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Term 2 – Week 4

Tuesday 12 May 2015

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

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 next week and that some people travel from afar to attend. We are also celebrating Harmony Day and Education Week Open Day on this date.

We will begin our celebrations at 9.30am with an assembly in the new hall. All parents and grandparents are invited to attend to enjoy performances and presentations led by our student leaders. At the conclusion of the assembly all parents and grandparents are invite to visit their child's classrooms and participate in some class activities. After this, a morning tea will be available from 11.00am till 11.45am for all families to enjoy together. A flyer with details will be sent home with today's newsletter.

Congratulations

Congratulations to our students who attended the Regional Cross Country carnival last Friday and all achieved their personal bests in their respective events. Well done Saxon, Joshua, Madi, Daniel and Xavier.

Huge congratulations to Year 6 student Saxon who won the 12 years 3000 metre run and will now represent our Region at the State Cross Country – a remarkable achievement Saxon.

NAPLAN

The National Assessment Program for Literacy and Numeracy for Years 3 and 5 students is taking place this week. This diagnostic assessment program is a very useful tool for demonstrating the strengths and areas for development of students. Tuesday will assess Language, Wednesday is Reading and Thursday is the Numeracy Assessment. These assessments give us valuable diagnostic data of students learning and give a snapshot of student achievement at this time of the year.

Athletics Carnival

Our annual Athletics Carnival will take place on Monday 25th May at Glendale Athletics fields. The buses will be leaving school on the day by 9.00am – so all children are encouraged to be at school by 8.40am on this day. All parents are warmly invited to attend and enjoy the carnival.

After School Pick-Ups and Leaving School Grounds

When the bell goes at 3.00pm of an afternoon – most students and parents have a routine of where to meet for pick-ups etc. If parents who pick their children up are delayed for any reason, we would like all students to wait up in the office area where staff are still present to supervise and assist students. Could parents please reinforce this information to children and talk again about what procedures need to be in place if you are delayed? It would also be helpful if we always have up-to-date contact information – ie mobile phone numbers etc for quick contact. We would also appreciate all students, when dismissed at the end of the school day, to make their way home promptly and not remain in the school grounds playing unsupervised. If parents are 'catching up' with other parents, we ask that children remain with their parents until they are ready to leave. Thanks.

Thank you

Thank you to our wonderful parent volunteers, who organised and ran the Mother's Day stall last week – to great effect. A team of over 10 parents manned the stalls and gave all students a wonderful opportunity to choose a small gift for someone special in their families – whether it was a mum, a nanna, an aunt or a special family friend. We have a wonderful sense of community at The Junction and I really thank everyone who contributed. It was also lovely to see so many attend the Mother's Day morning tea on Friday.



Interrelate Family Evening Program

Interrelate will be holding two sessions at our school on Wednesday 27th May. Session 1: (6pm to 7pm) 'Where Did I Come From' (Years 3, 4, 5 & 6) and Session 2: (7.15pm to 8.15pm) 'Preparing for Puberty' (Years 5 & 6). Costs of these sessions are: \$25 per family for one session or \$30 per family to attend both sessions. A separate note for payment will be sent home this week!

Wendy Cheek, Principal

CALENDAR - TERM 2 – 2015

Week 4

Wednesday, May 13	Years 3 & 5 NAPLAN
Thursday, May 14	Years 3 & 5 NAPLAN
Thursday, May 14	Yr 1 Gymnastics-Sport uniform

Week 5

Tuesday, May 19	Grandparents Day/Harmony Day/Education Day – 9.30am (NO LUNCH ORDERS TODAY)
Wednesday, May 20	Intermediate Band Day
Thursday, May 21	Yr 1 Gymnastics-Sport uniform

Week 6

Monday, May 25	Whole school – Athletics Carnival – Glendale – Blue note
Wednesday, May 27	Interrelate – Session 1 - 6pm Session 2 – 7.15pm
Thursday, May 28	Yr 1 Gymnastics-Sport uniform

Week 7

Tuesday, June 2	P & C Meeting – 7pm
Thursday, June 4	Yr 1 Gymnastics-Sport uniform

Week 8

Monday, June 8	Public Holiday – No school
Thursday, June 11	Yr 1 Gymnastics-Sport uniform

Week 9

Thursday, June 18	Yr 1 Gymnastics-Sport uniform – Last session
Friday, June 19	P & C Movie Night – 6.30pm

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

Please send the 'Blue' Athletics Carnival note Permission Slip and money (Cost: \$11) to the office as soon as possible please! The Athletics Carnival will be held at Glendale Athletics Track on Monday 25th May.

