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Term 4 – Week 4

Tuesday 27 October 2015

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Countdown to Spring Fair

We are all really looking forward to the Spring Fair this Saturday! An amazing amount of work has gone into this occasion and am particularly grateful to the 'army' of parents – led by the Spring Fair Committee who have done everything they can to ensure a most wonderful community event. See full report of final preparations and help needed later in the newsletter and yes the weather will be fine!!! Always the eternal optimist!

GONSKI Funding

This year we have received additional funds into our 'RAM' - Resource Allocation Model – this is our finance system. This funding is made up of a range of sources including NSW State Government education funding, NSW State Government Gonski funding and Federal Government Gonski funding.

With this funding we have been able to employ additional learning support teachers and learning support officers to provide additional and strategic learning support intervention as well as providing time for individual speech assessment for all our Kindergarten students. We really value the injection of this funding into our schools and look forward to the full implementation of funding from the Gonski review to further provide quality and equity to all our school programs. It is a vital and very necessary source of funding at our school to support our educational programs.

School Invoices

We still have many unpaid invoices for student resources that have been used all year by students, maths, reading, handwriting and grammar. The school is owed several thousand dollars in this area. We would appreciate final payment for these resources, as the year is drawing to a close. We issue these materials to all students as they complement the syllabus requirements for all grades. We know these resources are greatly assisting students in their learning. Fees are also outstanding for extra-curricular activities such as Band and Dance. If you have recently received an invoice your support in this matter is greatly appreciated as again, we have to pay the suppliers of these goods. If you are unsure if you have paid - our friendly office staff will be happy to help you out. Many thanks.

'Digital Sparks'

Last Tuesday we had seventeen of our students participating in an innovative Technology and Design

Challenge at Newcastle University with more than 150 (Year 3 to Year 8 students) from eight schools from the Central Coast to Armidale. 'Digital Sparks' was organised by our own technology teacher at The Junction – Rob McTaggart. It was a very successful event. Participating students showcased their expertise in creating smartphone apps, websites, computer coding and robotics at the University of Newcastle. The Digital Sparks Regional Technology Design Challenge and Expo was hosted by the NSW Education Department and the University's School of Design, Communication and Information Technology, with support from Microsoft Australia. This was a wonderful opportunity for students across the region to be involved in developing technologies to respond to global, local and personal needs using design thinking. There were three divisions - Years 3 and 4; Years 5 and 6; and Years 7 and 8. Our students in the Years 3 and 4 division: Adele, Ava, Lucia and Lulu were highly commended for their 'app' - "Mummy Shopping List" and our students in the Year 5 and 6 division – Lucy, Cameron, Bas and Ruby won this section with their coded robot – "Mr Readit". Many thanks to the University for their very generous support, in allowing us to use Newcastle University resources and personnel.



Best Wishes

Best wishes to our Senior Band who today have travelled to Sydney to perform in the Festival of Music at the Sydney Opera House. This is a very prestigious event for a primary school band and we are very proud of them. We hope that all students have a most wonderful experience today and that it will be a great memory for them all. We wait to hear of their experiences.

Congratulations again, to our band conductors Michael Bell and Michael Jobson.

Wendy Cheek,
Principal

CALENDAR - TERM 4 – 2015

Week 4 Event

Tuesday, October 27	Raffle Tickets back to school
Thursday, October 29	Year 1 & 2 Intensive Swimming
Friday, October 30	CANTEEN CLOSED
Saturday, October 31	Spring Fair – 12pm to 4pm
Saturday, October 31	Family Halloween Disco – 5.30pm to 7.30pm

Week 5 Event

Monday, Nov 2	2016 Kinder Orientation Week 1
Wednesday, Nov 4	2016 Kinder Orientation Week 1

Week 6 Event

Monday, Nov 9	2016 Kinder Orientation Week 2
Tuesday, Nov 10	P & C Meeting – 7pm
Wednesday, Nov 11	2016 Kinder Orientation Week 2

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
Wednesday, Nov 18	2016 Kinder Orientation Week 3
Thursday, Nov 19	Hunter Life Education- 5S & 5B BOYS
Friday, Nov 20	Hunter Life Education-Catch up

