

# The Junction News

Newsletter of The Junction Public School



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Term 2 – Week 6

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## PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

### Athletics Carnival

Congratulations to all students and teachers on a most wonderful athletics carnival yesterday. The participation and enthusiasm was outstanding with all students really 'having a go' and enjoying the physical activities of the occasion. It was great to see the large numbers of parents present – supporting their children and the school.

I would like to sincerely thank all teachers who made it such a successful day – working all day without any breaks – and cheering on the students. A huge thank you as well to teacher Jody Cooper for her yet again – fantastic organisation - everything running smoothly to make the day a wonderful success! We will be holding an assembly this Friday at 11.20am in the new hall to announce the winning house, present ribbons and recognise some of the outstanding records for the day!

### Family Evening Program

We will be hosting a Family Evening Program from Interrelate at our school tomorrow evening - Wednesday 27/05/2015. 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 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 by tomorrow morning at the latest! 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).

### Contact Details

A reminder to all parents to keep the school up to date with contact details for families. We are finding that when we need to contact families at times, the mobile numbers are not current or the emergency contact details are not accurate.

### Assessments

Teachers are currently completing assessments for all students in all grades. Semester reports will then be available to all parents at the end of this term.

All Year 3 and 5 students participated in NAPLAN assessments two weeks ago and we look forward to using diagnostic data from these assessments later in the year, to help inform our teaching practices.

### Kindergarten Enrolments 2016

It is time to begin looking at our Kindergarten enrolments for 2016. If you have a child, or know of a child who is within our intake zone and is intending to enrol for Kindergarten next year – please contact our office and provide details for our data base. Thank you.

### Too sick for school?

As the cold weather hits, so do the winter bugs. It's often hard to know whether to send your child to school or let them stay home to recover, especially when that means an adult cancelling work.

For safety's sake, if your child seems unwell you should always keep them home from school and seek medical advice. School A to Z and the NSW Health have created an at-a glance chart to help answer your questions about common childhood illness and how long sick kids need to miss school. Find it by typing this link into your web browser [www.bit.ly/1hytn2](http://www.bit.ly/1hytn2).

### National Reconciliation Week

National Reconciliation Week is celebrated across Australia each year between 27<sup>th</sup> May and 3<sup>rd</sup> June. The dates commemorate two significant milestones in the reconciliation journey – the anniversaries of the successful 1967 referendum and the High Court Mabo decision. This week is a time for all Australians to learn about our shared histories, cultures and achievements and to explore how each of us can join the national reconciliation effort.

May 27 marks the anniversary of Australia's most successful referendum and a defining event in our nation's history. The 1967 referendum saw over 90% of Australians vote to give the Commonwealth the power to make laws for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples and recognise them in the national census.

3 June, 1992 – The High Court of Australia delivered its landmark Mabo decision which legally recognised that Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people have a special relationship to the land – that existed prior to colonisation and still exists today. This recognition paved the way for land rights called Native Title.

Wendy Cheek, Principal

**CALENDAR - TERM 2 – 2015****Week 6****Event**

<b>Wednesday, May 27</b>	<b>Interrelate – Session 1 - 6pm Session 2 – 7.15pm (New hall)</b>
<b>Thursday, May 28</b>	<b>Yr 1 Gymnastics-Sport uniform</b>

**Week 7****Event**

<b>Tuesday, June 2</b>	<b>P &amp; C Meeting – 7pm</b>
<b>Thursday, June 4</b>	<b>Yr 1 Gymnastics-Sport uniform</b>

**Week 8****Event**

<b>Monday, June 8</b>	<b>Public Holiday – No school</b>
<b>Thursday, June 11</b>	<b>Yr 1 Gymnastics-Sport uniform</b>
<b>Friday, June 12</b>	<b>Star Struck</b>
<b>Saturday, June 13</b>	<b>Star Struck</b>
<b>Saturday, June 13</b>	<b>P &amp; C Working Bee</b>

**Week 9****Event**

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

**RECENT NOTES HOME**

- **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**
- **P & C Movie night – White note (Various prices) Can be paid on FlexiSchools website.**

**SPECIAL MENTION AWARDS****TERM 2 WEEK 5****KINDER TO YEAR 2 ASSEMBLY**

<b>KE</b>	Lulu CAlice	Phoebe
<b>KH</b>	Aidan Eddie	Riley
<b>1J</b>	Sofie Emma	Luka Lachlan
<b>1C</b>	Samantha Clodagh	Koby Yo Han
<b>1CF</b>	Harmony Felix	Sophie Isla
<b>1W</b>	Jarvis Daisy	Noah Ellington
<b>2C</b>	Neve Samuel	Lillie Myles
<b>2B</b>	Amelia Max	Liam Charlotte
<b>2R</b>	Zack Maliyah	Lewis Mason
<b>2W</b>	Millie	Lucca

