

The Junction News

Newsletter of The Junction Public School



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Term 2 – Week 3

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PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Mother's Day Morning Tea

We will be holding our Mother's Day morning tea this Friday morning from 10.30am in the old hall. This is our annual Mother's Day event as a thankyou to all our mums for the great job they do all year. All mothers (nannas and friends) are welcome to attend to have a chat with friends and enjoy a delicious morning tea served by some of our senior students. Some entertainment will also take place. Looking forward to seeing all those who can make it!

Mother's Day Stalls

Our annual Mother's Day stalls will take place this Thursday and Friday morning in the new hall. Students will be able to choose a gift from \$2, \$4 and \$6 tables – so may be in need of a little extra 'pocket money' this week. Warm thanks again to our wonderful P&C team for organising this.

Whooping Cough Alert

In the last few days we have had a report of suspected whooping cough in the school. The student's family concerned, has followed all Hunter Health Guidelines and the student has begun treatment according to those guidelines. We are informed by Hunter Health that whooping cough is very prevalent in the community at the moment.

This infection starts as a short dry cough, which can become more severe. A characteristic "whoop" follows a series of rapid short coughs, as the child attempts to draw breath. The child should be kept home for 14 days from the start of illness, or until they have had 5 days of a 10 day course of antibiotics.

So this news item is to inform you that this was a suspected case of whooping cough and all correct procedures have been followed.

NAPLAN

The National Assessment Program for Literacy and Numeracy for Years 3 and 5 students will take place next Tuesday 12th, Wednesday 13th and Thursday 14th May. This diagnostic assessment program is a very useful tool for demonstrating the strengths and areas for development of students. Tuesday will be Language, Wednesday is Reading and Thursday is the Numeracy Assessment. The students have been prepared for the test environment and they are familiar with the test format. It is important to remember that these assessments provide a snapshot of how a child

performs on one day only. We do not use the results as part of our ongoing class assessments. The results provide an overall picture of strengths and weakness across the school and help to inform the staff of areas that may need general review. The students do not need to feel anxious about this activity and should be encouraged to just do their best and have a go.

Maths Parent Workshops

We have had a good response to the number of people wishing to attend the Parent Maths Workshops set down for this evening (Tuesday) and tomorrow evening (Wednesday) of this week. The workshops will begin at 5.15pm and run for about an hour. Parents may move between workshops if they wish to do so.

Kindergarten workshops – to be held in KE classroom
Year 1 & 2 workshops – to be held in 2C/2B classrooms
Year 3 & 4 workshops – to be held in 6C classroom
Year 5 & 6 workshops – to be held in 5S classroom

Assembly Speaker

It was absolutely wonderful last Friday to hear a presentation from Poppy, a Year 9 student from Newcastle High School. Poppy is the sister of Kip in Year 3, and spoke of her outstanding achievements in the area of skateboarding. Poppy is currently the Over 15 years 'Girls World Champion', she is still only 14 and won the Under 14 pointscore in 2014. Poppy is also an

accomplished artist in the area of graphic design and her works are currently being used commercially for the 'decks' of skateboards.

What impressed me most was Poppy's message to our student body that 'anything is possible' if you have aspirations or dreams and to just keep trying to achieve whatever is important to you. The students really received this message well. Poppy is a very inspiring young lady and we wish her all the best.

Wendy Cheek, Principal



CALENDAR - TERM 2 – 2015**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	Senior Band Day
Thursday, May 7	Year 1 Gymnastics
Thursday, May 7	Mother's Day Stall
Friday, May 8	Regional Cross Country
Friday, May 8	Mother's Day Stall
Friday, May 8	Mother's Day Morning Tea- 10.30am – Old Hall

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

Week 5**Event**

Tuesday, May 19	Grandparents Day/Harmony Day/Education Day – 9.30am
Thursday, May 21	Year 1 Gymnastics

Week 6**Event**

Monday, May 25	Whole school – Athletics Carnival – Glendale – Blue note
Thursday, May 28	Year 1 Gymnastics

Assembly times:

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

ATHLETICS CARNIVAL

A 'Blue' Athletics Carnival note went home last week to all students! The Athletics Carnival will be held at Glendale Athletics Track on Monday 25th May. Please return the Permission Slip and money (Cost: \$11) to the office as soon as possible please! Thank you!

