

# The Junction News

Newsletter of The Junction Public School



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Term 1 – Week 6

Tuesday 3 March 2015

## PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

### High School Choices 2016

Very soon parents of Year 6 students will receive the High School nomination forms for Government Schools for 2016. The forms will contain information for local high school choice or other high school choices. Please note the return date for these forms and return to school as soon as possible – this will allow all the processes to be followed. Thank you.

### Cross Country

We are looking forward to our Cross Country Carnival to be run at Nesca Park on Friday week – 13<sup>th</sup> March.

This is always a very enjoyable day for all students from Years 3 to 6 as well as strong '8 year old' Year 2 runners, who can competently run the 2km course. This year we will be running the event earlier in the day – with students walking up to Nesca Park at 9.30am and returning to school before lunch at 1pm for the P&C BBQ which will be at school this year. Also looking forward to the great parent and community support we get for this event. Information and permission notes are going home today.

### P&C Meetings

The AGM for the P&C will be held tonight in the staffroom at 7pm. Following the AGM will be the normal meeting. P&C Meetings are held on the first Tuesday of the month and I would like to say, play a very important role in partnership with the school. I value highly the time given by parents who attend these meetings and assist me with input on important decision making processes for the school. It would be great to see some more new faces at these meetings which are friendly, informative and an essential link to our school community. Meetings are finished by 9pm – come along and say 'hello'.

### Regional Swimmers

Best wishes to our school team who will represent the zone at The Regional Swimming Carnival at Maitland Pool this Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> March. It will be a very strong group of swimmers who should all be proud of their individual achievements after many hours of dedicated training. See full report later in newsletter.

### News for Hockey Fans

A 'Modified Hockey Comp' is going to take place with a "Come and Try It Day" for anyone who wishes to have a

go on Saturday 21st March 8.30 to 9.30am at Newcastle Hockey Fields.

This day will not cost the clubs any money but will be funded jointly by the Boys and the Women's Board. Any coaches are welcome to come along and help out on the day.

The competition will start the following week, Saturday 28th March (starting at either 8.30am or 9am). They would like to run two separate competitions this year - one on half field and one on quarter field. This will only go ahead depending on number of teams that nominate in each division. They indicate that they may have to run with quarter field for most of the season then a half field for the last few rounds. If interested please send your team nominations, either half or quarter field, ASAP to [mark@rjan.com.au](mailto:mark@rjan.com.au)

### Parent Teacher Interviews

This year we are holding our parent / teacher interviews early in the year with Kindergarten and Years 3 and 4 interviews taking place at the end of this term. Years 1 and 2 and Years 5 and 6 interviews will take place at the beginning of Term 2. The rationale for this is to meet with all parents early in the year, discuss how students have progressed in Term 1 and then further determine the learning directions for all students for the rest of the semester. We feel this structure will provide an opportunity for parents to provide us with very necessary information about their children early in the year, look at work samples and education plans where applicable.

Reports will be still distributed at the end of Term 2 and Term 4. Parents may make further individual appointments with class teachers for additional interviews throughout the year.

You will receive information very soon from your child's class teacher about the parent / teacher interviews so that you can nominate a time that suits you.

### Newcastle High School Information Evening

Newcastle High School is holding an Open Night tonight for parents/carers of students currently in Year 5 and 6. The evening (6pm – 7.30pm) will commence in the Staff House (entry via Main Foyer off Parkway Avenue). For further enquires phone: 4969 3177

Wendy Cheek, Principal

**CALENDAR - TERM 1 – 2015****Week 6****Event**

Tuesday, March 3	P & C Meeting & AGM – 7pm
Tuesday, March 3	Newcastle High School 'Open Night' – 6pm
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
Saturday, March 7	Olive Tree Markets at <u>Civic Park</u> 9am-3pm

**Week 7****Event**

Tuesday, March 10	School Photos
Wednesday, March 11	School Photos
Thursday, March 12	K-2 Sushi orders close
Thursday, March 12	Selective High School 2016 Test
Friday, March 13	School Cross Country – Nesca Park - (Year 3 – Year 6) + Competent 8 year old runners in Year 2
Friday, March 13	National Ride2School day

**Week 8****Event**

Wednesday, March 18	K-2 Sushi Day (you must have pre-ordered)
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**Week 9****Event**

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

No assembly this week for K-2. Kindergarten will start attending assembly next week in Week 7 Miss Chaffey

**Assembly times:**

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

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

**BOYS TAP GROUP**

Notes were given out yesterday to any boys in Years 2-6 who are interested in joining the school Tap Group. Lessons are commencing this Friday – 8am to 9am in the old school hall. If you are interested, please see the office for a note or see Mrs Dewar and Jenny the Tap teacher on Friday morning.

