

# The Junction News

Newsletter of The Junction Public School



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Term 1 – Week 5

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## PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

### Swimming Carnival

Congratulations to all students who attended the Swimming Carnival at The Forum, last Friday. The level of student participation was outstanding and their enthusiasm in cheering and congratulating others was really wonderful to see. It was a wonderful, enjoyable carnival which ran very successfully. Many thanks to teacher Jody Cooper for the organisation and to the hard work of teachers on the day. A big thanks also to the parents who volunteered to assist with timekeeping and in running the carnival - your help was very much appreciated.

Thank you to all parents who attended the carnival on Friday as spectators. I know you will have appreciated the great efforts of all teachers who worked hard all day to ensure that your children had a wonderful day and a very positive experience.

Best wishes to the students who will be attending the Zone Carnival tomorrow - Wednesday.



### Resource Payments

Thank you to the many families who have paid for their children's resource books and other payments last week. It is really appreciated to have such a great response to the notes we have sent out. It helps us out financially so that we can then pay our suppliers.

A reminder that if your children are electing to participate in Band or Dance programs that this is a 'user-pay'

activity. The tutors who are employed to run these programs are paid directly from the Dance and Band fees - the school cannot afford to bear this cost if parents are unable to forward payments. These are not compulsory programs but are 'choice' programs. Thanks for your co-operation in this area.

### Attendance

A reminder about students who are arriving late for school each morning on a regular basis. The school bell rings at 8.55am for students to gather in lines and receive any morning messages. The best time for students to arrive at school is from 8.30am onwards and not before if at all possible – playground duty officially commences from 8.30am. Your help with this matter would be appreciated.

Thank you.

### Congratulations

Congratulations to our new Band Captains and Vice Captains who received their badges at Monday morning's assembly. We look forward to your representation and organisation of Band programs throughout the year.

### Upcoming Important Dates

School photos will be taken on Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> March and Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> March; the Selective High School Test will be Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> March and the School Cross Country at Nesca Park will be Friday 13<sup>th</sup> March – (a lucky day I'm sure)!

### For Parents from the Department of Education and Communities

Barbara Petchenik Children's Map Competition 2015  
Competition's theme is "**My place in today's world**". Entries can be nominated in four age groups: Under 6 years, 6-8 years, 9-12 years and 13-15 years. The deadline for participation in the contest is **Thursday, 2 April 2015**.

For more detailed information about the competition, please visit the MSIA website:

<http://mappingsciences.org.au>.

### Sorting fact from fiction

Help your child develop their "dodgy website" antennae when doing homework. Here are ways your child can tell a good website – or any document – from a bad one. Find out more:

<http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/homework-and-study/homework-tips/sorting-fact-from-fiction>

Wendy Cheek, Principal

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**CALENDAR - TERM 1 – 2015****Week 5****Event**

Wednesday, Feb 25	Zone Swimming Carnival
Friday, Feb 27	Last day for 2.30pm finish Kindergarten
Saturday, March 7	Olive Tree Markets at <u>Civic Park</u> 9am-3pm

**Week 6****Event**

Monday, March 2	Kinder finish 3pm from today
Tuesday, March 3	P & C Meeting & AGM – 7pm
Wednesday, March 4	Class 2/3W Parent Information Session – 3.30pm in the classroom
Thursday, March 5	Regional Swimming Carnival
Thursday, March 5	Camp Aust. Information night- 5.30pm to 6.30pm

**Week 7****Event**

Tuesday, March 10	School Photos
Wednesday, March 11	School Photos
Thursday, March 12	Selected High School 2016 Test
Friday, March 13	School Cross Country – Nesca Park - (Year 3 – Year 6) + Competent 8 year old runners in Year 2

**Week 9****Event**

Friday, March 27	Zone Cross Country
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**K-2 ASSEMBLIES**

Kindergarten will start attending assemblies in Week 7 – not this week! This year K-2 will hold their assemblies on a fortnightly basis (odd weeks) in the new hall on a Wednesday afternoon from 2pm. Class 2B look forward to running the assembly this week and sharing some work with you. The first assembly of the year will be held this week for students from Years 1 and 2. We hope you can make it! Miss Chaffey

