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Term 4 – Week 8

Tuesday 24 November 2015

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

How the term is flying by! There is still lots of activity in the last few weeks of school and many weeks of quality learning to take place – please read the newsletter to get information on all that is happening.

Presentation Days 2015

Following is information to parents about our Presentation Days which 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). Here we will 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 50 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 10.00am 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 in the COLA of the new hall, 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.

Congratulations

Huge congratulations to our boy's cricket team who are proceeding strongly in the State Cricket Knockout Competition. The team defeated Forster Public School last Friday in very hot conditions to now be one of the last eight teams across NSW. Well done everyone and thanks to coach and teacher Jody Cooper for her mentorship of the boys and their success. The team play Gladsville Public School today and we look forward to a report next week.

Reading Recovery Programs

Many thanks to teachers Phillipa Campbell and Nicole Fuller for the outstanding co-ordination of the Reading Recovery programs for 2015. All students in Years 1 and 2 who participated in these programs have made wonderful progress this year. Thank you Phillipa and Nicole.

Parent Helpers and Volunteers Morning Tea

An invitation is offered to all our parent volunteers who have supported our school all year in any program or activity, to a 'Thank-you morning tea' in the new school hall at 10.30am **next week on Thursday 3rd December**. Our school is so fortunate to have the support we do and to benefit from the input of so many wonderful parents and volunteers. We just want the chance to say 'thank you'. See you there!

Leadership Training

All Year 5 students have participated in Leadership training over the last few weeks as part of our Student Leadership Framework. The students have participated in role play, discuss key leadership attributes... 'what makes a good leader' and were assisted to participate in group discussions on leadership skills. Today students will decide if they wish to stand for any of the student leadership positions or sporting leadership positions to lead the student body in 2016. Students will nominate among their peers who they would like to have stand for the position of school leader. This Thursday at 11.30am, those candidates who have been nominated will write a speech and present it to the student body from Years 2 to 6 as well as staff members. Students will then vote for their school leaders back in class. The results of these elections will be announced at next Monday's morning assembly at 9.00am. Following that announcement we will then elect our Sports Leaders for 2016 and announce the successful students at our lunchtime assembly. This is a very effective personal development program which all Year 5 students really value and enjoy. Parents are welcome to attend the speeches.

Wendy Cheek, Principal

CALENDAR - TERM 4 – 2015

Week 9

Event

Thursday, Dec 3	Last Intensive Swimming Lessons for Year 1 & 2 today
Thursday, Dec 3	'Staff thank you morning tea' for Parent helpers - 10.30am
Thursday, Dec 3	Band Presentation Night
Friday, Dec 4	P & C Meeting – 1.30pm

Week 10

Event

Tuesday, Dec 8	Red day – School Canteen - NO LUNCH ORDERS TODAY
Wednesday, Dec 9	P & C Morning Tea for teachers
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
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SPECIAL MENTION AWARDS

TERM 4 WEEK 7

KINDER TO YEAR 2 ASSEMBLY

KK	Beau Oliver	Ashley Callia
KD	Bailey Nichols	Imbi Jimmy
KE	Jake Audrey	Charlie
KH	Amelia Myer	Aidan

1J	Charlie Ryder	Lilli Zoe
1C	Chloe Saoirse	Michelle Yo Han
1CF	Isla Jayden	Ty Alexis
1W	Campbell Phoebe	Daisy Hamish
2C	Mako Madeline	Kai Saffron
2B	Adisyn Albert	Audrey Andrew
2R	Ella Isla	Neve
2W	Sienna	Toby

YEARS 3, 4, 5 & 6 ASSEMBLY

3H	Aisling Asha	Brodhi Jessica
3K	Lauren Zenon	Reece
3MC	Isaac Blake	Luke
3W	Mia	Sophie
4F	Ava Barnaby	Chelsea Archie
4L	Django Marly	Ella
5S	Talara Paris	Aiden Declan
5W	Asha Alan	Alexandra Daniel
5/6B	Brayden Harry	Freya
6C	Madi Sunny	Maya Cameron
6S	Bas Lara	Cooper

Assembly times:

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

REMINDER 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. A 'Request for administering prescribed Medication Form' obtained from the school office needs to be completed. Thank you

BAND NEWS

Band Assessments

Congratulations to all musicians who have completed their assessments. The standard of playing has been very high indeed, well done!

Catch up assessments will take place this Friday during lunch in the OOSH room and Drum studio. A schedule will be posted on the music room door.

