

# The Junction News

Newsletter of The Junction Public School



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Term 2 – Week 8

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## PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

### Wonderful News for our School Community

We are very pleased to receive news this week, that our school will receive five new permanent classrooms to replace demountables as part of the state budget. This is really exciting news and will certainly further enhance learning opportunities for students. We have been told that planning work will start this year with construction expected to be finalised for Term 1 - 2016.

The works will also include an upgrade and extension to the administration and staff areas.

I would like to thank the school community for its ongoing support over the last number of years especially the work of former parent and past President of the P&C Janet Ball for her strong advocacy for improved learning environments, on behalf of this school community.

We really look forward to the next phase of this school facilities improvement program.

### Ethics Teachers Needed

The NSW Government has authorized Primary Ethics, a not-for profit organization, to develop curriculum and deliver classes. Classes are inquiry based and children use dialogue and discussion to learn how to think about ethical matters through the give-and-take of reasoned argument.

To enable the full implementation of Ethics programs at our school, **we are looking for more volunteers to be trained to present an ethics program to our students.** Primary Ethics provides full training and ongoing support for their volunteer teachers. We currently need more volunteers for Year 2 and also for a Kindergarten class if there is sufficient interest. To find out more about Primary Ethics and becoming an Ethics Teacher, please go to [www.primaryethics.com.au](http://www.primaryethics.com.au) or contact our school's Ethics Co-ordinator, Mark Harden at [tipsethics@gmail.com](mailto:tipsethics@gmail.com).

### Kindergarten Ethics Program

As indicated above we are looking to provide an opportunity for Kindergarten students to participate in an Ethics program – possibly later on this year. We will send out a separate note today, asking for expressions of interest for this program – which is also reliant on having a volunteer parent trained and available to facilitate weekly lessons with students.

## Congratulations

Congratulations to our Star Struck dancers who performed so brilliantly last week over all four performances. This regional spectacular has highlighted the depth of talent from all our students right across the Hunter Region and was a wonderful success. Many thanks to teacher Erin Smith for all her organisation, support and supervision of our dance team as well as teachers Louise Tilse, Jody Cooper and Chris Ware who gave up their weekends to assist with supervision of the dance group during the performances. Well done everyone.



## P&C Movie Night

A great fundraiser is being held this coming Friday night at Tower Cinemas with the highly popular feature film – 'How to Train Your Dragon 2'. The P&C have hired out one of the large cinemas to enable a great family night for all. See details further in this newsletter.

## Band Concert

I am looking forward to our Band Concert night next Monday night in the new hall. This night is to showcase the amazing talents of all our band students and also the skill of our wonderful band conductors and tutors. The evening commences at 6.00pm and will be finished by 7.30pm. Everyone is welcome.

## Athletics Carnival

Our Athletics Carnival is taking place on the last day of term – next Friday 27<sup>th</sup> June at Glendale Athletic Centre. Parents are warmly invited to attend and enjoy this day. All students from Kinder to Year 6 will be participating and enjoying the competition and activities. All students will travel out to the Athletics Carnival by bus. A detailed note

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(purple) about this event was sent home to you a few weeks ago. Additional notes are available in the foyer of the administration block.

Students are asked to return their permission notes and payment for admission to the sports centre and bus fares which is \$11.00. Buses are fitted with seat belts. It's a wonderful day for all – parents are warmly invited to attend.

**Wendy Cheek, Principal**

## CALENDAR - TERM 2 – 2014

### Week 8

<b>Friday, June 20</b>	<b>P &amp; C Movie Night</b>
<b>Friday, June 20</b>	<b>P &amp; C 2015 Spring Fair meeting at school at 2pm</b>

### Week 9

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

### School Holidays

<b>Saturday, July 5</b>	<b>Olive Tree Markets – 9am-3pm</b>
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## CALENDAR - TERM 3 – 2014

### Week 1

<b>Monday, July 14</b>	<b>STAFF ONLY RETURN</b>
<b>Tuesday, July 15</b>	<b>Students return for Term 3</b>
<b>Tuesday, July 15</b>	<b>Uniform shop open – 8.45am</b>
<b>Friday, July 18</b>	<b>P &amp; C Meeting – 1.30pm</b>

### Week 2

<b>Wed/Thurs, July 23/24</b>	<b>BandLink</b>
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## SPECIAL MENTION AWARDS

### Term 2 Week 7

#### KINDER, YEAR 1 & YEAR 2 ASSEMBLY

<b>KK</b>	Maia D	Cooper T
<b>KD</b>	Lilli W Thea M	Daisy M
<b>KH</b>	Louis H	Jackson B
<b>KE</b>	Thomas K	Boden S
<b>1J</b>	Ruby K	Brady M
<b>1C</b>	Isabella S	Stella S
<b>1CF</b>	Toby W	Andrew F
<b>1/2L</b>	Taj W	Tess N
<b>2R</b>	Lily D	Agamjot A
<b>2W</b>	Mia V	Patrick M
<b>2H</b>	Milijana M	Nicholas G
<b>2/3B</b>	Yorygi F	

