

The Junction News

Newsletter of The Junction Public School



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Term 3 – Week 7

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PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Welcome to National Literacy and Numeracy Week!!

National Literacy and Numeracy Week 25th to 31st August, is a celebration of literacy and numeracy – core skills for all students throughout their lives. We are proud of all the efforts of our students in these areas and I have been delighted during the last week to be sharing some of the wonderful writing skills of our students across the school. We are featuring some of these this week in our administration foyer and further in our newsletter.

Parents are strongly encouraged to go the website www.literacyandnumeracy.gov.au to view the wonderful resources available to further engage your children at home.

Before and After School Care (OOSH)

From 2015 a new provider for 'Before and After School Care' - OOSH will be operating at The Junction. As the licence agreement with our current provider (JASC) had expired, the DEC required that tenders should be called for a renewal of the licence. The successful tender came from 'Camp Australia' - an organisation successfully operating in a number of DEC schools with quality childcare programs. We are hopeful that a number of current staff members from JASC will be able to continue to work within the new organisation for our school.

Your children will continue to receive high quality childcare and we will keep you informed of any new developments in this direction – but certainly hours of operation etc will remain the same.

Fathers' Day BBQ

Looking forward to seeing lots of dads, uncles and grandads at the Fathers' Day Breakfast BBQ on Thursday 4th September outside the canteen beginning at 8.00am. The P&C run this highly popular BBQ each year as a thank you to all the dads, uncles and grandads who support our school. Come along and enjoy a delicious breakfast – either pre-ordered or if not a bacon and egg sandwich with your children. This year we will invite the dads, uncles and grandads to participate in some activities with their children during this time.

Kindergarten 2015

Last night we held a very successful 2015 Kinder Information night. It was great to see all the new families joining our school community for the first time.

A number of families who already have siblings at the school did not attend the sessions last night. We would like all those families to call at the office this week and pick up the Kindergarten Information packs so that the necessary information can be collected for Kindergarten 2015.

Keeping our Children Safe

Last week I spoke to the students at assembly about keeping themselves safe. I referred to keeping safe around our busy roads, keeping safe in our local environment by not picking up dangerous objects in the streets near our school (glass, needles or syringes) and keeping safe by not talking to strangers in the streets if approached. I explained to students that a stranger is someone who you do not know or your parents do not know etc. It would be helpful if all parents could continue those conversations with their children.

Newcastle Permanent Maths Competition

The Newcastle Permanent Maths Competition for Years 5 and 6 students will take place tomorrow at school during normal Maths times. This is an annual event – results become available during term 4.

Emergency Precautions

While listening to a news story last week I was reminded of the necessity to prepare our young children in case of an emergency – away from school.

We often hear news stories where the child has had to ring '000' and call for a response from ambulance or police or the fire brigade for an emergency at their home. I'm wondering how many parents have had 'that conversation' at home and that the children are prepared – while not wanting to alarm them – in case there was an urgent situation at home.

If you are happy to share your 'emergency plan' with me – I'd be interested in hearing from a few parents about what they have in place – as I would also like to reinforce some 'best practice' actions to the students at school, later this term. I'm also going to investigate some courses for our Stage 3 students in 'Junior CPR' and any other associated courses.

Wendy Cheek,
Principal

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Education &
Communities

CALENDAR - TERM 3 – 2014**Week 7** **Event**

Wednesday, Aug 27	Senior Band Rehearsal – 12pm to 1pm (instead of Thursday rehearsal) Bring instruments!
Friday, August 29	Regional Athletics Carnival

Week 8 **Event**

Tuesday, Sept 2	4A, 3/4CR & 3B - Newcastle History Excursion
Tuesday, Sept 2	P & C Meeting – 7pm staffroom
Wednesday, Sept 3	3MC & 3W – Newcastle History Excursion
Thursday, Sept 4	4L & 4F – Newcastle History Excursion
Thursday, Sept 4	Fathers' Day Breakfast – 8am
Thursday, Sept 4	Senior Band Day
Saturday, Sept 6	Olive Tree Market – 9am-3pm

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	1C, 1CF, 1J excursion to Wetlands
Wednesday, Sept 10	Intermediate Band Day
Friday, Sept 12	Spring Winds Concert - 7pm Newcastle Conservatorium

