

The Junction News

Newsletter of The Junction Public School



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Term 1 – Week 10

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PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Another term has flashed by – with many wonderful achievements again taking place.

Annual School Report and School Plan 2015-2017

Our Annual School Report for 2014 is now on our school website. Our school plan will be up on our website after the holidays when it will be endorsed by our school director.

I will be able to elaborate on our school plan next term.

Many thanks

A huge thanks to our generous parent community who worked so hard for the school last Saturday at the Book Stall, Cake Stall and BBQ over a very long day! I am so grateful for all the efforts of the huge team of parents and children who worked so hard all day. We do appreciate your efforts and how supportive you are of our school community.

Congratulations

Congratulations to all our sporting teams – State swimmers, Cross Country Champions and PSSA teams for all their achievements so far this term. We have outstanding athletes.

Congratulations to Kelsey V (Year 4) who has been selected to represent NSW in swimming at the Pacific Championships in Adelaide in November. This is an outstanding achievement to represent your State at an International event – Kelsey came a very close 4th (by 0.12 of a second)!

Easter Hat Parade – Kinder to Year 2

Looking forward to seeing everyone at our Easter Hat Parade for students in Kinder to Year 2 which will take place this Thursday 2nd April from 9.15am in the New Hall. Students in Kinder to Year 2 wear wonderful Easter Hat creations – brought in from home and students in (K-2) may be out of uniform on this day. This is always a really happy, enjoyable and colourful event and is a great one to bring along grandparents / aunties and uncles. The parade will conclude before recess at 11.00am. We will also be drawing the Easter raffle prizes on this day – after recess at 11.30am, so you may be going home with some wonderful chocolate goodies. Looking forward to seeing you then!

Skoolbag App

A reminder to all families that we now have the 'Skoolbag' mobile App for our school to communicate directly to parents. It works through both smart phones

and smart devices (such as iPads and Android tablets). It provides schools with an easy way to tell parents/carers everything they need to know and it provides parents with the most convenient way to receive school notifications.

We are able to send school free push notifications, information about school events, school newsletters, school documents – permission notes, alerts, events, links to websites, school social media – Facebook, Twitter etc.

Today for example, we were able to send out an early message about the postponement of the boy's cricket match against Stockton.

In the foyer of the admin block we have a flyer with information on how to install Skoolbag on your iPhone or Android device. In this fast paced world in which we live - we know this is going to be of great use to our parents and community and further improve communication. It would be really helpful if parents would download this free 'App'. Thanks.

Resource Payments

Thank you to the many families who have paid for their children's resource books and other payments this term. 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.

Staff Development Day Term 2

A reminder to parents that school for all students from Kinder to Year 6 next term, will begin on Tuesday 21st April as staff will be involved in professional development activities on the preceding Monday.

Wishing all families a safe and enjoyable holiday break – see you all next term.

Year 1 Gymnastics – Term 2

Yesterday all students in Year 1 received a 'Purple note' about the Gymnastics program. This lesson is taken during school time with their class on a Thursday starting Week 2, Term 2. This is run by Accredited Gymnastics Coaching Services and costs \$36.00 per child.

Wendy Cheek, Principal

CALENDAR - TERM 1 – 2015**Week 10****Event**

Thursday, April 2	K – 2 Easter Hat Parade 9.15am
Thursday, April 2	Last day of school – Term 1
Saturday, April 4	Olive Tree Market - Civic Park

CALENDAR - TERM 2 – 2015**Week 1****Event**

Monday, April 20	STAFF ONLY RETURN
Tuesday, April 21	All Students return

Week 2**Event**

Thursday, April 30	Year 1 Gymnastics Start – Sport Uniform to be worn
Friday, May 1	P & C Meeting 1.30pm
Saturday, May 2	Olive Tree Market – Civic Park

Week 3**Event**

Thursday, May 7	Year 1 Gymnastics
Friday, May 8	Regional Cross Country

Week 4**Event**

Tuesday, May 12	Years 3 & 5 NAPLAN
Wednesday, May 13	Years 3 & 5 NAPLAN
Thursday, May 14	Years 3 & 5 NAPLAN
Thursday, May 14	Year 1 Gymnastics

Assembly times:

Kinder to Year 2 – Wed (New Hall) 2pm (odd weeks)

Year 3 to 6 – Friday (New Hall) 11.20am

SPECIAL MENTION AWARDS**TERM 1 - WEEK 9****KINDER TO YEAR 2 ASSEMBLY**

KK	Evie G Callia V	Angus A Isabella B
KD	Makenzie F Jake B	Lucy K Nicholas B
KE	Elijah T Charlotte W	Charlie S Lulu C
KH	Oliver C	Darby L

