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Term 4 – Week 6

Tuesday 10 November 2015

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Building Program - Administration

We have commenced another phase of our building program with the refurbishment of the administration block. This has necessitated all the admin staff and executive staff moving out of the admin block and relocating to the old hall. Parents will now need to go to the old hall for all dealings with our admin staff.

There will also be some changes to school operation and how we access the grounds of the school from Union Street. From today access will be from the small pedestrian gate and through the back OOSH or After School Care gates. The middle gate on Union Street will be blocked off because of the works commencing.

Access for the students from the canteen to the COLA area will be changed as the walkways will be closed off. These works are expected to be finished by the end of this term.

Classroom Buildings

Currently the footings are now being poured for our 5 new classrooms. We are expecting that the framework will be visible within the next couple of weeks as the building program is progressing on target and as expected. We look forward with interest as our new classrooms 'emerge'!

Presentation Days 2015

Following is information to parents that our Presentation Days will take place on Thursday 10th and Friday 11th December this year. We will start on Thursday 10th December with a whole school assembly from **Kinder to Year 6 at 9.00am** over at the new hall (due to the building works), present the major awards and prizes as well as invest and present the school captains, prefects, sports house captains and vice captains with their badges. This assembly should take approximately 40 minutes. At the following assemblies, again in the new school hall every single child in every class will be called forward to receive a certificate.

At 9.50am on Thursday 10th December in the new school hall we will continue with the Stage 3 assembly (Years 5 and 6) – and present the class awards and some special stage awards.

At 11.00am on Thursday 10th December there will be a morning tea supplied for parents staying on for the next assembly.

At 11.30am on Thursday 10th December we will continue with the Stage 2 assembly (Years 3 and 4) and present the class awards and some special stage awards. This assembly should conclude by 1.00pm.

At 9.15am on Friday 11th December in the new school hall we will hold the Early Stage 1 assembly – (Kindergarten) and present the class awards and some special stage awards.

At 10.00am (approx) on Friday 11th December we will continue with the Stage 1 assembly (Years 1 and 2) and present the class awards and some special stage awards. This assembly should conclude by 11.15am (approx.)

A morning tea will be available to all attending parents during this time.

Presentation Day will be focussed on celebrating the achievements of all students and recognising their efforts over the whole year. There will be some small class items at each assembly.

Year 4 Camp

It was wonderful to see the Year 4 return from The Great Aussie Bush Camp last Friday with so many great stories. They all had a very busy time and despite the weather, completed many activities that, at times required them to step outside their comfort zone. The students especially loved the Giant Swing and Treasure Island. I would like to thank Mr Alcock, Mrs Hughes and Mr Corbett who supervised the students on this excursion. They enjoyed the opportunity to support the students in a different environment and apparently, late night talkers didn't disturb too much sleep. See photos and more reports further in this newsletter.

Outstanding Payments

As we work towards the end of the school term for 2015, unfortunately we have a significant number of outstanding invoices still to be paid. These are primarily for goods and services provided to students over the year – band participation, dance participation, payment for resource books, magazines, and readers that students have used. We have sent home many reminders to families over the last couple of months but have not had a significant response. These outstanding fees exclude any that may be voluntary, and includes only materials and activities that require the user to pay. **At present, the school has covered these costs from our global budget which is affecting our ability to organise other activities.** We urgently need to be reimbursed for these amounts.

Our budget is designed to be shared equally throughout the entire school population. If this has been an oversight on your part, could you please attend to payment of these invoices as soon as possible? Many thanks.

Wendy Cheek, Principal

CALENDAR - TERM 4 – 2015

Week 6

Event

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

Week 7

Event

Monday, Nov 16	Nachos Lunch Orders due today
Monday, Nov 16	Life Education - 1J, 1C & 3MC
Monday, Nov 16	Senior Band – Newcastle City Hall – 5.45pm
Tuesday, Nov 17	Life Education - 1W, 3H, 3W, 3K
Wednesday, Nov 18	Nachos Lunch Order Day (Kinder to Year 2)
Wednesday, Nov 18	Hunter Life Education- 1CF, 5W, 5T & 5B GIRLS
Wednesday, Nov 18	2016 Kinder Orientation Week 3
Thursday, Nov 19	Nachos Lunch Order Day (Year 3 to Year 6)
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

CALENDAR - TERM 1 – 2016

Week 1

Event

Tuesday, January 26	Australia Day Public Holiday
Wednesday, Jan 27	STAFF ONLY
Thursday, January 28	YEAR 1 TO YEAR 6 STUDENTS

Week 2

Event

Monday, January 26

KINDERGARTEN 2016 START

SPECIAL MENTION AWARDS

TERM 4 WEEK 5

KINDER TO YEAR 2 ASSEMBLY

KK	Evie	Jackson
KD	Archie Lewis	Isaac Lily
KE	Charlotte	Noah
KH	Myere Oliver	Angus
1J	Chase Sofia	Thomas Lalita
1C	Michelle Luka	Ava Quillon
1CF	Zac Kimmika	Jett Ocean
1W	Tamara Georgiana	Abbey Dominic
2C	Zoe Josie Hamish	Ariel Ava
2B	Jaedyn Phoebe	Sofia Moreno Liam Spratt
2R	Blake Shai-Scott	Laila Maliyah
2W	Lucille	Lachlan

Assembly times:

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

PSSA CRICKET – STATE CHAMPIONSHIPS

Last week we mentioned the wonderful achievements of Taj, Cooper and Jake our regional cricket representatives. All three boys represented their school, region and themselves with respect and pride. They reported on their experiences:

Earlier this term we travelled to Barooga on the Victorian Border to play cricket and represent the Hunter Region in the NSW PSSA Carnival.

