



Union Street, Merewether. NSW 2291 Ph: 49 631343 Fax: 49 63 3501 E: thejunctio-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au

Term 4 – Week 1

Tuesday 6 October 2015

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

A warm welcome back to all – hope the holiday break has been a great one for you and your family.

This term teachers will be completing second semester assessments and reports which will become available towards the end of term.

Year 4 students will be off to the Great Aussie Bush Camp in November, Years 1, 3 and 5 will attend Life Education lessons and Year 1 and 2 will be involved in Intensive Swimming. Of course we are all really looking forward to the Spring Fair on Saturday 31st October!

We will put out a term calendar next week – to assist you with planning for the next ten weeks.

Building Program

We are very pleased to have the commencement of building for our long awaited permanent classrooms. During the holidays excavation work commenced. The contract was awarded to Artel Constructions from the Central Coast. It is hoped that the building program will finish perhaps towards the end of March next year – being ready for occupation by the students at the beginning of Term 2 next year. As with all construction and building we will need to be flexible around the use of our playground and all the adjustments that will need to be made around school programs and organisation.

Probably just for this week – I am asking the parent community to be patient around parking availability on the Watkins Street side – till the builders are able to create 'on ground' parking for the workmen and their cars and trucks. That is likely to happen this week and then the situation will be slightly better. However - as the building site itself will be accessed via Watkins Street for the duration of the build - I ask all parents to take extra caution in this area and be mindful that there will be trucks and machinery accessing our site throughout the day. Artel have indicated that they will try to minimise any traffic movement on their part during the peak hours of drop-off and pick up to try to alleviate the situation.

We are really looking forward to our new facilities. I will keep you updated throughout the newsletters of the progress of the build.

Bandfest – next week

Next week is an exciting week for all three bands as well as our percussion group. Bandfest will take place out at Warners Bay Performing Arts Centre and is a highlight of the year for all regional bands. Our Percussion Group, Junior, Intermediate and Senior Bands have all been practising hard and are ready to display their high level

talents in the competition. Huge congratulations to our tutors, conductors and band co-ordinator Michael Jobson for their organisation and commitment to this quality music program. Best wishes everyone.

Book

Week Parade

Congratulations to all students who participated in the Book Week parade on the last day of term. It was a really enjoyable event for all students from Kinder to Year 6. The creativity of students was really wonderful to see.



Congratulations

Congratulations Taj of Year 6 who represented NSW in the National Rugby Union Carnival during the school holidays. NSW were successful in winning the National carnival. They did this with four record-breaking victories defeating Northern Territory 74-0, Victoria 57-0, South Australia 121-0 and ACT 73-0.

Whilst the results were outstanding, the coach contacted me to say that it was the effort and attitude of Taj that was most impressive. I am told that he was 'a pleasure to coach and was an extremely respectful member of the team'. In addition to this, Taj was named as NSW's best forward throughout the campaign. The coach further commented that 'Taj really was a fantastic ambassador for The Junction Public School'. Well done Taj!

Wendy Cheek, Principal

CALENDAR - TERM 4 – 2015

Week 1

Event

Wednesday, Oct 7	Junior Band Day
Friday, October 9	P & C Meeting RESCHEDULED – Now Tuesday 13 th October

Week 2

Event

Monday, October 12	Junior Band at Bandfest
Tuesday, October 13	P & C Meeting – 7pm
Thursday, October 15	Year 1 & 2 Intensive Swimming starts
Thursday, October 15	Intermediate Band, Senior Band, Percussion Ensemble at Bandfest

Week 3

Event

Thursday, October 22	Year 1 & 2 Intensive Swimming
----------------------	-------------------------------

Week 4

Event

Tuesday, October 27	Senior Band – Opera House
Thursday, October 29	Year 1 & 2 Intensive Swimming
Saturday, October 31	Spring Fair – 12pm to 4pm

ATTENTION YEAR 1 & 2 PARENTS

INTENSIVE SWIMMING INFORMATION

The Swimming program starts next Thursday 15th October for all students in Year 1 & 2. Payment and notes need to be returned to the office by next Monday 12th October.

A 'Final organisational note' will come home later this week with details of times the classes will be going and a reminder of items students will require.



