

# The Junction News

Newsletter of The Junction Public School



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Term 3 – Week 1

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## PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Welcome back to a fairly chilly Term 3. I hope you all had an enjoyable holiday break. Again another very busy term in front of us. We try to keep you as updated as possible - with the Calendar for Term 3 on the second page of this newsletter.

A warm welcome to several new families who have joined us this term – we hope you settle in well and enjoy becoming part of our wonderful educational community.

### Parent Workshop – 'Internet Safety / Cyber Bullying / Keeping your Child Safe' – Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> July.

Tomorrow evening there will be a free parent workshop from 5.30pm – 7.00pm in our new school hall. The Cybersmart program is a national cybersafety education program managed by the Australian Communications and Media Authority (the ACMA), as part of the Australian Government's commitment to promoting online safety for children and young people. The workshop will be presented by Mira Danon-Baird who has extensive management experience in the development and delivery of technology-in-education programs for students in primary and secondary streams, and teacher professional development both in schools and university settings.

The world online is powerful and engaging for young people and adults alike, offering a wealth of opportunity. The Cybersmart program enables children, parents, carers, teachers and library staff to manage online risks, so their experiences are safe and positive.

The Cybersmart program aims to:

- **Inform** children, parents, teachers and library staff about cybersafety issues
- **Educate** audiences through information, resources and practical advice
- **Empower** children to be safe online.

Materials developed for parents include a Cybersmart Guide for Families:

- Say no to cyberbullying
- Sexting
- Socialising on the internet
- Guide to online safety
- Dealing with offensive content
- Mobile phone safety

This will be a very important and informative workshop to attend – if you are able to make it.

### Hunter Region Dance Festival

Best wishes to all performers for the Hunter Region Dance Festival which will be taking place next week at Newcastle Panthers. Three of our dance groups – 'Send in the Clowns'; 'Squeaky Clean' and 'Reconciliation' will perform on Monday 21st July with our ensemble group – 'Show Me The Way' performing on Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> July.

Our dance program is of a really exceptional standard and I would like to congratulate all dancers for their commitment and hard work to get to this standard. Thanks to teacher Karen Read for all her organisation and to our talented dance tutors.

### Athletics Carnival – from Term 2

Congratulations to all students who participated in our whole school athletics carnival on the last Friday of term. We were lucky enough to score a beautiful winter's day and the children all had a really enjoyable and positive experience. It was great to see so much enthusiastic and positive participation.

Many thanks to carnival organiser – Jody Cooper – who again did a remarkable job with detailed organisation and also to all parents and carers who attended the carnival and cheered on our teams.

Zone Athletics Carnival organisation will be given out this week.



### P&C Meeting – Daytime – this coming Friday 18<sup>th</sup> July.

The P&C are trialling a new format for P&C meetings and will be holding a daytime meeting this coming Friday at school from 1.30pm. We are hoping that this new scheduled timing will open up possibilities for families to be able to attend when night time meetings didn't suit.

If you are able to attend – it would be wonderful to meet some 'new faces' and I'm sure you will find the meeting really interesting and informative. It's a chance for me as well to be able to answer whole school questions and chat with a broader section of our school community.

Our current P&C executive are a wonderful group of committed and busy professional people - just like you – and work in partnership with the school for all the students. Love to see you there next Friday if you can make it.

Wendy Cheek, Principal



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**CALENDAR - TERM 3 – 2014**

Week 1	Event
Wednesday, July 16	Parent Cyber bullying workshop – 5.30pm to 7pm
Thursday, July 17	Year 2 Gymnastics starts – Students to wear Sports Uniform
Thursday, July 17	Year 3 & 4 Public Speaking finals
Friday, July 18	P & C Meeting – 1.30pm

Week 2	Event
Monday, July 21	Hunter Dance Festival – Junior Dance Ensemble, Year 5 & 6 Dance Group
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
Thursday, July 24	Hunter Dance Festival – Senior Dance Ensemble
Friday, July 25	Zone Carnival – Track events

Week 3	Event
Tuesday, July 29	Zone Carnival – Field events
Wednesday, July 30	Senior Band & Percussion perform at Charlestown Square
Thursday, July 31	No Year 2 gymnastics today
Thursday, July 31	Musica Viva – Whole school

**UPCOMING EVENTS / NOTES****YEAR 2 GYMNASTICS – TERM 3**

(Green note) \$36.00 - Payment by tomorrow! **Starts this Thursday-Year 2 wear Sports Uniform!**

**Whole School Event - MUSICA VIVA Thursday 31<sup>st</sup> July**

(Beige note – home today) \$8.00 - Payment by 29<sup>th</sup> July

**SPECIAL MENTION AWARDS****Term 2 Week 9****KINDER, YEAR 1 & YEAR 2 ASSEMBLY**

KK	Michelle P Audrey R	Noah C
KH	Jayden B	Tyson O'B
KE	Georgiana W	Zoe C
KD	Dominic M	Edie W
1J	Patrick J	Phoebe D
1C	Sadie S Albert F	Blake F
1CF	Sienna P	Anna S
1/2L	Emiel E	Kira H
2R	Luca W Imogen W	Lauren F Claire L
2W	Hunter M	Mitzi K
2H	Matika S Ashton M	Hollie D Noah P
2/3B	Jade T	

**K - 2 Assembly** (No assembly this week)  
**Year 3 – 6 Assembly** (Friday 11.30am new hall)

**YEAR 2 GYMNASTICS**

Year 2 children (including Year 2 from 1/2L & 2/3B) will commence the Gymnastics program **THIS THURSDAY** (17th July). All permission notes must be returned or children will not be able to participate. Payment (\$36) and permission notes need to be returned by Wednesday please.