We played four games over four days. The first game was against CIS and unfortunately we lost quite convincingly. In game two we played Western and were unlucky in that game to go down by a few runs.

The third game, due to some brilliant batting the team was victorious against Barrier. In the final game we played North West. This was another defeat.

We enjoyed the experience and learnt about the art of cricket.

Both Jake and Cooper were the co captains of the Hunter Team. Cooper was selected to represent NSW at the Australian All Sports School Carnival in Brisbane next

year. Cooper also managed to take the leading wickets in the carnival. Congratulations on an amazing achievement.



YEAR 4 GREAT AUSSIE BUSH CAMP

Year 4 had a fantastic time last week at GABC. Despite the wet weather the students were able to participate in the activities such as high ropes, giant swing, archery, canoeing and muddy 'Lost Island'. See some of the photos of the action in this newsletter.



GREAT AUSSIE BUSH CAMP

On Wednesday the 4th of November Year 4 went to Great Aussie Bush Camp. We all had our bags packed and we were very excited (including the teachers) and we were ready to go. When we got there we met our leaders. Their names were Alistair, Aaron and Mellow. They were the funniest people ever. Over the next three days we did lots of fun activities. There were high ropes, which was an obstacle course above ground with a flying fox at the end; canoeing; Lost Island, where we did fun activities in the mud which made us cold and dirty; Giant Swing which is 15 metres high in the air and all of a sudden you just drop; a rainforest walk and a trip

to the sand dunes where we ran down the hills and played ball games; Dual Flying Fox - a big flying fox over the lake where you are racing a person to the other side and the last activity was archery where we had competitions in groups. The teachers participated in the Giant Swing, Dual Flying Fox, canoeing and Lost Island. At night we played a game of Commando, had a disco and did some challenges. In the disco we had a dance off, Girls vs Boys to Nay Nay, the boys won! The food at camp was pretty good, especially the pancakes, hotdogs and spaghetti. Sadly the fun came to an end on Friday but I am sure everyone had a great time including the teachers. This has been the best excursion we have ever done and I am sure we won't forget it. Thank you to Mr Alcock, Mr Corbett and Mrs Hughes for looking after us and making it a great camp.

By Kelsey

On Wednesday 4th November until Friday the 6th November Year 4 went to The Great Aussie Bush Camp.

When we were there we met the instructors Aaron, Alistair and Mellow. We were in site 2. There were girls tents and boys tents. We slept in green tents in bunk beds. Some of the best activities were canoeing and Lost Island. Group 2 played a game called Bomb the Coach where the coach threw two balls and a rubber chicken and you had to get them but when you had one of them you couldn't paddle so you had to throw them to other boats. On the Giant Swing you get strapped on and everyone pulls a rope and you go higher and higher until you go to the top, then you pull a string and you start freefalling and also swinging. On High Ropes you get strapped on then you start to walk across a wire. The best bit was getting past the giant balls. When Aaron took his cap off he had more hair on his chin than his head!

At night a lot of tents had noisy people in them so it was hard to get to sleep but when the night guard came and shouted at some tents, most people went back to sleep but some people kept talking. When it was morning we had breakfast and you were allowed to pick what you wanted out of eggs, beans and spaghetti and some other things but you could also have cereal.

By Harri

On Wednesday 4th of November, Year 4 went to Great Aussie Bush Camp. It took 1 hour to get there. When we arrived we played games like mouse trap. Later, after that, we found out what tents we were in as well as groups and leaders. Group 1 had Mellow, Group 2 had Aaron and Group 3 had Alistair. After that we had lunch. For lunch we had burgers.

After lunch Group 2 and 3 went to duel flying fox. Group 1 went to archery. When we finished we swapped activities. Later that afternoon we had dinner and played Commando then we all went to bed. Bedtime is the noisiest time! When people start to talk the night guards go and tell them to be quiet.

In the morning the leaders woke us up. Then we had breakfast. For breakfast we had pancakes, eggs and beans. After breakfast we made a call signal that would make everyone quiet (Knock It Off!.....You Knock It Off!).

After that Group 1 did high ropes and Group 2 and 3 did Lost Island. After that we swapped activities. Lost island is so much fun; you have to go in mud. Then we had lunch again. After lunch we went on a bus to the rain forest and on the way we sang lots of songs. On the walk through the rain forest we saw an old wind mill and some people used to live there in the bush!