YEAR 4 – GREAT AUSSIE BUSH CAMP

An 'orange note' will go out today to all Year 4 students with information about the November camp to Great Aussie Bush Camp. The note is also requesting a \$50 deposit to be paid by Friday 26th June.

SPECIAL MENTION AWARDS**TERM 2 WEEK 2****KINDER TO YEAR 2 ASSEMBLY**

KK	Oscar I Ollie D	Zavier A
KD	Jake B Imbi H	Isaac C
KH	Zara B	Fabian K
KE	Cedar B Angus S	Alice W
1J	Rosie B Harry R	Lucy W Keely H
1C	Quillon L Freya D	Ava B
1CF	Archie M Harmony B	Jett R Kimmika G
1W	Georgiana W Regan H	Ella W Noah G
2C	Saffron T Ava F	Kai H Brady Mc
2B	Sebastian S Elyssa K	Anna S Jaedyn Mc
2R	Blake F	Alex K
2W	Rebecca H	Millie B

YEARS 3, 4, 5 & 6 ASSEMBLY

3W	Bailey H	Darby R
3H	Connie B Charlie C Alexis De	Brianna R Brodi B
3MC	Luke G Luca W Blake O'B	Toby I Livinia C
3K	Ned R	Ilaria Mc
4L	Joe B Rosie C	Poppy D
4F	Oscar H Jordan C Morgan S	Archie J Hayley R Charlie G
5T	Alex S Junior T	Mia A
5W	Alexandra Mc Quinn P	Noah F Alan S
5/6B	Michelle J	Lara B
6C	Finn Mc Oliver P Lily L	Joshua T Bella F

BAND NEWS

Entertainment Books

We have had a delivery of Entertainment Books today – for those who have ordered books please look in your child's bag over the next few days. Books and digital memberships can still be bought online at this URL:

<https://www.entertainmentbook.com.au/orderbooks/3427k1>

Our money raised will contribute to the purchase of new instruments and music for our bands.

Senior Band Day

Senior Band will have their first band day on Thursday of this week (7/5/15). Lunch will be in the form of pizzas provided at no cost to students. Parents are invited to a concert at 2:30 pm in the music room. A note has gone home today.

Senior Band Performance

Senior Band will perform at the Education Week / Grandparents Day / Harmony Day assembly on the 19th of May. Students will be required to wear full band uniform (see below). Band rehearsal will be as normal on Tuesday the 19th to prepare for this performance.

Band Uniform

All musicians in our bands are required to wear full band uniform when they perform. Our uniform is important as it helps to make us feel part of our band teams. Band uniform is black long pants, black leather shoes and black socks, and our fantastic band polo shirt. These shirts are available from the uniform shop at a cost of \$30 and come in child sizes 6-16.

YEAR 1 GYMNASTICS

The school gymnastics program started for Year 1 students last Thursday! All students enjoyed their session! Please remember Year 1 students are to wear their Sports Uniform on a Thursday.

CANTEEN NEWS – New Winter Menu

A new 'Yellow' Winter Menu went home last week! There are some new winter food items included and some price changes – please destroy your 'Hot Pink' Summer menu! Thank you

SCHOOL BANKING

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 Monday mornings.

WHAT'S HAPPENING IN YEAR 2!

This term Year 2 are comparing imaginative and informative texts. This week we really tested our skills by thinking imaginatively but writing informatively. We drew Horned Ripper Dragons and then wrote a paragraph explaining the diet of the creature. Here are just a few of our terrific pieces of writing:

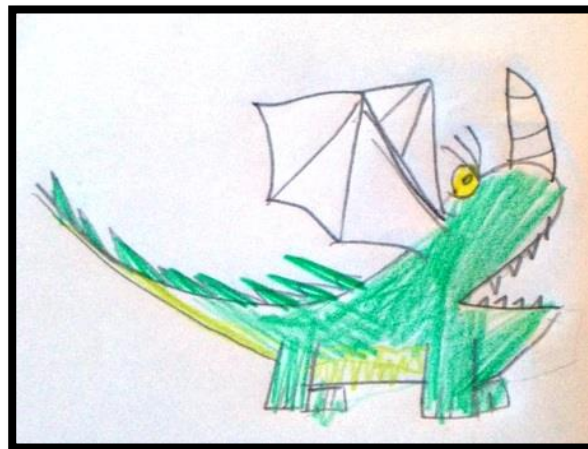
The Horned Ripper Dragon eats tiny little bugs. It catches its prey by swishing its big, long tail before squashing the bug and eating it. It does not like to share its prey with its family. By Ruby

