

# The Junction News

Newsletter of The Junction Public School



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Term 4 – Week 10

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## PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

### 2015

It's really hard to believe that we are in Week 10 and there is only just over a week of school left. The last day for students is Wednesday of next week. The school will be officially closed after Wednesday.

This week is an extremely important week with our Presentation Days being the culmination and celebration of learning for all students. Below is the outline of the program over those two days.

### Presentation Days

We will start on **Thursday 10th December with a whole school assembly from Kinder to Year 6 at 9.00am** now – under the COLA area – from what we were previously advertising. 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, 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 11.20am (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.

## Band Presentation Night – Conservatorium – Thursday Night 3rd December

Congratulations to all our band students for a most magnificent band concert last Thursday night at the Conservatorium. I know that all who attended were 'blown away' by the calibre of the student talent from all bands. A highlight of the night was also the Year 6 soloists – with their special individual performances. We are very fortunate indeed to have the talents of professional musicians – Michael Jobson, Michael Bell and David Tracy. Looking really strong for 2016.



## Safe People – Safe Places

Unfortunately, I have need again to speak with you about keeping your children 'safe', when they are not with you. We have had a student from our school 'approached' by a stranger in recent weeks – on the weekend - when the child was going home to their house. The child in question - remembered some of the strategies we have discussed at assembly and implemented them – by approaching another adult for assistance. The adult was able to assist the child on this occasion.

Would you please speak with your children about what you would like them to do if approached by a stranger at any time? We tell them not to engage at all – to politely walk away; to seek help at a shop or from another adult etc. I know this is all a bit worrying – but unfortunately it is a reality.

I am happy to discuss this issue further – if anyone wants to contact me. Thanks.

## Welcome

We welcome to our staff in 2016 – teacher Michael Radnidge. Michael completed his internship at The Junction this year and has been appointed to The Junction for 2016.

We look forward to working with Mr Radnidge as he joins our school community.

### **Farewell and Thank you Bryce Jackel**

We now farewell teacher Bryce Jackel who is leaving the teaching service at the end of 2015, to take up other academic pursuits and career opportunities.

I would like to thank Bryce for his professionalism and commitment to the children of The Junction Public School. Bryce is a much admired teacher and I know that this has not been an easy decision for him – as he has really been very dedicated to all the students he has taught over the years.

On behalf of the school community – thank you Bryce for all you have done and we wish you the very best. It will be great to still have a connection with Bryce as a parent and community member of the school.

### **Maxine Hainsworth**

I would also like to sincerely thank and congratulate teacher, Maxine Hainsworth on her much valued contributions to our school community over the last ten years.

Maxine will be taking leave at the end of this year with a view to retirement next year. Many Kinder children have been so fortunate to begin their schooling with Mrs Hainsworth and have very fond memories of their time in her class. I have always enjoyed reading the report comments from Maxine over the years which show a great insight into their little personalities and a genuine regard for their educational journeys. Best wishes Maxine and thank you for all you have done for the children in your care.

### **Farewell Year 6 2015**

It is almost time again to farewell our Year 6 for 2015. They have been a fantastic group of students who have led this school with great dedication and respect. We all thank them for their contribution to the school over the last seven years and though they will be going off in different directions next year – we hope they maintain their close friendships and continue to think fondly of their primary school years. We wish them all great success in their further education studies and hope they drop back at some point to let us know how they are travelling. Thank you - Year 6, 2015.

There will be a whole school 'clap-out' for Year 6 next Monday afternoon from 2.30pm after which they will all attend their school Farewell at South's Leagues Club at 6.00pm on Monday night.

That is always a very special night.

### **Thank you to the P&C Association**

Many thanks to our wonderful P&C led by President Julie Wharton. The partnership between the school and the community is vital to its success and I thank the P&C who have supported the school in many ways throughout the year – not just in the financial sector. It is really heartening to work with such a positive, innovative and purposeful group. The contribution from the P&C members has been significant and cannot be underestimated – we are indeed fortunate to have such

a wonderful group working with us. Sincere appreciation to you all and especially for the magnificent Spring Fair which was a highlight for our whole school community.

