

The Junction News

Newsletter of The Junction Public School



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Term 3 – Week 9

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PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Father's Day Breakfast

What a sensational Father's Day breakfast we had last Thursday morning when hundreds of dads, grandads, uncles and family friends attended our delicious breakfast and activities morning.

The morning was a huge success and it was great to see so many happy faces here.

Sincere thanks to all P&C members who manned the barbecues and food stations as well as to the staff who worked so hard to make the morning a success.

A special thanks must go to Kinder parent Suki Kwon who initiated a wonderful change in our menu with potato rosti, as well as toasted bacon and egg sandwiches. Suki single-handedly prepared a lot of food in advance to enable a tasty and tempting menu to be served quickly. We hope all our dads, grandads and uncles had a wonderful Father's Day and enjoyed the time with families and friends.



New Before and After School Care (OOSH) Provider

The Department of Education and Communities has approved the management of the school's **Before and After School School Care (OOSH)** program with **'Camp Australia'**. This service will start at the beginning of the new school year in 2015.

Established in 1987, Camp Australia is a reputable family owned and operated business and the leading OOSH provider in Australia. They currently run OOSH programs in over 520 schools nationally, including 73 schools in New South Wales. Schools partnering with

Camp Australia have given us positive feedback about their working relationship. This decision has been made with careful consideration. A tender process run by the Department of Education was thorough and Camp Australia was the stand out provider. In addition to the above, the following points were considered and reviewed by the school executive and the tender panel when making its decision:

- All staff members will have a current Working with Children Check at each session
- The Program will be run in accordance with the current Child Care Act and National Quality Framework
- Camp Australia staff will incorporate the school's values into all aspects of the program
- Camp Australia will provide comprehensive and well-presented information and promotion materials on a regular basis
- Camp Australia will re-employ existing staff where appropriate
- There will be a parent information session to assist families in the transition
- Camp Australia will provide professional and comprehensive progress reports for the School administration

We have every confidence that the partnership with Camp Australia with The Junction Public School community will be positive. Please come and meet the Camp Australia team on **Monday 27th October 6pm** for an information night. There you will find out about fees, operational times, registration, rebates and the program itself.

Stage 2 Design Challenge

Stage 2 students have really been enjoying their Term 3 history unit on Newcastle which is taking place this week over 3 days. All students in Years 3 and 4 will participate in an excursion to the historic Newcastle East End precinct. They will visit Newcastle East School – soon to celebrate 200 years of education; the reservoir; Leading Light Tower; the Cathedral; Rose Cottage; Courthouse; the Lumber Yard/ Convict Stockade area; Shortland Lawn and Fort Scratchley.

They will also participate in an old fashioned 'dress up' representing a character or occupation from Newcastle's history and are giving a short presentation as well as a

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tabloid activity of old fashioned games. The third activity is a group construction of a tent or campsite using lots of different types of materials. It will be a great experience for all students.



P&C Holiday Raffle

Thank-you to the many families who have already returned their sold raffle ticket books. We are getting a wonderful response to this activity and sincerely thank the P&C for their incredible organisation.

All raffle ticket books must be back this coming Friday 12th –so that we can organise the draw for Wednesday of next week at the 11.30am assembly.

If families would like any additional raffle ticket books to sell – there are a few left at the office now. Thanks to everyone for your great support.

The Junction Public School Art Show

Please keep aside the date of **Wednesday 17th September** 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, grandparents and family friends are very welcome to attend.

Wendy Cheek,
Principal

CALENDAR - TERM 3 – 2014

Week 9

Event

Mon-Wed	Year 6 Canberra
Wednesday, Sept 10	3MC & 3W – Newcastle History Excursion
Wednesday, Sept 10	1C, 1CF, 1J excursion to Wetlands
Thursday, Sept 11	4L & 4F – Newcastle History Excursion
Friday, Sept 12	Spring Winds Concert – 7.30pm Newcastle Conservatorium - Band members arrive at 6.30pm

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 – (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)
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 2

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**TERM 3 WEEK 8****KINDER, YEAR 1 & 2 ASSEMBLY**

KK	Sam R	Maggie B
KH	Rosie B	Louis H
KE	Tamara L	Boden S
KD	Isla R	Ava K
1J	Boston B Eva N	Brady M
1C	Stella S	Cody M
1CF	Maiya Y	Oliver H
1/2L	Ella B	Max W
2R	Lily D	Niamh H
2W	Maeve T	Ned R
2H	Samuel D	Lilly D
2/3B	Jade T	

YEARS 3, 4, 5 & 6 ASSEMBLY

3MC	Angus W	Morgan S
3W	Adele B	
3/4CR	James H Joshua R	Joseph P
4A	Georgia S	
4L	Michelle J Eva N	Maya H
4F	Charlotte H	Cormac M
5C	Leila F Eloise A	Max O
5/6B	Tom J Caitlin K	Bella F Haylie S
6B	Ava R	Angus M
6C	Emily D Georgia F Summer C	Henry K Lachlan A

K - 2 Assembly

No more assemblies until next term.

