



## PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

### Hunter Life Education Van

This week the Life Education Van is at school. Students in Years 1, 3 and 5 will attend lessons. This activity supports the Personal Development studies for these students. It is a developmental program designed to assist with the teaching of child safety, child protection and student well-being issues. Year 1 will learn about: 'How a body works'; 'The safe use of medicines'; 'Peer pressure and personal safety'. Year 3 will discuss: 'Medicines as drugs and their use'; 'Strategies for managing difficult situations' and 'Making healthy choices'. Year 5 will look at: 'The effects of smoking, laws and peer influences'. Students really enjoy all aspects of this very important program.

### Building Program - Update

As we have reported last week 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. 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.

Please parents, do not let your children enter through the gates near the front of the Old Hall – or walk behind the cars parked at the side of the Old Hall. We have asked all students to walk around the canteen side of the Old Hall to the back OOSH gates.

Thanks for your assistance with this.

### Chicken Pox

We currently have reported cases of chicken pox in the school. Please keep an eye on your children and don't send them to school if they have a temperature, or feeling generally unwell as this very infectious disease is most contagious before the spots appear. It is easily spread by either having direct contact with (ie touching) the person who has chicken pox, or from fluid droplets in the air when they cough. Fever and a rash are the most common signs of chickenpox.

A person with chicken pox is infectious to others from one to two days before the rash first appears until the last blisters have dried up. Children and adults of any

age can get chicken pox but it is more common in children. Some members of the family may need to stay away from the child during this infectious stage. This includes people who are on chemotherapy or long term oral steroids, newborn babies and pregnant women who have not had chickenpox before. Most people cannot get chicken pox again if they have already had it. Children with chicken pox should not come to school or pre-school until the last blister has dried. A dry blister scab is not infectious. Please tell the school if your child gets chicken pox as there may be other children who need to be immunised or treated. Thank you.

### Pacific School Games

Congratulations to Kelsey who will compete in the swimming event which will run for one week in Adelaide commencing on the 21st November. The countries that I believe will be attending are China, New Zealand, Macau, India and Fiji.

Kelsey is competing in two individual events being the 200m Individual Medley and the 100m breaststroke and in the NSW team relay for the 4x50m freestyle relay and the 4x100m IM relay.

Her first race is the very first event of the carnival at 8am on the Saturday morning and the opening ceremony will be held on Sunday. Her other races are held over the following week.

This is undoubtedly the biggest sporting event in school sport and it has been a long 7 months from her selection at PSSA State carnival in April to now.

Kelsey is excited but very nervous about the games and is proud to be representing The Junction School at this level. Best of luck Kelsey.



## Student Reports

Teachers are currently finalising student reports which will be available to parents and carers towards the end of 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.

## Keeping our Children Safe

It's time again to speak with all students about keeping themselves safe. It would be really great if parents could speak to their children about keeping safe around our busy roads, keeping safe in our local environment by not picking up dangerous objects in the streets near our school (glass, needles or syringes) and keeping safe by not talking to strangers in the streets if approached. Please explain to your children that a stranger is someone who they do not know or their parents do not know etc. It's best to talk about 'safe people and safe places'. It would be helpful if all parents could continue those conversations with their children.

## Ethics Teachers

Many parents at our school elect for their children to participate in Ethics - but we are still in need of volunteer teachers for Kindergarten in 2016. 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 [tipsethics@gmail.com](mailto:tipsethics@gmail.com). To find out more about Ethics and becoming an Ethics Teacher, please go to [www.primaryethics.com.au](http://www.primaryethics.com.au)

Wendy Cheek, Principal

## PINK STUMPS DAY – Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> November

Pink Stumps Day is a nationwide initiative of Cricket Australia and the McGrath Foundation to raise money to support and to place Breast Care nurses in communities right around Australia. The staff and students are asked to come out of uniform and colour our school PINK.

We ask that a **gold coin donation** be 'donated' on the day. A 'Pink note' with more information is going out with today's newsletter. Louise Cooper & Jody Cooper

## CALENDAR - TERM 4 – 2015

Week 7	Event
Tuesday, Nov 17	Senior Band – Newcastle City Hall – 5.45pm
Wednesday, Nov 18	Nachos Lunch Order Day (K to Yr 2) – Must have pre-ordered.
Wednesday, Nov 18	Hunter Life Education
Wednesday, Nov 18	2016 Kinder Orientation Week 3
Thursday, Nov 19	Nachos Lunch Order Day (Yr 3 - Yr 6) – Must have pre-ordered.
Thursday, Nov 19	Hunter Life Education
Friday, Nov 20	Hunter Life Education-Catch up

