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Term 4 – Week 5

Tuesday 3 November 2015

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Spring Fair

I'm not sure how I can begin to thank our wonderful community for the amazing support given to the school for our Spring Fair last Saturday. It was an enormous success and a wonderful experience for all our students. As one student said to me on Saturday, "Mrs Cheek - this is epic!!" And I think that was a great word to describe all that took place – epic! Sincere congratulations to the Spring Fair Committee and to our P&C and parent community for their incredible efforts to bring about such an enormously successful event. Thank you, thank you!

From the class stalls, food stalls, displays, rides and concert program – the day had so much to offer. Many thanks to all the wonderful sponsors for their incredible and generous support. Thank you to all staff – teachers and admin staff for their dedication and hard work over the last few months. It was very much appreciated.

I was so proud of all the performances from the students and especially the 'flash mob' where the sound of a certain piece of music brought hundreds of students together from Kinder to Year 6 to sing "Gold" – it was just wonderful to watch. I feel very privileged to work with such an amazing community – all there to support the children and further enhance their educational environment.

What a great team! A very successful Spring Fair.

Well done Cooper!

Congratulations to Cooper, Taj and Jake who participated in the PSSA Boys' Cricket State Carnival. The Hunter team finished ninth overall. Cooper was successful in the selections for the NSW State Cricket team last Friday. This was a phenomenal achievement for Cooper. A full write-up and photo will be in next week's newsletter.

Opera House Performance

It was a mammoth week. Last Tuesday as I have previously reported our Senior band travelled down to Sydney to perform at the Festival of Music at Sydney Opera House. **They were simply outstanding!**

Our band opened the night with the most amazing rendition of 'Jefferson Forest Sketches'. Both band conductors Michael Jobson and Michael Bell were thrilled with the performance of this band and on the night said it was an outstanding performance from all students. We were the only primary school band to perform on the night. To be in such a prestigious concert hall with the acoustic quality really helped to emphasise the wonderful performance. Again I thank and

congratulate all students for their hard work and practice as well as their parents for the continued support. An incredible experience and memory for all.



Kinder Orientation

It was a pleasure yesterday, to meet some of our new Kinder enrolments for 2016 and their families. It really is the beginning of an exciting journey for all these children and we certainly intend for them all to have a very successful educational experience at The Junction. The partnerships between families and the school is a very important aspect in all this. The second Kinder visits are taking place tomorrow.

Great Aussie Bush Camp

Best wishes to all Year 4 students who will set off for the Great Aussie Bush Camp this week for three days of great experiences. This particular camp is a very popular one for all students who participate in a range of enjoyable activities under direct supervision of camp staff and teachers. Sincere thanks to all teachers who will be accompanying them: Mrs Hughes, Mr Alcock, and Mr Corbett who are leaving their own families and personal circumstances to accompany and supervise the students. We will enjoy hearing all the stories from students when they return.

Leadership Training

All Year 5 students will participate in Leadership training over the next few weeks as part of our Student Leadership Framework. The students will participate in role play, discuss key leadership attributes... 'what makes a good leader' and will be assisted to participate in group discussions on leadership skills. At the end of this training, students can decide if they wish to stand for any of the student leadership positions or sporting leadership positions to lead the student body in 2016.

It is a very effective personal development program which all Year 5 students really enjoy.

Wendy Cheek, Principal

CALENDAR - TERM 4 – 2015

Week 5

Event

Wednesday, Nov 4	2016 Kinder Orientation Week 1
Wednesday, Nov 4	Year 4 Great Aussie Bush Camp – Leave school 9.15am
Thursday, Nov 5	Year 4 Great Aussie Bush Camp
Friday, Nov 6	Year 4 Great Aussie Bush Camp - Return to school 2.30pm
Friday, Nov 6	All Year 5 Students to Newcastle High 'Taster Sessions'

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

Week 10

Event

Thursday, Dec 10	Presentation Day – Whole school followed by Years 3-6
Friday, Dec 11	Presentation Day – K – Year 2

Week 11

Event

Monday, Dec 14	Year 5 & 6 to Movies
Monday, Dec 14	Year 6 Clap-out & Farewell Souths Leagues Club
Wednesday, Dec 16	Students and Staff – last day

YEAR 4 GREAT AUSSIE BUSH CAMP

Year 4 are very excited about leaving for camp tomorrow. We hope all of your bags are packed! Don't forget souvenir money is to be given to Mr Corbett and any medications need to be given to Mrs Hughes before getting on the buses. We are looking forward to a fun three days.

Mrs Freeman is going to be teaching 3H while Mrs Hughes is at camp and Ms Ladkin will be taking Mr Corbett's groups. Students are to be at school at 8.40am for departure at 9.15am tomorrow morning.

