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Term 4 – Week 2

Tuesday 13 October 2015

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Spring Fair – Concert Information

We are now in full swing for the Spring Fair coming up in 3 weeks' time.

Normally every second year we have some form of a whole school concert. This year the School Concert – will be at the Spring Fair on 31st October. All classes will be performing in a year item at the Fair between 12.30pm and 4pm.

The school bands and dance groups will also be performing as well as community groups. It will be a really entertaining program.

All classes have been practising their items and teachers have been talking to students about costume requirements for their item. I am asking all classes to forward a note home to you for the simple costume requirements. I know you will really enjoy these performances. A program will be available for you to know when your children are performing.

Parent Survey – We want your feedback

You're invited to participate in the *Tell Them From Me* (TTFM) Partners in Learning survey designed for parents and carers. This online survey will provide feedback around school programs and organisation for 2016 and also to provide comment on the strategic directions which will be outlined for the next planning phase of 2016-2017.

This survey complements the TTFM student and teacher surveys, which focus on student engagement, wellbeing and effective teaching practices. All Department of Education schools have the opportunity to participate if they choose.

Article I. Why should I participate?

Parents and carers are an important and valued part of the school community. Schools can use survey feedback to make practical improvements and inform school planning.

Article II. What does it involve?

This online survey takes about 15 minutes to complete. It is anonymous and voluntary.

If you have more than one child at this school, and feel that your children's experiences differ, you can complete the survey more than once.

Article III. How can I participate?

You can access the survey in your own time, between now and 23 October 2015.

Follow the link below on your computer or tablet: tinyurl.com/tjps2015

We are also happy for parents to utilise computers at school if there is no internet access at home.

More information on the Partners in Learning survey can be found on the NSW Department of Education's TTFM website: <http://surveys.cese.nsw.gov.au/>

Thank you

Sincere thanks to parent Sarah Harden who has been volunteering at the school for the last four years as an Ethics teacher. Sarah along with several other parents volunteered for this program to provide an opportunity for our school to run Ethics classes for students. Sarah is finishing up in this role this term due to other work commitments and we are very grateful for her participation and time. Many parents at our school elect for their children to participate in Ethics - but we are still in need of two more volunteer teachers. If you would like more details and may be interested – could I get you to get in contact with our school's Ethics Co-ordinator, parent Mark Harden at tjpsethics@gmail.com. To find out more about Primary Ethics and becoming an Ethics Teacher, please go to www.primaryethics.com.au

Enrichment Program – Poetry

Last term as part of our whole school enrichment program students from Years 5 and 6 participated in a Poetry Writing workshop. We were able to secure the talents of local teacher Liz Bugbird to mentor students in this area of writing.

Samples from the workshop are further in the newsletter and I think you will agree that we have some very talented students at our school.

We will put all the poems together into a book for all to enjoy later this term.

Before School Supervision

I need to remind all parents and carers that there is no formal supervision of students before 8.30am of a morning. It is preferred that students do not arrive at school before this time so that they are completely safe. If this provides difficulty for working parents and families, perhaps arrangements can be made with other families for assistance or enquiries be made to 'Before School Care' for that additional supervision. Please contact me if you would like to discuss this issue further – thanks.

State Athletics Carnival

Best wishes to Saxon and Noah with their endeavours at the State Athletics this week at Homebush. What an amazing achievement to reach this level! A full report will be in next week's newsletter.

Wendy Cheek, Principal

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CALENDAR - TERM 4 – 2015

Week 2

Event

Tuesday, October 13	P & C Meeting – 7pm
Thursday, October 15	Year 1 & 2 Intensive Swimming starts today
Thursday, October 15	Intermediate Band, Senior Band, Percussion Ensemble at Bandfest
Thursday, October 15	P & C garden working bee
Friday, October 16	P & C garden working bee

Week 3

Event

Thursday, October 22	Year 1 & 2 Intensive Swimming
Friday, October 23	All Year 5 students gala day at Newcastle High School

Week 4

Event

Tuesday, October 27	Senior Band – Opera House
Thursday, October 29	Year 1 & 2 Intensive Swimming
Friday, October 30	CANTEEN CLOSED
Saturday, October 31	Spring Fair – 12pm to 4pm

Week 7

Event

Monday, Nov 16	Hunter Life Education-1J, 1C & 3MC
Tuesday, Nov 17	Hunter Life Education-1W, 3H, 3W, 3K
Wednesday, Nov 18	Hunter Life Education-1CF, 5W, 5T & 5B GIRLS
Thursday, Nov 19	Hunter Life Education-5S & 5B BOYS
Friday, Nov 20	Hunter Life Education-Catch up

REMINDERS FROM THE OFFICE

Office Hours: 8.30am to 3.15pm

- We are unable to administer Panadol to students – we can only administer prescribed medication from a Doctor with the label/packaging supplied.
- We do not have change – it would be appreciated if you have the correct money.
- Please remember to advise the school of any changes to your address/phone numbers etc.
- All notes for excursions/performances etc are on the School Website.
- If your child will be absent for over 5 school days you must complete an 'Extended Leave Form' before you take leave.

