

# The Junction News

Newsletter of The Junction Public School



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Term 3 – Week 5

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## PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Congratulations to Stage 3 students - Lucy U, Cameron S, Jonathan O, Alyssa W, Finnian G, Patrick P and Oliver P who have all been selected to participate in the **Young ICT Explorers Finals** at the University of NSW this Saturday. All students have developed some software – a program or 'app' over the last term under the supervision of our technology teacher Rob McTaggart. Jonathon has designed a mobile app and web-site that delivers the user a printable version of a board game that combines elements of Minecraft and Monopoly.

Finnian, Patrick, Oliver and Alyssa have developed a web-site where young people can play non-violent games. Games are created by the team or other young people who can submit to the web-site. The web-site also guides users on how to choose the right games.



Cameron and Lucy have developed an android 'app' that scans objects via a QR code or NFC tag and reads aloud the book, sign or other item to a user who is visually impaired.

Amazing achievements by all students!!

The students are required to attend the University of NSW and demonstrate the features of their invention to a final judging panel. This is an

outstanding achievement for all students and also Mr McTaggart in his dedicated supervision, mentoring and encouragement of them. Best wishes to all students.

## Congratulations – Public Speaking!

Congratulations to students

**ES1:** Lalita F and Snöfrid Y;

**Stage 1:** Oscar F and Ella W;

**Stage 2:** Ben D and Callum H

**Stage 3:** Niamh L and Annika S on their fine performances in public speaking last week. Both Oscar F and Ben D also received 'Highly Commended' certificates and Callum H from stage 2 is going on to the Regional Finals in September. Well done everyone.

## The Junction Public School Art Show

Please keep the date of **Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> September** aside for the official opening of our whole school Art Show which will be a wonderful event, celebrating the talents of all students in the Visual Arts area. We will be utilising the old school hall and new school hall to put up an outstanding display featuring works by all students. The art show will be able to be viewed on 17<sup>th</sup>, 18<sup>th</sup> and 19th September.

## News for Parents from Department of Education and Communities:

### Asthma awareness

Does your child suffer from asthma? Asthma affects about 1 in 9 school-aged children.

The Asthma Foundation has great information for parents of children who suffer from asthma.

For more information on how you can support a child with asthma, go to

<http://www.asthmafoundation.org.au/>.

**Cyberbullying - prevention tips for parents**

The statistics around cyberbullying are sketchy, mainly because it often goes unreported. What we do know is that the likelihood of children being bullied online or over the phone increases as they get older and use technology more frequently. Find out more:

<http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/technology/cyberbullying/say-no-to-cyberbullying>

**How much screen time?**

'Screen time' used to mean how many hours you spent watching TV and playing on the computer. However, with the growing number of digital devices on offer today, the question of what screen time means now is far more complex. Find out more:

<http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/technology/usinq-technology/screen-time>

**Wendy Cheek, Principal**

**CALENDAR - TERM 3 – 2014****Week 6**

Week 6	Event
Friday, August 22	P & C Meeting – 1.30pm

**Week 7**

Week 7	Event
Monday, August 25	Year 5 – Sydney Excursion
Monday, August 25	Kinder 2015 Parent information evening - 6pm
Friday, August 29	Regional Athletics Carnival

**Week 8**

Week 8	Event
Tuesday, Sept 2	P & C Meeting – 7pm staffroom
Wednesday, Sept 3	Intermediate Band Day
Thursday, Sept 4	Fathers' Day Breakfast – 8am
Saturday, Sept 6	Olive Tree Market – 9am-3pm

**Week 9**

Week 9	Event
Monday, Sept 8	Year 6 Canberra
to Wed, Sept 10	Year 6 Canberra
Tuesday, Sept 9	Kinder to Oakvale Farm
Wednesday, Sept 10	Classes: 1C, 1CF, 1J excursion to Wetlands (Note home today)
Thursday, Sept 11	Senior Band Day

