

The Junction News

Newsletter of The Junction Public School



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Term 2 – Week 9

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PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

How quickly this term has gone!

Athletics Carnival

Our Athletics Carnival is taking place this Friday 27th June at Glendale Athletic Centre. 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 'purple' note about this event has been sent home in previous weeks.

Students from Year 2 to 6 will be leaving the school by bus at around 9.10am – so all students need to be **at school by 8.40am** – to assemble and have their names marked off. They will return to school before 3.00pm.

Kindergarten and Year 1 students will leave the school at 10.00am travel out to Glendale, participate in activities and then return to school from Glendale at 1.00pm.

All 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.

Band Program

Last night we were all delighted to be an audience for our annual band concert. All four bands – junior, intermediate, senior and percussion played for a packed hall of appreciative parents.

We are very proud of all our band students for their commitment, dedication and outstanding skills they have developed over the course of the band program. Special and very warm thanks to conductors Michael Bell and Michael Jobson for their high level skill and mentoring of our young students. We are indeed very fortunate to have such an impressive music program in our school. Many thanks again to band program co-ordinator Lesley Fitzgibbon, for the amazing hard work she puts into organisation of events such as this.



First Semester Reports

Reports will be coming home to you on Thursday this week. These reports are an assessment of learning for the last two terms. Early next term you will have the opportunity to have an interview with your child's teacher and discuss aspects of the report and any other matters that you wish to raise. Information on these meetings will be coming home to you at the beginning of next term.

Stage 2 Maths GATS Day

Stage 2 students enjoyed some Maths enrichment experiences last week when mathematician and engineer – Shannon Frohlich – spent time with Years 3 and 4 students challenging them on some wonderful mathematical patterning concepts. The students were looking for patterns and groupings in a series of numbers. It was a really challenging and engaging session – with lots of very clever Stage 2 Mathematicians up to the task. This day is part of our organisation for our 'Enrichment and Engagement' Framework which takes place at the end of each term.



Stage 1 Public Speaking

All students from Kindergarten to Year 6 have been involved in public speaking activities in this semester. During this week and early next term some students from all grades will be presenting their speeches to their grades in preparation for the Zone Public Speaking competition which will be held in week 4 of next term. Stage 1 students – 2 from each class - are presenting their speeches tomorrow – Wednesday in the new hall at 9.45am. Parents are very welcome to attend.

Public Speaking is part of our Talking and Listening section of the English syllabus. It is really pleasing to see the growing confidence of all students in this area.

Stage 3 Design Challenges

This Wednesday at 10.00am, Stage 3 are completing their Term 2 design challenges. Students were asked to, in groups, write a Reader's Theatre script, allocate characters prepare costumes and rehearse. All groups will then present their performance to the rest of the stage in the Stage 3 classrooms. Parents are welcome to attend.

Congratulations!

Congratulations to Year 6 student Georgia F who was selected at the State PSSA Hockey Championships last week, to represent NSW as goal keeper at the National tournament in Hobart next term. This is an outstanding achievement. Well done Georgia! Please support Georgia and her family with travel expenses by purchasing Raffle Tickets available in the office.

Happy holidays!

I'd like to thank all parents for the way that you have supported our school this term and for your wonderful children. Hoping you all have a great holiday time with your families. Students return on Tuesday 15th July.

Wendy Cheek, Principal

OUT OF UNIFORM DAY TOMORROW!

In keeping with the Football World Cup, the Year 6 Fundraising Committee has chosen an 'Out of Uniform Day' with a theme: – **'Come to school dressed as your favourite sporting star or in your favourite sporting colours'**. Please provide a gold coin donation on the day. Year 6 are fundraising for their Farewell Gift to the school at the end of the year. Thanks for your support.

SCHOOL RECESS & LUNCHES

We ask that parents' check their child's lunch boxes each morning. There has been an increase in students coming to the office with either no recess or lunch. Could you also check with your child if there is enough food being packed – sometimes students appetites increase and require more food in their lunch box!

THERE WILL BE NO TAP LESSONS FIRST WEEK BACK – LESSONS WILL START IN WEEK 2!