**Assembly times:**

Year 1 & 2 – Wed (New Hall) 2pm  
Year 3 to 6 – Friday (New Hall) 11.20am

**SCHOOL PHOTOS**

Newcastle School Portraits will be taking the School Photos on Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> & Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> March. Every student will receive an envelope today with the packages outlined on the front. **If you would like family photos you will need to call in to the school office to collect a family photo envelope.**

**Payment is by two options:**

1. Cash (correct amount) placed in the envelope and to be brought in on Photo Day.
2. Payment by Credit Card. This has to be done online – details on the front of the Newcastle School Portraits envelope. (You do not need to return the envelope if you order online).

**ENVELOPES AND MONEY ARE  
NOT TO BE SENT INTO SCHOOL  
UNTIL PHOTO DAY  
(10<sup>TH</sup> AND 11<sup>TH</sup> MARCH).  
THESE ARE HANDED TO THE  
PHOTOGRAPHERS ON THE DAY**

**BAND NEWS**

Please note that Band fees are due now:

**Hiring and using the school's instrument:** \$110 per term; \$220 per semester; \$440 per year.

**Using your own instrument:** \$100 per term; \$200 per semester; \$400 per year.

We are looking forward to another very successful year!  
Mr Jobson

**POPPIES FOR ANZAC DAY**

Thank you to the many families who have already been busy knitting poppies for a display to mark the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of ANZAC day this year.

Please come to the foyer and pick up a copy of the pattern or go to our website!

We are hoping students, parents and even maybe some grandparents can get involved to create a wall display of these poppies.

Thank you, Mrs Briggs

**PARENT INFORMATION SESSIONS FOR CLASS 2/3W**

Class 2/3W Information Session will be held next Wednesday 4 March at 3.30pm in the classroom.

## SWIMMING CARNIVAL REPORT

Congratulations to all students who participated in our annual school swimming carnival. We had wonderful participation from all age groups particularly the junior girls who had 72 students participate in the butterfly alone. They led the way for participation and sportsmanship. With such high participation the points for each house reached record levels and we ran out of time to run our relays. The behaviour from our students was of the highest standard and we were complimented on how well we left the facilities. A special thank you goes out to all parents that helped tirelessly with timing throughout the day but particularly Mr Van Eldik who was our starter for the whole day. Thank you to the staff who continue to work without a break to make the day a success. This Friday students will receive their ribbons and the winning house will be presented with the shield at the senior assembly. All school record breakers and swimming champions will be announced during the assembly. We openly invite all parents wishing to attend the assembly at 11.30 on Friday. If any students are away on that day they will receive their ribbons when they return to school. We would like to wish our Zone Swimming Team good luck for Wednesday. This year we are sending a strong team of 28 students accompanied by Mr Alcock. The students are: Jorjia V, Kelsey V, Lara C, Natasha N, Ayesha L, Stella S, Charlotte C, Jade T, Chloe P, Asha T, Daisy B, Eloise K, Indah J, Michelle J, Coco D, Yasmin P, Xavier C, Noah J, Nate R, Travis H, Flynn H, Marc C, Saxon C, Marco B, Isaac L, James J, Sidney F. Well done! Mrs Cooper



### UNIFORM SHOP

The Uniform shop is open on Mondays from 8.45am to about 9.15am in the Old School Hall.

**Payment for Uniform Orders is by Cash or Cheque only –**

**Cheques payable to: The Junction School P & C.**

**THERE ARE NO EFTPOS FACILITIES FOR THE UNIFORM SHOP.**

Donna Reay, Co-ordinator

### SCHOOL BANKING

School Banking will commence again next week! Newcastle Permanent Building Society and Commonwealth Bank offer banking to our students. Parent volunteers, Tanya Fitzgerald and Jackie Murnain process the money on the banks' behalf in our school library immediately after roll call on Mondays.