It's also been an incredible year across all facets of the school – with high academic achievements, extraordinary cultural achievements in band, choir, dance, public speaking, chess and environmental programs and memorable sporting achievements for many students.

This school is a positive and vibrant learning environment - that will continue to grow in strength in 2016. Many thanks to all staff of The Junction Public School for the caring and professional manner in which they have carried out their responsibilities this year. Students from Years 1 to 6 return on Thursday 28th January and new Kinders begin on Monday 1<sup>st</sup> February.

### **Uniform Shop and School Banking**

Our Uniform Shop is run by a group of wonderful volunteers and without their help this service could not be provided to the school community. These ladies not only place orders, stocktake and keep the shop up and running but are here every Monday to assist families. Thank you to Donna Reay and her fantastic team: Kim Forbes, Bec Brennan, Jasmine Page, Monique Berruex, Vera Moore, Bernadette Ryan.

We also have two mums who volunteer their time on a Monday morning to provide students with banking through the Newcastle Permanent Building Society and Commonwealth Bank. Thank you Tanya Fitzgerald and Kim West.

### **Class Reports**

These will be coming home to families this week and will reflect the academic and social progress of all students in the second semester of this year. I would like to congratulate all students for the very fine efforts they have put into their studies this year.

The students of our school are an outstanding group of children and I am very proud of all of them.

Wendy Cheek, Principal

## **CALENDAR - TERM 4 – 2015**

<b>Week 10</b>	<b>Event</b>
<b>Wednesday, Dec 9</b>	<b>P &amp; C Morning Tea for teachers</b>
<b>Thursday, Dec 10</b>	<b>Presentation Day – Whole school followed by Years 3-6</b>
<b>Friday, Dec 11</b>	<b>Presentation Day – K – Year 2</b>
<b>Week 11</b>	<b>Event</b>
<b>Monday, Dec 14</b>	<b>Year 5 &amp; 6 to Movies</b>
<b>Monday, Dec 14</b>	<b>Year 6 Clap-out 2.30pm &amp; Farewell Souths Leagues - 6pm</b>
<b>Monday, Dec 14</b>	<b>Class parties</b>
<b>Wednesday, Dec 16</b>	<b>Students and Staff – last day</b>

**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**Tuesday, February 2 **P & C Meeting – 7pm****SPECIAL MENTION AWARDS****TERM 4 WEEK 9****KINDER to YEAR 2 ASSEMBLY**

<b>KK</b>	Zavier Kye	William Jasper
<b>KD</b>	Steele Ben	Lucy Jake
<b>KE</b>	Max Elijah	Kahlia
<b>KH</b>	Lucas	Riley
<b>1J</b>	Charlie Lilli	Ryder Zoe
<b>1C</b>	Samantha Susu	Chloe Chloe
<b>1CF</b>	Greta Harmony	Felix Abby
<b>1W</b>	Ava Ruby	Elka Carmen
<b>2C</b>	Cameron Myles	Ruby Stella
<b>2B</b>	Lucy Max	Koby
<b>2R</b>	Alex Patrick	Kira Guilherme
<b>2W</b>	Ronan	Miami

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

<b>3H</b>	Josie Alexis Max	Tayte Rayshai Ciara
<b>3K</b>	Luke Ilaria	Ned Lauren
<b>3MC</b>	Nicholas Jemima	Charlotte

<b>4A</b>	Ethan Bailey Max	Gypsy Amy
<b>4F</b>	Indah Theo	Lachlan
<b>4L</b>	Ned Ziv Joe	Imogen Rosie
<b>5T</b>	Curtis Arkadjya Felix Sebastian Charlotte	Charlotte Luke Eloise Kobi
<b>5W</b>	Oliver Erin Charlie David Oscar	Kiani Eva Axel Tallen
<b>5/6B</b>	Ella Logan	Georgia Dimitri
<b>6S</b>	Oliver Taj Lara	Cooper Jorjia
<b>Student of the month</b>	Molly	Daisy

There are no more assemblies this year.