The Horned Ripper Dragon is a carnivore, which means it eats meat. Horned Ripper Dragons steal their prey by swooping down on fish in the lake. Then they go and share their prey with their family. By Ryland

The Horned Ripper Dragon is a carnivore. It latches on to its prey and carries them away. If it is starving it will eat other Horned Ripper Dragons! By Brady

Horned Ripper Dragons are omnivores, which means they eat plants and animals. They climb trees to reach leaves because they are small. They also eat bugs and bring food home to share. By Ariel

Be sure to pop by our class blog - <http://tips2c.weebly.com> to see more of our wonderful work!



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

A huge thank you to the army of parents, Suki, Eloise, Jasmine, Kim, Monique, Suzy, Mandy, Carol, Patricia, Yolanda, Ngaire and any other parents who assisted in the relocation of the Uniform Shop on Monday. Thanks to the Harden family for the donation of a clothes rack. The Uniform Shop is still in the old hall but now has a new home in a room at the side of the hall. Thank you to teacher Mrs Jody Cooper and Mark Hor our General Assistant for building our new shop!!

UNIFORM SHOP

Online Uniform Shop Ordering is Here!

The P&C has introduced a great new online ordering system which can be used for the **Uniform Shop Ordering and Special Event Ticket Purchases** called FlexiSchools. This system allows parents, students and staff to place orders from home, work or school at any time. The payment is also done online, so **less cash, cheques, and envelopes**. FlexiSchools operates in hundreds of schools across Australia.

Getting online is easy and only takes a few minutes to register. Simply go to www.flexischools.com.au and click **"Register Now"**. You will be sent an email with further instructions on how to complete the registration. Once registered, you can start placing orders immediately. If you have any questions, FlexiSchools provide a help desk on 1300 361 769, or you can contact them via their website. There are a variety of payment options supported, including Visa, Mastercard (credit and debit) and Bank Transfer.

The system is now available for the Uniform Shop, so we look forward to seeing your next order online! If you have any questions about the online services we are introducing, please contact the P&C at: junctionpandc@hotmail.com.



Payment for Uniform Orders is by: Flexischools (see above), Cash or Cheque only –

Cheques payable to: The Junction School P & C. EFTPOS FACILITIES are only able to be used when ordering by the Flexischools system.

UNIFORM SHOP SALE NEXT MONDAY!!!!!!!

All second hand clothing will be sold for \$1. There are some brand new black fleecy trackpants for sale for \$10!

Donna Reay, Co-ordinator

P & C NEWS

MOTHERS DAY STALL – this week!!!

If you still have donations for the Mother's Day stall, we really need them by 9am Wednesday please. Please leave them in the box at the front office.

The stall will be held on Thursday 7 and Friday 8 May this week, 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.

Thank you to everyone who has volunteered to help out on the mother's day stall roster. I'm pleased to report that we have very healthy roster, and have been overwhelmed with support – so many thanks to those who have offered to help out.

Uniform Shop – FlexiSchools

I am pleased to report that our online uniform shop is now LIVE! Please see information elsewhere in the newsletter regarding how to use this service, but you can register at 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.

FAMILY MOVIE NIGHT – Friday 19th June

We are excited to announce that the movie for Family Movie Night will be **Minions**. This will be held on Friday 19th June at Tower Cinema, King Street Newcastle, with the movie starting at 6.30pm. Lock it into your diary!

Tickets will go on sale in the coming weeks, and our preferred method of booking will be online through the FlexiSchools website, but we will have some limited tickets available for purchase using cash through the school office.

Next P&C Meeting – Tues 2nd June at 7pm

Our Next P&C meeting will be Tues 2nd June at 7pm, and will be held in the staff room. All parents and carers are welcome, so please pop the date in your diary, and we'd love to see you.

Subscribing to the P&C Email List

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

If you need to contact the P&C, please drop us a line at junctionpandc@hotmail.com.

UPCOMING P&C EVENTS:

Date	Time	Event
7 & 8 May	School Hours	Mothers Day Stall (Help Needed)
2 June (Tues)	7.00pm	P&C Meeting
19 June	Evening	Family Movie Night – Tower Cinema
31 Oct 2015	12pm-4pm	Spring Fair 2015

Julie Wharton
P&C President