**SPECIAL MENTION AWARDS****TERM 1 WEEK 5****YEARS 1 & 2 ASSEMBLY**

1W	Thea Oliver V	Abby A Dominic M
1CF	Boden S Zachary R	Isla S Ty A
1JS	Sofia G Rowan L	Thomas K Snöfrid Y
1C	Clodagh M Chloe H	Yohan S Lillie S
2B	Louis G Daniel B	Phoebe L Lucy R
2R	Claudia W Taj W	Ella R Laila L
2/3W	Lucca S	Ronan B
2C	Ariel M Lily R	Oliver H Josie D

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

3H	Jessica P Jett P Aisling V	Owen D' Nate D
3MC	Hannah S Lily D	Kristian R Matilda A
3K	Manning G Zenon C	Trinity M
4L	Ziv Turner F Ned M Maya S	Scoutt H Jeremy S Lily F
4F	Chelsea B Ella W	Nate R Ethan A
5T	Arkadiya H David B Kobi L	Julia K Piper B Felix M
5S	Gus A Jet R Gus C Pearl C	Ayden K Joe P Eva N Ana N
5/6B	Georgia S Lara T Jackson D	Shanika B Ben D
6C	Ayesha L Katrina G	Aedan R Finn M
6S	Molly H Haley M	Taj A Tom S

## SCHOOL PHOTOS

Newcastle School Portraits will be taking the School Photos next Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> & Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> March. Every student received an envelope last week 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**

## 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 this Wednesday 4 March at 3.30pm in the classroom.

## HEADLICE

It has been brought to our attention there have been some cases of headlice. Headlice are very contagious. They are not the sign of unclean habits...anyone can get them. They multiply quickly within groups of people who are in close contact. They cause itching of the scalp and persistent scratching could be a sign of infection. Products, which can kill the lice, can be obtained without prescription from your chemist or supermarket. After using the product, it is important that time and care is taken to comb the hair with a fine toothcomb to **remove all the eggs** and lice. Bed linen, combs and brushes should be washed, to avoid re-infestation.

A second treatment 8 to 10 days later helps to ensure complete eradication of the problem.

## ZONE SWIMMING CARNIVAL REPORT

Congratulations to our wonderful swimming team on a very successful zone carnival. We have a number of students that have qualified for Regional at Maitland Pool this Thursday, including all four of our relay teams. We wish the following students the greatest of success in their events.

**Individual Events** Kelsey V, Ayesha Le, Indah J, Noah J, Saxon C, Flynn H, Travis H, Marc C, and James J.

### Relay Teams

**Junior Girls** - Kelsey V, Indah J, Monica L, Natasha N

**Junior Boys** - Xavier C, Noah J, Nate R, Sidney F

**Senior Girls** - Ayesha L, Jorjia V, Maya L, Michelle J

**Senior Boys** - Saxon C, Flynn H, Marc C, Travis H

Good luck to all students on the day. Mrs Cooper

## CLASS 1CF.....HAVE BEEN CREATIVE!

These are some delightful work samples from some creative artists in 1CF which were made during of our weekly CAPA groups. We looked at Van Gogh's painting "Starry Night" and then created our own versions of this. To see more of the exciting things we get up to, please visit our class weebly: [tjps1cf.weebly.com](http://tjps1cf.weebly.com)

Miss Fuller and Mrs Campbell



## NATIONAL RIDE2SCHOOL DAY

National Ride2School Day takes place this year on Friday 13<sup>th</sup> March. On this day we are encouraging as many children as possible from Years 3 to 6, to either ride or walk to school, and to discover the benefits of regular physical activity. Please support this national initiative, if you are able to, and allow your child to participate in National Ride2School Day.

For more information, visit the website

[www.ride2school.com.au](http://www.ride2school.com.au)

## LIBRARY NEWS

Book Club forms were handed out last week by Mrs Land our Librarian. All Book Club orders and money needs to be back to the library TOMORROW!

There are still outstanding library books from last year – could you have a look around at home and return any books to the library please.

