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Term 2 – Week 5

Tuesday 19 May 2015

## PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

### Family Evening Program

We will be hosting a **Family Evening Program** from Interrelate at our school Wednesday 27/05/2015 (next week). Interrelate is a specialist organisation with over 85 years teaching sexuality and relationship education in NSW Public Schools. Interrelate educators are highly skilled and trained presenters. There will be two sessions:

**Session 1: 6:00pm "Where Did I Come From?"**  
**This is a one hour session for Years 3 to 6.**

**Session 2: 7:15pm "Preparing for Puberty"**  
**For Years 5 and 6 – but Years 3 and 4 can attend at parent's discretion.**

Parents are required to attend with their children - to assist them and to answer any personal questions. Specialty books are available to purchase on the night.

So that this body can continue this valuable service to schools across NSW, there is an admission charge of \$25 per family for one session and \$30 per family to attend both sessions.

Please return the attendance notes and payment as soon as possible. If you do not have a note at home – you can either download one from our website or collect one from the front admin area (white note) Thanks.

### Athletics Carnival – next Monday

Our Athletics Carnival is taking place next Monday 25<sup>th</sup> May at Glendale Athletic Centre. All students from Kinder to Year 6 will be participating and enjoying the competition and activities. All students will travel out to the Athletics Carnival by bus. A detailed 'blue' note about this event has been sent home in previous weeks.

**All students from Kinder to Year 6 will be leaving the school by bus from 9.00am – so all students need to be at school by 8.40am – to assemble and have their names marked off. They will return to school before 3.00pm.**

Kindergarten and Year 1 students will leave the carnival and return to school from Glendale at 1.30pm. All other students will leave the carnival at 2.30pm to return to school by 3.00pm.

All students are asked to return their permission notes and payment for admission to the sports centre and bus fare which is \$11.00. Buses are fitted with seat belts. It's

a wonderful day for all – parents are warmly invited to attend.

### Grandparent's Day

What a hugely successful Grandparent's Day we were able to experience today! It was wonderful to see so many grandparents, parents and family friends at school today and so many happy faces from our community. Congratulations to our junior choir, senior band and classes 2C and Kindergarten who sang so beautifully - all high quality performances which were appreciated by many.

Special thanks to Cliff Ford, grandparent of Finnlay in Year 5, who matched his wits with Year 6 student Max in a 'Hot Seat' type quiz about the generations. It was great fun! All of these performances made for a very special assembly topped off by classroom visits which the children thoroughly enjoyed. To all who came – many thanks for making it such a special day. We really love having our grandparents and grand-friends at our school.

### Walk Safely to School Day – Friday 22nd May

Well it's that time of year again when our school seriously starts talking about walking! Walk Safely to School Day asks that we all consider our transport habits and try to incorporate more walking as part of a healthy, active way to get around. And although walking all the way to school isn't realistic for many of us, it's quite easy to figure out how you can build a walk into your family's daily routine.

You can teach your child the healthy habit of walking more by: walking with them the whole way to school; if they get the bus or train, walk past your usual stop and get on at the next stop; if you have to drive, park the car a few blocks away from the school and walk the rest of the way.

Regular exercise like walking with your child not only helps them (and you!) beat chronic problems like obesity, heart disease, behavioural and mental health issues and diabetes, it also gives you a great opportunity to teach your child safe ways to behave around roads and traffic. For more information, visit [www.walk.com.au](http://www.walk.com.au). If you would like to discuss this with your child visit the website above. We have stickers at school that will be given out by the class teachers on the day.

### Dogs in School Grounds

Could I remind parents that dogs are not permitted on school grounds under Section 14 of the Companion Animals Act. I would therefore appreciate parents not bringing dogs to school when dropping off or picking up

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children. A dog which was brought into the school grounds yesterday morning – left a ‘deposit’ behind – that was not appreciated by the next person who walked in that space. As there are over 600 children on site it also becomes a safety issue for the children and for the dogs. Thanks.

