

The Junction News

Newsletter of The Junction Public School



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Term 3 – Week 2

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PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Cyber Safety - for your Children

Last week we ran very informative sessions across the school – for students, for teachers and parents raising awareness on practices in using the internet and for students in particular how to keep themselves safe 'online'.

We were fortunate to have a spokesperson from the Australian Communication and Media Authority (ACMA) – Mira Dannon-Baird speak to all groups and focus on specific areas in using the internet.

For children specifically she gave these messages:

One of the great things about being online is the ability to share videos and photos with your friends and seeing their response. Everything you post online combines to make your digital footprint. Remember that what you share with your friends may also be viewed by people you don't know. And once it's online, it could be there forever. So think before you post.

You can manage your digital footprint by:

- **Keeping your personal details private.** Use a nickname instead of your real name and always ask your parents before giving out your name, address or phone number online.
- **Not sharing** your username or password with anyone. Passwords are easily decoded if they are 'not strong' passwords. Do not have names / birthdates / popular pet's names etc.
- **Thinking** before you post. Once posted, it can be difficult to remove. Children really need to understand that everything put up online – is really there forever – and becomes part of their digital 'identification' for years to come.
- **Not posting things** that you don't want others to know about or that you wouldn't say to their face. It can be re-published and re-printed at any time.
- **Being respectful** of other people's content that you post or share. For example, a photo that your friend took is their property, not yours. You should post it online only if you have their absolute permission.
- **Being aware** that for instance taking photographs from inside their own homes and posting up to eg 'Instagram' allows potential criminals to see the insides of houses / rooms / doors / belongings etc for future reference.

- **Privatise your accounts** but then it is incredibly important NOT to accept 'followers' you don't know as this then opens up your account to anyone.
- **Online adult 'predators'** can and will try to befriend children assuming a false identity and striking up friendships. It was suggested that parents are vigilant about the amount of use of technology – 'Smart' devices available to their children; have an open dialogue with their children about what they are doing online and it was also suggested that the devices not be used in bedrooms but in a public part of the house for monitoring.
- **Parents need to be aware** that many of the 'aps' that children can play online appear 'free' to download but then require 'purchases' by children to buy elements of the game to continue. If parents' credit cards are linked to these accounts parents could find some 'bill-shock' when their mobile accounts come in. One of our own parents reported experiencing this recently.

There is a wealth of very important information on the ACMA Cyber-Safety website. I strongly encourage parents to have a look at this information and its relevance to their own circumstances at home.

'Wear a Beanie for Brain Cancer' Day – Thursday 31st July

The Hunter Medical Research Institute (HMRI) is joining up with the Mark Hughes Foundation to organise a fundraiser to support research into brain cancer. Data shows that brain cancer is the leading cause of cancer death in children and adults under 40.

The Mark Hughes Foundation is working with many schools in our area, to hold a special day next week – **'Wear a Beanie for Brain Cancer Awareness'** - where all students are encouraged to wear a beanie with their school uniforms and bring in a gold coin donation. **Our 'Beanie Day' will be Thursday 31st July next week.** Funds raised will go to HMRI to continue their invaluable research into this terrible life-threatening condition. Please support this day – thank-you.

Hunter Region Dance Festival

Congratulations to all performers participating in the Hunter Region Dance Festival which is taking place this week at Newcastle Panthers. Three of our dance groups – 'Send in the Clowns'; 'Squeaky Clean' and 'Reconciliation' performed brilliantly last night with our ensemble group – 'Show Me The Way' performing this Thursday 24th July.

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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.

Daytime P&C Meeting

We held a very successful daytime P&C meeting last Friday at school and it was great to see so many new faces – the new date and time obviously suiting a different group of parents. The P&C will continue to trial further daytime meetings this year. Please see the P&C report for details.

Wendy Cheek, Principal

CALENDAR - TERM 3 – 2014

Week 2 Event

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

Monday, July 28	Last day for Book Club orders
Tuesday, July 29	Zone Carnival – Field events
Wednesday, July 30	Senior Band & Percussion perform at Charlestown Square
Thursday, July 31	'Wear a beanie for Brain cancer day' – Full school uniform to be worn – Gold coin donation
Thursday, July 31	No Year 2 gymnastics today
Thursday, July 31	Musica Viva – Whole school
Saturday, August 2	Olive Tree Markets – 9am-3pm

Week 8 Event

Wednesday, Sept 3	Intermediate Band Day
Thursday, Sept 4	Fathers' Day Breakfast – 8am

Week 9 Event

Monday, Sept 8	Year 6 Canberra
to Wed, Sept 10	Year 6 Canberra
Thursday, Sept 11	Senior Band Day

