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Term 2 – Week 9

Tuesday 16 June 2015

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

What an Amazing Community – Thank you!

I would like to sincerely thank our amazing parent community for their incredible support last Saturday at the working bee. What an inspiring group – who made it possible for us to move and re-use large sections of covered walkways that once were connected to our demountables. These walkways now join onto the existing run of walkway behind the canteen. It was a mammoth task requiring much organisation and a 10 hour effort throughout the day.

A huge thank you to parents Rob Kane and Olivia Ryan for their detailed organisation and preparation, also to Dave Hancock, teacher Jody Cooper and the rest of the huge team (see P&C report) for their contributions throughout the day. At particular times of the day we needed more than 20 people to actually lift and carry the huge intact walkway sections across the playground to join up with the other sections. We did it! The students now have double the shelter along the run of walkways to the classrooms. I feel very privileged to work in such a wonderful parent community who give the school so much support in every way. Thankyou everyone – you were amazing!



A Fine Effort by Star Struck Dancers

Congratulations to our Star Struck dancers who performed so brilliantly last week over all four performances. This regional spectacular has highlighted the depth of talent from all our students right across the Hunter Region and was a wonderful success. Many thanks to teacher Erin Smith for all her organisation, support and supervision of our dance team as well as teachers Sara Willoughby and Jody Cooper who gave up their weekends to assist with supervision of the

dance group during the performances. Well done everyone!

Band Program

Last night we were all delighted to be an audience for our annual band concert. All four bands – Junior, Intermediate, Senior and Percussion played for a packed hall of appreciative parents.

We are very proud of all our band students for their commitment, dedication and outstanding skills they have developed over the course of the band program. Congratulations to our band captains and vice-captains for their introductions to all the band items last night. Special and very warm thanks to conductors Michael Bell and Michael Jobson for their high level skill and mentoring of our young students. We are indeed very fortunate to have such an impressive music program in our school. Many thanks again to band program co-ordinator Michael Jobson for the amazing, hard work he puts into organisation of events such as this.

Flu season is here! Information from the DEC Website.

Many children are presenting at school at the moment with flu-like symptoms. 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. **Please do not send your children to school if they are ill.**

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.

First Semester Reports

Teachers are currently completing comments for first Semester reports. These will be coming home to you next week. These reports are an assessment of learning progress for your child for the last two terms. At any time if you wish to further discuss the content of these reports - please make contact with your child's class teacher.

Wendy Cheek, Principal

CALENDAR - TERM 2 – 2015

Week 9

Event

Wednesday, June 17	Year 3 Excursion to Sydney – New departure time – Students have to be at school at 7.30am
Thursday, June 18	Year 4 Excursion to Sydney – Students have to be at school at 7.40am
Thursday, June 18	Yr 1 Gymnastics-Sport uniform – Last session
Friday, June 19	Last payment day for BandLink
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
Thursday, June 25	Year 3 & 4 design challenge displays 12.30pm in classrooms – Parents welcome!
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

Tuesday, July 21	Musica Viva – Whole School
Wednesday, July 22	BandLink – Ncle Jockey Club
Thursday, July 23	BandLink – Ncle Jockey Club
Thursday, July 23	Year 2 Gymnastics starts (Sport Uniform to be worn)
Friday, July 24	Zone Track Athletics Carnival

SPECIAL MENTION AWARDS

TERM 2 WEEK 8

YEARS 3, 4, 5 & 6 ASSEMBLY

3W	Sophia	Vincent
3MC	Matilda	Isaac
3H	Jett Alexis	Max Rayshai
3K	Manning Ella	Tess
4A	Kelsey Gypsy	Sidney
4L	Isabelle	Oskar
4F	Morgan Ella	Adele
5T	Keira Julia	Curtis
5W	Nell David	Kiani Daniel
5S	Ronan	Joshua
5/6B	Freya Justin Logan	Charlotte Ebonyl
6C	Caitlin Aedan Toby Annika	Jackson Bronte Nicholas
6S	Flynn Niklas	Cooper Haley
Choir Awards	Sophia Kristian	Nicholas

Assembly times:

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

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

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.

Correction of day/date: MUSICA VIVA!

Whole School Performance

Correct day/date is: Tuesday 21st July 2015

Cost \$ 8.50

(Note went home last week)

RECENT NOTES HOME

- Musica Viva - Whole School - \$8.50
- BandLink – All band students - \$60
- Year 2 Gymnastics – Term 3 - \$36 (Green note)
- 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 – Tickets now have to be purchased on FlexiSchools