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

<b>3W</b>	Amber Brown	Hunter
<b>3H</b>	Yorgi Aisling Claire	Niamh Samuel
<b>3MC</b>	Lucy	Sydney
<b>3K</b>	Oscar	Sabine
<b>4L</b>	Sarah B Marley	Caden Django
<b>4F</b>	Lulu Ethan	Chelsea Storm
<b>5T</b>	Luke Imogen	Eloise
<b>5W</b>	Trinity Nell	Kayne
<b>5S</b>	Charlie Ashton	Gus Jonty
<b>5/6B</b>	Evie	Jackson
<b>6C</b>	Katrina Ayesha	Peter Oliver
<b>6S</b>	Oliver Taj	Leela
<b>Choir</b>	Tess Chelsea	Illianah

**Assembly times:**

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

## 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.**

### Intermediate Band Day

Congratulations to Intermediate Band on a fantastic band day last Wednesday. After a full day of rehearsals you are sounding great! Remember to keep practising all that you learnt so that we can be ready for our performance at the end of term Family Band Night.

### Senior Band Performance

Next Tuesday our Senior Band will participate in a workshop with the incredible Hunter Wind Ensemble. HWE is made up of talented musicians from public primary and high schools throughout the region. We will be lucky enough to have the chance to observe a short rehearsal before combining with the ensemble to rehearse some of our pieces. The day will finish with a short concert for members of all three bands. Could all **Senior Band** members please come to school in full band uniform on that day. A note will be sent home this week.

### 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 GIRLS SOCCER

On Thursday 21st May the girls PSSA soccer team travelled to Regent Park, New Lambton to play what was an intense soccer match against New Lambton South Public School. The girls conceded 2 quick goals in the first half but fought back after half time scoring two goals of their own. The girls were on the front foot for most of the second half but unfortunately NLSPS were just too strong and in the end the girls were defeated 4 goals to 2. The girls all gave 100% and showed great determination and sportsmanship on the day. Well done girls!

Mr Corbett

## PSSA BOYS SOCCER

Last Tuesday (19th May) the Boys PSSA Soccer team played their first round knockout game against Merewether Heights Public School at National Park.

The boys played with great skill and sportsmanship to beat Merewether Heights 2-0. They now move to second round of the knockout competition where they now take on Hamilton South Public School. Great effort boys!!  
Mr Savage

## YEAR 6 DEBATING

Last Friday our two Year 6 teams debated against each other. Junction Black were the affirmative team, Clara, Kelvin, Ruby and Alyssa. The Junction Red team were the negative, Imigyn, Leela, Molly and Poppy. They debated the topic: 'Homework should be banned for Primary Schools'. This was a very close debate of a high standard for the first round of 2015. The affirmative team narrowly won the debate. Both teams will debate again on Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> May against local schools. Good luck!  
Mrs Land

## BOOK CLUB ORDERS

All orders need to be at school by this Friday 29<sup>th</sup> May! Only cash orders or orders with cheques need to be sent in to the library. Online orders do not have to be sent in to school – we are automatically notified of these orders.  
Mrs Land

## 40 KM/H ZONES

Please be aware that Union Street and Watkins Street both have 40km/h zones near the entrance gates and crossings. Recently there have been a number of cars travelling too fast in these zones at drop off and pick up times. It is important that we all keep the safety of all the students in mind.

## SCHOOL UNIFORMS

The students have now moved into the winter uniforms. On the back page of this newsletter is an overview of the uniform requirements for both girls and boys. The Junction students are often complimented for the way they look in their uniforms and we encourage everyone to maintain this high standard.

## CHICKENPOX

Please be aware that there have been two cases of confirmed chicken pox in the school. If your child presents with a slight fever, runny nose and a raised rash it is advised that they see a doctor for confirmation of this condition. If a child is diagnosed with chickenpox he/she needs to stay at home until they are no longer infectious.

## 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

## **P & C NEWS**

### **FAMILY MOVIE NIGHT – Tickets Now On Sale**

Tickets are now on sale for our Family Movie Night, where we will be screening *Minions* on Friday 19<sup>th</sup> June at Tower Cinema, King Street Newcastle. The movie will start at 6.30pm, with doors opening at 6.15pm. Flyers went home last week.

As expected, tickets are selling very fast, and you will need to be quick to secure seats. Our best advice to securing tickets is to purchase online through the FlexiSchools website [www.flexischools.com.au](http://www.flexischools.com.au). This is our preferred method for people to purchase tickets. We have a very limited number of 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 is next Tuesday 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 Sat 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.