	Zoe K	Fabian K
1J	Roxanna B	Kevin S
1C	Audrey R Samuel R	Zahra N Michelle P
1CF	Greta D'A Jett R	Logan M Jackson B
1W	Phoebe U Carmen M	Shaykiel J Eli M
2C	Emiel E Lillie C	Samuel B Ruby K
2B	Phoebe D Noah A	Louie J Natalia B
2R	Isla H Boston B	Maiya Y Kira H
2W	Lachlan C	Sienna P

TERM 1 - WEEKS 8 & 9**YEARS 3, 4, 5 & 6 ASSEMBLY**

3W	Sophie H	Vincent Miteff
3H	Luca Wh Nicholas G Jonah R Isaac L Noah P Claire L	Jemima S Luke G Isaac J Ciara F Imogen W
3MC	Lucy C Loki D'A Ella W Lilly D Hollie D Blake O'B	Toby I Livinia C Lucy W Max L Charlotte W
3K	Luke P Charlie T Lara C	Lily D Trisha S Jade T
4A	Iliannah T Harri M Phoebe L Adam Y Jessie F	Bailey Fa' Ethan M Stirling B Joshua D
4L	Isabelle M Joe B Caden L Ziv T Joel W Alexander P	Ella S Anthony U Django H Rosie C Oskar C Poppy D
4F	Indah J Theo D Lucy Z	York N Maxxis F Jinaya T
5T	Eloise K Rhys B Charlotte H	Luke O'K Neve H Ruby H

	Sam T Rhiannon Mc Alexander S	Junior T Imogen W Mia A
5S	Mary-J Paris R Natasha N Charlie B	Tabitha C Jai M Ashton S Ethan O'B
5W	Erin K Yasmin P Kayne M Lillian S Asha T	Kiani C David M Tilly R Charlie W Tallen Mc
5/6B	Leila F William De Justin T Callum H	Lilley H Jordan D Logan R Ebony D
6C	Oliver A Orlando H Toby Le Millie S	Phoebe P Madi S Jackson B Cameron R
6S	Alyssa W Leela B Max O Cooper S	Nathan F Imigyn Mc Poppy S Lucy U
Choir	Max H Brianna Du' Marly S	Ella B Stirling B
Student of the month	Ella W – 3MC Ella A – 5/6B Marc C – 6C Amy M – 4A Adele B – 4F	Reece K-3K Emma L – 5S David B – 5T Sam S – 5W

BAND NEWS

Our jelly bean jar guessing competition is running again this week on Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday. Our band captains will be selling guesses outside the canteen during the first half of lunch each day. Each guess is 20c and could win you the entire jar of jelly beans! A winner will be announced after lunch on Wednesday.

All families will find an Entertainment Book information sheet attached to this week's newsletter.

This year's Entertainment books will again be available in printed (book form) or digital form. These fantastic books are still only \$60 and give you over \$20,000 of value! Information on pre-ordering entertainment books is available from the front office.

Any orders that are received by the 22nd of April may be eligible for extra early bird offers valued at over \$175. The school only have a limited number of these offers so be sure to get your orders in early!

Happy Easter! Michael Jobson

ANZAC DAY SERVICE

The school will hold our annual Anzac service on Friday 24th April in the new hall at 10am. This year we are asking all students to bring flowers to school so each class can make their own wreath for the service. More information will be sent home in the newsletter in Week 1 of next term.

STATE SWIMMING REPORT

Last Wednesday and Thursday was the PSSA State Swimming carnival. It was held at the Sydney Olympic Park Aquatic Centre in Homebush. Wednesday was the start of the individual events, including the heats and finals for the 100m freestyle, 50m freestyle, 50m breaststroke and the heats of the 200m individual medley.

On Thursday there were the heats and finals for the boys and girls, junior and senior relays, finals for the 200m individual medley and the heats and finals for the 50m butterfly and 50m backstroke.

If you placed in the top ten in your event, you automatically raced in the finals. Then if you came first, second or third in the finals, you would go on to compete at Nationals.

Kelsey V made it to the finals for the 50m backstroke, coming 9th and 50m breaststroke coming 5th. This year, if you came in the top four for your event, you would also go on to compete at the Pacific Games held in Adelaide. Congratulations to Kelsey who made it to the Pacific Games, coming fourth in the 200m Individual Medley.

Marc C made it to the finals for the 50m butterfly, coming sixth overall.

The Junior girls and boys relay teams both came 14th in their event. The Senior girls relay came 31st but knocked four seconds off their personal best. The Senior boys made it to the finals and came sixth overall.