## LOOK WHAT'S HAPPENING IN YEAR 1!

Year One have been learning a range of different strategies to help when completing addition questions. In 1W we revised our friends of ten and twenty and made some wonderful rockets to demonstrate our understanding. Below are some samples. If you would like to see some more fantastic work by 1W head to our class blog [misswebstersclass2015.weebly.com](http://misswebstersclass2015.weebly.com). Be sure to leave us a comment and let us know what you think. Miss Webster



## AFTER SCHOOL CARE...by Camp Australia

To book, visit: [www.campaustralia.com.au](http://www.campaustralia.com.au) or  
Call 1300 105343

### Welcome back to the new school year!

We hope you enjoyed the Summer break, and are ready to get back into school life.

To help get your family back into the swing of things, here are some tips that you might find handy for easing your children into after school care.

### Tips for helping children (and parents) feel comfortable in after school care:

1. Give your child as much advance warning as you can that they'll be coming to After School Care.
2. Pop into the program with your child to meet our Camp Australia team and find out what kind of activities they can look forward to.
3. Speak with the Camp Australia Coordinator if your child is nervous, and let us know how your child felt after their first visit.
4. If there is something in particular your child would like to play when they are in our care, encourage them to let us know.

We will be holding an information night for all families on Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> March 2015 from 5:30pm – 6:30pm. Feel free to pop into the centre at this time to answer any questions and to get to know more about the company and how we operate.

We're here to make after school care visits the best experience possible – for you and your child.

If you have any questions about the program – please feel free to drop by, meet the team and see what happens in after school care first hand.

We look forward to seeing you soon.

The Junction Camp Australia Team

Mobile: 0450 267 282

### Program Details

To find out more about our program, view fees and to register visit [www.campaustralia.com.au](http://www.campaustralia.com.au)

## P & C NEWS

### VOLUNTEER LISTS & CLASS LISTS 2015

The class lists were due back last week, and volunteer list forms are due this Friday 27th. If you haven't sent them in yet, then you'll need to have the class lists in by tomorrow (Wed) please, as we will need to get a start on collating the information. If you would like to complete these via an online form rather than paper form, please use the following links:

- **Class Lists:** <http://goo.gl/forms/TYjWGjKG0z>
- **Volunteer Lists:**  
<http://goo.gl/forms/SI8hr5dWD7>

Only people who put their own details on the class lists will receive the class lists for their class (ie if you don't sign yourself up to the class lists, then you unfortunately do not receive one with everyone else's details).

We understand that some of the events on the volunteer forms are a long way off. If you want to just indicate your interest in being involved in some of these events, we won't hold you to it, but it just gives us a pool of people to approach if and when these events happen.

### EASTER RAFFLE AND ELECTION DAY EVENTS

We have co-ordinators for the following events – many thanks:

- Easter Raffle: Johanna Anderson
- Book Fair: Donna Reay & Suzanne Taylor
- Election Cake Stall: Karen Goldrick
- Election Day BBQ: Liz Ginters

We have a healthy list of volunteers for the raffle, and a growing list for the Election Day activities, but will require a few more people to volunteer to help with the set-up of the book stall, and the wrapping of the cake stall items on the Friday, as well as more people to roster on the Saturday. This will be a fun, social day, and a great way to meet other parents while supporting the school. Drop me a line at the P&C email, or drop a note to the office, if you think you can help out.

### P&C AGM – 3<sup>rd</sup> March at 7pm

Our next P&C meeting is next **Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> March at 7pm** in the staff room. This will also be our AGM. Agendas have been circulated via the P&C email. There is growing interest in the various roles on offer, and I'm confident we're going to be able to fill the various positions on the night – but there's definitely still capacity for people to put their hands up to help out. Please start thinking about where you might like to help out this coming year. Positions that will be available include President, Vice-President (there are two VP positions), Treasurer and Secretary. We can also have up to about six executive officers. Other roles where people can help are in social media / web communications, school gardens, uniform shop, and anywhere else that you think you have something to offer. With such a big school, it takes a tribe to make things happen behind the scenes, and any assistance, big or small, is always welcome.

### CROSS COUNTRY BBQ – 13<sup>TH</sup> March

The P&C will run a BBQ back at school at 1pm after the Cross Country (Years 3-6). All students (K-6) will have the opportunity to purchase a sausage sandwich (\$2) and drink (\$1). Thanks to Suzanne Taylor and Drew Ferguson-Tait for offering to co-ordinate. We have a growing list of volunteers to help on the day – just might need a couple more to round things out. Please let me know how you can help.