Friday, Sept 12	Spring Winds Concert - 7pm Newcastle Conservatorium
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**Week 10**

Week 10	Event
Wednesday, Sept 17	P & C Holiday Raffle drawn
Wednesday, Sept 17	Art Show/Book week celebrations
Thursday, Sept 18	Art Show/Book week celebrations
Friday, Sept 19	Art Show/Book week celebrations
Friday, Sept 19	LAST DAY OF SCHOOL TERM

**School Holidays**

School Holidays	Event
Saturday, Oct 4	Olive Tree Market – 9am – 3pm

**CALENDAR - TERM 4 – 2014****Week 6**

Week 6	Event
Monday, October 6	Public Holiday
Tuesday, October 7	FIRST DAY BACK FOR TERM 4 (Staff & students)

**SPECIAL MENTION AWARDS****TERM 3 WEEK 4****KINDER, YEAR 1 & 2 ASSEMBLY**

KK	Sophie B Cooper T	Yo Han S
KH	Clodagh M Ella W	Isla S
KE	Harmony B	Sofia G
KD	Eli Mcl	Thea M
1J	Shai-Scott H Stan M	Phoebe D
1C	Rebecca H Guilherme K	Elyssa K
1CF	Ariel McM	Ella R
1/2L	Jaedyn McG	Sydney A
2R	Timothy P	Kristian R
2W	Hannah S	Harry C
2H	Astrid M	Lily B
2/3B	Charlotte W	

**YEARS 3, 4, 5 & 6 ASSEMBLY**

<b>3MC</b>	Braith H	
<b>3W</b>	Bailey Fa'a	Poppy D
<b>4A</b>	Molly McG Jai M	Tilly R
<b>4L</b>	Tallen McM Ana N	Nell H
<b>5C</b>	Logan R	Niklas S
<b>5S</b>	Clara A Peter S	Louka P
<b>5/6B</b>	Taj A	Lara Z
<b>6C</b>	Charli C	Balin K

**K - 2 Assembly** (Wednesday 2pm new hall) Class 1/2L will present this week's assembly!

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

**PRC READING CHALLENGE**

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

Lara B 4A, Charlotte H 4F, Eva R 4A and Leela B 5C.

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>.

All books need to be entered by **22<sup>nd</sup> August**.

Mrs Land

**PSSA HOCKEY**

Recently Georgia F travelled to Hobart to participate in the Australian Sports PSSA Challenge. She was one of four Hunter girls in the NSW State Team.

The team had great success at the tournament being crowned the Australian Champions for 2014. They played Victoria in the last game. The two best scores were 11 to nil against ACT and 10 to nil against Tasmania. Well done Georgia!

**ZONE PSSA ATHLETICS**

Recently a number of students attended the Newcastle City Zone PSSA Athletics days. These were held at the Glendale Athletics track on Friday, 25th July and Tuesday, 29th July.

A huge congratulations to all students who represented The Junction Public School at this carnival. It was fantastic to see all students competing in their events to the best of their ability and then encouraging their friends from the sideline.

From this carnival a few outstanding athletes will venture to the Hunter Regional PSSA Athletics Carnival on Friday, 29th August, 2014.

These students are; Maya S, Mia A, Charlotte H, Madi S, Chloe P, Emily D, Ebony D, Ned R, Saxon C, Bailey R, Angus McT, Patrick P, Joe L, Gus C, Tom J, Dimitri F.

We wish them luck.

Mrs Briggs

**PSSA BASKETBALL**

Last Thursday, 7<sup>th</sup> August, the girls' and boys' PSSA basketball teams competed in a Gala Day at Broadmeadow Basketball Stadium. Both played extremely well but unfortunately neither team progressed through to the final rounds. Both teams should be commended for their effort, behaviour and overall supportive nature. Mrs Tilse





## OFFICE REMINDERS

**Money for excursions** – Please encourage your child to put their envelope with their permission notes & money in 'The Red Box' located in the foyer. **PLEASE NOTE THE OFFICE DOES NOT HAVE ANY CHANGE – WE BANK EVERY DAY – Please have the correct money – Thank you.**

**Medication at school** – The school cannot administer Panadol etc. Any medication must be prescribed by a doctor and remain in the package with the dosage and name on the medication box.

