

The Junction News

Newsletter of The Junction Public School



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Term 2 – Week 7

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PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

GONSKI Funding

This year we have received additional funds into our 'RAM' - Resource Allocation Model. This funding is made up of a range of sources including NSW State Government education funding, NSW State Government Gonski funding and Federal Government Gonski funding.

With this funding we have been able to employ additional learning support teachers and learning support officers to provide additional and strategic learning support intervention as well as providing time for individual speech assessment for all our Kindergarten students. We really value the injection of this funding into our schools and look forward to the full implementation of funding from the Gonski review to further provide quality and equity to all our school programs.

Concerns with Crossing in Watkins Street

Our crossing supervisors are very concerned over the safety of students in Watkins Street when being picked up from school. Some parents using the five minute parking space are calling to their children who are approaching the cars, before they are fully stationary. There is a real concern that a student is going to be seriously injured if this continues. We also have observed some parents really exceeding the speed limit of 40km/h around our crossings. Again this is such a safety concern for all our students. Could I ask that all parents use extreme care around Watkins Street or Union Street when picking up or dropping off children?

Before School Supervision

I need to remind all parents and carers that there is no formal supervision of students before 8.30am of a morning. It is preferred that students do not arrive at school before this time so that they are completely safe. If this provides difficulty for working parents and families, perhaps arrangements can be made with other families for assistance or enquiries be made to 'Before School Care' for that additional supervision. Please contact me if you would like to discuss this issue further – thanks.

Flu season is here! Information from the DEC Web-site.

Influenza is spread from person-to-person through the coughing or sneezing of infected people. Remind your child about these good hygiene practices to minimise the spread of infection:

- Anyone who is sick with influenza symptoms should stay home until their symptoms are gone.
- Cover the nose and mouth with a tissue when coughing or sneezing. Throw the tissue in the garbage bin after use.
- Wash hands often with soap and water, especially after coughing or sneezing. Alcohol-based hands cleaners are also effective.
- Avoid touching eyes, nose or mouth. Germs spread that way.

If you or your child develops influenza-like illness, seek the advice of your family doctor as you would with any other illness.

The seasonal influenza vaccine, which protects against the pandemic influenza strain as well as two other influenza strains, is now available free to eligible people. More information about the vaccine is available from the NSW Health Immunisation Unit's [vaccination page](#).

Previous vaccination with the pandemic influenza vaccine, Panvax® is not a barrier to also receiving the seasonal influenza vaccine.

Could I also ask parents to keep their children at home if they are feeling unwell at all? There are some really nasty viruses about at the moment and we would like to avoid the contagious effects of these spreading throughout the school. Thanks.

Congratulations Debaters

Congratulations to our two Year 6 debating teams, Alyssa, Kelvin, Ruby, Nathan, Poppy, Leela, Molly and Oliver who both successfully debated against Hamilton Public School and Newcastle East Public School at our school last Thursday.

The topics of: "That we should allow kids in Year 5 and above to use social media sites like Facebook and Twitter" and "That we should ban misbehaving Popstars from performing in Australia" really challenged all teams but it was wonderful to hear the depth of thought, counter arguments and rebuttals coming through. Well done to all teams - they were impressive performances.

Interrelate – Lost Clothing

A parent left a ladies black 'Table Eight' coat behind at the Interrelate family sessions last Wednesday night. The coat can be collected from the front office.

Wendy Cheek, Principal

CALENDAR - TERM 2 – 2015**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
Tuesday, June 9	Junior Band Day
Thursday, June 11	Yr 1 Gymnastics-Sport uniform
Thursday, June 11	Star Struck-Technical Rehearsal
Friday, June 12	Star Struck – Performance Day
Saturday, June 13	Star Struck – Performance Day
Saturday, June 13	P & C Working Bee at school from 7.30am

Week 9**Event**

Monday, June 15	Family Band night – 6pm
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

Week 10**Event**

Monday, June 22	Great Aussie Bush Camp meeting-3.15pm in Class 4A
Friday, June 26	Last day of Term 2

CALENDAR - TERM 3 – 2015**Week 1****Event**

Monday, July 13	STAFF ONLY RETURN – Staff Development Day
Tuesday, July 14	STUDENTS RETURN

Week 2**Event**

Wednesday, July 22	BandLink – Ncle Jockey Club
Thursday, July 23	BandLink – Ncle Jockey Club
Friday, July 24	Zone Track Athletics Carnival

Assembly times:

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

SPECIAL MENTION AWARDS**TERM 2 WEEK 6****YEARS 3, 4, 5 & 6 ASSEMBLY**

3W	Holly	Harry Cook
3MC	Lilly	Seren
3H	Connie	Niamh
3K	Luke	Maple
4A	Monica Jessie Adam Teddy	Max Angus Jack
4L	Caden Conner	Ella Lily
4F	Lucy Storm York	Archie Chelsea Jada
5T	Charlotte Sam	Rhys
5W	Axel	Quinn
5S	Hunter Pearl	Jai
5/6B	Joseph	William
6C	Millie Cameron	Saxon Marc
6S	Imigyn Taj	Jake Tom
Choir	Claire Stirling Chelsea	Jade Hugo

RECENT NOTES HOME

- BandLink – All band students - \$60
- Year 2 Gymnastics – Term 3 - \$36 (Green note)
- Year 3 Sydney Excursion – (Peach note) – Wed 17th June - \$36
- Year 4 Sydney Excursion – (Yellow note) – Thurs 18th June - \$36
- Year 4 Deposit (GABC) – (Orange note) – Nov 4th, 5th, 6th - \$50
- Year 6 Deposit Canberra – (Purple note) – Sep 7th, 8th, 9th - \$50
- P & C Movie night – White note (Various prices) Can be paid on FlexiSchools website.