SPECIAL MENTION AWARDS

TERM 4 WEEK 1

KINDER TO YEAR 2 ASSEMBLY

KK	Jasper Xavier	Ollie Aleesha
KD	Lily Makenzie	Lewis Isaac
KE	Angus	Zavier
KH	Tom Zaac	Riley
1J	Emma Luka	Lachlan Rosie
1C	Edie	Luka
1CF	Maggie Louis	Harmony Boden
1W	Jarvis Ellington	Oliver Thea
2C	Brady Sam	Lan Neve
2B	Grace Elyssa	Max James
2R	Dhanya Lewis	Claudia
2W	Stanley	Lucca

YEARS 3, 4, 5 & 6 ASSEMBLY

3H	Niamh Milijana	Yorygi
3K	Trinity Ashton	Sabine
3MC	Lucy Lily	Millin
3W	Holly	Jasper
4A	Brianna Max	Phoebe
4F	Theo Lulu	Lachlan
4L	Scoutt	Caleb
5S	Mary-Jane Joshua	Natasha
5T	David Imogen	Junior
5W	Lily	Erin
5/6B	Matthew Leila	Joe



6C	Finnian Oliver	Patrick Finn
6S	Cameron Lucy	Niklas

Assembly times:

Kinder to Year 2 – Wed (New Hall) 2pm (Odd weeks)

Year 3 to 6 – Friday (New Hall) 11.20am (Every week)

RECENT NOTES HOME

- All families – Raffle Tickets – Need to be back at school by Tuesday October 27
- Senior Band Opera House Performance - \$30
- Year 1 & 2 Swimming Final Organisation information note (Yellow)
- Year 5 to Newcastle High (White) home today
- Year 1, 3, 5 Hunter Life Education (Purple) home today

CANTEEN NEWS

Please destroy your 'Winter Yellow Menu' – the new 'Summer Pink Menu' has gone home with today's newsletter.

THE SCHOOL CANTEEN WILL BE CLOSED ON FRIDAY 30TH OCTOBER

ATTENTION YEAR 3 & 4 PARENTS

This coming Thursday all students in Year 3 and 4 will be having a rehearsal for their Spring Fair performance. Year 3 students are to bring their 'Bugs' costume and Year 4 their 'Coloured T-shirts'...students have been allocated a colour. Thanks Mrs Hughes

BOOK CLUB

Students would have received a brochure for Book Club last week. This will be last issue for the year. Please complete your orders by Monday 19th October. Only orders that are paid in cash or cheque need to be returned to school. Please bring these orders to the Library.

OVERDUE BOOKS

Many students have books that are long overdue, please assist the Library by returning these books as soon as possible. Thank you. Mrs Land

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

Congratulations to Junior Band who performed at Bandfest yesterday in the Novice Larger Band group and came first! Good luck to our Intermediate Band, Senior Band and Percussion Ensemble who perform this Thursday. A full report will be in next week's newsletter.

A reminder to students performing on Thursday to make sure their Permission notes and payment comes in tomorrow. Money for photos at Bandfest must be taken on Thursday. Bandfest will not accept late photo orders.

CLASS 2B FAIRYTALE ACTIVITIES

Throughout our English unit this term, Year Two students will be investigating fairy tales with a focus on comparing and contrasting versions of the story. Students will investigate how some fairy tales are appropriated by changing the characters or setting and how others are adapted into different forms e.g. movies, plays, poems. Students will engage in activities such as writing their own innovations on a fairy tale, creating characters, constructing a play script, role-playing and other drama activities. Below is an example of Liam's fairy tale he wrote this week.

Peter and the Dragon

Once upon a time there was a castle. In 1178, the queen was pregnant and had a baby boy. She died giving birth. The prince never got to see his mother. They named him Peter.

