

# The Junction News

Newsletter of The Junction Public School



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Term 2 – Week 7

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## PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

### CURRICULUM FOCUS: ENGLISH

This year our teachers have been effectively implementing the new NSW Syllabus for the Australian Curriculum in English and will be reporting to parents on this new content in our first semester reports at the end of this term. The intent of the new English syllabus is different to past years. Where there has been an emphasis on the teaching of the structure of distinct text types, now we are placing a 'concept' as the focus of a particular English unit of study. We are looking closely at how students respond and compose to a diverse range of written, digital and multi-modal information and literature sources. The following is from the English K-10 syllabus Board of Studies, NSW.

*Through responding to and composing texts from Kindergarten to Year 6, students learn about the power, value and art of the English language for communication, knowledge and enjoyment. By composing and responding with imagination, feeling, logic and conviction, students develop understanding of themselves and of the human experience and culture.*

- Students develop their language skills through activities involving speaking and listening, reading and writing, and viewing and representing.
- They learn about language and literature through working with a wide range of print, spoken, visual, media, multimedia and digital texts.
- They interpret and express their views on what they hear, see and read.
- They create written and digital texts, and deliver formal and informal presentations.
- For the first time, there will be a requirement that students experience a range of texts, including Australian works, multiculturalism, Aboriginality and Australian identity, and Asian perspectives.
- There is an increased emphasis on grammar and the teaching of quality literature.

I will continue to keep you updated in this area and provide you with student work samples across the school in English.

### CONCERNS WITH CROSSING IN WATKINS STREET

Our crossing supervisors are very concerned over the safety of students in Watkins Street when being picked up from school. Some parents using the five minute

parking space are calling to their children who are approaching the cars, before they are fully stationary. There is a real concern that a student is going to be seriously injured if this continues. Could I ask that all parents use extreme care around Watkins Street or Union Street when picking up or dropping off children? Thanks.

### STAR STRUCK

Star Struck week has finally arrived and we look forward to the performance of our dancers and of all the schools across our region. 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. It is a quality production featuring the talents of all students from Kinder to Year 12 across the region.

We wish to congratulate Year 6 student Georgia F, who has been selected to be a member of the 50 strong Starstruck orchestra. Georgia is the only primary school student in this band! A fantastic



achievement! Georgia tells us that the experience so far has been daunting, but so far very exciting.

### 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 that 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.

**Wendy Cheek, Principal**



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**CALENDAR - TERM 2 – 2014****Week 7****Event**

<b>Wednesday, June 11</b>	<b>Major Star Struck Rehearsal</b>
<b>Thursday, June 12</b>	<b>Star Struck Dress Rehearsal</b>
<b>Friday, June 13</b>	<b>Star Struck performances</b>
<b>Saturday, June 14</b>	<b>Star Struck performance</b>

**Week 8****Event**

<b>Tuesday, June 17</b>	<b>Junior Band Day</b> <b>(Last day for orders) - P &amp; C</b> <b>movie night tickets</b>
<b>Friday, June 20</b>	<b>P &amp; C Movie Night</b>

**Week 9****Event**

<b>Monday, June 23</b>	<b>Band Concert night - New Hall</b>
<b>Tuesday, June 24</b>	<b>K-2 Meal Deal Day</b> <b>NO OTHER LUNCH ORDERS</b> <b>AVAILABLE</b>
<b>Wednesday, June 25</b>	<b>Year 3-6 Meal Deal Day</b> <b>NO OTHER LUNCH ORDERS</b> <b>AVAILABLE</b>
<b>Friday, June 27</b>	<b>Whole School–Athletics</b> <b>Carnival–Glendale Sport Centre</b>
<b>Friday, June 27</b>	<b>Last day of Term</b>

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

<b>Monday, July 14</b>	<b>STAFF ONLY RETURN</b>
<b>Tuesday, July 15</b>	<b>Students return for Term 3</b>

**Week 2****Event**

<b>Wed/Thurs, July 23/24</b>	<b>BandLink</b>
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**SPECIAL MENTION AWARDS****Term 2 Week 6****KINDER, YEAR 1 & YEAR 2 ASSEMBLY**

<b>KK</b>	Snöfrid Y	Ocean L
<b>KD</b>	Luka B	Chloe G
<b>KH</b>	Lachlan F	Rosie B
<b>KE</b>	Rosie B	Tamara L
<b>1J</b>	Maliyah W	Samuel B
<b>1C</b>	Myles M Amelia G	Cody M
<b>1CF</b>	Oliver H	Ariel M
<b>1/2L</b>	Lucy R	Isaac L
<b>2H</b>	Owen D	Lara C
<b>2R</b>	Trisha S	Xavier C
<b>2W</b>	Jett P	Hannah S
<b>2/3B</b>	Yorygi F	Rosie C Indah J