**CLASS PARTIES – Monday 14<sup>th</sup> December**

- **Year 5 and 6 students to wear Sports Uniform**  
– don't forget hats as well.
- **Kinder to Year 4 students may wear 'Party clothes' including a hat – no singlet tops, no thongs or sandals. Each year/stage has a separate note, please check with your child as there are small food costs involved for the party lunch.**

**BAND NEWS****Senior Band – Presentation Day**

Senior Band will be performing at the whole school Presentation Day this Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> December at 9am. As it is Presentation Day, **students are to wear full school uniform not their band uniform.**

The 'assembly ensemble' will play the National Anthem and School song at all Presentation Day ceremonies this Thursday and Friday.

Again a huge congratulations to all band members on their fantastic performances at Band Presentation night last Thursday.

All 'school band instruments' will be required at school tomorrow (Wednesday morning) for appraisal for any repairs. (This does not apply to instruments owned by students). Instruments need to go to Mr Jobson in the Band room before the start of school. All band rehearsals will continue this week! There will be no band rehearsals next week (Week 11)!

**Please finalise any outstanding fees by the end of this week.**

Year 6 band instruments will be collected at the end of band rehearsal on Thursday.

Thank you, Michael Jobson

## PSSA BOYS CRICKET FINALS

Semi Final:

On Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> December the PSSA boys travelled to Maitland to play the Semi Final against Orange Public school for a chance in the State Final. TJPS won the toss and elected to bat posting 110 off our 25 overs. We got off to a slow start but our middle order picked up the run rate with Jake retiring on 40. Other notable performances with the bat were Taj with 29 runs. Now it was our turn to bowl and defend our total. It came down to the last over with Orange needing 6 runs. Unfortunately they managed to get the runs with 2 balls to spare. Top performed with the ball was Max taking 3 wickets.

3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Playoff

The same day we played off for 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> in the State against Tacking Point. Again we won the toss and elected to bat. We made 110 off 20 overs with Cooper retiring on 40 and Orlando making 30 runs. We improved our bowling in this game and kept Tacking point to 76 runs. Best performers with the ball were Cooper with 3 wickets and Pete with 1 run off 2 overs. The boys were disappointed to come so close but proud of their effort to come 3<sup>rd</sup> in the state. Special thank you to Mrs Cooper for coaching us all year and all the effort she has put in to make us a great team.

After a magnificent tournament that began back in March this year we are super proud of our efforts to be crowned the Third Best Team in all of NSW. The PSSA cricket tournament is one of the largest in the state with several hundred schools participating every year.

By Cooper, Jake and Tom



## **Thank you and farewell from Bryce Jackel**

Dear Junction P.S. students and families,

We have almost made it to the summer holidays! A well-earned break for students, families and teachers.

At the end of this term I am resigning from my job as a teacher at The Junction. I have absolutely loved being a teacher for the last 13 years. As many of you would know I have gradually lost my eyesight to the point where teaching is no longer possible. Over the years I have considered other jobs that I could enjoy and find fulfilling. I have started a 2 year course in Counselling that has been fascinating.

Firstly I would like to say thank you to all of the wonderful students I have taught or come across in the playground at The Junction. You are a fabulous group of children and it has been great getting to know you and watch you grow in maturity.

I would also like to thank all of the helpers that I have been lucky enough to have in my room – parents, grandparents and volunteers. I have always encouraged involvement in Reading Groups and most days somewhere between 2 and 5 helpers would arrive. These helpers have allowed the students and myself achieve a great deal, but perhaps more importantly the care they have shown for every child they work with makes a wonderful classroom atmosphere. It has been great to gradually see more dads involved over the years. I would particularly like to thank Judy Sharpe who started coming when her granddaughter Lulu was in my class. Her continued involvement has been greatly appreciated.

I am a passionate supporter of Public education as the great equaliser in modern Australian society. Everybody has a story to tell and deserves the opportunity to achieve their best. Fairness is about everybody having the same opportunity.