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	Book Week Parade-9.30am
Friday, Sept 19	LAST DAY OF SCHOOL TERM

School Holidays **Event**

Saturday, Oct 4	Olive Tree Market – 9am – 3pm
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CALENDAR - TERM 4 – 2014**Week 6** **Event**

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

SCIENCE DAY – YEAR 3 & 4

Groups of students from Year 3 and 4 participated in science workshops last week! During the workshop they looked at the way objects are propelled or travel through the air. They had to design and make a 'rocket launcher' and a number of 'rockets' to test their efficiency. They found that some models worked a lot better than others. Students had fun testing their designs and successfully launching their 'rockets'. Mrs Read

**ATTENTION SENIOR BAND MEMBERS!!!**

For this week only Senior Band Rehearsal will be on **tomorrow – Wednesday 12pm – 1pm** instead of Thursday!
Please ensure you bring your instruments to school on Wednesday.
Thank you, Mrs Fitzgibbon

SPECIAL MENTION AWARDS**TERM 3 WEEK 6****KINDER, YEAR 1 & 2 ASSEMBLY**

KK	Zachary R Luka K	Snöfrid Y
KH	Jackson B	Kevin S
KE	Zahra N	Beth B
KD	Amélie P Elka D'A	Quillon L
1J	Lillie C Sam B	Neve O'K
1C	Mason C Isla H	Lewis S
1CF	Andrew F	Sofia M
1/2L	Emiel E	Cameron A
2R	Loki D'A	Connie B
2W	Bailey H	Kate McT
2H	Jemima S Lucy C	Blake O'Br
2/3B	Millin B	Ciara F

YEARS 3, 4, 5 & 6 ASSEMBLY

3MC	Gypsy R	Charlie G
3W	Harvey M	Scoutt H
3/4CR	Eloise K	Joshua R
4A	Matina M Freya K	Georgia S
4L	Hunter A Levi B	Yasmin P
5C	Cameron S Emily F	Jackson B Poppy S
5/6B	Abi D Matthew L	Cameron R
6B	Guy H	Joe L
6C	Georgia F	Jackson A
Band	Caitlin K Charlotte H	Jai M

K - 2 Assembly

(Wednesday 2pm new hall)

Year 3 – 6 Assembly

(Friday 11.30am new hall)

'ALLITERATION' WRITING FROM CLASS 2H*Super Sam's sausages sing songs in a soup bowl.**Tiger's throne is topped with tea.**Bert is a bee that loves to beat box.**Felix the fiddle fishes fantastic fancy footballs.**Monster Milly mixes mustard with mud.**Roses wriggle to rock'n'roll.**By: Lily B**Seven super silly sizzling sausages sing secret songs.**Ten tiny teenagers get trapped.**Ben bounces a big bouncy ball with Belinda.**Four fat famous females eat fantastic figs.**Mel was eating munchy mangoes with marvalous Mark.**Rhinos throw red raffled ravioli and rocks at Rex.**Wild women watching for white whales while eating witchety grubs.**Ten daft dogs digging for the lost dog Daisy.**Eddie the Elephant was eating an extra big easter egg.**By: Lily B***Astrid's Rainbow***On Monday, Astrid saw red in the pillow case on her bed.**On Tuesday, Astrid saw purple on the shy purple plastic of her drink bottle.**On Wednesday, Astrid saw green in the bristles of her toothbrush.**On Thursday, Astrid saw pink on her bear's skirt.**On Friday, Astrid saw blue in her beautiful blue dress.**On Saturday, Astrid saw yellow in the warm sand at the beach.**On Sunday, Astrid saw orange in her yummy sweet potato.**By: Astrid M***CREATIVE WRITING BY STUDENTS.....****Unicorns***Unicorns! I love unicorns. They are so fluffy and cuddly. No joke! I love unicorns. I think that unicorns are the most beautiful animals in the world. I love unicorns, they are so amazing. I think most people around the world love unicorns.**When I go to bed I dream about having a unicorn. Most of the time I wish I had a unicorn. I always ask for a unicorn at Christmas but I just got a cat and cats just fall off the table and land on their feet.**Some people love cats. Some people love dogs. Some people like fish in a bowl and you can't do anything with them but feed them. Some people like pugs. I like pugs a little bit because they are cute. But most of all I love unicorns.**By Matthew L – Class 5/6B**I had a dream about who I am. Sometimes I dream about being a fairy. Sometimes I dream about being a monster. Sometimes I dream about being a ninja turtle and sometimes I dream about being a whale. Sometimes I dream about being a snake. But every day on my birthday I know that I am Lalita.**By Lalita – Class KK*

