



PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Student Leaders – 2016

Congratulations to our new student leaders for 2016. At yesterday morning's assembly we were able to announce and congratulate the following students:

Girl School Captain – Lily

Boy School Captain – Sam

Prefects – Piper, Arkadja, Sylvia, Eva, Asha, Ben, Noah, Callum, Cormac, Joe

Well done to all candidates who gave such wonderful speeches last week and to all Year 5 for participating so enthusiastically in leadership training this term.

Sports Leaders

Congratulations to the following students who were elected by their sports houses yesterday, to the following positions:

QUINLAN – Captains: Nell, Daniel

Vice Captains: Neve, Noah

LADKIN – Captains: Molly, Aiden

Vice Captains:– Jonty, Gus

TREHARNE–Captains:Daisy, Will

Vice Captains: Charlotte, Alex

EDMUNDS – Captains: Yasmin, Jesse

Vice Captains: Charlotte, Joe

The new leadership teams will be inducted with their badges on Thursday 10th December at 9.00am at our whole school Presentations Day assembly. Parents and/or family members are invited to 'pin' the badges on their children. We look forward to working with all these wonderful leadership teams next year.

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 11.20am (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

I am really looking forward to the Band Presentation Night this Thursday 3rd December to be held at the Conservatorium. This night is the culmination of a very successful year for all three bands and the percussion group. I would like to sincerely thank all band tutors and our conductors – Michael Bell, Michael Jobson, and David Tracy for their skill and professionalism in assisting all students. Sincere appreciation must also go to our new band co-ordinator this year, Michael Jobson who has shown dedicated co-ordination of all programs to ensure the quality of all that has been achieved.

Parent Helpers and Volunteers Morning Tea

I am looking forward to seeing all our parent volunteers who have supported our school all year at the thank-you morning tea in the new school hall at 10.30am this coming Thursday. 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.

Class Reports

All parents should receive their child's class report at the end of next week for Semester Two. This report is a further assessment of your child's progress throughout the year in the key learning areas.

'Mo-vember'

I'd like to congratulate our male staff members who supported 'Mo-vember' this year and changed their 'appearance' with the growth of facial hair – 'moustaches' - and also our female staff members and parents, who sponsored the occasion and raised \$745 for research into prostate cancer. It was a great collegial achievement – well done everyone.

Wendy Cheek, Principal

CALENDAR - TERM 4 – 2015

Week 9

Event

Thursday, Dec 3	Last Swimming for Year 1 & 2
Thursday, Dec 3	'Staff thank you morning tea' for Parent helpers - 10.30am
Thursday, Dec 3	Band Presentation Night – 6pm
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 2.30pm & Farewell Souths Leagues - 6pm
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 8 KINDER ASSEMBLY

KD	Jack Mackenzie	Isaac Amelie
KE	Lulu Millie	Thomas
KH	Angus Leighon	Darby

YEARS 3, 4, 5 & 6 ASSEMBLY

3H	Emily Connie	Brianna Jett
3K	Maple Kate	Liam
3MC	Jemima Seren	Lucy
3W	Harry	Vincent
4A	Braith Taj	Visal
4F	Lulu York	Nate
4L	Scoutt Maya	Rosie
5/6B	Callum	Jordan
6C	Lily Nick	Orlando Caitlin
6S	Callaghan	
Student of the month	Amber Tess Alyssa Ethan	Ella Michelle Millin Annika

This is the last week for all assemblies for the year.

BOYS CRICKET NEWS

The boys cricket team are now in the top four school teams in the State. They will play two games today, if they win, they will be straight into the Grand Final, otherwise they will play off for 3rd or 4th position. We look forward to a full report and a photo in next week's newsletter.

2016 SCHOOL TRAVEL PASS APPLICATIONS

Your child may be eligible for free or subsidised travel on public transport, between home and school, as part of the School Student Transport Scheme. To find out more about the scheme, including information for new applicants and existing pass holders,

visit: 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. You no longer come to the school office to collect application forms. Online applications are now open, please apply now to enable passes to be issued for the start of 2016.

MY PACIFIC GAMES EXPERIENCE

By Kelsey

Last week, I represented NSW in swimming at the Pacific School Games in Adelaide. My first event, the 200m individual medley was on the first day of competition at 8 o'clock in the morning. All my events were finals and I was in the fastest heat for everything. Being such a big competition I was so nervous but managed to do a personal best and placed 5th overall. In my 2nd event, the 100m breaststroke, I was a little less nervous but the race went really fast and I did a 6 second PB and placed 4th. I was really proud of my efforts in my individual events and happy to say I was in the top 4 and 5 in the Nation and Pacific. My two relays were lots of fun and I enjoyed meeting other swimmers my age in NSW. In the 4x100m Medley relay I did the freestyle leg which meant I had to bring the team home and my other relay was the 4x50m freestyle relay where I was the 3rd swimmer. In both relays we placed 4th and we were very unfortunate not to get a medal. It was an experience of a lifetime that I will never forget and could not have done it without the support of the Junction Public school.



BAND NEWS

Band Presentation Night

Our exciting Band Presentation Night will take place this Thursday the 3rd of December at the Newcastle University Conservatorium of Music, Cnr Auckland & Laman Streets, Newcastle.

Students will need to be at the 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!

Senior Band – Presentation Day

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

Thank you, Michael Jobson

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

LIBRARY NEWS

As the school year is almost over, can families please check their rooms for any school library books. Please return any books to the library as soon as possible. Thank you.

MOVEMBER

Throughout the month of November, the male teachers on staff have been involved in trying to raise awareness of men's health issues through their involvement in Movember. I am happy to announce that through their efforts and the generosity of the ladies on staff and community members, we have managed to raise \$745 for this worthy cause. Thank you to all who participated and donated to the Movember Foundation for 2015.

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

The school canteen will no longer be able to assist students with hot water for noodles brought into school from home. This is purely a safety issue for students.

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.



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

P&C MEETING – THIS Friday 4 December at 1.30pm

The final P&C meeting for the year will be held this Friday 4 December at 1.30pm at school. All members of our school community are welcome. The agenda will include a discussion around the Patrick St Pedestrian Crossing (refer below).

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 next Wednesday morning 9th Dec at drop off time, that would be great. If anyone else is able to help, please sign up here: <http://bit.ly/2015TeachersMorningTea>

PATRICK STREET PEDESTRIAN CROSSING:

Council is proposing to upgrade the pedestrian crossing on Patrick Street, just east of Watkins Street (near the service station), and also to realign the intersection with Frederick St and Watkins Street. The works will include a raised threshold for the pedestrian crossing, to slow traffic. Council is currently seeking comments on the proposal, and we would like to know if our school community would like the P&C to provide a response to this proposal. We will discuss this at this Friday's P&C meeting, but if anyone has any comments, please forward them to junctionpandc@hotmail.com before Friday morning. In particular, do we wish to ask Council to consider making this crossing a school speed zone?

P&C 2016: The P&C holds its AGM in March each year, where the new executive is elected. 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, including 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

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<http://eepurl.com/bfuMIX>

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Public School
P&C



Twitter:
@TJPS_PandC

COMMUNITY NEWS – Holiday Programs

YWCA – Cooks Hill

The YWCA Hunter Region Inc will be conducting vacation care for children aged 5 to 12 years during the January school holiday period commencing Monday 4th January to Wednesday 27th January 2016. The YWCA Centre is located at 24 Dawson Street, Cooks Hill which is in close proximity to the Newcastle CBD area.

www.ywcahunterregion.org.au

Phone: 4929 2954

E: admin.ywcahunter@bigpond.com

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