Twenty years passed and in those twenty years, Peter had a good life. But on his twentieth birthday his old and weak father made a terrible mistake. He let him go and hunt alone in the forest for animals to eat. He left with his bow and arrow.

In the forest he came across a cave. He entered hoping to find a tiger or a leopard, but there was nothing in there! Suddenly, he felt a tap on his shoulder, he turned around to see two yellow eyes looking straight into his! It was a dragon! He screamed, "Aaarrrrggghhhhh" and quickly got his bow and arrow and shot at the dragon, but the arrow harmlessly bounced off the dragon. It was the dragon's turn. With a quick flash the dragon swallowed him whole. That night Peter did not come back to the castle. The king was horrified. He sent everyone in the castle out looking for Peter. But sadly, nobody found him.

One day on the news, there was a story about a woodsman finding a dragon on the floor sleeping. But there was something weird about the dragon because something was punching it, but from the inside. He cut the dragon open and found the prince. Suddenly, the doorbell rang. The servant went to see who it was. It was Peter, the king was delighted and they lived happily ever after.



SPRING FAIR THANK YOU

On Sunday, a small group of helpers volunteered their time to create our "Mix - in - a - jar" creations to sell at the Spring fair. Thank you to all the families who donated jars and ingredients. A big thank you to Mrs Read, Mrs Bowen and the following mothers and grandmothers, for all your time and effort and patience when creating our mixes. They look fabulous!

Kalpna Mathur, Peta Norris, Fiona Robinson and Robyn Parker, Pili Gordon, Anna Giacomini Buzzi, Louise Clifton, Abby Young and June & Kate McTaggart. Mrs Hughes

STAGE 3 PREMIER'S SPELLING BEE FINAL

Last term on Wednesday, 16th September, Patrick and Declan represented The Junction Public School at the Stage 3 Premier's Spelling Bee final. The event was held at Coal Point Public School.

A total of 21 schools were in attendance at the final. With each school having two representatives there were a total of 40 competitors. Both Patrick and Declan did exceptionally well and represented our school very well. Both boys can be pleased and happy with their efforts.



BLAST OFF

Congratulations to Brianna, Harri and Jack of class 4A for having their letters to Jools and Vern published in the October issue of Blast Off School Magazine. A copy of these student's letters featuring these wonderful writers appears towards the back of this newsletter. Mr Alcock

SPRING FAIR- PLANT STALL

Hello and welcome back to Term 4! As most students are aware, classes 1CF and 4A are holding a Plant Stall for the upcoming Spring Fair. We are currently looking for donations of potted plants, small or large, that we can sell during the Spring Fair, plus anything else garden

related, such as plaques, gardening tools, decorative pots, ceramic labels for plants and garden figurines and ornaments. If you are able to help us with donations, they would be greatly appreciated. Please send donations to either of the above classes, morning or afternoon. Thank you, in anticipation of your support. Mr Alcock

P & C NEWS

COUNTDOWN TO SPRING FAIR:

18 days to go !

P&C MEETING – TONIGHT

We have an important P&C meeting tonight at 7pm. As well as being on the downhill run to the Spring Fair, we will be reviewing the results of our canteen survey, and making a decision regarding which way forward. All welcome! We'll be in the staff room.

GARDENING BEE - This Thursday & Friday (CHANGE OF DATE)

We have changed the date of the gardening bee to this Thursday and Friday, to suit the availability of parents who have indicated they can help out. If you are also available, please meet Olivia Ryan at 9am at the staff room, and she'll guide you to what needs doing. Please sign up here: <http://bit.ly/TJPSgardening> (or just turn up).

Please bring gloves, water, sun protection; wear sturdy shoes, and if you've got them, please bring a wheel barrow, shovel and rake. We will be mulching gardens to get them ready for the Fair.

HOLIDAY RAFFLE TICKETS

Please return raffle tickets and money to the office as you can. More books available at the office. The raffle will be drawn at 3.30pm on Spring Fair Day – but we'd like all **tickets back by Tuesday 27 October** please!

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.