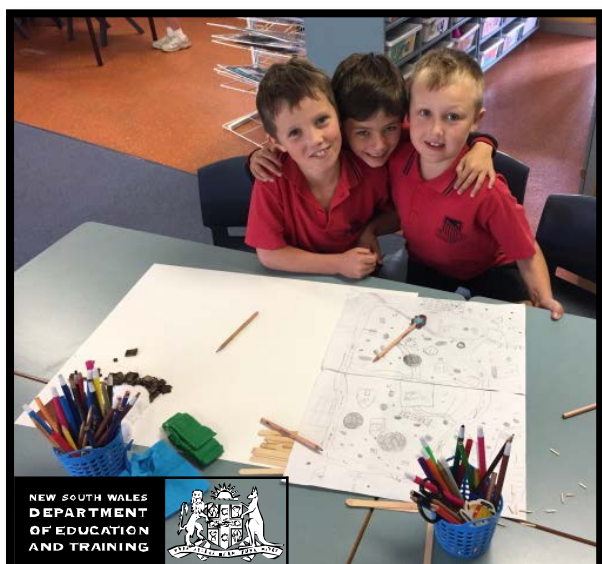
****** Please place notes/payments in an envelope or sandwich bag and encourage your child to place it in the Red Box in the office foyer – not to the class teacher. If you are paying for multiple events or have more than one child at school you can place all permission slips in the one envelope – you only need to write your credit card details on one of the notes *****

STAGE 2 DESIGN CHALLENGE

Stage 2 (Year 3 & 4) parents are invited to visit classrooms to see our exhibits of our natural science collector's chests on Thursday 25th June 12:30pm. All welcome to drop in and visit your child's classroom. Lisa Hughes

STAGE 1 DESIGN CHALLENGE

Over the past two weeks, students have been working in groups to design their own botanical garden or parkland for a brand new city. They had to include the three different types of landscapes (natural, managed, constructed) in their parkland and carefully consider the placement of these environments to provide an integrated parkland. The students have done an excellent job of collaborating, contributing and making joint decisions. They had lots of fun and are looking forward to sharing their work with you next week! Miss Burgin



BAND NEWS

Family Band Night

Thank you to all band members and their families for making family Band Night a great success. Thanks also go to: Mrs Cheek, Mrs McLeod, Mrs Freeman, Mr Corbett and Mrs Claire Edwards for their help on the night. Band night couldn't run without you!

BandLink 2015

A note went home recently to all band students with details about BandLink on Wednesday and Thursday 22nd/23rd July (Week 2). This promises to be another great workshop. 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 this Friday 19th June – (BandLink organisers will not accept money after this date).

Hunter Wind Ensemble Applications

Senior Band members are reminded to return their application forms for the Hunter Wind Ensemble. Auditions consist of a single piece, some sight reading and 2 scales. These will be held before the end of term. The ensemble has just announced a tour to England, France and Spain for 2017! Now is the time to get involved and take advantage of this excellent opportunity to play fantastic challenging music, make friends with musicians from other schools, and see the world!

Entertainment Books

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



STAR STRUCK 2015

Congratulations to all of the students who participated in Star Struck 2015 on the weekend. TJPS performed in two dances as Lego figurines and Dr Seuss characters. The show was highly successful and all of our performers should be very proud of their efforts. Star Struck is a huge commitment and I would like to thank everyone involved that help make it such a rewarding and memorable experience. Erin Smith



CAMP AUSTRALIA NEWS

As we are almost at the end of another fantastic school term, we have started to collect a large number of school hats and jumpers. Please make sure that you check the lost property box located at the service. All items will be transferred over to the school lost property after 2 weeks.

Just a reminder to all The Junction families that school concludes on Friday 26th June and Camp Australia will resume normal operational hours from Tuesday 14th July for yet another exciting term.

If you have any questions or queries regarding our service please don't hesitate to speak with Felicity or any of the friendly Camp Australia staff. Contact the service on 0450 267 282 or visit our website at www.campaustalia.com.au.

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 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.**

If you purchase any second hand clothing items – please delete old names off the items and make sure your child's name is written clearly on all items of clothing. Donna Reay, Co-ordinator

SCHOOL BANKING

Position Vacant – Commonwealth School Banking

Our wonderful Commonwealth Bank parent volunteer Jackie Murnain is no longer able to process the student's banking on a Monday. Is there a parent who can offer their time (9am to 10am on a Monday) for this service to continue. You don't need any banking experience – The Commonwealth Bank will come and train you! Please see the office for more details.

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.

P & C NEWS

FAMILY MOVIE NIGHT – Limited Availability - Online sales only!

We still have limited availability for movie night tickets for this Friday night, where we are having a special TJPS screening **Minions** at Tower Cinema, King Street Newcastle. The movie will start at 6.30pm, with doors opening at 6.15pm. Pre-purchase popcorn & drink combos are no longer available.

Tickets purchased at the office will not be accepted after tomorrow (Wednesday) morning, assuming we still have availability. Tickets can then only be purchased through the FlexiSchools website www.flexischools.com.au (which is our preferred purchase option). Tickets are subject to availability.

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 also need to request that children remain in their seats during the screening of the movie. This is again for safety reasons.

Working Bee – Huge Thank You!

On Saturday, a team of parents turned up to help accomplish something that we weren't sure we could pull off. In effect, we saved many thousands of dollars – probably tens of thousands of dollars – through clever “recycling” of existing covered walkways prior to their (otherwise) demolition as part of the upcoming building works. The biggest section probably weighed several hundred kilograms, but almost 20 people used brute strength to pick it up and move it to a new location near the shelters behind the canteen – providing a longer length of covered walkway heading towards the new hall behind the canteen.