Mark Alcock, Haydn Corbett, Lisa Hughes

SPECIAL MENTION AWARDS

YEARS 3, 4, 5 & 6 ASSEMBLY

3H	Josie Charlie	Owen
3K	Charlie Benjy	Maple
3MC	Loki Erin	Hollie
4A	Adam Jack	Angus Harri
4F	Adele Oscar	Morgan
4L	Ella Joel	Alex
5T	Ruby James	Neve
5/6B	Ebony Lara	Justin
6S	Tom	Nathan
6C	Phoebe Jackson	Ayesha Bella

Assembly times:

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

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

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.

RECENT NOTES HOME

- Year 1, 3, 5 Hunter Life Education (Purple note) \$10
- Year 5 - End of Year Activities – (Orange note) \$18
- Year 6 – End of Year Activities – (Blue note) \$18
- Year 6 – Farewell – South's Leagues Club – (Green note) - \$15

CAMP AUSTRALIA

Camp Australia would like to thank everyone who contributed to our weighing competition in Term 3 to win the Smiggle Pack. We raised \$193.00 within the service while raising a total of \$64,000 Australia wide. These donations are going towards the Smith Family's Back 2 School Program.

As some of you may or may not know one of our staff members, Renee is sadly leaving us. We wish Renee all the best for her future outside of Camp Australia and will be sadly missed by all staff, families and the children. We would love to welcome our new staff member Elenor. Elenor will be working within the service each morning and afternoon so don't be afraid to introduce yourself and say hello.

Just a friendly reminder that you must sign your child both in and out with your name clearly written, time and a signature. It is really important that this is completed with the time as this will help staff with the safety of your child each morning and afternoon whilst at care.

We look forward to seeing you soon.

The Camp Australia Team.

Felicity, Mobile: 0450 267 282

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.



P & C NEWS

SPRING FAIR WRAP – Thank You, THANK YOU to all of our wonderful school families, our amazing teachers and the local community for a phenomenal amount of support for the Spring Fair. What a great day! We'll update you all in the coming weeks on the result, from a fundraising perspective, once we have had a chance to review, but thank you to everyone's generosity and support in the weeks and months leading up to last Saturday.

We thanked the fabulous Spring Fair sub-committee last week, and there is such a long list of additional names of parents and teachers worthy of specific singling out, that we'd probably need extra pages in the newsletter to cover it, and would still miss someone. This was a true all-of-community event. Thank you to everyone who put time and energy into their class stalls, or prepared and served amazing food, and to everyone who stepped in where they saw a gap on the weekend. There is such passion and generosity from our school community, and their extended families, and we thank each and every one of you who contributed in some way. We couldn't have asked for more!

Please make sure you thank our wonderful teachers and school support staff if you get a chance – they also have put a significant amount of their own time into the Spring Fair.

The disco was a really nice end to the day. It was great to see so many TJPS families back at school, and dressed up for a fun evening celebrating a wonderful day.

HOLIDAY RAFFLE RESULT: Thank you to everyone who sold raffle tickets over the last couple of months. It's with great excitement that we can announce that first prize was won by the Johnson family, and second prize by the Healy family. Both are families of TJPS. Congratulations to both prize winners!



KIDS INCENTIVE PRIZES – The kids incentive prizes were drawn on Monday morning. The original winner was Michelle who kindly offered to re-draw the prize as she already had an iPad. This was a lovely gesture, thank you Michelle. After the re-draw The Ryan Family won the iPad

and Jasper won an Android Tablet. Congratulations and thank you to all the students and their families for supporting the raffle.

KINDY 2016 WELCOME MORNING TEA – Wednesday 4 November

I know everyone is “volunteered out” at the moment, but if you can help with the Kindy orientation welcome morning tea for tomorrow (Wednesday), please come along from 9am. Or if you can drop a cake or slice in, that would also be a wonderful contribution. The aim is that we have a group of current parents there to welcome the new kindy parents while the kids are meeting their buddies and starting the orientation process.

P&C MEETING - Tues 10 November @7pm

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

GARDENING

Thanks again to Olivia Ryan, Jana Skinner, Matt & Reagan Jackson, and others for a monumental effort in our school gardens over the last three weeks. Our school looked great on Saturday – thank you!

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 next week. Nominations will close in late November.

UPCOMING P&C EVENTS:

Date	Time	Event
4 Nov	9am	Kindy Welcome Morning Teas
10 Nov	7pm	P&C Meeting

Julie Wharton, P&C President

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You can:



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SPRING FAIR PHOTOS – See more on the School Website.....



.....and some action from the Halloween Disco