SPECIAL MENTION AWARDS

TERM 3 WEEK 10

YEARS 3, 4, 5 & 6 ASSEMBLY

3H	Tayte Asha	Owen
3K	Trinity Sabine	Ashton
3MC	Isaac Lily Kip	Millin Nicholas
3W	Sophia	Harry
4A	Monica Bailey	Gypsy Iliannah
4F	York Ethan	Jada
4L	Lily	Joe
5T	Alexander	Imogen
5W	David Sylvia Charlie	Kayne Lillian
5/6B	Dimitri Freya	Georgia
6C	Patrick Caitlin	Bronte
6S	Tom Nathan	Imigyn Lucy

Assembly times:

Kinder to Year 2 – Wed (New Hall) 2pm (Odd weeks)
Year 3 to 6 – Friday (New Hall) 11.20am (Every week)

HUNTER REGION PSSA BOYS CRICKET

Recently Taj, Jake and Cooper were selected as representatives in the Hunter Region PSSA Boys Cricket Team. They will be travelling to Barooga for the competition starting on the 26th - 30th October. Congratulations to Jake and Cooper who have been given the honour as joint Captains for the tournament. They are not only exceptional players but understand the finer details of the game and team building. We wish all the boys the best for the competition.

'We are intending to go with a co-captain set up as I feel it is too big of an ask to place the entire decision making pressure on the shoulders of one player at this age. Cooper and Jake will share that role. I have made these selections as the boys have experience in this role at various levels and demonstrated to me at the last trial an ability to lead, positively inspire others and make wise cricketing choices. It also impressed me that they knew everyone's name 5 seconds after taking the field during our Seaham match. My verbal interactions with them whilst on

field also solidified my thoughts about this. As a whole, I was incredibly impressed with all boys and their interactions with each other as well as the character they displayed on the day and their ability to support each other on and off the field. Amazing what you see and hear over many hours!' (Colin Johnson, Principal Charlestown South Public School, Cricket Selector Hunter Team)

Congratulations to Alyssa for making it to the possibles and probables game for the Hunter Region Girls PSSA Cricket Team. Alyssa has a great understanding of the game of cricket and is a wonderful line and length bowler. She works hard to improve her game and is an excellent team player. Congratulations on your wonderful efforts Alyssa and we look forward to hearing about your future success.



RECENT NOTES HOME

- All families – Raffle Tickets
- Senior Band Opera House Performance - \$30
- Yr 1 & 2 Intensive Swimming - \$70 (Blue note)
- Bandfest notes – (Next Week) - ALL BANDS

ONLINE UNIFORM SHOP ORDERING!

Want to place your uniform shop order online? Simply go to www.flexischools.com.au and click “Register Now”. You will be sent an email with further instructions on how to complete the registration. Once registered, you can start placing orders immediately. The Uniform Shop will still open Monday mornings in the Old Hall from 8.45am-9.15am.



BAND NEWS

Term 4 is a very busy time for our bands. Please add these dates to your calendars and ensure that your child is available for these performances.

There is a Junior Band Day tomorrow, Wednesday 7th October here at school (lunch will be provided to these students). Junior Band students need to wear their Sports Uniform. There will be a short performance for parents at 2.40pm. A note went home with Junior Band students today!

Bandfest

All Bands plus the Percussion ensemble will again be performing as part of Bandfest at Lake Macquarie. The Bands will perform on these dates:

Monday, 12th October – Junior Band.

Thursday, 15th October – Intermediate Band, Senior Band, and Percussion Ensemble.

PERMISSION NOTES AND PAYMENT MUST BE RETURNED BY THIS THURSDAY 8TH OCTOBER.

Opera House: Argyle Concert

Senior Band's exciting performance at the Sydney Opera House will take place on Tuesday the 27th of October. Please check previous notes for details regarding the excursion.

TJPS Spring Fair: All Bands

All bands will be performing at the Spring Fair on the 31st of October. Details of performance times will be sent home soon.

Band Presentation Night

Thursday, 3rd December at 6:00pm at the Newcastle Conservatorium of Music. All Bands perform and are presented with awards and certificates. Year 6 students perform solo items, so I encourage all parents to ensure that all Year 6 students have prepared a solo for this event.

Senior Band will be performing at Presentation Day on 10th December.

Rehearsal Absences

Just a reminder, please let me know if your child is unable to make any rehearsals before or during school.

