

The Junction News

Newsletter of The Junction Public School



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Term 3 – Week 10

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PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

I can't believe how quickly this term has gone by – probably helped with how much activity has occurred over the term. From public speaking rounds, Bandlink, excursions across all grades, fundraisers, grade design challenges, spelling bees, chess, debating and now finishing the term with our whole school Art Show and Book Week Parade.

Congratulations Callum !

Congratulations to Callum H of Year 4 who attended the Regional Public Speaking finals last week, representing our zone. Callum's speech entitled ' Words' was a very clever, entertaining and engaging conversation about the relationship of words and their meanings. It was obviously the delivery of the speech from Callum that also impressed the judging panel with Callum taking out the final.

Well done Callum – an outstanding achievement!

Congratulations Spelling Bee Finalists

Well done to our spelling bee finalists last week who went off and represented our school at the regional spelling bee championships. Noah F and Kaj H represented Stage 2 and Jorjia V and Darby P represented Stage 3. All children put in a wonderful effort and enjoyed the challenge of the tricky spellings of the English language.

The Junction Public School Art Show

Looking forward to seeing everyone tomorrow, for the official opening of our whole school Art Show at 10.00am under the main COLA. This will be a wonderful event, celebrating the talents of all students in the Visual Arts area. We will be utilising the old school hall for Years 3 to 6 displays and new school hall for Years Kinder to Year 2 featuring works by all students. The Art Show will be able to be viewed on 17th, 18th and 19th September. We will also be drawing the P&C Major holiday raffle on this day at 11.30am assembly. **On Wednesday – the Art Show will be open as well from 5.30pm – till 7.00pm for working parents – it will be something not to be missed. Please bring a gold coin donation - see you there.**

P&C Raffle

I would like to congratulate the P&C for the incredible effort they have put into the major holiday raffle which

will be drawn on Wednesday at 11.30am. There has been much organisation into gathering and organising the major prizes – which are sensational! Then there has been the wonderful mums who have spent the last three weeks every day in the staff room, each morning – counting money and marking off tickets etc. A really great effort which is very much appreciated.

Book Week Parade.

We will be celebrating Book Week during this last week of school – there will be a Book Week Parade on Friday 19th September (the last day of term) – when children may come dressed as their favourite book character. This is always a really fun, creative and colourful event – very much enjoyed by students. The parade will start at 9.30am for Kinder to Year 2 students – followed by Years 3 to 6 students at 10.00am. Time to put those thinking caps on for costumes! Parents, grandparents and family friends are very welcome to attend. There will also be a selection of books for purchase. These books are donated to the library with the child's name inside the book and the child being the first to borrow the book.

Spring Winds Concert

It was my absolute pleasure on Friday night to attend the Spring Winds Concert at Newcastle Conservatorium where our Intermediate and Senior Bands performed to an exemplary standard.

This concert also featured our Percussion band who played some really interesting pieces on tuned and untuned percussion instruments. I would like to congratulate all students who have practised so hard and achieved such high skill on their instruments. I would also like to thank our band program co-ordinator Lesley Fitzgibbon, and our conductors Michael Bell, Michael Jobson and David Tracey.

We certainly have a remarkable performing arts program at The Junction. Thank you to all parents for supporting the band.



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Happy Holidays

I would like to wish all families a happy, safe and enjoyable holiday. Many thanks for your ongoing and genuine support of our wonderful school.

