

The Junction News

Newsletter of The Junction Public School



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Term 3 – Week 8

Tuesday 2 September 2014

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

School Plan 2015-2017

At the P&C meeting tonight I will be giving an overview of the progress of the 2014 School Plan and outlining the directions for the next planning period for 2015 - 2017.

Parents are very welcome to attend. I will also be sending home a survey to families, in the next couple of weeks, to provide an opportunity for parents to offer feedback and suggestions re management and organisation of practices and teaching and learning programs.

The directions for 2014 have been:

Specifically for teachers:

Differentiate learning as needed for all students;

Provide learning experiences for students that are enriching and engaging;

Track the learning of students and adjust learning as needed;

Give feedback to students to assist them to self-monitor and set learning goals.

Teachers are looking to also set their own professional learning goals for their effective professional development.

Specifically for students we will assist them to:

Know and understand the learning intentions in their class;

To know what needs to be done to improve in learning in all subjects;

To discuss how they can improve learning and achievements with their teacher;

To track their own learning and know what comes next.

Specifically for parents and community members we are endeavouring to:

Outline the learning frameworks for each child;

Demonstrate how differentiation of content will take place to meet the needs of each child;

Provide a clear articulation of the focus areas for school improvement; and provide a framework for clear communication across the school.

Staff will be participating in a planning afternoon today from 3pm -7pm as part of planning for school programs for 2015. This will be one of two after-hours planning sessions for staff, in lieu of the last two planning days of

Term 4 on 18th and 19th December – after students finish.

Father's Day Breakfast

Looking forward to seeing all the dads, grand-dads, uncles and family friends this coming Thursday for the P&C Father's Day breakfast beginning at 8.00am.

The P&C have worked really hard to put together this quality event and to provide a scrumptious breakfast occasion for families. Pre-orders have now closed, but families will also be able to come along and buy bacon and egg sandwiches on the day. There will also be a coffee cart available for dedicated coffee drinkers.

The Junction Public School Art Show

Please keep the date of **Wednesday 17th 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 17th, 18th and 19th September. We will also be drawing the P&C Major holiday raffle on this day at 11.30am assembly.

Book Week Parade.

We will be celebrating Book Week during the 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, grand-parents and family friends are very welcome to attend.

School Invoices

We still have a large percentage of unpaid invoices for elective band and dance programs. In good faith we employ tutors to provide these programs for students and families who choose to participate, so it is essential that these programs are paid for by parents who want their children to participate. We have sent home individual invoices over the last three terms and would greatly appreciate these invoices being paid as soon as possible. Thank you.

We also would appreciate payment for class resources, maths programs, grammar and handwriting books where

applicable. We issue these materials to all students, hoping that all parents will pay for the use of these by their children, as again, we have to pay the suppliers of these goods. Your support would be greatly appreciated – thank you.

Wendy Cheek,
Principal

CALENDAR - TERM 3 – 2014

Week 8

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

Week 9

Week 9	Event
Monday, Sept 8	4A, 3/4CR & 3B - Newcastle History Excursion (New date)
Monday, Sept 8	Year 6 Canberra
to Wed, Sept 10	Year 6 Canberra
Tuesday, Sept 9	Kinder to Oakvale Farm
Tuesday, Sept 9	Intermediate Band Day (New date)
Wednesday, Sept 10	3MC & 3W – Newcastle History Excursion (New date)
Wednesday, Sept 10	1C, 1CF, 1J excursion to Wetlands
Thursday, Sept 11	4L & 4F – Newcastle History Excursion (New date)
Friday, Sept 12	Spring Winds Concert – 7.30pm Newcastle Conservatorium - Band members arrive at 6.30pm

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

School Holidays

Event

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

CALENDAR - TERM 4 – 2014

Week 6

Event

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

YEAR 3 & 4 HISTORY OF NEWCASTLE EXCURSION

Due to poor weather forecasts the Year 3 & 4 History of Newcastle excursion has been postponed to next week. Below are the new dates for each class.

DATE	EXCURSION	DRESS-UP DAY and olden days GAMES	'TENT' BUILDING DESIGN CHALLENGE and BUSH DANCING
Mon 8 th Sept	3/4CR, 4A & 3B	4L & 4F	3Mc & 3W
Wed 10 th Sept	3Mc & 3W	3/4CR, 4A & 3B	4L & 4F
Thurs 11 th Sept	4L & 4F	3Mc & 3W	3/4CR, 4A & 3B

REGIONAL ATHLETICS CARNIVAL

Congratulations to all the students who competed at the Regional Athletics Carnival last Friday. Our students competed with great spirit and sportsmanship. Students and their overall placings are listed below.