Week 8	Event
Tuesday, Nov 24	Pink Stumps Day – Gold coin donation

Week 9	Event
Thursday, Dec 3	Band Presentation Night

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, February 1	KINDERGARTEN 2016 START

## SPECIAL MENTION AWARDS

### TERM 4 WEEK 6 KINDER TO YEAR 2 ASSEMBLY

<b>KK</b>	Aleesha Atticus	Oscar
<b>KD</b>	Jake Imogen	Zadie Eden
<b>KE</b>	Curtis Neve	Alice
<b>KH</b>	Marley Ruby	Zara Lucas
<b>Ribbons</b>	Archie	Oliver

### YEARS 3, 4, 5 & 6 ASSEMBLY

<b>3H</b>	Imogen Connie	Ciara
<b>3K</b>	Ned Oscar	Ella
<b>3MC</b>	Toby Seren	Jemima
<b>3W</b>	Hunter Bailey	Sophia Amber
<b>4A</b>	Courtney Joshua	Teddy Sid
<b>4F</b>	Charlie Michael Rory	Jada Storm Hayley
<b>4L</b>	Lily Anthony	Kalani
<b>5S</b>	Emily Joe	Gus Charlie
<b>5T</b>	Yvonne Mia	Finnlay
<b>5W</b>	Trinity Max	Quinn Nell
<b>5/6B</b>	Charlotte Ben Lara	Hana Louka
<b>6C</b>	Bronte Joshua	Aedan
<b>6S</b>	Mila Molly Max	Flynn Imigyn
<b>Student of the month</b>	Ashton Noah	Holly

### Assembly times:

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

## BAND NEWS

### Senior Band - Newcastle City Hall Performance

Our Senior Band will be performing tonight (17<sup>th</sup> November) as part of the "Make Some Noise" concert organised by Newcastle High School. 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!

### Intermediate Band Workshop

Congratulations to our fantastic Intermediate Band for their fantastic workshop and concert yesterday with MacKellar Girls High School.

A reminder that the Band Presentation night is on the evening of Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> December at Newcastle Conservatorium of Music. More details to come soon.

Thank you, Michael Jobson

## YEAR 6 FUNDRAISING FOR 2015

Each year the Year 6 students run a number of fundraising activities at school. The money obtained from these goes towards a gift from them to the school.

This year the Year 6 Fundraising committee have raised the money for Buddy Benches.

The two Buddy Benches will be placed around the school grounds. The benches are where you can sit, talk with a friend or find a friend.

We thanks the 'Men's Shed' for their making the benches for us.

Louka and Alyssa



## ARTWORK IN 1CF

1CF have had a great time learning about hot and cold colours in Art. We have investigated some of Salvadore Dali's artworks. We painted some Dali style birds in class.



## 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

## RECENT NOTES HOME

- **Pink Stumps note – gold coin donation – Whole school event (Note home today)**
- **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**

## 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](http://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 – PRELIMINARY OUTCOME

We are delighted to announce that the preliminary outcome of the Spring Fair looks to be in the order of about \$35,000. In addition, the P&C has some new assets which will benefit our school and can be attributed to the outcome of the Fair, include the new BBQ and four next gazebos – which will be great for things like the school cross-country and other events. In effect, these additional resources add another several thousand dollars to the "outcome" of the Fair. This great result means that the P&C should be in a position to contribute to significant resources which will enhance our new classrooms, including towards air conditioning and some of the landscaping etc. We will discuss how the money is spent with Mrs Cheek in the coming months.

### BETTY ANDERSON AWARD 2015 – NOMINATIONS

**CLOSE THIS WEEK:** Nominations for the 2015 Betty Anderson Award **close this Friday 20 November**. 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.

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

If you need any additional information, please email the P&C at [junctionpandc@hotmail.com](mailto:junctionpandc@hotmail.com).

### **TEACHERS THANK YOU MORNING TEA – WED 9 DECEMBER**

Each year the P&C puts on a morning tea for our teachers as a thanks for their efforts during the year, and this will be held on Wed 9 December. The P&C prepares the morning tea, leaves the teachers to enjoy it, and tidies up afterwards. In what will hopefully be our final call for volunteers for the year, we are looking for a co-ordinator or two (these jobs are fairly easy, but it can be nice if shared), people to donate cakes / slices and of course a small group to set up the morning tea and tidy up afterwards.

Please sign up here if you can help:  
<http://bit.ly/2015TeachersMorningTea>

### **NEXT P&C MEETING – Friday 4 December at 1.30pm**

The final P&C meeting for the year will be held on Friday 4 December at 1.30pm at school. All members of our school community are welcome.

Julie Wharton  
P&C President

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