday 21st May the student leaders attended the annual Grip Student Leadership conference. This day provided an amazing opportunity to develop their leadership skills, come up with great ideas for the school and meet other student leaders from around the Hunter.



TAP GROUP PERFORMANCE

Our two tap groups performed on Sunday at the Griffith Duncan theatre for the Park Ave Entertainment concert. Both groups performed dances they have been working on this year! They all did an outstanding job! Well done!



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 in June.
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>

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!

KINDERGARTEN 2015 (Siblings)

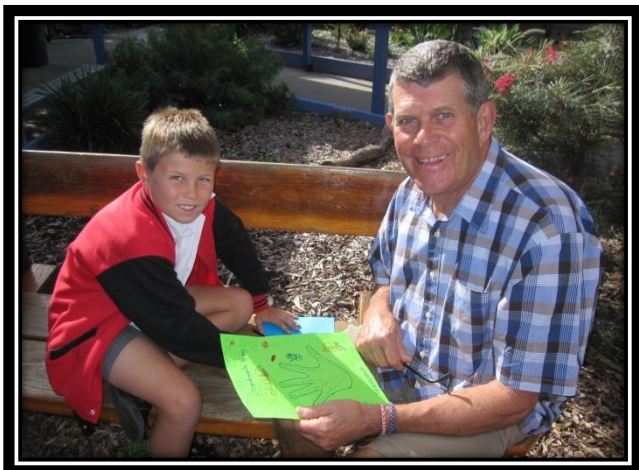
Thank you to the parents who have come into the office and placed their children's name on our Kindergarten list. A 'Ghosted Enrolment Form' for your Kindergarten 2015 child will be sent home with one of your children today. Please check their school bag.

We ask that you complete this form along with the 'Blue Emergency Card' and return these to the office as soon as possible. If you have the Birth Certificate please bring this in. If you are unable to provide this at the moment please still send the completed enrolment form in to the office.

A kindergarten package will still be available to you at the Parent information session in August (date still to be decided).

Thank you, The Office

GRANDPARENT'S DAY PHOTOS.....



P & C NEWS

Literacy Information Evening, June 3rd, 6:15pm - 7pm

Prior to the P&C meeting next week, Mrs Cheek will be holding a literacy information session. Please come along and hear about the wonderful literacy curriculum in place at The Junction Public School.

P&C Meeting, Tuesday, 3rd June, 7pm

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

Items on the agenda for next month include:

1. discussion about alternate days and times for P&C meetings
2. election of Spring Fair sub-committee
3. adoption of Budget Committee spending recommendations
4. review of the P&C's fundraising framework.

Budget Committee Meeting: Last week, after consultation with Mrs Cheek, the Budget committee identified over \$10,000 from P&C funds that is available to be allocated to the following items:

1. Primary Connections Science Kits
2. Additional seating for the playground
3. Maths Kits
4. Early Stage 1 readers
5. New junior soccer goals.

Many thanks to P&C volunteers who have helped raise these funds! Without you we would not be able to purchase these items for our children.

We hope these spending recommendations will be adopted by the P&C at the next meeting on June 3rd.

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>

Olive Tree Market BBQ – Saturday, 7th 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 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

Forms are being returned thick and fast!

The flyer for "How To Train Your Dragon 2" was sent home last week!

Please complete your flyer and return it to school. Tickets will be sent home with your child (as nominated on the flyer). Additional flyers are available from the front office, Facebook or our website.

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

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=uLBmHtl5KfM>

<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.

For more information, please contact Bronwyn.

Holiday Raffle

It's back! The highly popular and successful Holiday Raffle is being run again this year, with bigger and better prizes! Stay tuned for more information.

Upcoming P&C Events

1. Literacy Information Evening, June 3rd, 6:15pm - 7pm
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. Last day for Movie Night tickets only – Tuesday June 17th.
6. 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