It was a great meet for The Junction and everyone swam their best. Well done!

Report by Maya L and Jorjia V

CRICKET NEWS

On Sunday five TJPS boys, who had recently won the Country Championships, travelled to Hurstville Oval, Sydney to compete in the State final of the Weet-bix T20 cup against the metro winners, Carringbah.

It was a tight match but the U12 Newcastle City team were the victors! A huge achievement for each of the boys, Cooper, Tom, Josh, Taj and Jake!



ZONE CROSS COUNTRY

On Friday 30th March, the following students participated in the Zone Cross Country Carnival at Stevenson Park.

8/9 Year Boys	8/9 Year Girls
Xavier C Ned R Timothy P	Lauren F Eva N Claire L
10 Year Boys	10 Year Girls
Charlie G Nate R Ethan A	Nell H Pearl C Sylvia K
11 Year Boys	11 Year Girls
Daniel B Flynn H Ethan O'B	Yasmin P Ebony D Asha T
12/13 Year Boys	12/13 Year Girls
Saxon C Joshua T Cooper J	Madi S Maya L Jorjia V

The Junction Public School was very successful with five students making it through to Regional level for their age. Congratulations Xavier C, Daniel B, Josh T, Saxon C and Maddie S. Mrs Tilse



STAGE 3 MATHS GATS DAY

Last week, a group of students from Year 5 and Year 6 participated in the Stage 3 Maths GATS Day. Firstly, the Year 5 group investigated how we find Pi in circles and how we use it when working mathematically with circular shapes. The students then completed problem solving activities on finding the circumference and area of a variety of different circles. In the afternoon session Year 6 students focused on making a bridge out of newspaper that spanned 900mm and could support a 300 gram weight. This provided a wonderful opportunity for the students to demonstrate Higher Order Thinking skills to show how you can make a model when problem solving. Congratulations to all students who participated in the Stage 3 Maths GATS Day, your thinking skills and behaviour was exceptional. Mr Savage

CLASS 1C

1C have been studying push and pull forces in science this term. Last week we made paper helicopters and launched them over the verandah. It was lots of fun watching them spin all the way down to the ground! We then talked about the forces that are being used. Finally we made modifications to the helicopters such as trimming them or adding paperclips to make them heavier in order to conduct further investigations.

Follow us on our class weebly!

<http://junction1c.weebly.com/>



CLASS BLOGS – K-2

Who can believe it's already the end of Term 1? Want to catch up on what the K-2 students of The Junction PS have been learning about and creating? Check out their class blogs to find out what they know and see some of their awesome work. Our students love to know that family and friends are looking at their work so please take the time to leave a comment.

KE	-	http://ke2015.weebly.com/
KD	-	http://kdtips.weebly.com/
KH	-	http://junctionkh.weebly.com/
KK	-	http://kk2015.weebly.com/
1C	-	http://junction1c.weebly.com/
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1CF	-	http://tips1cf.weebly.com/
1W	-	http://misswebstersclass2015.weebly.com/
2B	-	http://missburgin.weebly.com/
2C	-	http://tips2c.weebly.com/
2R	-	http://junction2r.weebly.com/

DESIGN CHALLENGE & GRANDPARENTS AFTERNOON

Last Thursday Stage 1 held their Science Design Challenge and History Games Afternoon. An enormous amount of fun and learning went into their paper plane challenge. It was terrific to hear the scientific language students used as they made and evaluated a number of different paper plane models before finally designing and creating their own. Thank you to Mrs Russell and Miss Webster who co-ordinated the event and to all of the parents and grandparents who came along to cheer the students on. Congratulations to Archie from 1CF whose

paper plane won the design challenge and a special thank you to his friend Zac who flew the plane for him in the Grand Final! The runner up was Neve from 2C. After a tasty lunch treat of scones and jam, parents and grandparents then joined their children in a rotation through some 'olden day' games: skipping, elastics, hopscotch, marbles, quoits and hula hoops. Many parents and grandparents relived their younger days and took on the challenges set by their younger family members. Thank you to everyone who came along and made this a very memorable day for our Stage 1 students. We hope you enjoyed the day as much as they did.

Miss Chaffey



HEALTH TIPS.....

Active tips for busy families

- ✓ make time to be active as a whole family
- ✓ go out and play basketball, tag or soccer, throw a ball or ride a bike with your children
- ✓ meet friends or family in a park and take balls, hoops, Frisbees, bats or other outdoor games to play.
- ✓ Set a limit on television watching, computer time and video games to no more than 2 hours a day.