Senior Band - Newcastle City Hall Performance

Well done to Senior Band on your performance as part of Newcastle High Schools "Make Some Noise" concert. I have had many great compliments regarding your exciting playing. Congratulations!

If you took part in the performance but haven't yet received an award ribbon, please see me.

Band Presentation Night

Our exciting Band Presentation Night will take place next Thursday the 3rd of December at the Newcastle University Conservatorium of Music.

Students will need to be at concert hall by 5:30pm ready for the concert/presentation to start at 6:00pm sharp.

All family and friends of band musicians and members of The Junction Public School community are invited to what promises to be an amazing night of great music from our Junction musicians. A gold coin donation on entry would be appreciated. We look forward to seeing you there!

Thank you, Michael Jobson

CLASS 2R ARTWORKS

This term Class 2R have been doing artworks that relate to Spring and Summer. Here are our wonderful spring flowers and beach scenes.



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

- 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 CANTEEN

The canteen is having a 'Red Day' on Tuesday 8th December. **There will be NO LUNCH ORDERS on this day.** Students are to go to the canteen and buy your items at recess and/or lunch.

Pies - \$2.50

Sausage Rolls - \$2

Cheese and Spinach Rolls - \$2.50

Lollies (lunch time only) - 10c, 50c and \$1

Come and celebrate the end of the year with the Canteen staff.

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.

Year 6 Parents Get Together

Year 6 parents are invited for a catch up on Monday 14 December, from 6pm-8pm, downstairs at Souths (while the Year 6 kids are enjoying their farewell dinner). No need to RSVP, please just turn up!

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

TEACHERS THANK YOU MORNING TEA – Wednesday 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 Wednesday 9 December. The P&C prepares the morning tea, leaves the teachers to enjoy it, and tidies up afterwards. Thank you to Patricia Kinney for volunteering to coordinate. In what will hopefully be our final call for volunteers for the year, we are looking for people to donate cakes / slices and of course a 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.

P & C 2016: The P&C holds its AGM in March each year, where the new executive is elected. While this might seem like a long way away, **now** is the time to start thinking about how you might like to be involved in our school community next year. At the AGM, all positions are declared vacant and nominations are called for key positions including President, two Vice-President positions, Secretary and Treasurer. We also look at filling other executive officer roles, this includes roles to assist the Secretary and Treasurer. If you think you might like to be involved in the P&C next year, or would like to know more about what each role might entail, please drop me a line at junctionpandc@hotmail.com, and I'll be happy to discuss. All of these roles are important for the functioning of the P&C and its role in supporting our school, so it's important that we find people from within our school community to volunteer for these roles.

Please don't assume that someone else will take on these roles. Look for an opportunity to become involved and shape the direction of our school's support network. The current executive are all busy people who juggle work and family commitments, with everyone giving the best they can at any given point in time. It's a

collaborative and supportive group, and we're keen to welcome new input next year. If you are interested, it's helpful if you can start coming along to meetings, and get a feel for the flow of things. There is always a transition period, and a broad network of people to support you in any given role. Our school is a very generous community, and it's usually not too difficult to find opportunities to share the load around. So, give it some thought, and please let me know if you'd like more information.

Julie Wharton, P&C President

Would you like to be on the P&C Email list?
Use this weblink to enter your details, and you'll be included in regular P&C emails.

<http://eepurl.com/bfuMIX>

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COMMUNITY NEWS – Holiday Programs

KIDZCARE – GENERAL INFORMATION – NCLE PCYC

OPENING HOURS: 8:00am – 6:00pm

COST: \$40* per day (plus excursions) *CCB Approved

Newcastle PCYC KidzCare offers quality accredited care to children from Kindergarten to Year 6.

Each school holiday period offers excursions to the movies, local parks, iconic landmarks or popular entertainment venues. In the Summer school holidays we will be visiting Newcastle Museum to experience the age of the Tyrannosaurs, and going to the cinema to see *The Good Dinosaur*.

Newcastle PCYC KidzCare staff members attend regular training to keep up to date with changes in legislation and programming, and are experienced in a variety of fields including childcare, physical education and primary teaching.

For enquiries, please contact the club on 4961 4493, or via email at newcastlecc@pcycnsw.org.au

HUNTER SPORTS CENTRE

Vacation Care: Thursday 17th Dec to Monday 25th January
7.30am – 6pm, Meals included

Bookings essential.

Enquiries: Phone – 4953 6366 or www.hsc.org.au