On the way back we went to the sand dunes. It was very windy on top of the hills. Then we came home and had dinner. Once we all had a shower it was time to disco!!!! We danced and played games and even had a dance off. In the end the boys won. After the disco we went back to bed. The day after was the last day. Group 1 had giant swing and Group 2 and 3 had canoeing. The giant swing was 15 metres high. Then we swapped again. Canoeing was very fun, we played lots of games. Then when we finished we had to go so we packed our bags and went. Bye Great Aussie Bush Camp I had a great time!

By Brianna

BAND NEWS

Band Assessments

Today and tomorrow, musicians from all bands will have their band assessments. Please check the timetables in classrooms and on the music room door for all assessment times. Good luck to all, and have fun!

Senior Band - Newcastle City Hall Performance

Our Senior Band will be performing next Tuesday night (17th November) as part of the "Make Some Noise" concert organised by Newcastle High School. We will travel by bus (at no cost to students) to a sound check during that day. Please return permission slips to school for bus travel.

All Senior Band musicians are asked to be at Newcastle City Hall by 5:45pm in 'Full Band Uniform' including black smart pants (not jeans).

I'm very much looking forward to this fantastic opportunity for The Junction musicians to take some exciting music out into our community!

Thank you, Michael Jobson

MOVEMBER

As you may have noticed, there is a lot more hair on display on the faces of the male members of staff this month. This is because all these teachers are taking part in the annual Movember fundraising event.

Movember aims to raise awareness of men's health issues and to fund research into areas such as prostate cancer, testicular cancer, mental health and causes of physical inactivity.

If you would like to donate to this worthy cause, please go to the Movember website, search The Junction team - Moustaches Maketh Man - and follow the prompts. Alternatively you can bring a cash donation to the office. Your donations will be gratefully accepted.

Thank you, Mark Alcock

CANTEEN NEWS

The Canteen are having Nachos Days! The nachos will be

(Kinder – Year 2) on Wednesday 18th November
(Year 3 – Year 6) on Thursday 19th November

Order forms are going out with today's newsletter and need to be back at the canteen by Monday 16th November.

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
- Nachos Order form – Kinder-Year 2 – (Light purple) - \$5
- Nachos Order form – Year 3–Year 6 – (Apricot)

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

P&C MEETING – TONIGHT - Tuesday 10 November @7pm – Staffroom in old school hall

All members of our school community are welcome at tonight's P&C meeting tonight, which will be held at 7pm in the staff room (now in the old hall).

BETTY ANDERSON AWARD 2015: Nominations are now open for the 2015 Betty Anderson Award. Betty Anderson is a former parent of TJPS who ran our school canteen on a voluntary basis for over 40 years through to about 2009. She continued to help long after her own children had grown up and her grandchildren were attending other local schools. Our canteen is named in her honour.

Each year the P&C awards the Betty Anderson Award to recognise significant voluntary contribution to our school community. The aim is to try and identify the "quiet achievers". There are many people who provide quiet and consistent support in ways that we don't always realise, and it's important to find an opportunity to recognise their efforts.

Anyone in our school community can make a nomination in one of two ways:

1. Online Betty Anderson Award Nomination (**preferred method**) at <http://bit.ly/BettyAnderson2015> ; or
2. Drop a note to the office to the attention of the P&C and mark it as a "Betty Anderson Award Nomination". Please include the name of the person you are nominating, why you are nominating them (ie a brief citation), your name and a contact number in case we need additional information.

Nominations close 20 November 2015

Financial members of the P&C will vote between 21 November and 4 December, and the recipient will be announced at presentation day on Thursday 10 December.

If you need any additional information, please email the P&C at junctionpandc@hotmail.com.

SPRING FAIR WRAP: We're hoping we'll have an update on the estimated funds raised next week. There was a small amount of lost property from the Fair. Some has been left at the school office for collection. There was a small bunny rug / baby's rug, which I've put in the P&C store room – please touch base at the P&C email if it might be yours.

Kindy Orientation Morning Teas: Thanks to Kath Doherty and Kellie Thoroughgood for making the morning teas happen. Thanks also to Leigh Kurtz, Angela Phillips, Kristen Saunders, Angela Daniels, Reagan Jackson, Jenny Gentle, Naomi Wilkinson and everyone else who helped.

Julie Wharton
P&C President

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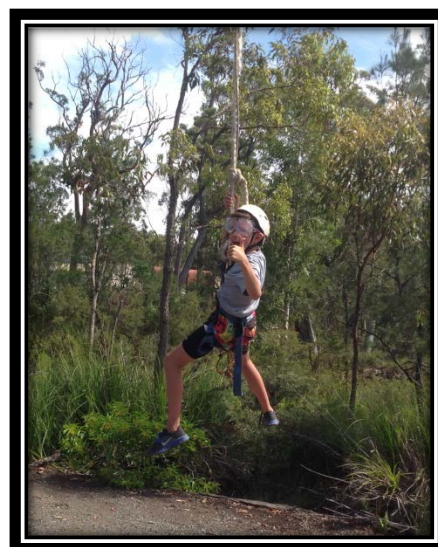


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