Wendy Cheek,
Principal

CALENDAR - TERM 3 – 2014**Week 10****Event**

Wednesday, Sept 17	P & C Holiday Raffle drawn 11.30am
Wednesday, Sept 17	Art Show/Book week celebrations - Art Show official opening 10am
Thursday, Sept 18	Art Show/Book week celebrations
Friday, Sept 19	Art Show/Book week celebrations
Friday, Sept 19	Book Week Parade – (K-2) 9.30am and (Years 3-6) 10am
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 1****Event**

Monday, October 6	Public Holiday
Tuesday, October 7	FIRST DAY BACK FOR TERM 4 (Staff & students)
Tuesday, October 7	No Boys Tap group today – Starts week 2
Thursday, October 9	No Girls Tap Group today – Starts week 2
Friday, October 10	P & C Meeting – 1.30pm

Week 2**Event**

Thursday, October 16	Year 1 & 2 Intensive Swimming begins (every Thursday up to Week 9 of Term 4)
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Week 3**Event**

Thursday, October 23	Year 1 & 2 Intensive Swimming
Friday, October 24	Year 2 Wetlands Excursion (1/2L, 2H, 2R, 2W, 2B)

SPECIAL MENTION AWARDS**YEARS 3, 4, 5 & 6 ASSEMBLY**

3MC	Jessie F	Alex P
3W	Monica L	Rory H
3/4CR	Erin K Kalani F	Daniel B
4A	Charlie W Oscar W	Mary-Jane R
4L	Grace F David M	Will D Ethan O'B
4F	Finnlay F	Jordan D
5C	Lucy U Justin T	Finnian G
5S	Annika S Kelvin W	Millie S Tom S
5/6B	Caitlin K Marc C	Haylie S
Student of the month	Ella W – 3MC Levi B – 4L Niamh L – 5/6B	David B – 3/4CR Patrick P – 5C

K - 2 Assembly

No more assemblies until next term.

Year 3 – 6 Assembly

(No assembly this week – due to the Art Show)

RECENT NOTES HOME

Year 1 & 2 – Intensive Swimming – Thursdays in Term 4 – Starting Week 2- \$70 (Pink note)

Year 2 Wetlands Excursion – Friday 24th October – Cost: \$16 (Orange note)

BAND NEWS**Spring Winds Concert**

Congratulations to the Senior, Intermediate Bands and Percussion Ensemble for your fantastic performances last Friday night at the Spring Winds Concert. I received many favourable comments on our bands and I was very proud of everyone. Well done!

Art Exhibition

Our Senior Band will be performing at the opening of the Art Exhibition on Wednesday. Band members have received notes today about wearing full band uniform for this performance. Students are also performing solo items in both halls on Wednesday (10:30-11:30am) and Wednesday evening (5:30-7:00pm).

YEAR 6 CANBERRA EXCURSION

"My trip was amazing. I have experienced amazing things about Parliament, the Upper House and the House of the Representatives. I also had fun at QUESTACON and the War Memorial."...Matthew L.

"I really enjoyed Canberra because I think I have learnt a lot more about Parliament House and what it's really like inside." Niamh L

The Year 6 Canberra excursion took place on Monday, 8th September through to Wednesday, 10th of September, 2014. Sixty students undertook this excursion as part of their History Unit on 'Australia as a Nation'.

This was supported by the Parliament and Civics Education Rebate (PACER). Under PACER, students who learn about civics and citizenship in the classroom see their knowledge brought to life when they experience Canberra first hand. Students visited Parliament House, the National Archives of Australia and the Australian War Memorial, and had the opportunity to visit a number of other sites of cultural and historical interest.



The students also had a great time in Bathurst experiencing and learning about the conditions of the 'Goldrush'.

"My favourite activities were the history role plays about one family involved with the gold rush. It was really fascinating to hear about how people walked from Sydney to Bathurst and took young children in a

wheelbarrow. It was cool watching the blacksmith."Georgia F.

"Everything else was definitely awesome and noteworthy but the hands on activities at the end were by far the best part of the trip to Bathurst." Rose P.

Mrs Briggs, Mrs Cooper and Mr Savage would like to thank the students for their great choices whilst on this excursion.