Wendy Cheek, Principal

## CALENDAR - TERM 2 – 2015

### Week 5

Event	
Wednesday, May 20	Intermediate Band Day
Thursday, May 21	Yr 1 Gymnastics-Sport uniform
Friday, May 22	Walk Safely to School Day

### Week 6

Event	
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

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

### Week 8

Event	
Monday, June 8	Public Holiday – No school
Thursday, June 11	Yr 1 Gymnastics-Sport uniform
Saturday, June 13	P & C Working Bee

### Week 9

Event	
Wednesday, June 17	Year 3 Excursion to Sydney
Thursday, June 18	Year 4 Excursion to Sydney
Thursday, June 18	Yr 1 Gymnastics-Sport uniform – Last session
Friday, June 19	P & C Movie Night – 6.30pm

## GREAT AUSSIE BUSH CAMP DVD

Last year a copy of the Great Aussie Bush Camp DVD was borrowed by a parent of a (now) Year 5 student, but unfortunately not returned. If by chance the borrower reads this and that the DVD is still around, could the DVD be dropped off at the front office as soon as possible? Thank you, Mr Alcock

## RECENT NOTES HOME

- **Athletics Carnival (Whole school) – (Blue note) - Mon 25<sup>th</sup> May - \$11**
- **Interrelate (Years 3-6) – (White note) Wed 27<sup>th</sup> May - \$25/\$30 per family**
- **Year 3 Sydney Excursion – (Peach note) – Wed 17<sup>th</sup> June - \$36**
- **Year 4 Sydney Excursion – (Yellow note) – Thurs 18<sup>th</sup> June - \$36**
- **Year 4 Deposit (GABC) – (Orange note) – Nov 4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup>, 6<sup>th</sup> - \$50**
- **Year 6 Deposit Canberra – (Purple note) – Sep 7<sup>th</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup> - \$50**

## SPECIAL MENTION AWARDS

### TERM 2 WEEK 4

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

3W	Darby	Sophie
3H	Nate Josie	Xavier Emily
3MC	Nicholas	Lucy
3K	Charlie	Lauren
4A	Phoebe Teddy	Max
4L	Ziv Lily	Scoutt
4F	Jake Rory	Lucia
5T	Piper Rhiannon	Sebastian
5W	Asha Cormac	Eva
5S	Malika Aiden	Talara
5/6B	Ella	Louka
6C	Finnian Madi	Maya Nick
6S	Max Cooper	Nathan
Choir	Hannah Emily	Matilda
Student of the month	Declan	

### Assembly times:

**Kinder to Year 2 – Wed (New Hall) 2pm (Odd weeks)**

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

### DEBATING

Yesterday our Year 5 debaters, Ben, Piper, Declan and Michelle went off to Charlestown East Public School to participate in their first debate. When we arrived we received the topic which was: 'Cows are better than sheep!' and we were the negative team. We spent an hour in lockdown to prepare our arguments and after great debate the adjudicator declared The Junction the winners! We would like to thank Leela from Year 6 who was our mentor for this debate. By Ben and Michelle

### 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 \$30.** (Please note last week we stated Band Shirts were \$35 – however they are \$30).

#### Intermediate Band Day

Intermediate Band will have their band day tomorrow 20<sup>th</sup> 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! **There will be no Intermediate Band practice at 8am in the morning due to the Band Day!**

There will be a short concert for parents in the Band Room at 2.40pm.

#### Entertainment Books

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

### PSSA CRICKET

Last Friday, The Junction PSSA cricket team travelled to Stockton to play against Stockton Public School in the cold bitter wind. Cooper and Taj opened the batting and got us off to a good start before Taj was bowled. Jake and Cooper were very unlucky to get run out in quick succession and Orlando was in for a short period of time but still knocked up a quick 19. Then Tom and Max came out to start a great partnership of 39 with Max making 16 and Tom making an effortless 23! Tom got caught trying to push the run rate and Max got bowled by an unlucky ball that skidded on. Max and Orlando were instrumental in the defeat of Stockton pulling a quick six wickets to destroy the Stockton batting line-up. Cooper and Toby both got two wickets each which brought the win home for The Junction. Max got Man of the Match pulling in 4 wickets for 16 runs. Congratulations on a great win! By Tom & Max

### JUNCTION RUGBY LEAGUE REPORT

On Thursday the 14<sup>th</sup> of May, our Rugby League boys went off to play Floraville at Learmonth park and WON! This was our first game in the PSSA Knockout State Competition.

Cooper scored the opening try. Floraville were a hard team and tough to play. As the half time bell sounded we were winning 6 - nil.

In the second half they broke the line and scored a try. The Junction now had to make up a try to win so we worked hard and Taj scored another try. We thought we were already in for the win but then they scored another try on us. By now the full time bell had just gone. It is a knock out match so you can't tie.