HALLOWEEN FAMILY DISCO

31 October 5.30pm-7.30pm

The Halloween Family Disco will be after the Spring Fair on Saturday 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 people to RSVP by logging on to www.flexischools.com.au to "purchase" (free) tickets to this event. This doesn't prevent you from coming – it's 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

If you can help us process incoming raffle tickets over the coming weeks, please find the roster here:
<http://bit.ly/TJPS2015HolidayRaffle>

UPCOMING P&C EVENTS:

Date	Time	Event
13 Oct (Tues)	7pm	P&C Meeting
15/16 Oct	9am	Gardening Bee (Thurs / Fri)
30 Oct	All Day	Spring Fair Set up
31 Oct	12pm-4pm	Spring Fair 2015
31 Oct	5.30-7.30pm	Family Halloween Disco
2 & 4 Nov	9am	Kindy Welcome Morning Teas

SPRING FAIR UPDATE

Please keep an eye out in the next few days for a separate Spring Fair newsletter. This will provide some key links and information about the schedule in the lead up to the Fair on 31 October.

Earlybird unlimited ride wristbands are available now at www.ticketebo.com.au/tjpsspringfair (before Friday 24 October) for \$29 each (plus booking fee). Ride wristbands will be \$35 each on Fair day. More details on ride ticket options at the ticket link.

To volunteer to help with the Fair, please sign up here:
<http://bit.ly/TJPSspringfair2015>

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

Other P&C MEETING DATES THIS YEAR:

- 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](https://www.instagram.com/junctionpandc)

POETRY WRITING WORKSHOP

On the Beach... by Coco

*Through the mist I can hear roaring, like a thousand lions
all at once
I can see waves playing on the sand and the sun shining
through the mist
I can smell the salty taste being carried on the wind
And I can feel the wind whipping sand and spray into my
face
As I stand here, all alone on the beach
I feel like it will never end*

Deep Sea...by Sam

*Down deep below the reaches of the sun
A place exists with not a glimpse of light
It's a magical place
It's a dark, mysterious place too
A place so huge
But filled with caves as small as a closet
You may not think it
But this place has life too
From dark, slithering creatures to beautiful animals
Deep sea is a magical place*

Two Hands...by Kaj

2 hands
It annoys me
Round and round in circles
Not stopping
Does it sleep?
It's crazy. I can hear its mind
It must be tired because its mind is going
TICK
TICK
TOCK
It annoys me
My clock

Swan....by Dimitri

The gentle flutter of its wings
Drives a soft, gentle breeze
That touches your knees

It hits the water
Like a feather
Gently dancing in the wind
Like a majestic baby heather

It moves so softly
So softly....
Like a petal slowly drifting
Down the water stream

Its body is so delicate and fluffy
Its skill.....to dance down to the water's edge
A swan

Your page



Our favourrrrite time of the month!

We are much obliged to the excellent letter-writers at The Junction PS, Mayfield East PS and everywhere else. Thank you all so very much.

Dear Jools and Vern

I really enjoy your stories and adventures and I would really like it if you'd use some of my ideas in your next story. I want to tell you something really funny that happened when I was three years old with my family at a holiday house in Forster. My dad and I were fishing when we caught a puffer fish! But it got away. Then five minutes later we caught it again. We were winding and winding and winding. Then at that very moment it got away. We caught it again, and this time we brought it to land and realised it was too small to eat so we threw it back. Then as soon as we were about to go, Dad fell in with the puffer fish. He got very cold but he was okay.

From Brianna

My oh my, Brianna! What a fishy tale! And one that has inspired the jokes on this page!

Q: What is the strongest creature in the sea?
A: A mussel!

Hi Jools and Vern

Thank you for providing magazines for us every month. They are funny and awesome, and sometimes I learn things from them. I love your magazines. They are very interesting. I could read them all day. I love 'Captain Congo' and 'Cyber Squad' because they are mysterious and exciting and you never know what will happen next. I can't wait for the next magazine. I bet it will be amazing.

A funny thing that I did once is I was home with my big brother so I chased him around with tomato sauce because he hates it.

From Harri

We are most indebted to you for this excellent letter, Harri. Oh yes indeed.

Q: What do you call a fish without an eye?
A: fsh!

Q: Why did the shark spit out the clown?
A: Because he tasted funny!

Dear Jools and Vern

Every month I look forward to reading the new *Blast Off*. I liked the story about Jools and Vern called 'The crepes of Sloth' (*Blast Off* 4 and 5).

I wanted to tell you about something funny that happened to me when it was the school holidays after kindergarten. Well, my family and our friends were in Hawaii for the holidays, and we were walking along a path, and my mum said, 'You'd better be good or the bad boy bear will come.'

That night I heard a sound and I got so scared that I fell out of my bed. The sound said, 'The bad boy bear is here.' But when I opened my eyes, it was only my sister!

From Jack

Grrrrrrreat story, Jack!

Q: What's the most musical part of a fish?
A: The scales!