

The Junction News

Newsletter of The Junction Public School



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Term 3 – Week 3

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PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Stranger Danger – Safe People / Safe Places

I have heard last week that a student in Lake Macquarie was approached by a stranger on the way to school. It is time again to re-visit our messages we give to students. Frequently at school we speak to all students about staying safe and not talking to strangers on the way to or from school. We talk about strategies to use if a stranger approaches them or wants to talk to them. We tell them that a stranger is a person who they do not know or is not known to their family. For very young students we simplify this message, trying not to alarm or frighten them about strangers, but also trying to keep them safe. It is preferable that students walking to or from school, do so with other students.

The NSW Police Force are now promoting a different strategy called 'Safe People Safe Places'. Detective Superintendent John Kerlatec, of the NSW Police Sex Crimes Squad, says that the NSW police focus has moved away from "stranger danger" and more to talking to kids about "safe people, safe places".

"At least 95 per cent of all attacks on children are by someone they know," he says. "We now advise parents to talk to their kids about knowing where the 'safe places' are in their area – like neighbours or shops – as well as who the 'safe people' are in their lives. "Of course parents need to ensure their children are aware of things like not getting into cars with strangers, but we would also like parents to talk to their children about what to do when they're in situations which make them feel uncomfortable."

Warren Cann, a psychologist and director of the Raising Children Network, a parenting website, says it is important mums and dads find a balance between instilling protective behaviours and creating a fear of all strangers.

"Making kids scared of all strangers is not good for anyone and breaks down community connectedness," he says. "Instead, we need to teach kids how to keep themselves safe – and not just with strangers."

Advice for parents

Even if the risk is minimal, parents need to ensure their children have an understanding of "protective behaviours", Cann says. Here are his key tips.

- Talk about staying safe when you are not around. Rather than banning kids from getting into a stranger's car, make it a rule that they can't make changes to plans or get into anyone's car unless they have run it past you.

Encourage a "no secrets" policy, so if something happens to make them feel uncomfortable they can talk to you – or have other people they can confide in. Could I ask also that all parents talk to their children as well, about how to be safe and what to do if they feel unsafe or uncomfortable in any situation, at any time? Thanks. Please contact me if you need further clarification. The following link will provide you with further information.

www.bodyandsoul.com.au/Parenting/Parenthood

'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 – **'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 this Thursday 31st July.**

Congratulations

Congratulations to all school representatives last week at Hunter Region Dance, Band-Link and Zone Athletics Track events. Many students were involved in these activities and represented our school in an exemplary way. We hope you really enjoyed the experiences of these events.

2015 Kindergarten

We are now finalising our intake for Kindergarten 2015. As we have received many applications for enrolment for Kinder for next year, we very much need to know of any 'in zone' enrolments from parents who have as yet not registered their child's name with the front office. Could you please pass on this message to any families who may need this information? Thank you.

Wendy Cheek, Principal



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

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 4**Event**

Tuesday, August 5	P & C Executive Meeting– 6.30pm
Thursday, August 7	PSSA Basketball gala day

Week 6**Event**

Friday, August 22	P & C Meeting – 1.30pm
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Week 7**Event**

Friday, August 29	Regional Athletics Carnival
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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
Wednesday, Sept 10	Year 1 excursion to Wetlands (note to go home soon)
Thursday, Sept 11	Senior Band Day

YEAR 4 GREAT AUSSIE BUSH CAMP

Wednesday 5th to Friday 7th November

A note is going home today with Camp Guidelines and a sample menu!

Payment is due by: Friday 24th October – payment can be made in full or paid off in instalments!

SPECIAL MENTION AWARDS**Term 3 Week 2****KINDER, YEAR 1 & 2 ASSEMBLY**

KK	Lalita F Ava B	Noah C
KH	Noah G Rosie B	Thomas M Sofie K
KE	Oliver V	Koby C
KD	Charlie F	Phoebe U
1J	Liam S	Grace C
1C	Lucille H Albert F	Sadie S
1CF	Dhanya R	Isaac H
1/2L	Lateisha S	Lucy W
2R	Tayte R	Maple B
2W	Darby R Sophie H	Charlie T
2H	Jemima S	Jada N
2/3B	Aisling V	Jonah R

YEARS 3, 4, 5 & 6 ASSEMBLY

3MC	Lily F	Teddy P
3W	Caleb M	Bridget H
3/4CR	Joseph P	Paris R
4F	Travis H	Natasha N
4L	Neve H	Lillian S
5C	Leela B	Aedan R
5/6B	Darcy H	Lana E
6B	Darcy O'D	Hannah R
6C	Echoe C	Ross Mu
Band	Marc C Bailey Fa'	Sylvia K
Monthly Band	Kepei T Angus W	Alex P

K - 2 Assembly (Wednesday 2pm new hall)
Please disregard last week's note in the newsletter – there is a K-2 assembly this week! Class 1/2L will be leading next week's (week 4) assembly.

