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Term 4 – Week 11

Tuesday 15 December 2015

## PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Again it is hard to believe we are at the last week of Term 4. What an incredibly successful year it has been. With so many highlights I would like to sincerely thank the school community for the amazing support you give the school.

### Presentation Day

I was thrilled at the success of our presentation days last week. It was wonderful to hear ex-student leader Lydia Corcoran – outgoing captain of Newcastle High - give the keynote speech and speak so well about the importance of taking opportunities and making the most of your education. Our five sessions were very well received by all and I congratulate all students for their achievements over the year. The smiles on the faces of individual students as they walked towards their teachers to receive their awards were wonderful to see and a confirmation that we are fostering confidence and independence in our young students.

Congratulations to all our student leaders who received their badges and have taken on the mantle for student leadership for next year.

### Year 6 Farewell

The Year 6 Farewell took place last night at South Leagues Club and was a really memorable event. Students really appreciated the preparations for the night, including their personalised placemats, place cards, and video presentation – put together by the Year 6 teachers. The cake was an amazing creation of individual cakes with each child's photo around a larger cake with the emblem. The Year 6 students performed two items - for their parents and guests – and it was really a wonderful send off for this fantastic group of children. All students received a Year 6 DVD – featuring all their special moments through Year 6 – set to music - thanks to Mrs Cooper for putting this together. Thank you to all Year 6 teachers for their organisation of this special time. Thank you outgoing Year 6, whose gift to the school were two 'Buddy benches' for our grounds.

### Ethics Teachers

We are still in great need of additional ethics teachers for 2016. If you are considering helping in this role it would be really great if you could contact our Ethics co-ordinator - parent Mark Harden.  
Email: markharden@ozemail.com.au

## Enrolments 2016

Please let the office know if you will not be returning to The Junction for 2016. If you will be away at the start of next year on holidays when school returns – but will be returning in 2016 – could you please email or send written confirmation of the date your child will return to school. Thank you.

### Many thanks to all

Wishing you all a wonderful holiday season with your families and hope it's a time of great happiness and sharing. Many thanks again to our entire parent community – for your wonderful support in 2015. I have really appreciated the generous and ongoing assistance with all school programs – you help to make our school the outstanding school that it is.

Thank you to all staff for your professionalism and dedication to all students.

Thank you to all students who make this school a very special place to be.

Looking forward to working again with our educational community in 2016.

Years 1 to 6 students will return on **Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> January and Kindergarten commences on Monday 1<sup>st</sup> February.**

Thanks everyone.

Wendy Cheek, Principal

## CALENDAR - TERM 4 – 2015

Week 11	Event
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
Tuesday, February 2	P & C Meeting – 7pm

## BAND NEWS

Please take care of your instruments over the holiday period. Band rehearsals will start in Week 2 commencing Monday 1<sup>st</sup> February.

Band rehearsal times are below:

**Junior Band:** Tuesday 2pm-3pm

Friday 8am-9am

**Intermediate Band:** Wednesday 8am-9am

Friday 2pm-3pm

**Senior Band:** Tuesday 8am-9am

Thursday 2pm-3pm

## UNIFORM SHOP

The uniform 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.

If you purchase second hand clothing 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.



## COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENT

MEREWETHER UNITED FOOTBALL CLUB

2016 online registrations open 4<sup>th</sup> January 2016.

Links available on our website & Facebook page.

## P & C NEWS

**BETTY ANDERSON AWARD 2016:** A huge and deserving congratulations to this year's Betty Anderson Award recipient, Donna Reay. Donna has been running our Uniform shop since stepping in at short notice a few years ago. Donna has been responsible for implementing the online uniform shop, managing the roster and providing a friendly and reliable service. Well done, Donna!

Congratulations to all of this year's other nominees – many of whom could have been worthy recipients, including Sarah Cook, Raegan & Matt Jackson, Michael Jonker, Liz Knapp, Suki Kwon, Kendall Long and Olivia Ryan.

**UNIFORM SHOP THANK YOU:** Thanks to the wonderful volunteers who have helped Donna run the Uniform shop this year including Kim Forbes, Bernadette Ryan, Jasmine Page, Bec Lucy, Vera Moore and Monique Berruex.

The Uniform shop will re-open on the first day of school. Online orders placed over the holidays will be filled when school returns.

**TEACHERS THANK YOU MORNING TEA – WED 9 DECEMBER:** Thanks to everyone who helped us put on a lovely morning tea for the teachers last week as a thank you for their efforts this year. Thanks to Eithne Healy, Kendall Long, Suki Kwon, Olivia Ryan, Peter Gordon, Pili Vasquez, Nicole D'Agostino, Michael Jonker, Yolande White, Aleena Velich, Kristen Saunders, Tracey King, Amanda Fleming and Patricia Kinney.

**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.

*Wishing all of our school community a happy and healthy holiday break.*

Julie Wharton, P&C President

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