SPECIAL MENTION AWARDS

Term 3 Week 1

YEARS 3, 4, 5 & 6 ASSEMBLY

2/3B	Jake P	
3MC	Charlie G	Chelsea B
3W	Adele B	Ava L
3/4CR	Gus C Tabitha C	Erin K Joshua R
4F	Kobi L	Jet R
4A	Kaj H	William J
4L	Mia A	Emma L
5C	Ruby Z	Kepei T
5S	Joshua T	Lily L
5/6B	Jasmine M Madison S	Katrina G Haylie S
6B	Ethan B	Hayley C
6C	Henry K	Rose P

K - 2 Assembly (Wednesday 2pm new hall)

Year 3 – 6 Assembly (Friday 11.30am new hall)

K-2 ASSEMBLY

We will be having a shared assembly on Wednesday. Class 1/2L are very excited about sitting on the chairs. See you there on Wednesday at 2pm in the new hall. There will be no assembly next week because of Musica Viva.

BANDLINK

BandLink is happening on Wednesday and Thursday this week. A reminder note was sent home last Thursday with last minute details for parents. It is an exciting two days for our band students.

SENIOR BAND/PERCUSSION PERFORMANCE

The above groups will be performing Wednesday July 30 at Charlestown Square for Education Week. Please ensure you send the Permission Slip and \$10 for the coach hire into school by next Monday. Thank you.

STAGE 2 PUBLIC SPEAKING

Our school public speaking final was held last Wednesday. What a high standard was exhibited by our Year 3 and 4 students! Mrs Keating had a very difficult job in selecting our Stage 2 school representatives, Ben Dare and Callum Harris will represent our school at the Zone Finals. Well done everyone!

UPCOMING EVENTS / NOTES

Whole School Event - MUSICA VIVA

Thursday 31st July

(Beige note) \$8.00 -

Payment required by: Tuesday 29th July

Senior Band/Percussion –Charlestown Square performance

Wednesday 30th July

(Bright Green note) \$10

BOOK CLUB REMINDER

Please return any Book Club order to the library by Monday 28th July.

Please ensure that your child's name and class are written on all order forms.

PRC READING CHALLENGE

Congratulations to the following Year 3-6 students who have completed the PRC.

Ziv T, Daisy B, Aiden F, Lily F, Michelle J, Kobi L, Paris R, Jonty S, Asha T, Finnian G, Kepei T, Alyssa W and Rosalili F.

Students have 4 weeks to update their reading records to complete the challenge.

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 are now available to purchase - \$35.

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.

PSSA SPORT TERM 3

The girls' and boys' Basketball Gala Day will take place on Thursday, 7th August, 2014. The venue is the Broadmeadow Basketball Stadium. Mrs Tilse will be accompanying the students.

The school Rugby team will travel to Taree to play Tacking Point in the quarter finals of the NSW State Knockout. This will be on Tuesday, 29th July.

The Rugby League team will play Jewells Public School. This game will be the last game for our Hunter 1 pool division. A date and venue is still to be organised.

PSSA SUCCESS

Last term Ava R and Georgia F travelled with Mrs Briggs to compete in the NSW State PSSA Hockey Championship in Camden. The girls had a number of training sessions before going with girls from Taree and Newcastle.

The championships were held over three days. The Hunter team was undefeated in their pool. This winning streak continued through the quarter finals and finals. The team were defeated in the grand final 2 to 1.

A further accolade was gained with Georgia gaining selection in the NSW State Hockey team as keeper. Georgia will travel to Hobart to play in the National Championships.

A fundraising activity session will be held at lunchtime on Monday, 28th July in the playground. The children can participate in four activities for a gold coin donation.

There is also a jelly bean guessing competition running this week at 20c a guess.



STAGE 3 SCHOOL PUBLIC SPEAKING FINAL

The final of the Year 5 and 6 Public Speaking competition will be held on Monday, 28th July, 2014 in the school hall starting at 9.20am.

P & C NEWS

Daytime P&C Meeting Trial

The trial P&C meeting last Friday was a great success, and we welcomed about eight new members. It was fabulous to see so many new faces, and based on overwhelming response, we will be holding another daytime meeting on Friday 22nd August at 1.30pm. A brief summary of last week's meeting was sent out to the P&C Email list.

P&C Executive

For the time being, I will be continuing as Acting P&C President. Belinda Pearson has accepted a nomination for one of our two P&C Vice-President positions. We are actively seeking a second P&C Vice President. If there are any nominations or interest, please contact me.