The timetable will be:

9:15-10:00 2H

10:15-11:00 2W

11:30-12:15 - Year 2 children from 2/3B and 1/2L

12:15-1:00 2R

Children are to wear Sports Uniform and there will be no program in week 3 (31st July) or week 10.

**K- 2 Assembly**

There will be no assembly this week. Our first assembly will be in week 2 - Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> at 2pm in the New Hall.

## STAGE 2 PUBLIC SPEAKING

Year 3 and 4 Public Speaking school finals will be held in the new hall on Thursday, 17th July at 9:30am.

## BANDLINK

BandLink will be held at the Newcastle City Hall on 23rd and 24th July. Final details on rehearsal room allocation and meeting places will be sent to parents as soon as we receive instructions.

## BAND PERFORMANCE

Senior Band and Percussion Ensemble will be performing at Charlestown Square for Education Week on Wednesday, 30th July at 11:00am. Students will be taking home information about this performance this week.

## ATHLETICS CARNIVAL

On the last day of Term 2 we held our Annual Athletics Carnival at Hunter Sports Centre Glendale. The weather was perfect and a wonderful day was had by all. There was a high level of participation this year and although records did not tumble there were certainly some close times. The only record to be broken this year was by the Senior boys relay team for Edmunds, beating the previous record by 31 hundredths of a second. The ribbons for the events, age champions certificates and record breakers certificates will be handed out this Friday at the Senior Assembly starting at 11.20am-12pm, parents are welcome to attend. A big thank you to all of the staff who worked tirelessly with no breaks throughout the day to make the event a success for all students. A list of students going to zone will be placed in the display boards next to the staffroom and students will receive their notes this week.

We hope that all students, parents and staff enjoyed the day and we look forward to our carnival next year.

## 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 a Monday morning 8.45am to 9.15am**

New style water resistant track suit pants are now in stock – cost from \$25. Knee high white socks \$5 are now available.

Band shirts have arrived – all paid back orders for these shirts were handed out today.

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.

## P & C NEWS

### Welcome to Term 3

Hopefully everyone has had a safe holiday break. The P&C has a busy term ahead, with our first daytime P&C meeting being trialled this week, the holiday raffle getting closer, and the Fathers' Day breakfast just for starters. As always, if you would like to stay in touch between newsletters, please see the P&C's contact details further below.

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

The next P&C meeting will be **this Friday 18th July, at 1.30pm**. 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. It's likely to be held in a Year 5 classroom.

### P&C Executive & Future Meetings

At this Friday's P&C meeting we will be calling for nominations for P&C President, as well as at least one vice-president. We may also be calling for nominations for up to six Executive Officers, as allowed for in our constitution. If you have any nominations, or would like to know more, please drop me a line at the P&C email. There is also information on the school website (see the *P&C Reference Documents* link under the P&C tab).

We will also be looking to revise P&C meeting arrangements. A proposal will be presented that will provide for one daytime and one evening P&C meeting per term, to be supplemented by one P&C executive meeting per term, if required. Filling some of the P&C roles listed above will be key to this proposal working. If you have comments on this proposal, or other suggestions, please drop me a line at the P&C email.

### Olive Tree Market BBQ – 2<sup>nd</sup> August

For the August OTM BBQ we are asking any parents/carer's of **Year 4** 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)

We also need an extra volunteer per shift to help sell our holiday raffle tickets at the BBQ.



### Holiday Raffle

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](mailto:junctionpandc@hotmail.com)

### Father's Day Breakfast

We are now calling for volunteers to help coordinate and run the Father's Day breakfast, which be held on Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> September. Please contact the P&C if you can spare some time between 7am and 9.30am.

### Spring Fair 2015

While we had a successful "first meeting" last term for the proposed Spring Fair 2015, the response for volunteers has not yet reached a point where the event can be viable. The P&C appreciates that people are very busy, but the idea for a Spring Fair resulted from direct parent feedback during our fundraising survey last year. The P&C is currently just a small group of (very busy) people, and we do not have the depth of resources to run such a big event without substantial support from the school community. We welcome new and exciting ideas, and the Spring Fair might seem like it is such a long way away – it will require an army of support, and a lot of planning to make it worth our while. If we are not able to find a core group to take on some key organizational roles, and an overall "project manager", 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

Thanks to everyone who helped with the July Olive Tree Market BBQ including Juan Mckie, Tim Alsop, Suzanne Taylor, Jane Johnson, Justine Ulph, Michael Ulph, Liz Ginters, Mark Nicholls, Erin Ginters, Olivier Buzzi and Alyssa W.

The July BBQ made \$1100 – which is a great result for us for a winter market in school holidays.

### Upcoming P&C Events

Date	Time	Event
18 July	1.30 pm	P&C Meeting
Week 3/4	-	Holiday Raffle Tickets to come home
2 August	8.30am-2.30pm	August Olive Tree Market BBQ
4 Sept	8.00am	Father's Day Breakfast
12 Sept	3pm	Holiday Raffle Tickets to be Returned
17 Sept	9.00am	Holiday Raffle to be drawn
Late Oct	TBC	Kindy Orientation Morning Teas

**P&C EMAIL LIST** - Please send me a note at [junctionpandc@hotmail.com](mailto: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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### ATHLETICS CARNIVAL PHOTOS.....