CALENDAR - TERM 2 – 2014

Week 9	Event
Wednesday, June 25	Out of uniform day–Gold coin donation
Wednesday, June 25	Year 3-6 Meal Deal Day NO OTHER LUNCH ORDERS AVAILABLE
Wednesday, June 25	Year 1 & 2 Public Speaking - New Hall at 9.45am
Wednesday, June 25	Year 5 & 6 Design challenge presentation - 10am
Friday, June 27	Whole School–Athletics Carnival–Glendale Sport Centre
Friday, June 27	Last day of Term

School Holidays	Event
Saturday, July 5	Olive Tree Markets – 9am-3pm

CALENDAR - TERM 3 – 2014

Week 1	Event
Monday, July 14	STAFF ONLY RETURN
Tuesday, July 15	Students return for Term 3
Tuesday, July 15	Uniform shop open – 8.45am
Friday, July 18	P & C Meeting – 1.30pm

Week 2	Event
Tuesday, July 22	Boys Tap Lessons Start Term 3
Wednesday, July 23	BandLink
Thursday, July 24	BandLink
Thursday, July 24	Girls Tap Lessons Start Term 3
Friday, July 25	Zone Carnival – Track events

Week 3	Event
Tuesday, July 29	Zone Carnival – Field events

SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR

Thank you to the school community and parent helpers who made our Book Fair this term so successful. The school received \$3,000 credit to purchase resources to expand the Lexile program and other resources for the whole school. Mrs Land

SPECIAL MENTION AWARDS

Term 2 Week 8

KINDER, YEAR 1 & YEAR 2 ASSEMBLY

KK	Chloe H	Maggie B
KH	Samantha A	Ashton B
KE	Keely H	Kahn W
1J	Lan P	Liam S
1C	Lucille H	Blake F
1CF	Neve H	Ryland D
1/2L	Mackenzie W	Sabine Y
2R	Oscar F	Rayshai H
2W	Maraya D	Reece K
2H	Isaac J	Blake O'B
2/3B	Seren R	

Term 2 Week 8

YEARS 3, 4, 5 & 6 ASSEMBLY

2/3B	Taj C	
3MC	Jack D	Braith H
4F	Jordan D	Lilley H
4A	Matthew B	Lara B
4L	Callum H Ruby H	Trinity B
5C	Patrick P Finnian G	Justin T
5S	Annika S Shanika B	Finn M
5/6B	Tom J	
6B	Maya J Lachlan B	Matilda D
6C	Brandan T	Emily D
Band	Tahlia R Charlotte M Maya L	Niamh L Ava L

K - 2 Assembly (Wednesday 2pm new hall)
Year 3 – 6 Assembly (No assembly this week due to the Athletics carnival)

UPCOMING EVENTS / NOTES

Year 5 – Sydney Excursion – (25/08/14)
 (White note)

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

Whole school 'Athletics Carnival'
 Friday 27th June – (Purple note)

Year 2 Gymnastics – Term 3 (Green note)
 \$36.00 - Due Week 1 Term 3

NATIONAL CRICKET CHAMPIONSHIPS

By Angus McTaggart

I have just returned from the School Sport of Australia National Cricket Championship in Darwin. We had five games of intense competition against the other states and unfortunately we lost two of the games in the last two overs. For the parents and players, there were many heart stopping moments in these games. Luckily we had two rest days of sightseeing and an organised day of mixed T20 games and a crocodile excursion with all the children from each State.

Although we came fourth, we played hard and never gave up and were really close to beating some of the other teams but in the end Queensland and Victoria tied first. I had a great time and made many new friends from other regions of NSW and other States.

I would like to thank Mrs Cheek, Mrs Keating, Mrs Cooper, Mrs Briggs, all teachers and the office staff, along with the all the parents and students of the school for helping and supporting me to get to Darwin, and allowing me to have an amazing experience.

YEAR 4 DANCE GROUP

Last Wednesday the Year 4 Dance group performed at the K-2 assembly. This was an opportunity for the younger students to see our dance group in action.



BAND NEWS

Entertainment Books

We will be finalising our account with Entertainment books this Thursday, so if you still require one please order from the office ASAP.

Band Fees

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

Band Concert Night

What a successful concert last night! All bands performed brilliantly and grateful thanks must go to our outstanding conductors Michael Jobson, Michael Bell and David Tracy. Thanks, parents for all of your support for our program. _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 will be open the first day back for Term 3 being Tuesday 15th July

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

Band shirts should be available early next term. It is advisable to pay for your Band shirts now and once the order arrives the shirt will be delivered to your child.

Thank you to the wonderful mums who help out in the Uniform shop: Kim Forbes, Sally Hodgson, Tori Smart, Bernadette Ryan, Vera Moore and Sarah Harden.