Gus C- 8th (10yr-200m)
Ned R - 5th (8yr-100m)
Tom J - 8th (11yr-shot put)
Saxon C - 7th (11yr-800m)
Charlotte H - 8th (10yr-100m)
Mia A - 4th (10yr-100m)
Emily D - 7th (11yr-800m)
Madi S - 13th (11yr-800m)
Charlotte H, Mia A, Ebony D and Alex McK- Jnr Girls Relay- 2nd in heat missing State by '8 hundredths of a second'!
Angus McT, Josh T, Bailey R and Patrick P - 10th (Snr Boys relay)
We are very proud of all our students and congratulate them on their achievements.
Mrs Cooper

BAND NEWS

Senior Band has a Band Day this Thursday, 4th September to prepare for the Spring Winds Concert on Friday night, 12th September at the Newcastle Conservatorium.

Parents are invited to attend a short concert at 2:40pm on that afternoon.

Intermediate Band Day has been changed to next Tuesday, 9th September, due to the rearranged Stage 2 Newcastle excursion.

Spring Winds Concert

The Spring Winds Concert is at 7:30pm on Friday, 12th September, at the Newcastle Conservatorium of Music in Laman Street, Newcastle.

Our Intermediate, Senior Bands and Percussion Ensemble (percussionists from Junior, Intermediate and Senior Bands) will all be performing. It is a great honour for our students to be invited to perform at such an event. Students must arrive for a rehearsal at 6:30pm.

A reminder note will be sent home this week.

Mrs Fitzgibbon

YEAR 6 DEBATING

This year the senior debating team participated in the Premiers Debating Challenge. Last Tuesday they debated against the Merewether Public School team to determine who would represent the Newcastle zone at a district level. It was a very close debate on the topic *'Children should only be allowed to use the internet at school'*. Our team debated the affirmative argument and unfortunately didn't manage to win their case. They can be very proud of their efforts to be joint zone winners. Mrs Keating



SPECIAL MENTION AWARDS

TERM 3 WEEK 7

KINDER, YEAR 1 & 2 ASSEMBLY

KK	Ocean L Noah C	Abby R
KH	Maya L Khair S	Regan H
KE	Lillie S Harry R	Thomas K
KD	Carmen M	Freya D
1J	Sam B Harry B	Adisyn L
1C	Ava F Blake F	Myles M
1CF	Millie B	Max A
1/2L	Phoebe L	Noah A
2R	Agamjot A	Trisha S
2W	Jasper C	Emily K
2H	Milijana M	Ella W
2/3B	Jonah R	

YEARS 3, 4, 5 & 6 ASSEMBLY

2/3B	Sophie C	Taj C
3MC	Michael M	Jada D
3W	Anthony U	Phoebe L
3/4CR	Lily F	Luke S
4A	Alan Sh Piper B	Eva R
4L	Pearl C Ruby H	Rylee F
4F	Ella A Rhiannon M	Hana G Sam S
5C	Haley M	Toby Le M
5S	Nick W Imigyn M	Charlotte M Jack W
5/6B	Madison S	Nathan F
6B	Jonathon D	Ellie C
6C	Bella D	Harrison W

K - 2 Assembly

(Wednesday 2pm new hall)

Year 3 – 6 Assembly

(Friday 11.20am new hall)

K- 2 ASSEMBLY

Thank you KK for a great assembly last week. This week KH will be leading our assembly and class 2H will be sitting on chairs as a reward for lovely listening last week. See you there 2pm on Wednesday.

WETLANDS EXCURSION – 1C, 1CF & 1J

Year 1 will be visiting the Wetlands Centre next Wednesday as part of the wet and dry HSIE topic. Please make sure all notes and money are returned by Monday 8th September. Classes 1/2L, 2H, 2B, 2R and 2W will be attending this excursion next term. This term these classes are planning and holding a special class celebration as part of the HSIE celebrations topic.

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.

P & C NEWS

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

Pre-orders have now closed. Coloured vouchers have been sent home to everyone who had placed an order by Friday's cutoff. Please bring your voucher on the day. If you have not pre-ordered beforehand, there will be bacon and egg sandwiches available for purchase on the day (\$4 each), but not the other menu items. Also – we will have a coffee van coming along, so bring some change if you'd like to buy a coffee from them.

**The next P&C Meeting is TONIGHT
Tues 2nd September at 7.00pm in the staff room
All Welcome**

Olive Tree Market BBQ – THIS Sat 6th September

At the time of writing, we only need one more person for the 11.30am-1pm shift and this Saturday's roster will be

filled. Thanks to everyone – particularly Year 4 parents who feature strongly on the roster.

We are now taking names for the 4th October BBQ, which will be Year 5's turn (but any volunteers are welcome). As this will be held the last weekend of the school holidays, we need the roster finalized before the end of term. So, please contact Liz Ginters via the P&C email or elizabeth-g@bigpond.com to place your name on the roster.

Holiday Raffle

Just a couple more weeks to go! If you can please bring in your sold books and money as you sell them, it will be a great help for the ladies who have been counting the money and doing the banking etc. More books are available from the office if you have sold all of your tickets. 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.

Upcoming P&C Events

Date	Time	Event
2 Sept	7pm	P&C Meeting
4 Sept	8.00am	Father's Day Breakfast (Thursday)
6 Sept	9am-3pm	Olive Tree Market / P&C BBQ
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
4 Nov	7.00pm	P&C Meeting
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

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