KINDER TO OAKVALE FARM

Last Tuesday my class hopped on a bus and went to Oakvale Farm. First we saw some ducks and then we fed the goats and lambs with bottles of milk. Next we went on a tractor ride. It went very slowly. We saw an alligator, then we milked a cow. It was a girl cow and her name was Daisy. Then we got to pat a koala. Last we had lunch and played on the play equipment. At the end we hopped back on the bus and came back to school. It was fun! Written by Sofia G (KE)



CLASS KH DESIGN CHALLENGE

KH completed a Design Challenge to make one of the Three Little Pigs houses. We could use any materials in the classroom to construct the house. We were to make it 'Three Dimensional' if we could but some children found it easier to make a 'Two Dimensional' house. The 2D houses looked like the wolf had already blown them over. Mrs Hainsworth said we were all very creative!!



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.**

There is a large supply of girl's summer second hand uniforms in the Uniform Shop at present.

The Uniform Shop will open on Tuesday 7th October (first day of Term 4) 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

Register Now for Unload Creative Writing workshops in Term 4!

Unload is a fun creative writing programme offered here at The Junction Public School. Each week students experiment with language through word games, writing activities and story-telling. Next term Unload will be mixing it up with epic stories, crazy characters, comics, poetry slams and generally delving deep into the kids' bottomless well of imagination and creativity.

Who: Students from Year 3-6

Where: 6C - Classroom

When: Tuesdays 3.20-4.20pm (starting week 2)

Cost: 9 weeks @ \$120 per child

Numbers limited to 15 per class so be quick!

For further information www.unload.org.au or contact Suzie - suzie@unload.org.au 0409 409 141

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

Holiday Raffle – Drawn Tomorrow!

The time is here! Hopefully everyone has returned their tickets. If not, they **MUST** be at the office by 9am tomorrow morning – sold or unsold please. This has been a very well received initiative, and at the time of writing, we were sitting around the \$12,000 profit mark – which is just amazing, and such a testament to the generosity and support of our entire school community. So thank you to everyone who sold even one ticket! Good luck to all the kids for the incentive draw. There are three prizes on offer there too.

I'd like to take this opportunity to thank an army of parents who have helped process the thousands of incoming tickets over the last four or five weeks. Some days they have been there for two hours or more. It's been a big job, and we couldn't have done it without you. The group has been ably led by Kristen Saunders and Patricia Kinney who ensured a consistent and methodical approach to handling the many tickets, coins and notes. Thanks also to anyone who has helped with counting, including Cathy McIntyre, Bronwyn Geerarts, Karla Karinen, Leone Cook, Rachel Furniss, Olga Kovacev, Michael Jonker, Leigh Stefanszyn, Eithne Healy, Nicky, Anna and probably a few others I have overlooked (apologies for this). Thanks once again to Michael Jonker who put so much time and effort into securing all of our amazing prizes.

I'd also like to take this opportunity to thank our local business community for their support. While the P&C has donated the major prize for the raffle, our local businesses have been very generous and this has enabled us to package together five outstanding prizes. So, in no

particular order, we wish to thank Officeworks Marketown, Grill'd, Tower Cinema, iTravel, Beaute Connection, Vitality The Junction, Paul Carruthers Jewellery, Amy Reid Fashion, Rosies Closet, Sesames – A Taste of Asia, Made in Paris Hair Salon, Lush Living, Dai-Mon Fashion Shoes, Phil & Nada, The Junction Café, Smile Lab, Pot Pourri Cottage, Cha Chaz, Cave Collection, Baggas Pharmacy, Williams The Jeweller, Kenricks Hair and Makeup, Sandbah, Snows Patisserie, Indulgences Beauty Therapy, Scaramouche Jewels, Talulah, The Junction Hotel, Plebb Café, The Hair Society and Earthquirks. Humblest of apologies if I've overlooked anyone!

The next P&C Meeting is Friday 10th October at 1.30pm

Next Olive Tree Market BBQ – Sat 4th October

At the moment we only have one volunteer for the October OTM BBQ. If we don't have the roster substantially filled by the end of this week, then we will make a decision not to attend the October BBQ. Please contact Liz Ginters via the P&C email or elizabeth-g@bigpond.com to place your name on the roster. The roster slots are:

8.30-10am, 10-11.30am, 11.30-1pm and 1-2.30pm. Four people are needed for each shift.