#### **End of Financial Year is Approaching - Did you know that the P&C operates a tax deductible building fund? Are you able to Support an important Project?**

Our school is currently investigating the possibility of “enclosing” the COLA space outside of the new hall. The P&C's building fund will be eligible to assist in funding key elements of this proposal.

All schools in Australia are able to receive tax deductible donations by way of a School Building Fund. These funds can be used to maintain buildings and provide fixtures. A few years ago, our P&C took the opportunity offered by the government to establish, manage, promote and administer the fund on behalf of our school.

The program enables parents, family and friends of the school to take advantage of this government supported initiative. The Program is endorsed by our Principal who recognises it as having important fundraising potential. To date, the P&C has used the fund to pay for key resources in our old and new halls, particularly audio-visual equipment, and other fixtures.

While the government provides our school a budget, the funds only cover the running costs of the school, not the replacement and/or refurbishment of facilities. The school relies heavily on funding provided by the P&C to raise funds for facilities and resources that would otherwise not be provided. The ATO provides guidelines on how school building funds can be spent.

Funds may also be used to support elements of the School Plan, where they align with the rules / guidelines for the fund.

If you are in a position to donate to the building fund, please go to:

<https://www.givenow.com.au/junctionpublicschool>

You will then be emailed a receipt which you should keep for your tax records. Thanks in advance for your support.

#### **FlexiSchools Tip When Paying By Direct Deposit:**

Thanks to parent Jane who let us know that when paying a FlexiSchools order by direct deposit, you need to plan ahead, as it will take a day or two for your funds to transfer into your flexischools account. You are unable to complete your transaction until the funds are in your flexischools account. Therefore, if you try and place an order on a

Friday or Saturday, for example, you won't be able to complete your transaction until at least the Monday, and hence your order won't be processed until the following week. Therefore, if you are using direct deposit, you may need to start placing your order no later than Wednesday or Thursday (depending on how long it will take your bank to transfer the funds). We felt that this was an important "tip" worth sharing.

#### 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	6.30 pm	Family Movie Night – Tower Cinema
7 Aug (Fri)	1.30pm	P&C Meeting
31 Oct 2015	12pm-4pm	Spring Fair 2015

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

- 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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#### SOME ACTION FROM OUR ATHLETICS CARNIVAL.....



## 4.2 SCHOOL UNIFORM

All students are expected to wear full school uniform at all times in accordance with the school's uniform policy developed and endorsed in collaboration with our parent organisations. School uniforms are available through the Uniform shop located in the school hall and open Mondays from 8.45am to 9.15am. Information and price lists are available from the main office. Items for sale include girls' uniforms, polo and sports shirts with school crest, sports shorts, jackets and jumpers, wide brimmed hats, school cloth badges, metal badges. Uniform samples will be exhibited during the orientation process.

### BOYS UNIFORM

### GIRLS UNIFORM

#### SUMMER

- White short sleeved shirt with cloth school embroidered badge on left pocket
- Grey shorts or grey long trousers
- Grey socks with red and black stripes
- Black shoes
- Red wide brimmed fabric hat with school crest
- As required, a school bomber jacket and/or a red fleece jumper with the school crest

- Red, grey and white checked dress with red tab (Dress – Fabric No. 8087, red tie – Fabric No. 8504, Pattern Wilkinsons No. 295)
- Or, skirt or shorts and blouse made with same fabric as dress (Kwiksew No.1953)
- Short red socks and black shoes
- Red wide brimmed fabric hat with school crest
- As required, a school bomber jacket and/or a red fleece jumper with the school crest

#### WINTER

- Grey shorts or long pants
- White long sleeved shirt with cloth school badge on left pocket
- School tie – black and red diagonally striped (Design B54 Tee Dee)
- As required, a school bomber jacket and/or a red fleece jumper with the school crest
- Socks, shoes and hats as above
- In colder weather students may wear black track pants

- Grey tunic with cloth school badge sewn on left side
- White long sleeved blouse
- School tie – black and red diagonally striped (Design B54 Tee Dee)
- Grey tights or white short or long socks
- As required, a school bomber jacket and/or a red fleece jumper with the school crest
- Hats as above
- In colder weather students may wear black long pants (not leggings or tights)

#### SPORTS

- Red sports T-shirt with school crest
  - Black shorts
  - Black track pants in winter
  - As required, a school bomber jacket and/or a red fleece jumper with the school crest
  - Red wide brimmed fabric hat with school crest
  - White socks, joggers
- School hats, red sports shirts and shorts are available at the school's uniform shop or can be ordered from the school office.

- Red sports T-shirt with school crest
- Black netball skirt and black scungies or black shorts, (not bike pants or leggings) or skorts (skirt with shorts attached)
- Black track pants in winter
- As required, a school bomber jacket and/or a red fleece jumper with the school crest
- Red wide brimmed fabric hat with school crest
- White socks and joggers