### UPDATED P&C EMAIL LIST

We have updated the P&C email list using the details people have provided on the class lists, and the online forms. There were a couple of people who ticked the "please add us to the mailing list" box, but then didn't provide an email. If you want to be on the P&C email list, and didn't receive the email over the weekend with the upcoming meeting agenda and previous minutes, then we don't have your correct and/or current details. Please drop us an email at [junctionpandc@hotmail.com](mailto:junctionpandc@hotmail.com) and we'll happily add you on.

### UPCOMING P&C EVENTS:

Date	Time	Event
3 March 2015	7.00pm	P&C Meeting & AGM – all welcome
13 March	(1pm)	Cross-Country (Yrs 3-6): The usual P&C BBQ will be held back at school at 1pm, rather than at Nesca Park. Volunteers needed
28 March (TBC)	All Day	State Election: The P&C will run a BBQ, Cake Stall, and 2 <sup>nd</sup> Hand Book Fair.
19 June (TBC)	Evening	Family Movie Night – Tower Cinema
31 Oct 2015	TBC	Spring Fair 2015

**P&C EMAIL LIST** - Please send me a note at [junctionpandc@hotmail.com](mailto:junctionpandc@hotmail.com) if you would like to be on the P&C email contact list. You will receive general notices of P&C activities, as well as meeting agendas and minutes. This is a great way to keep up with the P&C and stay involved in school.

Julie Wharton  
Acting P&C President

**Want to keep up with P&C news "on the go"? You can:**



"Like"  
The Junction  
Public School  
P&C  
on Facebook



"Follow"  
@TJPS\_PandC  
on Twitter

## Become an Ethics Teacher at The Junction Public School

Primary Ethics provides the opportunity for NSW public primary school students who don't attend scripture classes (SRE) to participate in philosophical Ethics Classes. The classes teach children how to approach ethical issues and develop their capacity for considered moral judgement, which will enable them to respond more thoughtfully to many of the problems and issues they will face in their lives.

This year we have our biggest enrolment in Ethics at The Junction since the program started in 2011. However, to provide weekly Ethics Classes to all of the children who would like to attend we need more Volunteer Ethics Teachers. We would be especially keen to recruit Ethics Teachers from our new kindergarten parents as currently only one third of the kindergarten children who have registered for ethics are able to participate as class sizes are limited.

Volunteer Ethics Teachers are trained to deliver our age-appropriate curriculum every week and to use the accompanying learning and teaching materials. More information on what is required to become an Ethics Teachers can be found at [www.primaryethics.com.au](http://www.primaryethics.com.au)

If you would like to become involved, please contact:

**Mark Harden** via [tjpsethics@gmail.com](mailto:tjpsethics@gmail.com)  
Ethics Co-ordinator for The Junction Public School



## COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

### French Classes – (5 - 12 year olds)

Fun after school program here at The Junction Public School on Monday and Tuesday from 3.20pm to 4.20pm. Classroom 5W. Register your interest by phone or email: Phone: 0402 818034 or [sandra.peachey@lcclubs.com.au](mailto:sandra.peachey@lcclubs.com.au)

### Unload Creative Writing Workshops - limited spots still available

Unload is back and looking forward to a story-full 2015! Our writing and storytelling workshops cater for all levels with a focus on having FUN and building confidence with language.

Who: Students from Years 3-6

Where: Classroom 6S at The Junction Public School

When: Tuesdays, 3.20 - 4.20pm

Cost: \$135 for the term or come and try a class for \$15

Numbers limited to 15 students

For further information [www.unload.org.au](http://www.unload.org.au) or contact Suzie

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[www.unload.org.au](http://www.unload.org.au)

<https://www.facebook.com/unloadcreativewriting>

### PRESCHOOL VACANCIES

KU Merewether Preschool in Caldwell St, Merewether still has a few vacancies!

Please call Nicole Vesperman, Director on 49631590.

