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Term 1 – Week 9

Tuesday 24 March 2015

## PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

### State Swimming Superstars!

Best wishes to our school swimming team competing at the State Swimming Championships at Homebush Wednesday and Thursday of this week. This is an outstanding achievement again – and of particular note is the participation of all four relay teams – boys and girls, senior and junior. Amazing stuff!

Congratulations: **Kelsey, Ayesha, Noah, Saxon, Flynn, Marc, Indah, Monica, Natasha, Xavier, Nate, Sidney, Jorjia, Maya, Michelle and Travis.**

We are proud of all of you and wish you all the best at the State Championships.

### Cross Country Carnival

I would like to sincerely congratulate all the students who attended the Cross Country Carnival at Nesca Park last Wednesday. The weather was kind to us, the participation by all students was wonderful to see, the attendance and support by parents was greatly appreciated and the work and organisation by teachers was again outstanding. Many individual records were again set – we have a lot of very fit children in our school which is good to see. Congratulations to Treharne who won the carnival! Many thanks to teacher Jody Cooper for again organising a superb carnival for all. See the results further in the newsletter.

### Easter Hat Parade – Kinder to Year 2

Just giving you advance notice that our Easter Hat Parade for students in Kinder to Year 2 will take place on Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 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! Students in Years 3 – 6 are to wear their normal School Uniform (this is not an out of uniform day for them).

### Book Fair

Thanks to all the families who have brought in books for our Book Fair being held at school on the State Election Day 28<sup>th</sup> March. If you are happy to 'donate' please

leave books in the old hall, in the tubs provided – thanks. The P&C will also be running a cake stall on the day.

### Staff Professional Development Afternoon

This afternoon staff will be participating in a practical Professional Development session focussing on the explicit teaching of Fundamental Movement skills for students.

### Focus for Session: Fundamental Movement Skills

- Professional development focused on sequential fundamental movement skill development
- Teaching Fundamental Movement Skills comprehensively from the early stages
- Supporting all students with development of skills in physical activities

Discussion and professional development will also take place around:

- Engagement of parents by promoting achievements in the PDHPE components of the curriculum (as opposed to elite sports)
- Additional resources and equipment to support the roll out of quality programs including organising recess and lunchtime equipment packs
- Adding information for parents to school newsletters
- Improved playground markings to increase active play at recess and lunch
- Year 6 Student skill and competence in supporting younger students to develop FMS competence

This 3 hour workshop will replace part of the School Development Days allocated at the end of the year 18<sup>th</sup> December.

### Design Challenges and Enrichment Days

Stage 1 and Stage 3 students will be involved in design challenges this week! Stage 3 students designed a 'Marble track' today – looking at what materials could be used to produce different energies to move the marble. Stage 1 students are testing paper plane designs and then designing their own for distance this Thursday.

Stage 1 Design Challenge Day this Thursday! Additional information: Parents/Grandparents are invited to join classes testing paper planes at 12.30pm. Between 1pm-2pm you may stay and have lunch. From 2pm students will rotate playing 'olden day' games with their visitors.

### Before School Supervision.

I need to remind all parents and carers that there is no formal supervision of students before 8.30am of a morning. It is preferred that students do not arrive at school before this time so that they are completely safe. If this provides difficulty for working parents and families, perhaps arrangements can be made with other families for assistance or enquiries be made to 'Before School Care' for that additional supervision. Please contact me if you would like to discuss this issue further – thanks.

### Band and Dance Fees – Term 1

The fees for band and dance in Term 1 are now due! If you have unpaid fees, an invoice will be posted to you this week. We would appreciate payment by the end of this term. Thank you.

Wendy Cheek, Principal

## CALENDAR - TERM 1 – 2015

### Week 9

### Event

Wednesday, March 25	YEAR 3-6 SUSHI DAY (you must have pre-ordered)
Wednesday, March 25	State Swimming
Thursday, March 26	State Swimming
Thursday, March 26	Year 1 & 2 Design Challenge & Grandparents afternoon (See Mrs Cheek's report for more details)
Friday, March 27	Zone Cross Country
Friday, March 27	Final day for knitted poppies
Saturday, March 28	Election Day – P & C Cake stall & Book Fair (8am to 2pm)

### Week 10

### Event

Thursday, April 2	K – 2 Easter Hat Parade 9.15am
Thursday, April 2	Last day of school – Term 1

## CALENDAR - TERM 2 – 2015

### Week 1

### Event

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

### 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 8

### KINDER ASSEMBLY

KK	William Aleesha	Beau Kye
KD	Bailey Lewis	Isaac Imogen
KH	Angus Marley	Riley Amelia
KE	Zavier Curtis	Jacob Audrey

### BIKE SAFETY

Recently it has been noticed that some students who ride to school are not observing the road rules and are riding in a dangerous manner on the way to and from school. Please speak to your children about the importance of correctly using the pedestrian crossing and stopping at the lights if they are red. We are surrounded by many busy roads and it is important that the students are aware of their responsibility to keep themselves safe.