SPECIAL MENTION AWARDS

TERM 4 WEEK 3

KINDER TO YEAR 2 ASSEMBLY

KK	Beau Angus	Oliver Mia
KD	Jimmy Imbi	Eden Amelie
KE	Phoebe	Max
KH	Zoe Eddie	Maya
1J	Ryan Nicola	Sofie Roxanna
1C	Khair Koby	Freya Edie
1CF	Sophie Logan	Archie Beth
1W	Ella Eli	Thomas Amélie
2C	Isaac Oliver	Lily Bill
2B	Noah Phoebe	Natalia Ace
2R	Maiya Amelia	Zack Boston
2W	Harry	Isabella

YEARS 3, 4, 5 & 6 ASSEMBLY

3H	Nate Jessica	Jada
3K	Jade Ashton	Astrid
3MC	Nicholas Lilly	Matilda
4F	Sophie Ella	Jordan
4L	Jeremy Connor	Isabelle Bridget
5S	Eva Ronan	Noah
5T	Rhys Max Grace	Julia Chloe
5/6B	Leila Lilley	Angus
6S	Leela Clara Emily	Charlotte Poppy

Assembly times:

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

CANTEEN NEWS

**THE SCHOOL CANTEEN WILL BE
CLOSED THIS FRIDAY 30TH OCTOBER**

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/package supplied.
- We do not have change when paying for excursions etc – 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.
- For leave under 5 days you must still advise the school in writing.

BAND NEWS – Spring Fair

Band members are to wear 'Full Band Uniform'.

Performance times are:

Junior Band	-	12.15pm
Intermediate Band	-	12.50pm
Percussion Ensemble	-	2pm
Senior Band	-	3pm

Michael Jobson

PARENT ASSISTED READING PROGRAM VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Mrs Hughes is looking for parent, grandparent or community volunteers from any grade to assist with a Parent Helper Reading Program for Year 3 and 4 students. At this point we would like to run the program three mornings a week. Please contact Mrs Hughes through the school office if you can assist.

SPRING FAIR

If families have some plastic shopping bags at home, please bring them into the school this week! Bags will be needed at Class stalls when items are purchased. There are some wonderful crafts, Xmas goodies, garden and food items for sale!! Mrs Read would like to thank Allie Robinson and Leah Carr for making some fantastic 'Shooting Stars'.

RECENT NOTES HOME

- Year 1, 3, 5 Hunter Life Education (Purple note) \$10
- P & C Family Halloween Disco note (last week)

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.

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.



FOUR DAYS TO GO!!!!



SPRING FAIR UPDATE

It's the final countdown; we look forward to seeing everyone this Saturday for a day of family fun.

THIS WEEK

Volunteers still urgently needed. When you drop your children into school this week please stop by our 'volunteering table' in the COLA and sign up to give an hour, or a half hour of your time, on fair day. You can also sign up at the office, or email the P&C.

Donations for class stalls: please deliver to class teacher.

FRIDAY OCTOBER 30

Donations of perishables including cakes, slices, biscuits etc. Please label a list of ingredients on your donated food items. (Contact is Mrs McLeod, 3MC)

SATURDAY OCTOBER 31

Road closure: Union Street (part-of) from 8.00am approx.

Wristband collection (pre-paid ride tickets) from 10.30am (Union Street gate, near office). Note: wristbands need to be physically attached to the child, so please have your children with you when collecting them.

OOSH gate opens @11.30am for performing children (Union Street)

All gates open to the public @11.45am

Disabled Parking: Teacher's car park (Watkins Street)

Public parking: Rowland Park, Railway Street

Fair begins @12pm

SAFE ADULTS AND SAFE PLACES

Please speak to your children prior to the event and let them know that if they get separated from you, they can approach any of the fair volunteer team (who will all be wearing red TJPS aprons) or any of their teachers for help.

The fair is a **smoke and alcohol-free zone** and please leave your four-legged friends at home as **dogs will not be allowed at the Fair**.

TIMES & CLASS ORGANISATION FOR SPRING FAIR

A 'running sheet' will be sent home to all families on Thursday or Friday! This will have all instructions, meeting times and performance times. It is advisable to bring this sheet with you on Saturday !

P & C NEWS

KINDY 2016 WELCOME MORNING TEA – 2 & 4 Nov

If you can help out with the Kindy welcome morning teas next week, either by turning up to welcome the incoming Kindy parents, and/or by making a cake or slice, please see the online roster here: <http://bit.ly/2015KindyMorningTea>

HOLIDAY RAFFLE TICKETS

Please return ALL raffle tickets (sold and unsold) to the office ASAP. We need to finalise counting and processing of the tickets as soon as we can. The raffle will be drawn on Saturday at the Spring Fair at about 3.30pm. The kids incentive draw will be drawn at Monday morning assembly next week.

