

The Junction News

Newsletter of The Junction Public School



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Term 2 – Week 6

Tuesday 3 June 2014

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Literacy Information Session

Tonight 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 four different sessions: Year 5 & 6 in Class 5/6B, Year 1 & 2 in Class 5C, Year 3 & 4 in Class 4L and Kinder in KK. Looking forward to seeing you there!

Assessments

Teachers are currently completing assessments for all students during this next two weeks. Semester reports will then be available to all parents at the end of this term with interviews being arranged for early next term with the exception of Kindergarten who have already had their interviews.

Contact Details

A reminder to all parents to keep the school up to date with contact details for families. We are finding that when we need to contact families at times, the mobile numbers are not current or the emergency contact details are not accurate.

School Invoices

We still have a large percentage of unpaid invoices for elective band and dance programs. In good faith we employ tutors to provide these programs for students and families who choose to participate, so it is essential that these programs are paid for by parents who want their children to participate. We have sent home individual invoices over the last two terms and would greatly appreciate these invoices being paid as soon as possible. Thank you.

We also would appreciate payment for the resource books given to students to enhance their learning opportunities. If all families could finalise these payments as soon as possible that would really assist us too. Thanks.

Star Struck

Best wishes to our Stage 3 dancers participating in Star Struck on Friday and Saturday evenings of next week. This performing arts event is a highlight on the DEC regional calendar and has over 2,500 participants from

all over the Hunter Valley Region. It is a quality production featuring the talents of all our students from Kinder to Year 12. Thanks to teacher Erin Smith for her organisation and supervision of our team from The Junction who are featuring in two items 'Thriller' and 'Thneedville' from Dr Seuss. Families requiring tickets for the performances should get in contact with the Newcastle Entertainment Centre.

Too sick for school?

As the cold weather hits, so do the winter bugs. It's often hard to know whether to send your child to school or let them stay home to recover, especially when that means an adult cancelling work. For safety's sake, if your child seems unwell you should always keep them home from school and seek medical advice.

School A to Z and the NSW Health have created an at-a-glance chart to help answer your questions about common childhood illness and how long sick kids need to miss school. Find it by typing this link into your web browser www.bit.ly/1hytn2E

Fundraiser for Angus M

Tomorrow we will hold a fundraiser for Angus M from Year 6 who has been chosen to represent NSW at the Interstate Cricket Championships in Darwin next week. We are asking students to bring in a gold coin donation to fill in an outline shape of a cricket bat – drawn on the netball court. All children participating will go into the draw for a soccer ball signed by the Newcastle Jets players. We will also be having a 'stumps throw-down competition' which will take place at lunchtime for 50c entry, the prize for this is a mini cricket set. Monies raised will assist Angus with cost of travel to Darwin as well as offsetting costs of his representative uniform. Thanks to families for your support.



Wendy Cheek, Principal



Education &
Communities

CALENDAR - TERM 2 – 2014**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
Tuesday, June 24	K-2 Meal Deal Day (note home today) NO OTHER LUNCH ORDERS AVAILABLE
Wednesday, June 25	Year 3-6 Meal Deal Day (note home today) NO OTHER LUNCH ORDERS AVAILABLE
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

Week 2**Event**

Wed/Thurs, July 23/24	BandLink
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SPECIAL MENTION AWARDS**Term 2 Week 5****KINDER, YEAR 1 & YEAR 2 ASSEMBLY**

KK	Yo H	Ava B
KD	Campbell J	Edie W
KH	Sofie	Maya L
KE	Archie M	Beth B
1J	Paige B	Neve O
1C	Mason C	Ava F
1CF	Ryland D	Alex K
1/2L	Lateisha S	Toby I
2R	Niamh H	Liam C
2W	Kate M	Hunter M
2/3B	Ciara F	

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

3MC	Morgan S	Iliannah T
3W	Jordan C	York N
3/4CR	Joseph P	Lily F
4F	Axel Hoy	Yvonne M
4A	Molly M Oscar W	Ayden K Georgia S
4L	Ethan O	Ruby H
5C	Haley M	Niklas S
5S	Saxon C Charlotte M	Jackson D
5/6B	Tom J Bella F	Archie C Darby P
6B	Angus M	Ava R
6C	Ethan S	Chile H
Technology Awards	Jonathan O	
Band Awards	Alan S – Interm.	Charlotte M - Snr
Monthly Band Award	Sam S	

K - 2 Assembly (Wednesday 2pm new hall)
Year 3 – 6 Assembly (Friday 11.30am new hall)

UPCOMING EVENTS / NOTES

Year 5 – Sydney Excursion – (25/08/14)
(White note went home last week)

Year 4 – Great Aussie Bush Camp –
(5th-7th Nov) - (Orange note home today)

Term 2 – Meal Deal from the Canteen
(K – Year 2) – Tues 24/6 – Blue note
(Year 3 – Year 6) – Wed 25/6 – Yellow note
(Notes home today with newsletter)

Whole school ‘Athletics Carnival’
Friday 27th June – (Purple note home last week)

PSSA STATE AFL

In May, Joe L travelled to Macquarie University in Sydney to play in the Hunter PSSA Australian Football team at the NSW State Championship. This carnival is

a great experience for an AFL player. The 14 regions, particularly the ones on the Victorian border, take their footy very seriously.