Donna Reay, Co-ordinator

CANTEEN NEWS

Meal Deal Day – Year 3 – 6 have their Meal Deal day tomorrow! (Only those students in Year 3-6 who have placed an order will receive one).

There will be no other lunch orders available at the canteen tomorrow!

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. This service will commence in Week 2 of Term 3.

KINDERGARTEN 2015 (Siblings)

Could parents who have been given a Ghosted Enrolment Form for their child for Kindergarten 2015 please complete the form along with the 'Blue Emergency Card' and return these to the office as soon as possible. If you have the Birth Certificate/and or Immunisation History statement, please bring these in. If you are unable to provide these documents at the moment please still send the completed enrolment form.

A kindergarten package will still be available to you at the Parent information evening Monday 25th August.

P & C NEWS

Family Movie Night

The family movie night was a huge success, with around 500 people turning up on Friday night to Tower Cinema for a screening of **How to Train Your Dragon 2**. The success once again of this night will likely see this event on the calendar next year.

End of Term

It's hard to believe that we are once again approaching the end of term. We will need any help we can get with next week's Olive Tree Market BBQ. It's the middle weekend of the school holidays, which has traditionally been a tricky time for us to secure enough volunteers to run the BBQ, so if people could please let us know ASAP if they can take a shift, it will help us determine the viability of this next BBQ.

Next P&C Meeting, Friday 18th July at 1.30pm

The next P&C meeting will be **Friday 18th July, at 1.30pm – that's Week 1 Term 3**. The meeting will be at school, but location may not be able to be confirmed until the day. Meet at the front office / look for a sign on the door as to the meeting location.

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 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 each week as they come in. If you can help, please contact the P&C at: junctionpandc@hotmail.com

Father's Day Breakfast

We will soon be calling on volunteers to help co-ordinate and run the Father's Day breakfast, which be held on Thursday 4th September.

Spring Fair 2015

We had a successful "first meeting" on Friday for Spring Fair 2015 (running title for now – could change). While the meeting was very positive, and some great ideas are around, it did highlight that we will need a core group to take on some key organizational roles, and an overall "project manager". We will need to start filling these roles soon, as without them, the Spring Fair will unfortunately remain just a great idea. We have a great

"framework" to work with, and someone with experience who will be able to mentor people in these key roles.

Special Thanks – Janet Ball

I cannot understate the amount of work that Janet Ball (former P&C President) has done over the last few years in terms of lobbying and advocacy for permanent classrooms to replace demountables at TJPS. As most people will now have heard, the state member for Newcastle, Tim Owen, announced on 15th June that TJPS will receive "at least five permanent classrooms" to replace our demountables. Janet is no longer a parent of TJPS, but has been passionate enough about the issue to continue knocking on doors, meeting with politicians and sending letters and generally driving the P&C's lobbying for permanent classrooms to replace ageing demountables.

While there have been others whose help we could not have done without along the way, Janet has kept the momentum going particularly strong over the last approximately four or five (and possibly more) years. The fact that she has continued to this work after her children had left the school shows her passion for securing an improved learning environment for the future kids of our school.

Other Special Thanks

Many thanks to Justine Ulph who has been working hard getting information out into the community about TJPS P&C's building fund. And thanks also to Sophie Williams for organizing another hugely successful Family movie night.

Upcoming P&C Events

Date	Time	Event
5 July	8.30am-2.30pm	Olive Tree Market BBQ
18 July	1.30 pm	P&C Meeting
4 Sept	8.00am	Father's Day Breakfast
Late Oct	TBC	Kindy Orientation Morning Teas

P&C EMAIL LIST - Please send me a note at junctionpandc@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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SCHOOL HOLIDAY ACTIVITIES

Danny Buderus Super Clinic:

Clinics will be held on:

**Friday 11th July - No2 Sports Ground
Newcastle**

**Cost: \$50 (includes Clinic, training shirt, bag,
drink bottle, poster and more....)**

Go to the following website for details:

http://www.newcastleknights.com.au/news/2014/06/17/danny_buderus_super_clinic.html

**All profits made from the clinic will go to the
Alex McKinnon, Curtis Landers and Mark
Hughes Foundations.**



MORE PHOTOS FROM RECENT SCHOOL EVENTS.....



Enthusiasm from our Year 3 & 4 GATS day.....