HALLOWEEN FAMILY DISCO –

31 October 5.30-7.30pm

Thanks to everyone who has RSVP'd to the Halloween Disco – it's going to be a fun night! If you haven't RSVP'd as yet, pop onto Flexischools for your free ticket, or just turn up on the night. All children are to be in the company of a designated adult please. This event

is for our school community, and not for members of the general public. Many thanks to Newcastle High P&C who are running a BBQ for us on the night.

P&C MEETING ** Change of Date ** Tues 10 November @7pm

Please note that the P&C meeting scheduled for next week, has been pushed back one week to Tuesday 10 November at 7pm.

RAFFLE TICKET HELPERS

Thank you to the huge team of parents who have been processing incoming raffle tickets for the last two months. Thanks to Patricia Kinney for overseeing the roster, and also to: Sonya McEntee, Janis Hamilton, Peta Norris, Kristen Saunders, Christine Taylor, Karen Brock, Bronwyn Geerarts, Amanda Fleming, Karen Howard, Kath Doherty, and anyone else who has helped. Thanks also again to Michael Jonker for organising wonderful kids incentive prizes, and spear-heading the sale of raffle tickets again this year.

GARDENING

Thanks so much to Olivia Ryan and the crew who, over the last two weeks, have spread mountains of woodchips and spruced up the gardens around our school. It's been a lot of hard work, and we're very grateful for the time you've put into this.

BETTY ANDERSON AWARD 2015: Nominations are now open for the 2015 Betty Anderson Award. More information about the award and how to nominate will be circulated after the Spring Fair. Nominations will close in late November.

SPRING FAIR UPDATE

Spring Fair week is here!

I can't thank enough the wonderful Spring Fair subcommittee who started working on this "project" more than 12 months ago. What began as an idea from parent feedback on a fundraising survey in 2013, is now a reality. Under the steady guidance of Suki Kwon, the team of Mary Henry, Eloise Fleck, Olga Kovacev, Vanessa Hedges, Belinda Pearson, Dani Carney, Kirsty Duffy, Vera Moore and Liz Knapp have spent hundreds and hundreds of hours over the last year, pulling together every last detail. They have more recently been joined by Kendall Long and Sarah Cook, who are providing significant support in important roles. In addition, our wonderful Principal, Wendy Cheek has been there every step of the way to support the whole team. If you see one of these ladies over the coming week, or on Saturday – please take the time to thank them.

And there's also our whole school community – to all the staff and parents who have been working so very hard on all of the stalls, thank you so much for your support. It's going to be a great day!

Current and future children of TJPS will benefit from the resources that this milestone fundraiser will provide for our school.

For any last minute information, please keep an eye on **The Junction Public School Spring Fair 2015** Facebook page.

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

UPCOMING P&C EVENTS:

Date	Time	Event
30 Oct	All Day	Spring Fair Set up
31 Oct	7am-12pm	Spring Fair Set up
31 Oct	12pm-4pm	Spring Fair 2015
31 Oct	4pm-6pm	Spring Fair Pack Down
31 Oct	5.30-7.30pm	Family Halloween Disco
2 & 4 Nov	9am	Kindy Welcome Morning Teas
10 Nov	7pm	P&C Meeting

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:
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INFORMATION ABOUT (NDIS)

The National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS) is a new way of providing individualised support for people with a disability who have a permanent or developmental delay that affects their ability to take part in everyday activities.

If you live in Maitland, Newcastle or Lake Macquarie and are under 65 you may be eligible to access the NDIS.

Visit us Find out how the NDIS might assist you, your family member or friend by visiting our information stands between 9.30 and 4pm at:

Lake Macquarie Fair

4th November, 25th November & 16th December

Phone: 1800 555 727 www.ndis.gov.au

THE FLIPSIDE PROJECT

Presented by Catapult Dance Choreographic Hub.

Supported by Education & Communities.

Performances at Griffith Duncan Theatre, University of Newcastle on November 13 and 14 at 7pm. Tickets \$25 each or \$15 for a group of 10 or more.

Tickets at: www.eventbrite.com.au

One of our students Lara Taylor has been invited to perform in this Dance performance. Congratulations Lara!