### BAND NEWS

I'm pleased to report that all of our bands are making great progress so far this year. Punctuality at morning rehearsals is continuing to improve. Please remember we start playing at 8am sharp. All Band tutors are very happy with the progress our new junior band members are making. All musicians are practicing hard and producing great music. All of this great work will continue as long as each band member continues to practise at least once each day. Please keep encouraging your child to practise his/her instrument.

A big thank you to our conductors and tutors for your dedication to our band program.

Our first fundraiser for the year is a jelly bean jar guessing competition. Our band captains will be selling guesses outside the canteen during the first half of lunch every day until next Wednesday (1/4/15). Each guess is 20c and could win you the entire jar of jelly beans!

One of our fundraisers this year will again be Entertainment books. 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.

### PSSA CRICKET

Congratulations to the boys' knockout cricket team who defeated Belair Public School convincingly 148 – 72. It was a wonderful team effort with our top three batsmen all scoring runs including Taj who retired on 42. Our opening bowlers Max and Orlando bowled superbly to have Belair on the back foot right from the start. It was hard to pick a 'Man of the Match' performance however Jake anchored the innings and kept magnificently to our bowlers who were moving the ball all over the place. We were very

impressed with their attitude, upbeat support for each other and overall team effort. Mrs Cooper

## CROSS COUNTRY

Congratulations to the following students who will attend the Zone Cross Country this Friday at Stevenson Park, Mayfield.

Xavier, Ned, Timothy, Lauren, Eva, Claire, Charlie, Nate, Ethan, Nell, Pearl Sylvia, Daniel, Flynn, Ethan, Yasmin, Ebony, Asha, Saxon, Joshua, Cooper, Madi, Maya, Jorjia. All the best for Friday!

Mrs Cooper



## STARSTRUCK UPDATE

In week 2 and week 5 of Term 2, we will be attending rehearsal days for Starstruck. All of these important dates are listed on our school Starstruck website:

<http://tjps5s2015.weebly.com/star-struck-2015.html>

This website is constantly updated with important information so please ensure you check it regularly. Also a reminder that order forms for Starstruck T-Shirts are due this Friday! Thanks Mrs Smith

## HEALTH TIPS.....

### Vegetable tips for snacks

- include vegetables slices with cheese and crackers
- top English muffins with chopped tomato, capsicum and ham, sprinkle with grated reduced-fat cheese and heat in the oven or grill
- serve vegetable sticks with salsa
- vegetable-based soup makes a great snack on cold afternoons
- cooked two minute noodles mixed with grated zucchini and chopped tomatoes and top with grated reduced-fat cheese.

## CANTEEN NEWS –

### Year 3-6 Sushi Day is tomorrow!!

(You must have pre-ordered!!) The normal canteen menu is available if you did not order Sushi!

## 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

Our School Banking day is Monday! 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.

### Camp Australia operating hours:

6:30am – 9am

3pm – 6pm

Families, if you know that your child is **NOT** going to attend their session please phone the co-ordinator on 0450 267 282 to let them know in advance. If your child has gone home sick from school please also notify us. This will prevent staff from being taken away from supervising other children.

Please note that on the parent portal when booking your child in for care, Monday 27<sup>th</sup> April has been closed. If you wish to book your child in for care on this day please contact Felicity and book in at the centre for either morning care or the afternoon session.

Camp Australia are looking for any donations of any recycled craft that the children may be able to use, If you have any recyclable items please feel free to drop them into the centre's recycled box.

We look forward to seeing you soon.

The Junction Camp Australia Team

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

### ELECTION DAY – Book Fair, Cake Stall and BBQ – THIS SATURDAY!!!

**Cake Stall Donations:** Please deliver to the staff room this Friday morning (27<sup>th</sup> March). Please avoid items which need refrigeration if possible. Please also label with ingredients so that we can be as allergy aware as possible.

**Book Fair Donations:** Please deliver to the old hall any time this week.

**Cake Stall Preparations – Help Needed Friday:** This Friday we will need help from 9am in the staff room to package and sort cake stall donations. Please turn up on the day if you can help. We will also need a hand moving the donations from the staff room to the canteen at about 2pm. This won't take long – but if you are around on Friday afternoon, please keep an eye out and see if anyone needs a hand.

**Book Fair Preparations Friday:** We may need some help sorting through books on Friday afternoon. Please contact Donna Reay on [donnareay@bigpond.com](mailto:donnareay@bigpond.com) to see what sort of help might be needed and when.