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

BANDLINK

Most of our band members attended BandLink last week along with over 400 students from the Newcastle Region. What great representatives of our school they were! Not only did they look fantastic in their new band uniforms, attracting many lovely comments, but their behaviour was excellent. The performances at the concert for parents on Thursday afternoon were superb. We were very proud of our students. I'm sure they all enjoyed the wonderful experience of performing in such large bands with so many other students. Grateful thanks for assistance with supervision go to Mrs Ware, Mrs Edwards and Mrs McLeod.



CHARLESTOWN SQUARE PERFORMANCE

Our Senior Band and Percussion Ensemble will be performing at Charlestown Square for Education Week tomorrow, Wednesday. I'm sure that these students will present memorable performances for this special event. Please ensure that all permission slips and Waiver and Release forms have been returned to school. Mrs Fitzgibbon

UPCOMING EVENTS / NOTES

Whole School Event - MUSICA VIVA

Thursday 31st July

(Beige note) \$8.00 -

Payment required by: Tuesday 29th July

PRC READING CHALLENGE

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

Molly H - 5/6B, Caitlin K - 5/6B, Patrick P - 5C, Noah F - 4F.

Many students just need to add a few books to complete their records. Students can complete their records @ <https://online.det.nsw.edu.au/prc/home.html>.

STAGE 1 PUBLIC SPEAKING

Ella Wilsmore (2H) and Oscar Franklin (2R) will be representing TJPS at the Stage One Zone Finals of the Public Speaking Competition at Garden Suburb Public School next Wednesday. Congratulations and good luck!



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.

FRENCH CLUB - HERE AFTER SCHOOL

Fun after school program at The Junction PS.

Monday and Tuesday from 3.20pm to 4.20pm

Register your interest by phone or email:

Phone: 0402 818 034

sandra.peachey@lcclubs.com.au

www.lcclubs.com.au

P & C NEWS

Olive Tree Market BBQ – 2nd August

We still need a few more helpers for the August OTM BBQ this Saturday. 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. At the time of going to print, the needs are:

- 8:30-10am (open) – shift full
- 10-11:30am – two needed
- 11:30-1pm – one needed
- 1pm – 2:30 (close) – three needed

Please also start thinking ahead to the September market BBQ, which will be held on Saturday 6th September, and letting us know if you can help with a shift.

Holiday Raffle

We are finalizing raffle tickets for the Holiday raffle, and are hopeful they will come home next week – but this could still be touch and go. First prize in the raffle will 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.

Again this year we will have kids “incentive” 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.

P&C Executive Meeting – Tues 5th August, 6.30pm

There will be a P&C Executive meeting on Tues 5th August at 6.30pm. All are welcome, but please contact the P&C if you are planning to make it so that we can confirm the venue. The purpose of this meeting is to ratify a couple of pending decisions regarding expenditure of P&C funds, that we weren't able to do at the last P&C meeting due to not having a quorum of financial members. The meeting will hopefully take less than an hour.

Fathers' Day Breakfast

For those who are new to the school, the Fathers' 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, and we are looking into including some additional options such as ham and cheese toasted sandwiches etc, and possibly a gluten free option – but this is still a work in progress.

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 co-ordinating the roster.

Spring Fair 2015

Many thanks to Suki Kwon who has volunteered to take on the overall co-ordination of the Spring Fair. We have a number of key roles now filled, and will start with preliminary planning. 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

Many thanks to Donna Reay and her band of regular helpers who, week in and week out, keep our uniform shop stocked and running. The uniform shop is a great service to our school community. An extra thanks to Donna Reay, Kim Forbes, Fiona Wills and Patricia Kinney for sorting through the lost property box on Monday morning this week. Hopefully many missing jumpers and/or hats have made their way back to their rightful owners.

Upcoming P&C Events

Date	Time	Event
Week 4	-	Holiday Raffle Tickets to come home
2 August	8.30am-2.30pm	August Olive Tree Market BBQ
5 August	6.30 pm	P&C Executive Meeting (all welcome). Please RSVP for meeting location
22 August	1.30 pm	P&C Meeting (all welcome)
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