The Junction PS and where I live are so close that I will always have a strong connection to the school and broader community. I see parents and students at the shops, soccer, the beach, Centennial Park. Keep saying hello because I love to know how you are going.

All the best to the students and families in the years ahead.

## LIBRARY NEWS

There are still many outstanding library books. Could families please check their rooms for any school library books. Please return any books to the library this week. Thank you.

## SCHOOL CANTEEN

As we come to the end of the school year, the canteen does not restock items. As a result just be aware that stock is running low and not all food items will be available to students.

## UNIFORM SHOP

Next Monday, 14<sup>th</sup> December is the last Uniform Shop day for the year. The shop will re-open on Thursday, 28<sup>th</sup> January (first day back for students Year 1-6). Then again on Monday 1<sup>st</sup> February.

Please ensure you write your child's name on all items of clothing.

We would like to thank parent Anna Rose who spent a considerable amount of time sorting through the lost property, unfortunately most of the bomber jackets had no names on them. If you purchase second hand clothing here can you please cross off any names on the item and write your child's name on the item.

## SCHOOL BANKING

The school banking has finished up for the year. You will be advised through the newsletter next year about a start date for next year.

## 2016 SCHOOL TRAVEL PASS APPLICATIONS

Visit: [transportnsw.info/school-students](http://transportnsw.info/school-students)

All new travel students and students in Year 2 going into Year 3 in 2016 are required to apply online at the above website.

### 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.



### 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!

## P & C NEWS

**MAJOR DONATION FROM JASC** – The P&C is thrilled to announce that we have been the beneficiary of a major and significant donation from The Junction Community After School Care Association (JASC), the previous operators of the before and after school service at our school for many years. The JASC service is in the process of winding down their operation, and their committee has decided that this major donation should be made back to the school community that it served for so many years.

The funds have been requested to be used towards the new classroom buildings and/or the maintenance of existing buildings (such as the old hall), and we will be only too happy to honour this in consultation with Mrs Cheek. In time, we will of course find an appropriate way to recognise this significant contribution.

This has only been possible thanks to the hard work of TJPS parents on the JASC committee over many years,

but most recently Marcus Jeffries (JASC president), Jane Hamson, Rachel Furniss, Felicity Ferguson-Tait and Jane Krippner. We thank them for their gracious consideration of our school community and thank them for their time and involvement with JASC.

## TEACHERS THANK YOU MORNING TEA – WEDNESDAY 9 DECEMBER

Thank you to everyone who has volunteered to help with the Teacher's morning tea. If you could please deliver cakes / slices to the staff room / office on Wednesday morning 9<sup>th</sup> Dec at drop off time. People who are able to hang around to help, please meet Patricia Kinney at the old hall about 9am.

**BETTY ANDERSON AWARD 2016:** It's with pleasure that I announce that the nominations for this year's Betty Anderson Award (in no particular order) included Sarah Cook, Raegan & Matt Jackson, Michael Jonker, Liz Knapp, Suki Kwon, Kendall Long, Donna Reay and Olivia Ryan. All of these people have made significant contributions to our school over the last year, or in some cases over several years. The recipient of this year's award will be announced at Presentation Day this Thursday.

**INSTAGRAM:** The P&C has decided to shut down its Instagram account due to an inappropriate level of engagement from children from within the school. The P&C does not wish to be seen to be encouraging under-age activity, hence for now we will eliminate it from our social media profile, and we will stick with facebook and twitter, which seems to be more appropriate for communicating with parents from our school.

**RUN NEWCASTLE:** Thanks to everyone who participated in this year's Run Newcastle. Our level of participation has earned the school a \$250 voucher for sporting equipment – which is a lovely side-benefit to the main aim of raising funds for the JHH Adolescent Unit.

**P&C DATES 2016:** The first P&C Meeting for next year will be 7pm Tuesday 2 February (week 2), and will include a presentation from Mrs Cheek on the 2016 School Plan. We will hopefully be back in the renovated staff room at this time. All welcome – please pop the date in your diary. Our AGM will be Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> March at 7pm. Julie Wharton, P&C President

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