## DIGITAL CITIZENSHIP & SAFETY ONLINE – SOCIAL NETWORKING

While social networking can offer many benefits, there are risks. Sometimes children can forget who they are communicating with online and who might see the information they post. It can be easier for children and teens to say and do things online that they might not do offline. It can also be easier to talk to strangers online than it is offline, and they may confide too much in people they don't know well. It is important that children understand the risks associated with disclosing information about themselves online and know how to manage both their privacy and online 'friends'.

**Is my child old enough for social networking sites like Facebook, Instagram, YouTube, Tumblr, Twitter, Kik etc?** Most high profile social networking sites ask users to set up a profile with photos and information about themselves. **Age 13 is the minimum user age required** by Facebook, Instagram, YouTube, Tumblr and Twitter. Kik recommends that users are 17 years or older. For more information, visit [www.cybersmart.gov.au](http://www.cybersmart.gov.au)

## CANTEEN NEWS

The canteen will be holding Sushi Days later this term. Due to the high demand last year – they will hold two separate days – one for (K-2) and one for (3-6).

### K-2 SUSHI DAY – WEDNESDAY 18<sup>TH</sup> MARCH

All students in K-2 will receive a 'Yellow' Sushi order form today. The orders/payment need to be at the canteen by Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> March.

Years 3 – 6 will be having a Sushi Day later in the term – Order forms for this Sushi Day will go out next week.

## UNIFORM SHOP

There is still a delay with the supplier of the white school shirts. Once they have arrived they will be distributed to those who have orders in.

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.

## AFTER SCHOOL CARE...by Camp Australia

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

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.campaustalia.com.au](http://www.campaustalia.com.au)



## P & C NEWS

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

Tonight is our P&C AGM, as well as our regular March meeting. All parents and carers are welcome to join us in the staff room (or possibly a Year 5 or 6 classroom if numbers require). The meeting will start at 7pm promptly.

### CLASS LISTS 2015

The class lists are now being collated. It's big job, but we're hoping we can have them ready to send out in the next week or two. Many thanks to Darragh O'Hagan who is helping with this.

Please note, 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).

### EASTER RAFFLE DONATIONS

We now welcome donations for our annual Easter raffle. Donations of easter eggs etc can be dropped to the office, and our lovely volunteers will wrap them into prizes closer to easter. Raffle tickets will come home next week. Many thanks to Johanna Anderson who is co-ordinating.

### ELECTION DAY CAKE STALL – CO-ORDINATOR NEEDED

Sorry, there was a mix up last week – and we are still in need of a co-ordinator for our Election Day cake stall. If you can help co-ordinate either the Friday or the Saturday component (or both), please drop us a line at [junctionpandc@hotmail.com](mailto:junctionpandc@hotmail.com). If we can't find a cake stall co-ordinator by the end of this week, we will cancel this and focus on the Book Fair and BBQ.

### ELECTION DAY BOOK FAIR – DONATIONS NEEDED

We will soon be calling for donations for the second hand book fair to be held on Election Day. We are still finalising where we can store the donations in the lead up, so while we encourage you to start going through your old books, we will probably ask that you start bringing them in around the week of 16<sup>th</sup> March.

### 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). Both (K-2) and (Years 3-6) children 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.

### Subscribing to the P&C Email List

We are trialling a new method of managing the P&C email list. As a result, people can subscribe through the following link and QR code: <http://eepurl.com/bfuMIX>



This method will also allow people to unsubscribe through links in each email. We are hoping this will make management of the P&C email list a little easier, as it had become a little cumbersome due to the limitations of Hotmail and the numbers of people on our list. This is a great way to keep up with the P&C and stay involved in school.

You can still contact the P&C at [junctionpandc@hotmail.com](mailto:junctionpandc@hotmail.com) – this won't change.

### UPCOMING P&C EVENTS:

Date	Time	Event
3 March	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	TBC	Spring Fair 2015

Julie Wharton  
Acting P&C President

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



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Public School  
P&C  
on Facebook



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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 [tipsethics@gmail.com](mailto:tipsethics@gmail.com)  
Ethics Co-ordinator for The Junction Public School

## COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

### MEREWETHER CARLTON JUNIOR RUGBY CLUB

Register now! – All ages required.  
Birth Certificate required for new players.

Contact:

Mark - 0412 602956

Brad - 0428 574937

Simon - 0407 418270

Anthony - 0475 434202

Email Anthony: [bushie67@bigpond.com](mailto:bushie67@bigpond.com)

### JAK ACTION.....

(JAK) Junction Active Kids gives all students the opportunity to participate in short sport activities twice a week! This program is run by students in Year 6 who co-ordinate groups and rotate them through different activities.