Year 3 – 6 Assembly

(Friday 11.20am new hall)

K-2 ASSEMBLY

Thanks to KH for an entertaining assembly last week - we loved your song from Ella's special book. There will be no more K-2 assemblies for this term as Year 1 are on an excursion, 1/2L and Year 2 have a special celebration to hold and next week is the art show! So busy!

Thank you to all the parents who come along to support and watch our assemblies. We look forward to seeing you all again in Term 4! Mrs Hughes

WETLANDS EXCURSION – 1C, 1CF & 1J

The above excursion is on tomorrow (Wed 10th Sept). Important things to remember are: Children to wear Sports uniform and hat, wear covered footwear, sunscreen and bring a packed recess and lunch – include drinks.

Children will leave school at 9.15am.

NOTES HOME TODAY

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**Band Days and Spring Winds Concert**

Our Senior Band had a successful Band Day last Thursday in preparation for the Spring Winds Concert at the Newcastle Conservatorium next Friday night. Our Intermediate Band day was today and both bands are playing very well. Thanks to Mr Bell for all of this final preparation.

These two bands along with the Percussion Ensemble must arrive at 6:30pm on Friday night for a short preparation before our performances. The concert commences at 7:30pm. It is essential that all band members are present.

Bandfest

This competition occurs in Week 2 of Term 4. I have received no details about times of performances yet, but anticipate being notified by next week and I will forward on details immediately.

Mrs Fitzgibbon

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 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

Holiday Raffle – Tickets due Back this week

The excitement is building, and we are now on the countdown to drawing our holiday raffle. All tickets and money **MUST** be back by Friday 12th September, but we'd be grateful for as much as possible to be returned as soon as possible, as there is a lot of work involved in processing all of the incoming tickets and money. Unsold tickets must also be returned please. So – if you've left your tickets in the lunchroom at work – now is the time to remember to round them up and bring them in!

If you are in a position to sell more tickets, then please come and grab extra books, but please make sure they are returned by Friday (Monday at the latest please).

Keep an eye on the thermometer in the staff room window which is tracking our progress. At the time of writing, we had banked around \$7000, putting us about \$3000 ahead by the time we account for printing and prize costs. We're confident of a huge run of tickets back in this week. Thanks in advance for everyone's support.

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

Next Olive Tree Market BBQ – Sat 4th October

We are eager to fill the roster for the October BBQ roster before the end of term. The market will be the last weekend of the school holidays, which is also the long weekend. So, 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.

Spring Fair 2015

There will be a first organization meeting for next year's Spring Fair, hopefully at 2pm on Thursday this week, but still to be confirmed at the time of writing. This meeting will be for people who are planning to take on key organisational roles. Suki Kwon has touched base with

those who she has contact details for. If you are interested in being part of the organising committee, please drop the P&C an email and we'll put you in touch.

Father's Day Breakfast

It was wonderful seeing so many dads, granddads, uncles and family friends turn out for the father's day breakfast last week. Considering the week we had, we were incredibly lucky with the weather! We hope everyone enjoyed the morning.

Many thanks to all the helpers on the day. I'm sure you'll all appreciate that there's a lot of mouths to feed in a very short period of time – and so it takes an army of volunteers to pull it off. Thanks also to Michael Jonker for bringing his BBQ along to strengthen our capacity on the day.

Thanks to Suki Kwon who put a lot of time and effort into food preparation the day before, and organising all of the supplies for the day. Thanks also to Fiona Roberts, Sarah Cook, Abby Young, Jane Clack, Leone Cook, Rachael Furniss, Kendall Long, Jenni Heyes, Jane Hamson, Vanessa Hedges, and anyone else I may have missed who stepped in on the day. Thanks also to the army of staff who helped out – we couldn't have done it without them. Thanks also to Tom for organising all of the chairs and tables, and Trish who jumped on the BBQ to help out too.

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 possibly offering bacon and egg sandwiches in the morning, and sausage sandwiches later in the day.

If anyone is able to help coordinate either the cake stall or the BBQ, plus if anyone can spare some time on the day to help run either of these "stalls", please let me know and we'll start formulating a plan. More details will come home early in Term 4.

Other Thanks

Thanks to everyone who braved a bit of a roller coaster day to help with the OTM BBQ on Saturday. It was a quieter, weather-affected day, but we made around \$700 and sold a few books of raffle tickets while we were at it. Thanks to Suzanne Taylor, Paul Dare, Olivier Buzzi, Felicity Ferguson-Tait, Rob Kane, Frank / Sophie De Vitis, Chris Rice, Jane Hamson, David Martin, Johanna Anderson, Sarah Cook, Melanie Sutton, Liz Ginters, Mark Nicholls and Neil Mawson. Thanks also for the kids who

came along and helped particularly with the raffle ticket sales.

Upcoming P&C Events

Date	Time	Event
12 Sept	3pm	Holiday Raffle Tickets to be Returned
17 Sept	11.30am	Holiday Raffle to be drawn
4 Oct	All day	October OTM BBQ
10 Oct	1.30 pm	P&C Meeting
25 Oct	All day	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

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More fun with dads, grandads, uncles....



Thanks also to the wonderful chefs.....



We also enjoyed dressing up.....



HISTORY OF NEWCASTLE ACTIVITIES...
Year 3 & 4 ..'Tent building challenge'