Father's Day Breakfast Thank You

On behalf of the P&C I'd like to also thank some local businesses who supported our Father's Day breakfast including NZ Salmon, Darby St Quality Meats and The Fresh Ingredient, Georgetown. Each of these businesses either donated or discounted goods for us for this event.

State By-Election – 25th October – Cake Stall & BBQ

TJPS will be a polling booth location for the by-election to be held on Sat 25th October. We will be running a cake stall and BBQ on the day.

The cake stall will require donations of cakes / slices to be delivered to school the day before (Friday 24th), along with people to help run the stall in shifts on the day. We'll also run a BBQ similar to our OTM BBQs – but offering bacon and egg sandwiches in the morning, and sausage sandwiches later in the day. Please stay tuned early next term for more details.

Run Newcastle – 30th November

Run Newcastle is on again this year. This is a fun social morning out, with options including a 12 km or 6 km run, or a 6km walk. All funds raised go to JHH Adolescent Ward – something that any of the families at our school could, but hopefully won't, need to use at some point in time.

Additional to raising funds for JHH, the event provides an opportunity for TJPS P&C to raise funds. If we can

secure 100 entries that are accredited to TJPS, we will receive a \$500 donation from the organisers. More entries provide an opportunity for a greater donation.

For more information, go to www.runaustralia.com.au and click on the Newcastle event. To register, follow the instructions and when you get to the part that says "Where did you hear about the event", please select "other – The Junction Public School". We have also set up a TJPS team – so when registering, you can choose to register as a team – and select "The Junction Public School". Tell your friends and work colleagues to do the same. This is a great cause, and a great event. Last year was so well supported by our school community, and we look forward to doing the same again this year – possibly even boosting our numbers. Any questions, please drop me a line at the P&C email, and I will put you in contact with Kim Forbes who is coordinating again this year.

Upcoming P&C Events

Date	Time	Event
17 Sept	11.30am	Holiday Raffle to be drawn
4 Oct	All day	October OTM BBQ
10 Oct	1.30 pm	P&C Meeting
24 Oct	Morning	Deliver cake stall donations to Staff Room
25 Oct	8am onwards	By-Election – polling booth cake stall & BBQ
27 & 29 Oct	9.30am	Kindy Orientation Morning Teas
4 Nov	7.00pm	P&C Meeting
30 Nov	Morning	Run Newcastle (fundraising opportunity)
5 Dec	11am	P&C Thank You Morning Tea for Teachers
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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What's Going On In Stage 1???

LOADS OF FUN and learning of course!! We have had such a busy week. 1/2L, 2H, 2R and 2W planned and held class celebrations for our HSIE topic this term. Year 1 studied Wet and Dry environments and visited the Wetlands Centre. We also had a small group of Year 1 and Year 2 writers work with Aleeta and Susie from Upload on some creative writing projects!! That's enough from me ... let's hear it from the kids. Mrs Hughes

CELEBRATIONS

Yesterday afternoon the room was so Christmassy we were doing the Northern and Southern Hemisphere. The Southern Hemisphere was bright like Christmas in Australia and the Northern side was darker, cold and snowy there was a nutcracker and a beautiful Christmas tree.

After 2W came in we pulled crackers ate gingerbread, gingerbread men and trifle. We played the song Six White Boomers, Rudolph the Red Nose Reindeer and We Wish You a Merry Christmas. It was the best thing at school. By Marco 2R

Yesterday we had a Christmas party and we invited 2W to our classroom. We had one side as the Southern Hemisphere and one side as the Northern Hemisphere. The people on the Southern side wore summer clothes and Northern side winter clothes. We made trifle and gingerbread. We sang Rudolph and everyone had to hold hands and walk around the Christmas tree. Then we got a cracker and pulled it apart and there were lollies and a joke.