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

<b>3MC</b>	Courtney B	Arisa W
<b>3W</b>	Oskar C	Isabella G
<b>3/4CR</b>	Joshua R	Joe B
<b>4F</b>	Ebony D	Harry B
<b>4A</b>	Charlie W	Max W
<b>4L</b>	Grace F	Luke O
<b>5C</b>	Lucy U	Kepei T
<b>5S</b>	Oliver A	Millie S
<b>5/6B</b>	Nathan F	Tom J
<b>6B</b>	Max T	Bailey R
<b>6C</b>	Jonathan O	Jade D
<b>Band Awards</b>	Susanna B Ziv T	Aiden F
<b>Monthly Band Award</b>	Hugo W William D	Emily D

**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 Week 5)

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

**Junior Band Day** - Tuesday 17/6/14  
(Lime green note home)

**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 last week)

**Whole school ‘Athletics Carnival’**

Friday 27<sup>th</sup> June – (Purple note home last week)

## BAND NEWS

### Entertainment Books

We will be finalising our account with Entertainment books on 20<sup>th</sup> June, so if you still require one please order from the office ASAP. You have 2 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 20<sup>th</sup> June. We cannot take any money after this cut-off date as numbers will be sent to the organiser.

### Junior Band Day (Bright Lime green note)

Our Junior Band Day will take place on Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> June.

### Band Concert Night

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

## 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.

New style water resistant track suit pants are now in stock – cost from \$25.

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

## 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.

## 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 25<sup>th</sup> August.

## P & C NEWS

### P&C CHANGES

As you may have read last week, Bronwyn Geerarts has tendered her resignation as P&C President due to significantly increased work commitments. At the P&C meeting last week, Julie Wharton (P&C Vice President) was endorsed as Acting P&C President until such time as a replacement can be found. The P&C is allowed to have two vice presidents, hence there is now only one of three of these key executive roles filled. Therefore, nominations have been called for the positions of P&C President, and at least one of the Vice-President Roles.

In this time of transition and change, we therefore seek the patience and support of parents and carers. We're also keen to hear from anyone who may be interested in becoming more involved with the P&C. No prior experience necessary. Just come along and observe for a while, if you'd prefer, and find out what it's all about - dip your toe in as slowly (or quickly) as you'd like. The current P&C is a very collegiate and supportive group, and everyone works together for the collective purpose of supporting the school that does such a great job of teaching our kids and providing them with wonderful opportunities.

If you want to find out a little more, there are a number of P&C reference documents available on the P&C tab of the school website. Documents that are necessary evils for an organisation like ours to operate effectively and transparently - but shouldn't scare you off.

### VOTE OF THANKS

The P&C wishes to gratefully thank Bronwyn Geerarts for her service over many years. In addition to having served as president for the last 15 months, Bronwyn served as Treasurer for the two years previous, as well as many other supporting roles including spearheading the highly regarded Science Club. We are very thankful for all of her hard work and dedication over many years. And we know she will continue to support the ongoing efforts of the P&C, where she can.

### NEXT P&C MEETING, FRIDAY 18<sup>TH</sup> JULY AT 1.00PM

The P&C is trialling "daytime" P&C meetings on the first Friday (Week 1) of each of Terms 3 and 4. The first meeting will be **Friday 18th July, at 1pm**. The meeting will be on school grounds, but location may not be able to be confirmed until the day. Meet at the front office.

### MOVIE NIGHT – FRIDAY, 20<sup>TH</sup> JUNE – TOWER CINEMAS

#### DOORS OPEN 6.00PM. MOVIE SCREENS 6.30PM

All **ticket orders** need to be received **before Tuesday June 17<sup>th</sup>** (no more combo deals available now).

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 or on the P&C Facebook page.

### SPRING FAIR 2015 – FIRST PLANNING MEETING FRIDAY 20<sup>TH</sup> JUNE

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

The Junction Public School will be holding a Spring Fair next year (tentatively October), and planning has started. Our first planning meeting will be held at school at 2 pm on Friday 20<sup>th</sup> June. Any interested parties are welcome.

If you can't make this first planning meeting, but are interested in being involved, please contact the P&C on [juntionpandc@hotmail.com](mailto:juntionpandc@hotmail.com)

### HOLIDAY RAFFLE

It's back! The highly popular and successful Holiday Raffle is being run again this year, with bigger and better prizes! Tickets will go on sale around Week 3 or 4 of Term 3, and will be drawn in the last week of Term 3. Stay tuned for more information.

### SPECIAL THANKS

Special thanks to Suzanne Taylor for resolving the BBQ set up compliance matters. Thanks also to those who braved what is becoming typical June long weekend weather to help out with the Olive Tree Market BBQ. Apologies that I didn't have everyone's names before the newsletter print deadline. Will rectify that next week!

### UPCOMING P&C EVENTS

1. **Spring Fair Initial Planning Meeting – Friday 20<sup>th</sup> June 2.00 pm**
2. **Movie Night – Friday 20<sup>th</sup> June Tower Cinemas Newcastle 6pm**
3. **Olive Tree Market BBQ – Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> July (Year 3)**
4. **P&C Meeting – Friday 18<sup>th</sup> July 1.00 pm**

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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 [juntionpandc@hotmail.com](mailto:juntionpandc@hotmail.com) if you would like to be on the P&C email contact list.

Julie Wharton  
Acting TJPS P&C President

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