UNIFORM SHOP

THE UNIFORM SHOP WILL OPEN ON THE FIRST DAY BACK FOR STUDENTS IN TERM 2 – TUESDAY 21ST APRIL!

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.

Thank you to everyone who has assisted in the Uniform Shop this busy first term: Kim Forbes, Monique Berreux, Bernadette Ryan, Sarah Harden, Bec Brennan, Kim Van Huisstede, Fay Purr, Sonya McEntee and Carwyn Watson for assisting with the organisation of our Stocktake system. Donna Reay, Co-ordinator

SCHOOL BANKING

School Banking will commence on Monday 27th April (Week 2)! 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.

P & C NEWS

This week has been a huge week for the P&C, and yet another example of what a fantastic school community we have. The Election Day stalls were a great success – thank you to everyone who donated books, cakes, slices, biscuits and supported this event in one way or another. We are also grateful for the support of our local community. The combined efforts of the Book Fair, Cake Stall & BBQ raised over \$2700 – which is an amazing effort! This money will be used to provide support for school programs, in line with the school plan. Please see further below for a long list of 'Thank you's' that accompany this.

It is also great to report that some of the donated books were in such great condition, that the P&C donated approximately (100) of these directly to the school library. The P&C also thanks the school for donating some older library books that were no longer needed, to the book fair.

EASTER RAFFLE:

Raffle tickets & money are now due back. Tomorrow is the last day please, if you haven't already. ***We need help wrapping the Easter basket prizes.*** If you can spare an hour or two, please meet at 9am tomorrow, Wednesday 1st April in the old hall.

MOTHERS DAY STALL – CO-ORDINATOR(S) NEEDED

We are now planning for our Mother's Day stall, which will be held over two days in early May, and are looking for a co-ordinator or two. Dates are not yet fixed, and can be chosen to suit our coordinator(s), but tentatively we would be aiming for Thurs & Fri 7 & 8 May (or thereabouts). If you can help with this, please contact me at the P&C email.

If we don't have a co-ordinator or two lined up by about Week 1 of next term, we will unfortunately need to cancel the stall.

If you have other ideas, please don't hesitate to contact me and let me know. We have traditionally moved away from a morning tea or breakfast BBQ because we struggle to get volunteers other than (mostly) mums - which has defeated the point, but we are open to any suggestions!

CLASS LISTS 2015

We've had a few requests for "late additions" to class lists, where people have somehow missed the various deadlines but have contacted the P&C to be included on the class lists.

This is therefore a FINAL call for anyone who might have missed out on the class lists. If you would like to be included, you will need to email details, including child's name(s) and classes, along with parents names and contact details (phone and email). These will need to be in to the P&C email by Thursday 2nd April. You will need to include an email address, as the updates will only be issued via email. I will then do an update to relevant year groups during the holidays. Subsequent additions will then only be done on an ad hoc basis - possibly once a term. Contact lists will not be issued to people until their name is on the list - which will require an update to be completed. Hopefully everyone understands this approach.

SPRING FAIR – 31 October 2015

Our major fundraiser for this year will be the Spring Fair. Please save the date for Saturday 31st October. We are relying on a significant number of our school families being available to help run a range of stalls on the day of the fair, and also to help prepare and set up in the days and weeks prior. Organisation is in full swing, and we have booked a great range of rides, and our Spring Fair committee has some amazing plans in stall for us. If you want to help with overall organisation, please drop a line to Suki Kwon at tjpsspringfair@gmail.com. Please also keep an eye out for callouts over the coming months. There's a huge amount of work involved, and every contribution – no matter how small – will be warmly welcomed.

The Spring Fair is also in the process of seeking corporate support from our local business community. If there are school families who wish to be a part of this

aspect, please contact Eloise Fleck at marketingtjpsspringfair@gmail.com.

The Spring Fair has come about because families from our school suggested it and supported it, so please find an opportunity to get involved in this milestone event for our school. It's going to be a lot of fun!

ATTENTION GREEN THUMBS: CAN YOU HELP WITH THE GARDEN STALL FOR OUR SPRING FAIR?

Easter is a great time to see what you have in your garden that can be propagated to sell in our Plant Stall. There is still some warmth in our autumn days and cuttings taken now would be a decent size to sell at our Spring Fair in October.

Cordylines, agaves, geraniums, bromeliads and succulents are all easy to propagate. Family and friends may also like to get involved.

If you have some great garden stall ideas, contacts at local nurseries or even a stack of unused pots to donate we'd love to hear from you.