YEAR 4 – GREAT AUSSIE BUSH CAMP

An 'orange note' went home last week 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 3

KINDER TO YEAR 2 ASSEMBLY

KK	Oliver William	Isabella
KD	Joe Lewis	Clancy Imogen
KH	Angus Zaac	Ella
KE	Kahlia Audrey	Elijah
1J	Lalita Tyson	Rowan Lilli
1C	Saoirse Samuel	Chloe Noah
1CF	Beth Sophie	Rosie
1W	Ava Dominic	Hamish Carmen
2C	Stella Madeline	Isaac Hamish
2B	Ace	Sofia
2R	Patrick Neve	Guilherme Amelia
2W	Toby	Eva

YEARS 3, 4, 5 & 6 ASSEMBLY

3W	Harry	Mia
3H	Asha Tayte	Samuel
3MC	Millin	Loki
3K	Astrid Mia	Marco
4A	David Jack Taj	Courtney Braith Amy
4L	Bridge Maya	Anthony Jeremy
4F	Nate Ava	Barnaby
5T	Daisy Felix	James Coco

5W	Molly Rylee	Oliver
5S	Mary-Jane Gus Paris	Emma Jesse Noah
5/6B	Leila Ben	Angus
6C	Patrick Sunny	Indi Phoebe
6S	Clara Charlotte	Molly
Choir	Kate Monica Lily	Lara Joel
Student of the month	Kelsey Neve Ella Hana Imogen Lily	Connie Bronte Max Bailey Timothy

BAND NEWS

Junior Band Uniforms

It's time for our Junior Band members to organise their band uniform. This consists of long black dress pants (not track pants), black socks, black leather shoes, and our fantastic band performance shirt. This shirt is available at the Uniform Shop at a cost of \$35. A reminder note will go home this week.

Intermediate Band Day

Intermediate Band will have their band day next Wednesday the 20th of May. A pizza lunch will be provided at no cost to musicians. Uniform for the day will be Sports Uniform. This is for comfort. A day of music making can be hard work! A note will be sent home this week.

Senior Band Performance

Senior Band will perform at next Tuesday's (19/5/15) Grandparents Day assembly. Could all Senior Band members please come to school in full band Uniform. A note will be sent home today (12/5/15).

Entertainment Books

These are available at the office for a few weeks only. Don't miss out! Books are still great value at \$60!

NETBALL REPORT

Last Tuesday our PSSA netball team competed at National Parks netball courts against Redhead Public School. After a 45 minute game The Junction girls fought as hard as they could with lots of determination. Unfortunately Redhead Public School came out on top and were the successful team on the day. Well done to all the netballers – great effort!

By Leela, Millie, Lily

REGIONAL CROSS COUNTRY

Last Friday 8th May, Saxon, Joshua, Madi, Daniel and Xavier competed at Regional Cross Country at the Broadmeadow race track. In the Under 12/13 year (boy's 3km race) Saxon came 1st and Josh came 13th! Madi competed in the Under 12/13 year (girl's 3km race) and came 11th! Daniel competed in the Under 11 boy's group and came 20th! Xavier competed in the Under 8/9 year (2km race) and came 14th!

By: Saxon and Joshua

Congratulations to all of our amazing runners, they had a fantastic day! We wish Saxon all the best as he heads off to the State Cross Country later this term! Jody Cooper

STATE PSSA BASKETBALL CARNIVAL

Last week from Monday to Thursday I attended the PSSA Basketball carnival in Wollongong. I played in the Hunter representative team. We played 7 games and ended up eighth overall. In our final we lost by one point. Even though I didn't make the State team the week was a great experience! By: Madi

CLASS 1CF

This term in 1CF we have been learning about insects. We read a really interesting e-book on the Smartboard and wrote some interesting facts about insects. We have also been learning about fiction and non-fiction books. We worked with a partner to sort some pictures of fiction and non-fiction books.



CANTEEN NEWS

There will be NO LUNCH ORDERS on Grandparent's Day – next Tuesday 19th May! Students will be able to purchase: Sandwiches - \$3.50, Party Pies - \$1.50, Party Sausage Rolls - \$1, Party Spinach & Ricotta Rolls - \$1.50, Cakes - \$2 and other items will be available for purchase.

SCHOOL PHOTOS.....

For parents wishing to order Specialty photos such as School Leaders, Band groups and Band Leaders please follow the instructions below:

The Junction Public School Specialty Group Photographs 2015

Specialty Group Photographs will be available online

Newcastle School Portraits

17A Denney St. Broadmeadow 2292
Hours: 9am -3.30pm Mon-Fri.
Closed School Holidays
Email: admin@newcastleschoolportraits.com
Ph:49 654114

www.newcastleschoolportraits.com
and follow the online ordering tabs to
School Specialty Groups

Password: 66480AF

Or ring our Broadmeadow office during school hours
Please note we are closed school holidays

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.