If you get a chance, have a look at the video posted to the P&C's Facebook page, and you'll get an appreciation of what was required to make this happen.

Several other walkway sections were picked up and moved, and one section near the canteen will require some additional work to complete its installation, but the physical work of moving it has been done. Sections of walkway which couldn't be “recycled” for now, were dismantled and the materials stored for possible future re-use.

The whole process was amazing to watch – everyone got in and worked so incredibly hard. Some people were there from 7am to 5pm, others stopped in for an hour or two. Every contribution was essential, and we can't thank everyone enough.

While it's always hard singling people out, I'd like to acknowledge the following people:

- Rob Kane and Olivia Ryan – Both Olivia and Rob have construction backgrounds, and between them, the detailed planning that went into the working bee underpinned its success. Rob has spent many hours over the last few weeks determining equipment requirements down to the last nail / screw, and planning the sequencing of the works, so that we knew exactly what we required and when. Olivia provided essential support in this planning process, and took care of detailed safety planning. Undertaking this sort of work brings inherent WHS considerations, and Olivia covered everything. Everyone who arrived to “site” was provided site induction information, and we thank Olivia for helping to create an important and professional safety culture on the day, along with the hours of preparation required in the coordination;

- Dave Hancock also provided significant support to Rob and Olivia in the planning through his trade background. Dave, Rob and also Chris Wharton spent several hours the weekend before undertaking important pre-working bee works, so that the walkways were braced for easier moving on the day;
- Sarah Cook for pulling the roster together, and liaising with our volunteers ahead of the working bee;
- Karla Karinen and Steve Spencer: Karla and Steve no longer have children at TJPS. It's been several years since they did. Yet they both came along and worked hard for much of the day. Their contribution was significant, and we can't thank them enough;
- Barbara & Brian Halligan are grandparents of the school, and they came along at the last minute to help cook the BBQ and prepare lunch for the hungry workers;
- Liz from Three Monkeys Café: Through a stroke of good timing on our behalf, Three Monkeys Café very generously donated all of the meat for the BBQ that fed our hungry workers. We are very grateful for such a wonderfully kind gesture.
- Wendy Cheek: I'm not sure if everyone realises how lucky we are to have such a wonderful school principal. After being out very late on Friday night helping to look after the TJPS kids at Star Struck, Mrs Cheek was up before dawn on Saturday to open the gates, turn off the alarms and give the P&C access to school for the working bee. She was then in amongst everyone, working hard with the demolition and moving works. On Saturday afternoon, she then returned to Star Struck to again help care for TJPS performers. We are hoping she got a well-earned sleep-in on Sunday.
- The kids! We knew that this was going to be a working bee where we had to be very careful about having too many kids around, but the nature of the day was such that there was always going to be a handful or so around. The kids who were there were brilliant – they stayed away from the work zone, and had a great time hanging out and playing with each other. The older kids did a wonderful job of keeping the younger kids entertained. And the younger kids were very patient! Some of the older kids took on the role of chief barista, ensuring a steady supply of caffeine – which of course was also very important.

In addition to the very long list above, we thank the following people for helping out on the day – whether it was one hour or ten – every contribution was significant: Rob & Sharyn Kane, Andrew & Olivia Ryan, Dave Hancock, Chris Wharton, Roy Byrne, Peta Norris, Danny Buderus, Janis Hamilton, James Garvey, Karla Karinen, Steve Spencer, Tony Blake, Sarah Cook, Mark Masia, Tom Ireland, Jedd Southam, Wendy Cheek, Jody Cooper, Anthony Courtman, Richard Haines, Brian & Barbara Halligan, Paul Sandilands and Brent & Anna Byrne and Michael Ulph. If I've missed anyone, I humbly apologise. It was a great community effort, and everyone should be proud of what we accomplished.

..... Walkway train!!



.... and the end result! Well done everyone!



Building Works

Some of you may have heard on ABC radio last week that tenders have been called for our building works project. TJPS will have five new permanent brick classrooms next year, as well as a much needed expansion to our admin block. It's an exciting time, and it means that we are getting closer to seeing construction commence.

As you may be aware, the P&C is entering a time where we are providing important support to the school around the building works. The working bee last week was an important first step.

The Spring Fair in October is seeking to raise significant funds so that we can contribute to the internal and external resourcing of the new classrooms (eg air conditioning, landscaping, technology support etc). Events like the working bee and Spring Fair provide opportunities for people to donate time rather than money (although those opportunities also existing through things like the Building Fund).

As we move into this exciting time, the P&C looks forward to working with our school community so that we can provide the best of resources for our children – and the children who will follow them in the future. These building works are a legacy project, and there will be many calls for help as we approach the Spring Fair, so please put 31st October in your diaries - This event will be an “all hands on deck” major event.

P&C 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 tax deductible building fund will be eligible to assist in funding key elements of this proposal.

With end of financial year approaching, 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
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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