Please contact Vanessa Vanhedges@gmail.com

FAMILY MOVIE NIGHT – Friday 19th June

Save the date – we have again booked Tower Cinema for a TJPS Family Movie night on Friday 19th June. Details will come next term – but pop the date in your diary.

THANK YOU - ELECTION DAY:

We had an army of volunteers help out on Friday and Saturday last week. I must single out Suzanne Taylor and Donna Reay for the huge amount of work they put into the Book Fair and BBQ. Donna has been processing the incoming books, and sorting through them for the last fortnight, and spent a lot of time on Saturday co-ordinating the book fair. Suzanne is an absolute workhorse who, as well as organising supplies for the BBQ, spent a significant portion of the day working hard to keep supplies up to the BBQ. These great events don't happen without people who are willing to step up and take on some co-ordinating responsibility. This helps spread the workload around.

Thanks also to Liz Ginters for sorting the rostering, and accommodating the various changes in commitments that arose for a number of people at the last minute. Thanks to Vera Moore for working extremely hard with the co-ordination of the cake stall on Saturday. Thanks also to Patricia Kinney, Bronwyn Geerarts and Sarah Cook for their help in co-ordinating Friday's preparation efforts for the cake stall.

Thanks to Suki Kwon, Vera Moore, Patricia Kinney, Sarah Cook and Bronwyn Geerarts for sorting and packaging all of the donated cakes and slices on Friday.

Thank you to our army of volunteers on Saturday, including: Suzanne Taylor, Melissa Sinclair, Vanessa Hedges, Justin Pearson & Ollie, Michael McKie, Richard Haines, Jane Hamson, Michael Jonker, Michelle, Sara, Jay Bruni, David Martin, Mark Masia, Karen, Lisa Barritt-Eyles, Katharine Barrett, Vera Moore, Suki Kwon, Jane Geary, Lisa Difford-Stammell, Denise Martin, Karen La Fou, Rebecca Brennan, Peta Norris, Anousha Victoire, Leonie

Funk, Donna Reay & Breanna, Allison Garrett, Thomas Olsen, Johanna Anderson & Oliver, Sarah Cook, Eloise Fleck, Lauren & Nathan, Darragh O'Hagan, Sylvia Allen, Robyn Malby, Sally Hobden, Tauri Smart & Poppy and anyone else that I may have inadvertently overlooked in this very big list of names!! Thanks also to those of you who pulled double shifts (or more). We have such a generous school community, and events like this require a lot of support.

THANK YOU – EASTER RAFFLE:

Thanks to Olga Kovacev, June McTaggart, Aneta Buxton and Nicole D'Agostino for helping collate and package the raffle tickets to send out to our school families. Thank you to Kelsey Barrett & Liz Geddes for helping to sort the donations as they've come into the office. Thanks also to Patricia Kinney, Danielle Psarris and Jasmine Page for doing the processing of tickets and raffle money as they've come in to school. And thanks also to Johanna Anderson for co-ordinating all of the above!!

Subscribing to the P&C Email List

To subscribe to the P&C email list, please visit <http://eepurl.com/bfuMIX> or use the following QR code:



You can still contact the P&C at junctionpandc@hotmail.com – this won't change, but we'd prefer you subscribe / unsubscribe using the links above.

UPCOMING P&C EVENTS:

Date	Time	Event
1 May (Fri)	1.30 pm	P&C Meeting
7 & 8 May	TBC	Mother's Day Stall (Help Needed)
2 June (Tues)	7.00pm	P&C Meeting
19 June	Evening	Family Movie Night – Tower Cinema
31 Oct	12pm-4pm	Spring Fair 2015

Other P&C MEETING DATES THIS YEAR:

- Fri 7th August at 1.30pm
- Tues 1st Sept at 7pm
- Fri 9th Oct at 1.30pm
- Tues 3rd Nov at 7pm
- Fri 4th Dec at 1.30pm

Other meetings may be held as required, and notice will be given accordingly.

Julie Wharton
P&C President

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Holiday Discovery Adventures with National Parks

Are you looking for fun nature adventures this holiday, then check the National Parks and Wildlife Service great outdoor activities. From our Spooky night walk and rockpool rambles to our WilderQuest treasure trails and Bush to beach family adventure, there is something for everyone. For more information and bookings go to www.nationalparks.nsw.gov.au/Whats-On [search location: Tomaree], or phone 13000 PARKS / 1300 072 757. If you would like to register your email for future programs, please contact Suzanne.Olsson@environment.nsw.gov.au or phone 4984 8210.

More photos from Stage 1 Design Challenge Day.....





SOME OF OUR ZONE CROSS COUNTRY COMPETITORS