Then we went to 2W to celebrate St David's Day and they sang a song and it was called Mi welais Jac y do and pwnn da ffrindia. They handed out Welsh cakes while we were watching and after that we had some cup cakes. Then it was home time. By Trinit 2R

Who says it can't be Easter in September? 1/2L says it's OK! 1/2L had an Easter party and 2H had a Halloween party too. Before the Easter party we planned it and made a card for our visitors. My visitor was Benji for 2/3B. I had a chocolate nest and Benji ate a chocolate biscuit with some chocolate sprinkles. We had an Easter hunt at 2:30pm. At the Halloween party we had a game, a song and then we ate. We ate a banana ghost and a chocolate biscuit with a spider on it. By Lateisha 1/2L

Who's been to an Easter party in September? Well guess what? I have! I know it's strange, very strange! Why did we have an Easter celebration? It was because we learnt about celebrations in HSIE. What type of celebrations did we have? We had an Easter party and a Halloween party. What type of food did we eat? We had chocolate icing biscuits with popping candy, chocolates ants and hundreds and thousands. We also had chocolate Easter nests. What time was it? It was at 2:30 and it ended at 3:00. What type of entertainment was there? We had a candy hunt where we had to find two lollies, one lolly roll and a lolly pop. By Ella 1/2L

2H had a fabulous Halloween party on Wednesday in the afternoon from 2 o'clock until 2:30. We had bunting around the tables and streamers that were in the middle of the tables and we hung bats, ghosts and pumpkins up in the classroom. We read some facts and then sung a song. It was to the beat of the Addams Family. Then we played a game of corners. I got out at the ghost. After the game we had some delicious food. My favourite treat was the ghost bananas and the spider biscuits. By Manning 2H

On Wednesday afternoon class 2W had a Saint David's day party. We made cupcakes with red and green icing, we all had to make two because we had to make one for us and one for 2R. We also made Welsh cakes. Welsh cakes are like scones but they have raisins in them. We had flags to colour and a daffodil to blow up on the classroom. After our party we went to 2R's party then someone from 2R came over to me with a cracker in their hand. The person in 2R won both but I got a hat. After that we listened to some songs. The first song was Rudolph the red nose reindeer and then we did 6 white boomers. We got a trifle and it was really fun, I wish we could do it again. Mitzi 2W

celebrations



Wetlands



Writers



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YEAR 5 EXCURSION TO SYDNEY.....



YEAR 6 CANBERRA/BATHURST

**HUNTER WETLANDS – HOLIDAY FUN!**

There's always plenty to do at the Hunter Wetlands Centre, Shortland - walking trails, playground, dip-netting, reptile talks, bike and canoe hire. But in the September/October holidays there's even more!

Kids can book in for one of the special holiday activities:

Full-day Kids Creative Writing Workshop with popular local author Jess Black for 10-13 years (\$40) - with the stunning backdrop of the wetlands, Jess will inspire kids to write about the birds, animals, reptiles and plants using them as characters in their stories. Thursday 25th September 9.30am-3.00pm

Bush Skills for 8-12 years (\$20) – build a shelter, make a damper, learn knots and other skills. Wednesday 24 Sept 9.30am-12.30pm

Weaving at the Wetlands for 8-12 year (\$20) - gather reeds, flowers and other natural material and using the trees as frames create an outdoor gallery. Tuesday 23 Sept 9.30am-12.30pm

Wriggly Wetlanders for 5-8 years (\$20) – enjoy a wetlands wander and craft activities. Wednesday 24 Sept & 1 Oct. 10am-12.30pm

For more information go to www.wetlands.org.au or phone 02 4951 6466

Go4Fun

Once again, Kaleidoscope in partnership with Population Health, will be offering Go4Fun programs in Term 4, to families who have children above their healthy weight.

These will be offered at:

Adamstown (Wed 3.30-5.30pm)

Tenambit (Thurs 4.00-6.00pm) and

Maryland (Sat 2.00-4.00pm)

Freecall: 1800 780900

Register online at: www.go4fun.com.au