

The Junction News

Newsletter of The Junction Public School



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Term 2 – Week 1

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PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Welcome back everyone. I'd like to thank our school community for their support and understanding in what has been a challenging start to the school term.

During the last two days we have done everything we can to ensure that the school is safe and ready for your children to attend. We have had a lot of issues with trees and damage to our old hall, but apart from that and the general debris, we are a safe and secure environment again and ready for a great Term 2.

A reminder that it's a useful time to download the 'Skoolbag App' if you haven't done so as a means to get mass messages and communication out directly to parents. Thanks everyone - you are a wonderful parent community.

Staff Development Day

On Monday, staff were involved in professional learning experiences - looking at our school plan for 2015-2017 and the actions required. We looked at an overview of our Maths framework, the use of Maths trackers and formative assessments. We also looked at the development and consolidation of teaching and learning frameworks and assessment for English / Maths / Science and History for Term 2. We completed a Child Protection review, looked at Technology Aps for English Units and participated in training for the Performance & Development Framework.

A very productive day!

ANZAC Service

Tomorrow, Friday 24th April at 10.00am, we will be holding our ANZAC commemorative school service in the new hall. The service will be led by our student leaders, and will feature a drama sketch by students, a guest speaker from the armed services, our school choir, a wreath laying ceremony, and our own buglers. Parents are warmly invited to attend if they wish.

Parent / Teacher Interviews

During the next two weeks parent teacher interviews will take place for parents of students in Stage 1 (Years 1 and 2) and Stage 3 (Years 5 and 6). We decided 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. Hopefully by now parents have arranged their interview

times with teachers of these classes. Reports will still be 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.

Maths Workshops for Parents

On Tuesday 5th May at 5.15pm we will running two workshops for parents in the area of Maths – one focussing on Kindergarten content and the other looking at content for Years 1 and 2. On Wednesday 6th May we will then hold two workshops again at 5.15pm – one for Years 3 and 4 content and another for Years 5 and 6 content.

We would like to provide all parents with an overview of the K-6 Maths syllabus, how we teach maths, how we assess student's understanding of Maths - both formative and summative, how we group students, activities that parents can do with their children to support them in the learning of mathematical concepts etc. We can show you work samples and give you an insight into the strategies we teach students.

Coming home with this newsletter is an 'Expression of Interest' for parents to indicate which sessions they would like to attend. This will assist us with our planning.

Save the Date – Grandparents Day / Harmony Day / Education Day – 19th May.

I know that all grandparents and grand-friends of our school really look forward to our annual Grandparents Day at The Junction Public School and that some people travel from afar to attend.

Please save the date of **Tuesday 19th May at 9.30am** and come and have a wonderful time at school with your children!

Easter Hat Parade / Raffle

Wow! Kinder to Year 2 students looked fabulous in their Easter Hat creations! What an enjoyable morning for everyone! The P & C Easter Raffle was won by Ruby H – congratulations to all the winners!



Wendy Cheek, Principal

CALENDAR - TERM 2 – 2015

Week 1	Event
Friday, April 24	Anzac Day Service – New Hall 10am

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

Week 3	Event
Tuesday, May 5	Maths Workshops for Parents (K-2) – 5.15pm
Wednesday, May 6	Maths Workshops for Parents (3-6) – 5.15pm
Thursday, May 7	Year 1 Gymnastics
Thursday, May 7	Mothers' Day Stall
Friday, May 8	Regional Cross Country
Friday, May 8	Mothers' Day Stall

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

K - 2 ASSEMBLY

Kinder to Year 2 assembly will be on next Wednesday (Week 2) and the following Wednesday (Week 3) from 2pm. Class 2W (Mrs Ware) students will host the assembly next week!

Assembly times:

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

YEAR 1 GYMNASTICS-Starts next Thursday!

A reminder that Gymnastics starts next Thursday for all Year 1 students. A purple note was sent out last term. The cost for this is \$36.00 and we would appreciate all permission notes and money be handed to the office by next Tuesday 28th April. Year 1 students will wear their Sports Uniform on a Thursday for Gymnastics!

BAND NEWS – Entertainment Books!

This year's Entertainment books will again be available in printed (book form) or digital form. These fantastic books are still only \$60! Information on pre-ordering entertainment books is available from the front office. We still have some 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!

UNIFORM SHOP

THE UNIFORM SHOP IS OPEN ON MONDAYS – 8.45AM TO 9.15AM

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 recommence next week 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

We trust everyone had a happy and safe Easter break. Term 2 is upon us, and highlights for the P&C this term will include the Mother's Day Stall and our Family Movie Night.

MOTHER'S DAY STALL

The stall will be held on Thursday 7th and Friday 8th May, and is put together using gifts donated by school families. Children will be able to choose a gift from one of the \$2, \$4 or \$6 tables. Visits to the stall on these days will be organised for each class through the school.

Donations of gifts for the stall are now welcome. Please leave them in the box at the front office by Monday 4th May.

Thank you to Karen La Fou, Sarah Cook and Kendall Long who are co-ordinating the Mother's Day stall. If you can volunteer to help at the stall on either Thursday or Friday please contact the P&C on the email: junctionpandc@hotmail.com

Uniform Shop – FlexiSchools

We are very close to going live with online ordering for our uniform shop through www.flexischools.com.au. This will not replace the face to face uniform shop of a Monday, but will supplement it. Orders placed via FlexiSchools will be processed at the next Monday that the Uniform Shop is open, provided that the order is placed by Sunday evening. Please be patient as our volunteers get used to the new system. If you have any concerns, please contact us at the P&C email.

P&C Meeting – Friday 1st May at 1.30pm

The next P&C meeting will be held on Friday 1st May at 1.30pm at school. All parents / carers are welcome to join us at any P&C meeting. It's a great opportunity to come along and hear what is going on in our school, and to meet other members of our school community.

P&C Donations – Maths & Science Kits

The P&C recently donated around \$3000 towards Maths and Science kits for the school. The school has put together kits for each class - jam packed with maths and science resources to enhance classroom learning. The P&C thanks our school community for their continued support, which allows us to in turn support school projects like these.

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 be sent out in the coming weeks – but pop the date in your diary.

THANK YOU – Easter Raffle:

A huge thank you to everyone who donated and/or helped with the Easter Raffle. The raffle raised about \$2000. In particular, a big thanks to everyone who helped wrap the 50 or so prizes, including Olga Kovacev, Natalie Bunker and Sylvia Allen, Yolande White, Barbara Bryant-Rycroft, Emma Byrne and Patricia Kinney and Jasmine Page. Thanks also to Resolve Legal (Day Family) and Monica Mamonto for their donation of the generous first prize basket.

A huge thank you to Johanna Anderson who co-ordinated the easter raffle from start to finish.

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	Mothers 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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EASTER COLOURING COMPETITION...**Ittravel at The Junction**

Rosie C from our school was Runner-up in the Easter colouring competition! Congratulations Rosie!



EASTER HAT PARADE PHOTOS.....