BAND NEWS

Family Band Night

Our annual Term Two family band night will be held on Monday June 15th. All Junior, Intermediate, and Senior Band members are required at this first public performance for all three bands for the year. The concert will begin at 6pm and run until about 7:30pm. All bands will perform in full band uniform.

All three bands will perform pieces they have been working hard on all year. Entry will be by gold coin donation.

Families and friends of TJPS Band members are invited to what promises to be a fun night of music making!

BandLink 2015

A note went home today to all band students with details about BandLink on Wednesday and Thursday 22nd/23rd July (Week 2). It is expected that all band students will attend this event at Newcastle Jockey Club. The cost of this program is \$60 and the last date for payment is 19th June.

Junior Band Day

Junior Band will have their Term Two band day next Tuesday the 9th of June. Junior Band musicians are asked to wear sports uniform on the day so as to be comfortable for the day's music making.

A pizza lunch will be provided at no cost to students.

Parents, family and friends are invited to a concert presented by Junior Band at 2:40pm.

Entertainment Books

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

STAR STRUCK INFORMATION

Star Struck performance week is fast approaching and we are busy finalising costumes and rehearsing. Lots of important notes will be sent home this week so please ensure you read them carefully and stay up to date with what will be happening. Here are some key dates to look out for:

- * Wednesday 3rd June - Costume boxes due
- * Friday 5th June - Costume payment due
- * Wednesday 10th June - Major rehearsal
- * Thursday 11th June - Technical rehearsal
- * Friday 12th June - Performance day
- * Saturday 13th June - Performance day

Thanks again for your ongoing support! Erin Smith

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.

ATHLETICS CARNIVAL REPORT

Last week we were lucky enough to be blessed with beautiful weather for our annual School Athletics Carnival. Thank you to the staff who worked tirelessly throughout the day, the parents that assisted in the smooth running of events and our wonderful students who behaved perfectly and supported their teams. For the first time the House Captains and Vice Captains were involved in motivating their House Teams and also assisting with the movement of students to events and behaviour monitors in the stands. They performed extremely well and were wonderful role models on the day. This year Quinlan proved that participation is the key to House success winning this year's championship by 21 points. Their boy's relay team including - Patrick P, Taj A, Gus C and Josh T also worked well together running a 1.01.15 breaking last year's record by one second for the 4x100m relay. Saxon C proved that he is as equally fast on land as he is in the water breaking a '13 year old record' set by Blade Perry in 2002 for the Snr boys 800m. Saxon ran a 2.39.04, breaking the record by 49 hundredths of a second.

Congratulations to our age champions for their consistent efforts throughout the carnival.

Junior Boy	Junior Girl
Ned	Chloe
11 year boy	11 year girl
Flynn	Alex
Senior Boy	Senior Girl
Saxon	Lily, Madi, Millie

Many of our students will be representing our school at the Zone Athletics Carnival in Term 3

Jody Cooper

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 WILL NOT BE OPEN NEXT WEEK!

Any orders placed and paid for on Flexischools will be handed out next Wednesday!

ONLINE UNIFORM SHOP ORDERING!

Want to place your uniform shop order online? 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.

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.

Donna Reay, Co-ordinator

P & C NEWS

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

Our Next P&C meeting is tonight, Tuesday 2nd June at 7pm, and will be held in the staff room. All parents and carers are welcome! We'd love to see you!

FAMILY MOVIE NIGHT – Tickets Now On Sale

Tickets are selling fast for our Family Movie Night, where we will be screening *Minions* on Friday 19th June at Tower Cinema, King Street Newcastle. The movie will start at 6.30pm, with doors opening at 6.15pm.

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. 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.

We need your help! Pre-Building Works Working Bee – 13th June from 7.30am

On Saturday, 13th June, we will be holding an important working bee ahead of the building works, and we will be needing a lot of help. We are helping 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 trade-related skills or may be handy as well. The working bee will likely go all day – we have ambitious plans, and will likely need more than 20 people. If you can help please contact the P&C via email.

Spring Fair: I would like to take this opportunity to acknowledge a group of amazingly dedicated parents who are steadily working away in the background, planning for our Spring Fair. This is going to be a great event, and we will require a LOT of help from our school community as we get closer. The foundations are being laid through hard work from people like Eloise Fleck (sponsorship), Mary Henry (marketing), Olga Kovacev (rides and entertainment) and Vanessa Hedges (stalls), under the overall guidance of our Spring Fair co-ordinator, Suki Kwon. There is a growing team of people helping with things like door-knocking businesses seeking sponsorship support, and other supporting roles, but these ladies in particular are forging ahead with the key organization. This last week they banded together to submit a grant application to Newcastle City Council to help pay for stage and PA hire, amongst other items. Events like a Spring Fair arise from parent suggestions – but we then need parents to step up and get involved to make the events happen. The parents involved lead busy lives, including working full time, so we appreciate the time they are able to spend working towards raising vital funds for our school. The Spring Fair is going to be huge, and we encourage you to put the date (Saturday 31 October) in your diary, and look for opportunities to get involved and help out.

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.

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
13 June	7.30am-4.30pm	Working Bee
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 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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ATHLETICS CARNIVAL PHOTOS.....