The referee gave us an extra five minutes for one of the teams to score a golden point. Both teams were desperate for the golden point.

We made some ground and fortunately Cooper managed to throw his body over the line, and SCORED THE GOLDEN TRY!

By Flynn and Marc



### YEAR 1 – BEE PRESENTATION

Last Friday Year 1 students enjoyed a very informative presentation about bees thanks to Bee keeper and educator Kelly Lees of Urban Hum. Kelly entertained us with facts about these interesting insects and even taught as how to 'waggle dance' like a bee! It was a great morning and clearly enjoyed by all involved! Amy Webster





## SEA CREATURES

2R have been learning about Sea Creatures. We have researched some wonderful facts about Sea Cucumbers, Sharks, Whales, Dolphins, Turtles and Tortoises. They are all amazing and interesting creatures. We have been learning to draw whales and sharks with pencil and computers.



## 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

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

Password: **66480AF**

17A Denney St. Broadmeadow 2292  
Hours: 9am - 3.30pm Mon-Fri.  
Closed School Holidays

Email: admin@newcastleschoolportraits.com

Ph: 49 654114

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.

## UNIFORM SHOP

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

### ONLINE UNIFORM SHOP ORDERING!

Want to place your uniform shop order online? Simply go to [www.flexischools.com.au](http://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.

The Uniform Shop will still open Monday mornings in the Old Hall from 8.45am-9.15am.



**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.**

A supply of the girl's white 'Peter Pan Collared' shirts have arrived! At this stage only Size 4 and size 8 arrived with the first delivery!

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 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

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

The movie for Family Movie Night will be *Minions*. This will be held on Friday 19<sup>th</sup> June at Tower Cinema, King Street Newcastle, with the movie starting at 6.30pm.

You can watch the movie trailer here:  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=P9-FCC6I7u0>

Tickets for this event sell fast and have sold out the last few years. We are just finalising ticket prices and are hoping tickets will go on sale later this week, so please keep an eye on the P&C's facebook page this week for an announcement of tickets being on sale. A flyer will also come home soon.

Our preferred method of booking tickets will be online through the FlexiSchools website, but we will have some limited tickets available for purchase using cash through the school office.

Please note that all children will need to be in the company of a designated adult. This is for safety reasons, where we cannot be responsible for children who are unaccompanied.

### Next P&C Meeting – Tues 2<sup>nd</sup> June at 7pm

Our Next P&C meeting will be Tues 2<sup>nd</sup> 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.

### Pre-Building Works Working Bee – 13<sup>th</sup> June

We have started planning for a targeted working bee on Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> June, ahead of the building works, whereby we will be looking to move some of the existing covered walkways from the area where the demountables used to be located, and installing them elsewhere. This working bee will be one where we are seeking anyone from our school community who may have specific building related skills as well as "muscle". While we are usually very accommodating of children participating in these sorts of events – this may be one where we need to take a more measured approach, given the safety considerations. If you have specific skills that might assist, please contact the P&C.

### Thank You

Once again we wish to acknowledge and thank Liz Knapp. Liz has generously donated her graphic design talents over the years for many school and P&C events. In particular, we wish to thank her for the recent Mother's Day Stall flyers, but also several amazing looking Spring Fair flyers / posters / brochures. The fridge magnet holders, available from the Uniform Shop, are another example of Liz's work. We are so fortunate for the professional look that Liz's skills brings to many P&C events and activities.

### 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](mailto: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 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

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P&C  
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on Twitter



### Attention green thumbs: can you help with the garden stall at our Spring Fair?

Now is a great time to see what you have in your garden that can be propagated to sell at our Plant Stall. There is still some warmth in our autumn days and cuttings taken now would be a decent size to sell at our Spring Fair in October.

Cordylines, agaves, geraniums, bromeliads and succulents are all easy to propagate. Family and friends may also like to get involved.



If you have some great garden stall ideas, contacts at local nurseries, or even a stack of unused pots to donate we'd love to hear from you.

Please contact Vanessa [Vanhedges@gmail.com](mailto:Vanhedges@gmail.com)

### **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: [sponsorshiptjpsspringfair@gmail.com](mailto:sponsorshiptjpsspringfair@gmail.com) or on mobile: 0418 979 439.

Thank you in advance for helping to support your school.

### **GRANDPARENT'S DAY CELEBRATIONS....**