## CLASS 1/2L

Students in Class 1/2L have been creating some wonderful writing extracts.....

*Ahhh! OMG! There is a shark; shark; shark. How did a shark get in my pool?*

*It was a steaming hot day. I was wanting to go in the pool. How do we get this shark out of my pool? I was starting to sweat. I was so hot, drips of sweat were coming down my face. I just, just wanted to go in. Get this thing out of here!!!*

*Then I called the shark people." I have a shark in my pool. Please get this shark out of my pool. They came out and tried to take the shark back in the sea. Finally my pool was all to myself. They finally got the shark back in the sea. I will never forget that day.*

By Kira

*It was a steaming hot day but I refused to swim in the pool because there was a tiger in it. It looked cute and furry and it wanted to have a swim because it was hot. He thought he was walking to the beach but he was walking to a big pool and he fell in the pool. I yelled for mum. I ran into my room. I got a net. I helped him*

*It was a steaming hot day but I refused to swim in the pool because in the pool was an elephant, monkey, scary crocodile and a spotted stingray.*

*The elephant was tooting his trunk loudly and the monkey was swooshing from the tree and in the pool the crocodile was snapping his teeth at the monkey and the elephant. The stingray was swooshing his tail and trying to zap the other animals.*

*I said to my mum and dad "I can't go in the pool because an elephant, monkey, crocodile and stingray are in it!"*

*Oh now what?" said mum. "Guess what you'll have to stay hot all day until they go away"*

By Maddy

*It was a steaming hot day but I refused to swim in the pool because there was no water. The elephant was sucking it up.*

*The elephant was grey, soggy, floppy and loud.*

*I found him at the pond drinking water. We tried to get him to the car roof. We got a new car three minutes later.*

*Then she had babies. Now we have too many elephants in our pool and I can't fit in. Oh no!! And it is so hot.*

By Phoebe



**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.

## PRIMARY ETHICS

### 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 our Kindergarten class. 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).

## P & C NEWS

### Holiday Raffle

We struck a little trouble last week with the printers having machinery problems, hence at the time of writing, we are still waiting for the tickets to be delivered. Families should receive tickets in the next few days. A flyer detailing our fabulous prizes will come home today with this Newsletter. Please keep an eye on school bags.

As mentioned, we will again be having some kids "incentive" prizes. These include two 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.**

### Father's Day Breakfast – Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> September 8am-9am

Today with your newsletter you will receive a Father's Day Breakfast Order form. This year we are trying something different by way of what we are offering on a pre-order, pre-pay basis (details on the flyer). All pre-orders need to be returned by Friday 29<sup>th</sup> August. Anyone who turns up on the day, will still be able to purchase a bacon and egg sandwich. All items will be \$4 each, and will include a juice. Separate to this, we have organized a coffee cart to come along on the day. Hot drinks can be purchased direct from the coffee cart, so bring some change.

We still need volunteers to help on the day with food preparation and service for the Father's Day breakfast. Please contact the P&C if you can spare some time between 7am and 9.30am. Liz Ginters will be co-ordinating the roster.

### Olive Tree Market BBQ Dates – rest of year

Please note the following Olive Tree Market BBQ dates through to the end of the year.

- Sat 6th September (Year 4)
- Sat 4th October (Year 5)
- Sat 1st Nov (Yr 6 & Kindy)
- Sat 15th Nov (Yr 1 & 2)
- Sat 6th Dec (Yr 3 & 4) - last year this was a VERY busy bbq. May need an extra person just per shift just to keep supplies / stocks up

- Sat 20th Dec (Yr 5 & 6) - need early confirmation as to whether we will get enough people to man the BBQ for this market (after school wraps for the year).