Michael Jobson

SCHOOL BANKING

Newcastle Permanent Building Society and Commonwealth Bank offer banking to our students. Parent volunteers, Tanya Fitzgerald and Kim West process the money on the banks' behalf in our school library immediately after roll call on Monday mornings.

BOOK WEEK PARADE



P & C NEWS

COUNTDOWN TO SPRING FAIR:

4 school weeks to go

P&C MEETING – CHANGE OF DATE

Please note the scheduled P & C Meeting for this Friday has been changed to next Tuesday 13th October at 7pm. As well as being on the downhill run to all things Spring Fair, we will be reviewing the results of our canteen survey, and making a decision regarding which way forward. All welcome in the staffroom.

HOLIDAY RAFFLE TICKETS

Please return any unsold raffle tickets and money to the office as you can. More books available at the office. Thanks to the amazing support so far – the raffle is again exceeding all of our expectations. Great work!

Don't forget about the great incentive prizes for the kids. Every book of tickets sold will get an entry into the incentive prize draw – so, the more books of tickets you're able to sell, the more chances you'll have in the draw.

Look for opportunities to sell your tickets to work colleagues, family, neighbours etc – please don't feel obliged to buy all yourself. If children go door-to-door, they should be supervised by an adult.



HALLOWEEN FAMILY DISCO

We will be holding a Halloween Family Disco after the Spring Fair on Sat 31 October in the new hall. This will be a great way to celebrate in a social atmosphere after a fabulous day. Newcastle High P&C will be running a bbq for us, so that no one needs to "work" – everyone can relax and enjoy the evening.

The disco is FREE – but, so that we can gauge numbers, we are asking everyone who is coming to log on to FlexiSchools and "purchase" (free) tickets to this event. This doesn't commit you to anything, or prevent you from coming – consider it just a way to RSVP to us. As well as the option of the BBQ, you are welcome to bring a picnic dinner. And yes, we'd love it if you would like to dress up. All children are to be in the company of a designated adult please.

RAFFLE TICKET HELPERS

We're looking for helpers with processing of the incoming tickets. If you can spare some time, please find the roster here:

<http://www.signupgenius.com/go/20f044da8ae28a4fc1->

[holiday](#). Thanks to Patricia Kinney for overseeing the roster.

If you need to contact the P&C, please drop us a line at junctionpandc@hotmail.com.

UPCOMING P&C EVENTS:

Date	Time	Event
13 Oct	7pm	P&C Meeting – New date/time
17/18 Oct	TBC	Gardening Bee
31 Oct 2015	12pm-4pm	Spring Fair 2015
31 Oct 2015	6-8pm (TBC)	Family Halloween Disco

Other P&C MEETING DATES THIS YEAR:

- Tuesday 13th Oct at 7pm
- Tues 3rd Nov at 7pm
- Fri 4th Dec at 1.30pm

Other meetings may be held as required, and notice will be given accordingly.

Julie Wharton, P&C President

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



Facebook:
*The Junction
Public School
P&C*



Twitter:
@TJPS_PandC



Instagram:
junctionpandc

MORE FANTASTIC BOOK PARADE CREATIONS.....





COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

FRENCH CLASSES

Learn French after school at The Junction Public School on Monday & Tuesday afternoon from 3.10pm to 4.10pm. Come and join us for a free trial!

Lots of fun activities, drama, music and games.

Contact: Sandra Peachey

Mobile: 0402 818 034

sandra.peachey@lcclubs.com.au

IT'S ALL ABOUT ME! UNLOAD WRITING WORKSHOPS - REGISTRATIONS OPEN

In Term 4 we'll be getting creative with the world's most fascinating topic: You! The program will be jam-packed with inspiring ways to express yourself. Our writing and storytelling workshops cater for all levels with a focus on having FUN and building confidence with language.

Who: Students from Years 3-6

When: Tuesdays 3.20pm-4.20pm
starting in **Week 2, 13 October**

Where: 6S Classroom

Cost: \$135 (9 week term)

Numbers limited to 15

You can now register directly on the website! Go to www.unload.org.au or email suzie@unload.org.au for more information.

Suzie Galwey: Mobile: 0409 409 141

[www.unload.org.au]www.unload.org.au

<https://www.facebook.com/unloadcreativewriting>