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

If you are unable to make it at the above time, you may pick up an Order Form from the front office and place the order and leave payment (Cash/Cheque only) and your order will be filled. Thanks

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 or contact our school's Ethics Co-ordinator, Mark Harden at tjpsethics@gmail.com.

P & C NEWS

Father's Day Breakfast – Thursday 4th September 8am-9am

If you do not pre-order beforehand, there will be bacon and egg sandwiches available for purchase on the day (\$4 each), but not the other menu items. Pre-orders are now open for the Father's Day Breakfast. If you missed out on an order form, spares are available from the office.

Pre-orders & pre-payment MUST be returned by next Monday 29th August.

We've got a good number of volunteers for helping on the day, but another couple would probably be a great help. Please contact the P&C if you can spare some time between 7am and 9.30am. Liz Ginters will be

co-ordinating the roster.

Also – we will have a coffee van coming along, so bring some change if you'd like to buy a coffee from them.

Holiday Raffle

Wow! Thank you to everyone who has brought raffle tickets and money back in so far, and for everyone who has come and got extra books. We've gone through a phenomenal number of books of tickets so far! The raffle is shaping up to be a great success.

If you've got any books that you know you won't be able to sell, we completely understand, and just request that you drop the unsold book back to the office as soon as you can, and we'll re-issue it elsewhere.

The next P&C Meeting will be Tues 2nd September at 7.00pm

Olive Tree Market BBQ Dates – Sat 6th September

We need to fill the roster for the upcoming market BBQ on 6th September. Shifts are:

- 8.30-10.00am (open);
- 10.00-11.30;
- 11.30-1.00pm;
- 1.00pm-2.30pm (close).

We need four people per shift, plus this month would like to have an extra person who is responsible for selling raffle tickets at the BBQ stall. It may be possible that older primary aged children can help with selling raffle tickets, provided their parents are there supervising.

We are also 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 to place your name on the roster.

Upcoming P&C Events

Date	Time	Event
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
25 Oct??	TBC	By-Election – possible polling booth cake stall / BBQ??
27 & 29 Oct	9.30am	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 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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More photos from Stage 2 Science day....



COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS.....

GIRLS CRICKET TEAM(s)

Newcastle City is looking to recruit girls for the 2014/15 cricket season. Last year, Newcastle City fielded its first ever all girl's cricket team – which included a couple of TJPS girls. The U11s team developed their skills over the course of the season, and went on to be grand finalists in the regular comp (yes, against the boys). The popularity sees the club looking to expand with additional girls teams this year, if numbers allow. If you are interested, please contact Tom Anderson on 0425 226 010. More details at www.newcastlecitycricket.com.au. Registrations are now open. Info for all other registrations also available on the website.

COOKS HILL SURF CLUB NIPPERS REGISTRATION

All Nippers Registrations are open now Online! No registrations will be taken after 30th August. For more information visit: www.cookshillsurfclub.com.au

MEREWETHER SURF LIFE SAVING CLUB REGISTRATION FOR NIPPERS 2014/15 SEASON

Merewether Nippers are holding registrations for the upcoming 2014/15 season.

Registrations for current and new members are online: www.merewetherslsc.com.au (this is certainly the easiest way to register for existing members)

NEW MEMBERS must present proof of age at the Clubhouse on: Sunday 31st August – 10am - Midday

VACATION CARE 4 – 12yrs

September/October 2014



Come join us these holidays

we will have you reaching new heights participating in:

tramp, tumbling, acro, gymnastics skills and themed games,
craft, science, athletics and cooking just to name a few.

Vacation Care is available from Monday 22nd Sept - Friday 3rd Oct

7.30am - 6pm



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BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL Contact the Centre:

Ph: 4953 6366 Fax : 4953 6587 www.hsc.org.au