Even though Hunter is not a strong AFL region, the team played well and was competitive in every game - they even managed to win the last game against Barrier 64 to nil. Joe played hard and was proud to represent Hunter and the TJPS.



BOYS' PSSA CRICKET NEWS

Congratulations to the boys' cricket team as they defeated Redhead Public School 136-48 yesterday at Smith Park. We batted first with our openers seeing off their fast bowlers and putting away the bad balls for a few boundaries. Cooper Southam anchored the innings scoring 38! Every batsman did their job well compiling a great total to defend. Our bowlers were again spot on with their efforts and they were well supported by them team. Archie Carter took a blinder in close and some

smart fielding by Sam A saw him bring about a great run out. The man of the match award went to Tom S who has the hardest job on the field keeping to our amazing bowlers. Tom let very little past him and has his fair share of bruises as he put his body behind the ball. Tom has a great eye when batting and had a little cameo at the end of the innings scoring a few quick singles for his team.

Angus M is off to Darwin as part of the NSW PSSA Cricket team. We wish him all the best in his efforts and hope he comes home with a victory for the Blues. Mrs Cooper

BAND NEWS

Entertainment Books

We will be finalising our account with Entertainment books on 20th June, so if you still require one please order from the office ASAP. You have 3 weeks to go!

Band Fees

Please note band fees for Term 2 should have already been paid.

BandLink 2014 (Bright Pink note)

BandLink money and forms must be given to the office by the 20th June. We cannot take any money after this cut-off date as numbers will be sent to the organiser.

Band Concert Night

Our first band concert of the year, involving all bands and percussion ensemble, will be held on Monday 23rd June 2014, commencing at 6:00pm. The concert should finish by 7:30pm. Invitations will be sent home next week. Lesley Fitzgibbon

RECONCILIATION WEEK (27th May - 3rd June)

'Reconciliation involves building positive, respectful relationships between the broader Australian community and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people for the benefit of all Australians...To create positive change we need more people talking about the issues and getting involved.'

This statement is from the National Reconciliation Week website.

Our school is strongly committed to building strong and effective partnerships with our Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Communities. We wish to participate in bringing about meaningful change for all and through our curriculum will attempt to explore the history of Aboriginal culture and discuss the issues with our students. This year our school will be celebrating NAIDOC Week (National Aboriginal and Islander Day) in Term 3, Week 1. This celebration of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander culture will involve learning and discussions across Kindergarten to Year 6.

Mr Bryce Jackel

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.
- The school does not hold a cash float – SORRY WE CANNOT GIVE CHANGE – money is banked daily.
- 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.

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. Parent volunteers process the money on the banks' behalf in our school library immediately after roll call on Mondays.

KINDERGARTEN 2015 (Siblings)

Thank you to the parents who have come into the office and placed their children's name on our Kindergarten list. 'Ghosted Enrolment Forms' have been given out for your Kindergarten 2015 child.

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 evening Monday 25th August.

Thank you, The Office

P & C NEWS

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

Prior to the P&C meeting this 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 **tonight, Tuesday 3rd June at 7pm**, after the literacy information session.

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: The Budget committee last week, after consultation with Wendy, 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, and
5. New junior soccer goals.

I would like to thank the P&C executive, Mrs Cheek, the staff at school and the volunteers who over the last 18 months have made my job easier as P&C President. It is with regret that I am resigning as P&C President for personal reasons. It has been a privilege to serve the school community in this role.

I ask that the parents and carers' of the school community support the remaining P&C executive – all of them are

busy people who do a wonderful job for the school. Help support your school!

Julie Wharton will preside over the P&C until a new President is elected.

**Can you help? Only 2 more people needed!!!
OLIVE TREE MARKET BBQ – Saturday, 7th June,
(9am - 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 volunteers for the following shifts:

- 8:30-10am (open) – filled
- 10-11:30am – filled
- 11:30-1pm – filled
- **1pm – 2:30 (close). – 2 people needed**



Movie Night – Friday, 20th June – Tower Cinemas

Just a reminder that **this Friday, 6th June**, is the last day for any **ticket and combo** forms to be returned to the office.

All **other ticket orders** (with no combo food) need to be received **before Tuesday June 17th**.

Please complete your flyer and return it to school with the correct money or a cheque. Tickets will be sent home from today on – so please check your child's bag each day! Additional flyers are available from the front office, Facebook or the P&C tab on the school website.

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 coordinator, 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. If you are interested in undertaking a position on the Fair Committee, please contact the P&C on junctionpandc@hotmail.com

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. Movie Night – Friday 20th June – Tower Cinemas Newcastle.

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.

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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TOM & PAT HARD AT WORK !!



YEAR 5 SCIENCE ENRICHMENT DAY

Today some students have been working with parent/scientist Bronwyn Geerarts at a workshop here at school drawing up a 'Pedigree' showing how traits such as eye colour, hair colour run in families!