### Term 2 Week 7 YEARS 3, 4, 5 & 6 ASSEMBLY

<b>2/3B</b>	Theo Dixon-Smith	
<b>3MC</b>	Michael M	Ned Manning-Lourey
<b>3W</b>	Monica L	Bridget Hobden
<b>4F</b>	Rhys B	Benjamin Dare
<b>4A</b>	Felix M	Mary-Jane Rice
<b>4L</b>	Thomas P	Sam Taylor
<b>5C</b>	Finnian G	Oliver Pearson
<b>5S</b>	Sunny W	Shanika B
<b>5/6B</b>	Niamh L	Marc C
<b>6B</b>	Caitlin F	Sebastian C
<b>6C</b>	Rosalili F	Sam N
<b>Student of the month</b>	Jack W-2/3B Ziv Turner F-3MC Eva N-4L Cameron S-5C Abi D-5/6B Lillian M-6B	Max H-3W Eva R-4A Talara B-4F Charlotte M-5S Joshua L-6C

**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)

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

**Term 2 – Meal Deal from the Canteen**  
(K – Year 2) – Tues 24/6 – Blue note  
(Year 3 – Year 6) – Wed 25/6 – Yellow note

**Whole school 'Athletics Carnival'**  
Friday 27<sup>th</sup> June – (Purple note)

**Year 2 Gymnastics – Term 3** (Green note)

**BAND NEWS****BandLink**

All BandLink notes and money must be paid by this Thursday morning. The numbers are to be faxed on Thursday and any late money cannot be accepted. If you are unsure about whether or not you have paid, please check with the office.

**Band Concert**

All parents should have received an invitation to our first semester Band Concert on Monday night. All band students must arrive at 5:40pm for a warm up of instruments. The concert starts at 6:00pm precisely with Junior Band. The concert will last for approximately one hour. 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.

Band shirts should arrive by the end of this term. It is advisable to pay for your Band shirts now and once the order arrives the shirt will be delivered to your child.

Donna Reay, Co-ordinator

**CANTEEN NEWS**

Meal Deal Orders – All orders for the Meal Deal days for next week must be handed in to the Canteen **by this Thursday morning!**

**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.

**Starstruck excitement ! .....**



## P & C NEWS

### Permanent Classrooms

On Sunday, State Member for Newcastle, Tim Owen announced that TJPS will receive funding to replace demountables with FIVE permanent classrooms. This is exciting news, and the P&C looks forward to being involved as details evolve. The school community has been actively lobbying for many years for a return to pre-earthquake numbers of permanent classrooms. It seems that we are finally on the cusp of a significant improvement to our school's landscape. Stay tuned.

### P & C Building Fund

With today's newsletter all families will receive a brochure and letter explaining this fundraising program co-ordinated by the School P & C. Please take the time to read this information to support the school and provide more learning opportunities for our children.

### Spring Fair 2015 – First Planning Meeting Friday 20<sup>th</sup> June 2pm

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 this Friday 20<sup>th</sup> June**. Any people interested in helping out 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)

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

TJPS screening of **How to Train Your Dragon 2** is this Friday at Tower Cinemas. Doors open at 6pm, and the movie will screen at 6.30pm. Limited tickets are still available this week – but please be quick.

### Next P&C Meeting, Friday 18<sup>th</sup> July at 1.30pm

The P&C is trialing "daytime" P&C meetings on the first Friday (Week 1) of each of Terms 3 and 4. The first meeting will be **Friday 18<sup>th</sup> July, at 1.30pm (note revised time)**. The meeting will be at school, but location may not be able to be confirmed until the day. Meet at the front office.

### Olive Tree Market BBQ – 5th July

For the July OTM BBQ we are asking any parents/carer's of **Year 3** 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. The shifts are:

- 8:30-10am (open)
- 10-11:30am
- 11:30-1pm
- 1pm – 2:30 (close)

### Holiday Raffle – Term 3

Help will be needed during Term 3 with the distribution of raffle tickets and then the counting of money and

sorting of tickets as they come in. If you can help, please contact the P&C at [juntionpandc@hotmail.com](mailto:juntionpandc@hotmail.com)

### Starstruck

I was a first timer watching Starstruck on the weekend – and all I can say is "Wow!!" Congratulations to the TJPS students involved – you did the school proud, and looked like you were having a blast – what a great experience for you all. Well done to the parents who have supported their kids through what I expect was numerous rehearsals and commitments in the lead up to the showcase. But mostly – a big thank you to the teachers who gave up their time to not only support the kids, but escort and care for them backstage during rehearsals and performances. It was yet another example of how much work our teachers do behind the scenes that often goes unnoticed – but without which some of these events just can't happen.

### Special Thanks

Many thanks to those who helped cover the shifts at our June OTM BBQ: Daniel Bishop, Michael McKie, Michelle Grove, Kristen Saunders, Richard Haines, June McTaggart, Bronwyn and Tim Geerarts, Steve Gibbs, Katharine Barrett, Jenni Heyes, Brett Ninness, Martin Krause, Vera Moore, Mel Currie & Mel's sister. We raised around \$1000 from the BBQ.

### Upcoming P&C Events

Date	Time	Event
20 June	2.00 pm	Spring Fair 2015 Planning Meeting
20 June	6.00 pm	Family Movie Night (Tower Cinema)
5 July	8.30am-2.30pm	Olive Tree Market BBQ
18 July	1.30 pm	P&C Meeting

**P&C EMAIL LIST** - 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. You will receive general notices of P&C activities, as well as meeting agendas and minutes. This is a great way to keep up with the P&C and stay involved in school.

Julie Wharton  
Acting P&C President

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