Future P&C Meetings

In this transition time, we are looking for alternatives to our traditional "first Tuesday of the month" structure. We will be holding a meeting on Friday 22nd August at 1.30pm, and will likely hold an executive meeting between now and then. The executive meeting will be open to anyone interested in coming along, but will likely be an evening meeting. We may then hold a P&C evening meeting around the second Tuesday in September – to be confirmed, but tentatively 9th September, and possibly starting at 6pm – subject to feedback. Any suggestions for options are warmly welcome, as we strive to keep meetings accessible to the majority of interested people.

Olive Tree Market BBQ – 2nd August

For the August OTM BBQ we are asking any parents/carers 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)

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

Holiday Raffle

We are finalizing prizes for the P&C Holiday raffle, with first prize to be a \$4000 voucher towards holiday travel through iTravel The Junction, with the first prize proudly donated by your P&C to the value of \$3500, and iTravel to the value of \$500. Thanks to the amazing efforts of parent Michael Jonker, the P&C has secured additional prizes kindly donated by the local business community to the additional value of around \$2000. This presents the great opportunity for around five prizes in total, with some great value prize packages for 2nd to 5th prize.

Again this year we will have a kids "incentive" prize – but again, thanks to Michael's wonderful efforts, we are hoping to offer up to three kids ticket selling prizes. These are likely to include HP tablets, and a "family dinner and movie" package. Each book of tickets sold gets your child a draw into the kids incentive prize – this is not a "who sells the most tickets" prize. If you sell one book, you get one entry into the draw, and if you sell ten books, you get ten entries to the draw. The incentive is that the more books of tickets you sell, the more entries you get for this special kids ticket selling incentive prize draw. One book of tickets will go home to each family, but more books will be readily available from the office.

We are hoping that tickets will go home around Week 4 or so.

Father's Day Breakfast

For those who are new to the school, the Father's Day breakfast involves dads, granddads or significant father figures coming along with their kids, to enjoy a bacon and egg sandwich, a coffee or a juice before school. BBQ costs will be confirmed closer to the day.

We are now calling for volunteers to help on the BBQ for the Father's Day breakfast, which be held on Thursday 4th September (please note this is not a Friday as has been in recent years). We have a core group of coordinators, and are grateful to those who have offered to help so far. Please contact the P&C if you can spare some time between 7am and 9.30am. Liz Ginters will be coordinating the roster.

Spring Fair 2015

Following on from last Friday's P&C meeting, there is a renewed spring in the step of the P&C regarding Spring Fair 2015. We have had some new volunteers offer to take on key roles, so momentum is gaining. The tentative date will be mid October 2015. If you are aware of significant other events in Newcastle around that time, could you please let us know as we wish to avoid clashes.

Stay tuned, as we look to be forming an organising committee very soon. If you wish to be involved, please let us know.

Volunteer Lists

Many of you may remember filling out the volunteer lists earlier this year regarding upcoming P&C events. If you feel you haven't been directly contacted regarding specific events you have volunteered for, then please drop me a line so that we can cross-check our master list. Sometimes we have had hiccups when email addresses have been transcribed incorrectly, or forms have gone missing etc. It's not a perfect system, but is a great base for us to build on – so if you think you may have been accidentally overlooked, please get in touch.

Special Thanks

A huge thanks to Michael Jonker who has spent an amazing amount of time over the last couple of months securing generous donations from our local business community towards our upcoming "holiday raffle". When you see the prize list, you will appreciate the amount of time he has spent knocking on doors and following up with each and every business individually. Anyone who has ever been involved in this sort of exercise before, will also appreciate the time required. So, thanks Michael. The Holiday Raffle is shaping up to be the P&C's major fundraiser for this year, and we all look forward to supporting it as a token of thanks for Michael's efforts.

Upcoming P&C Events

Date	Time	Event
Week 3/4	-	Holiday Raffle Tickets to come home
2 August	8.30am-2.30pm	August Olive Tree Market BBQ
22 August	1.30 pm	P&C Meeting
4 Sept	8.00am	Father's Day Breakfast (Thursday)
9 Sept	6/7pm?	P&C Meeting (TBC)
12 Sept	3pm	Holiday Raffle Tickets to be Returned
17 Sept	11.30am	Holiday Raffle to be drawn
Late Oct	TBC	Kindy Orientation Morning Teas
30 Nov	TBC	Run Newcastle (fundraising opportunity)

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

FRENCH CLUB - HERE AFTER SCHOOL

Fun after school program at The Junction PS.
Monday and Tuesday from 3.20pm to 4.20pm
Lots of fun activities, drama, Music & games!
Come and join us for a Free Trial!
Enrolling now for Term 3
Register your interest by phone or email:
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DANCE FESTIVAL PHOTOS.....