### BBQ, Cake Stall & Book Fair – Help Needed Saturday:

This Saturday, we need a hand to fill a few more spots on the roster. If you can help out on the day, please email Liz Ginters on [elizabeth-g@bigpond.com](mailto:elizabeth-g@bigpond.com). The shifts are:

7.30am - 9am (set up)

9am - 10.30am

10.30am - Noon

Noon - 2.00pm (pack up)

We will need about four people per stall per shift, plus possibly some extras for set up and pack up shifts. Older primary children are welcome to come along with a parent / carer to help with the cake stall or book fair.

This will be a fun day, and a great way to raise money for resources at our school.

### EASTER RAFFLE

**Donations:** Please deliver donations for the easter raffle to the office by this Friday.

**Tickets:** Tickets & money are due back next **Monday 30 March**. The raffle will be drawn at the Easter hat parade on Thursday, but our volunteers need time to sort through tickets and money and get them ready for raffling off. Additional books available from the office.

### 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 coordinator 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 7th & 8th May (or thereabouts). If you can help with this, please contact me at the P&C email.

### CLASS LISTS 2015

The class lists have now been distributed. They were emailed to everyone who provided an email address, and hard copies were provided to those who hadn't. Any subsequent revisions to class lists will only be issued via email. So, if you haven't provided an email and would like to be included in updates, if there are any, then please drop the P&C an email, including your children's names and classes.

If by chance you don't think you received your class list via email, then please check your junk email folder and make sure you've added [junctionpandc@hotmail.com](mailto:junctionpandc@hotmail.com) as an approved sender / not spam address.

### SPRING FAIR – 31 October 2015

Our major fundraiser for this year will be the Spring Fair. Please save the date for Saturday 31<sup>st</sup> 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 [tipsspringfair@gmail.com](mailto:tipsspringfair@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 [marketingtipsspringfair@gmail.com](mailto:marketingtipsspringfair@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.

#### **FAMILY MOVIE NIGHT – Friday 19<sup>th</sup> June**

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

#### **P&C Finance Committee Meeting / Budget Meeting**

The P&C is having a budget meeting, on Monday 30 March at 7pm. If you are interested in coming along, please contact me at the P&C email and I will make sure you are advised of the meeting time and location.

#### **THANK YOU:**

Special thanks this week to those who helped with the selling of drinks at the rescheduled cross-country last Wednesday, particularly Yolanda Coleman and Kelsey Barrett, along with Suzanne Taylor and anyone else I may have missed.

#### **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](mailto: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
28 March	8am – 2pm	State Election: The P&C will run a BBQ, Cake Stall, and 2 <sup>nd</sup> Hand Book Fair.
1 May (Fri)	1.30 pm	P&C Meeting
2 June (Tues)	7.00pm	P&C Meeting
19 June	Evening	Family Movie Night – Tower Cinema
31 Oct	TBC	Spring Fair 2015

#### **Other P&C MEETING DATES THIS YEAR:**

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

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

Julie Wharton  
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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#### **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

## More action from CROSS COUNTRY .....



## COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS.....

### MYUNA BAY SPORT & RECREATION CENTRE

April Holiday Programs 2015

PHONE enquiries / bookings : 131302

<b>Program</b>	<b>Dates</b>	<b>Ages</b>	<b>Cost</b>
<b>Adventurer Camp</b>	<b>13 – 17<sup>th</sup> April 2015</b>	<b>7 – 12 years</b>	<b>\$336.00 / person</b>

The program includes: all meals, accommodation and activities.

Activities could include any or all of the following: low & high ropes challenge course, rock climbing, abseiling, archery, giant swing, canoeing, kayaking, flying fox and much more.

### KEY ASSETS NSW – Foster Care provider

Key Assets NSW is a dynamic not-for-profit foster care provider seeking to provide high quality and innovative family placements for children & young people with varying needs. We are a part of the international children's services organisation, Core Assets, with over 20 years' experience of meeting the needs of children and young people in Out of Home Care.

Currently there is a shortage of foster carers in the Hunter and Central Coast Region and we are looking for people to provide safe and stable homes to children who need love and care.

Becky Senior - Recruitment Officer

T: (02) 8336 5700

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

### HUNTER SPORTS CENTRE – Glendale

School Holiday Program (4 – 12 years)

Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> April to Monday 20<sup>th</sup> April

7.30am to 6pm (Meals included)

Bookings essential: 4953 6366

Or go to the website for details information:

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

### GREAT AUSSIE BUSH CAMP.....

Pacific Highway, Tea Gardens 2324

Holiday Camp for Kids

When: 15<sup>th</sup> to 17<sup>th</sup> April

Call: 1800 887717

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

email: [holidaycamp@bushcamp.com.au](mailto:holidaycamp@bushcamp.com.au)