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

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 IS ON AGAIN 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

LOST PROPERTY

We have had an excessive amount of lost property – particularly Bomber Jackets and Hats!

Could parents please check their child's jackets tonight and write their child's name on every item of clothing clearly! We do try and return items to their owners however some names on jackets are very difficult to read! Thank you.

If you do purchase a second hand item of clothing – please cross out the old name and put your child's name on the item!

P & C NEWS

MOTHER'S DAY STALL

Thank you to everyone who helped with the Mother's Day stall. In particular a HUGE thanks to Kindy parents Karen La Fou & Mark Gibbeson who put in a huge effort over the last few weeks, keeping tabs on the incoming gifts, buying top up gifts and wrapping hundreds of gifts for the kids to select from. It was a great effort. Many thanks to all of the parents who helped out on Thursday too! In the end, all classes ended up coming through on Thursday – and so we also thank those who volunteered to help on Friday – apologies that your kind services were not needed in the end. Thanks also to Sarah Cook who co-ordinated the volunteers. We were in the fortunate position of having a healthy number of people on the roster. Thank you to the following local businesses who donated gifts for the stall: The Junction Café, Kenricks Hair Salon, Indulgence Beauty Therapy, Junction Pharmacy, and Junction Fair Chemmart Pharmacy

Hopefully the significant women in the lives of the kids at TJPS had a lovely day on Sunday, and enjoyed unwrapping the gifts that had been lovingly selected for them. I know I did!

Uniform Shop – FlexiSchools

As announced last week, the online uniform shop is now LIVE! Please see information elsewhere in the newsletter regarding how to use this service. This will not replace the face to face uniform shop of a Monday, but will supplement it. 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 staffroom. All parents and carers are welcome, so please pop the date in your diary, and we'd love to see you.

Thank You

As mentioned above, a huge thank you to everyone who helped with the Mother's Day Stall. In the lead up, a special thank you to Kim Forbes who helped pass on her knowledge of previous Mother's Day stalls, and thanks to Kendall Long, who provided support to Karen, Mark and Sarah. This thank you is to those who came along and helped out on Thursday, but also to those who had offered to help on Friday, but due to the efficiency of the teachers getting the kids through, weren't needed in the end. We still thank you for your support and offer of help, and do apologise if this last minute change threw your plans out at all. Thank you to everyone, including: Sarah Cook, Karen La Fou, Mark Gibbeson, Kendall Long, Kim Forbes, Olga Kovacev, Sonya McEntee, Terrina Logan, Robyn McGuire, Emily White, Darragh O'Hagan, Dave Hancock, Janet Doyle, Mandy Murtagh, Angela Finneran, June McTaggart, Kylie Chaffe, Jess Black, Aneta Buxton, Leigh Kurtz, Donna Reay, Jasmine Page, Johanna Anderson, Kath Doherty, Liz Geddes, Alison Dickson, Ali Robinson, Reagan Jackson, Candi Fong and Karen Goldrick.

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
2 June (Tues)	7.00pm	P&C Meeting
19 June	Evening	Family Movie Night – Tower Cinema
31 Oct 2015	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

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



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Public School
P&C
on Facebook



“Follow”

@TJPS_PandC
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Volunteers - We Need Your Help

A small and energetic team of volunteers is needed to contact businesses in our local community about sponsoring our first Spring Fair on 31 October 2015. A number of sponsorship packages are available; the funds we raise will support the internal and external resourcing of five new brick classrooms to be occupied in 2016.

If you are in a position to help please contact Eloise Fleck on email: sponsorshiptjpspringfair@gmail.com or on mobile: 0418 979 439.

Thank you in advance for helping to support your school.

When kids ask “the” questions... Interrelate has the answers!

Interrelate is a specialist organisation with over 85 years’ experience teaching sexuality and relationship education in NSW schools. Interrelate educators are highly trained and skillful presenters.

The topic of sexuality is handled with sensitivity, openness and humour. The program offers an interactive approach to learning, with a variety of audio-visual materials, discussions and games.

Session 1: Where did I come from?

1-hour session: years 3-6

Session 2: Preparing for puberty

1-hour session: years 5-6

Years 3-4 can attend at parent’s discretion

Specialty books are available for purchase on the night.

Keep a look out for flyers (coming home with your child before the program) outlining session content.