We are taking names for rosters through to the end of the year. Please contact Liz Ginters via the P&C email or [elizabeth-g@bigpond.com](mailto:elizabeth-g@bigpond.com) to place your name on the roster. Four (4) people per shift are needed.

### P&C Executive Meeting

Last week we held a quick but effective P&C Executive meeting. We were able to ratify a couple of pending decisions, and also confirm some future P&C meeting dates. I would like to congratulate (and thank) both Belinda Pearson and Rob Kane for accepting nominations for P&C Vice-President, with both vacant VP positions now filled. We will soon be opening up for nominations for P&C Executive Officers. Our constitution allows for up to six, and we are hoping to have a representation from those who attend the daytime meetings, and those who attend the evening meetings, to strengthen the P&C's resources and functionality between meetings.

In general, we will be holding P&C meetings twice each term, with a Friday 1.30pm meeting to be held on the first Friday of each term, and a Tuesday evening 7pm meeting to be held generally on the first Tuesday of the month following the daytime P&C meeting, so long as a few weeks have elapsed between the two. We will then hold executive meetings / special meetings if required as an option for a third meeting each term, at a time and a date to suit the majority of financial members at that specific time. There ends up being an extra meeting or so in this term, just as we transition to the new schedule.

**The next P&C Meeting will be on Friday 22 August at 1.30 pm then Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> September at 7.00pm**

**Upcoming P&C Events**

Date	Time	Event
Week 5	-	Holiday Raffle Tickets to come home
22 August	1.30 pm	P&C Meeting (all welcome)
29 August	-	Last date for Father's Day breakfast pre-orders
4 Sept	8.00am	Father's Day Breakfast (Thursday)
6 Sept	9am-3pm	Olive Tree Market / P&C BBQ
2 Sept	7pm	P&C Meeting
12 Sept	3pm	Holiday Raffle Tickets to be Returned
17 Sept	11.30am	Holiday Raffle to be drawn
10 Oct	1.30 pm	P&C Meeting
Late Oct	TBC	Kindy Orientation Morning Teas
30 Nov	TBC	Run Newcastle (fundraising opportunity)
Nov / Dec	TBC	Mango Tray Fundraiser

**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

**Want to keep up with P&C news "on the go"? You can:**



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P&C  
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**COMMUNITY NOTICES****NEWCASTLE CITY JUNIOR CRICKET CLUB  
REGISTRATION DAYS**

# 1 SPORTGROUND, PARRY STREET (Administration Building) 4.30pm – 6.00pm  
Friday 22<sup>th</sup> August, Friday 29<sup>th</sup> August, Friday 5<sup>th</sup> September  
FOR MORE DETAILS CONTACT - Yusuf Badat  
[badat@iinet.net.au](mailto:badat@iinet.net.au) Mob: 0400 883 719

**TIGERS JUNIOR CRICKET****REGISTRATION DATES FOR 2014-15**

Nesbitt park Soccer clubhouse, Kotara - Friday 8 August 5.30pm to 7pm  
Townson Oval, Merewether (green room) - Friday 15 August 5.30pm to 7pm  
Newcastle Sports Club, Adamstown - Thursday 21 August 5.30pm to 7pm  
Nesbitt Park Soccer Clubhouse, Kotara - Friday 29 August 5.30pm to 7pm  
Our In2cricket program will be held at Townson Oval Merewether on Friday afternoons. Merewether grade players with be assisting. Starting October through to December: 4.30pm - 6pm. Contact: Pete Davis - 0414855707 or Darren Linsley – 0402029917  
EMAIL: [tigerscricketsecretary@hotmail.com](mailto:tigerscricketsecretary@hotmail.com)

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