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Term 3 – Week 1

Tuesday 14 July 2015

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Welcome back to a very chilly Term 3. Hope that all your holidays were still very enjoyable.

Staff Development Day – 13/7/2015

Yesterday we had a really productive day developing and finalising our Term 3 English, Maths, History and Science content. We looked at our assessments and the criteria we use for them; we discussed effective ways of 'tracking' student progress and using data to inform the direction of learning.

We also had a group who had worked on the physical education continuum over the holidays and put forward a presentation which looks at the development of fundamental movement skills, combined with all other aspects of the physical education curriculum. We intend to re-structure our current PE curriculum to ensure we are covering all aspects of skill development for all students. This will be phased in over this Semester.

Unpaid invoices

Today we have printed off a large number of invoices which are unpaid from the start of the year. Many of these are band fees and dance fees. As these programs - which we go to great lengths to offer to our students - are voluntary programs and families **elect** to participate in them - we really need parents to pay the agreed fees involved. We employ band conductors and music and dance tutors who are paid from these fees. It's a user pays system. Please help us out and pay for the services your children are enjoying so that we can continue to offer these programs. Thank you.

Maths / Grammar Resources

There also remains a large number of unpaid invoices for grammar books and maths resources we purchased for all students at the start of the year. It would be greatly appreciated if these accounts could be finalised as soon as possible. All students are benefitting from the use of these resources. Thank you.

Hunter Region Dance Festival

Best wishes to our 65 dancers who will be performing at the Hunter Region Dance Festival at Newcastle Panthers next week. From Monday to Thursday our Junior and Senior dance groups will perform on different evenings having participated in an afternoon rehearsal as well. We have really outstanding dance programs at The Junction and I would like to congratulate all dancers on reaching the high standards they have.

Musica Viva

We are very pleased again to be providing to all students the renowned Musica Viva program **next Tuesday 21st July** at our school. This year we will have a visit from 'The Sousaphonics' - a quartet who present music styles from carnivals around the world. Students will be entertained with music from Nigerian Afro-beat, Mardi Gras and Carnivale marches to circus music and Balkan folk music. The biggest and most unusual brass instrument in the group is the sousaphone, hence the band's name. All the band members are active musicians, teachers and composers (as well as comedians) in Sydney.

This performance is part of our school's music program and builds on preparatory work done in music lessons using the Sousaphonics resource kit. If your child has not returned their note and money for this program (\$8.50) - could they do so as soon as possible. Notes have previously been sent home before the holidays, but additional notes are available in the Admin area.

Old Hall Façade Refurbishment

Works on the outside entry of the old hall are nearly complete with the exterior walls having received a much needed maintenance program of 'repointing' of the brickwork. This has been funded from the school's entire maintenance budget for 2015. This building is an iconic structure in the Merewether community and we are pleased that it is being returned to its former glory. We will continue to work on the other parts of the hall as funds become available.

Staffing News

This week we welcome back Karen Corbett who is returning from maternity leave and will be teaching on 3K with Karen Read. We also will be farewelling Erin Smith 5S - who will begin her maternity leave at the end of this week. Best wishes to Erin and her family and we look forward to hearing some happy news in the near future.

We also welcome four interns from the University of Newcastle - Lucy Lonergan who will be teaching on Kinder, Laura Goodwin who will be teaching on Year 2, Lindsay Miller who will be teaching on Year 3 and Michael Radnidge who will be teaching on years 5/6.

Wendy Cheek,
Principal

CALENDAR - TERM 3 – 2015

Week 1

Event

Friday, July 17 Boys' Tap lessons start Term 3

Friday, July 17 P & C Meeting-Spring Fair updates – 2pm

Week 2

Event

Monday, July 20 Junior & Senior Dance Ensemble – Dance Festival

Tuesday, July 21 Year 6 Dance Group – Dance Festival

Tuesday, July 21 Musica Viva – Whole School

Wednesday, July 22 BandLink – Ncle Jockey Club

Thursday, July 23 BandLink – Ncle Jockey Club

Thursday, July 23 Girls' Tap lessons start Term 3

Thursday, July 23 Year 5 Dance Group – Dance Festival

Thursday, July 23 Year 2 Gymnastics starts (Sport Uniform to be worn)

Friday, July 24 Zone Track Athletics Carnival

Week 3

Event

Tuesday, July 28 Zone Athletics – Field + 800m

Week 4

Event

Tuesday, August 4 Year 5 – Sydney Excursion

Week 7

Event

Monday, August 24 Kinder 2016 Parent Information Session – 6pm – New hall

BOYS & GIRLS TAP GROUPS

Boys' Tap lessons will commence this Friday 17th July.
Girls' Tap lessons will commence in Week 2 – Thursday 23rd July.

YEAR 2 GYMNASTICS

All Year 2 students will begin the Gymnastics program provided here at school next Thursday (Week 2). Students are to wear their Sports Uniform on a Thursday. If you have not returned the Permission Note and \$36 for the cost of this program, please forward to the office this week. Thank you.

SPECIAL MENTION AWARDS

TERM 2 WEEK 10

YEARS 3, 4, 5 & 6 ASSEMBLY

3MC	Isaac	Hollie
3H	Owen Asha	Imogen
3K	Benjy Lily	Liam
4A	Braith Taj	Stirling Joshua
4L	Joel	Alex
4F	Charlie Jordan	Hayley
5T	Yvonne Arkadjya	Finnlay
5S	Aiden Tabitha	Natasha
5W	Oscar Max Tilly Sylvia	Sam Lillian Yasmin Lily
5/6B	Connor Harry Kelvin	Brayden Mathew Lara
6C	Lily Indi	Orlando Patrick
Choir Awards	Astrid Kalani	Caleb Trinity

Assembly times:

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

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

RECENT NOTES HOME

- Musica Viva - Whole School - \$8.50
- Year 2 Gymnastics – Term 3 - \$36 (Green note)
- Year 5 Sydney Excursion - \$28 (Blue note)
- Winter Meal Deal order forms - \$8 (Money and orders to canteen)

**** 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 ***

PSSA RUGBY UNION

On the last day of Term 2, The Junction Public School Rugby Union team travelled to the Central Coast to compete in the quarter finals of the PSSA knockout. We played Terrigal Public School who were the winners of the North Sydney competition.

We defeated Terrigal with a try on the bell and will now play the winner of Sydney Central and Sydney South in the semi-finals. This puts us as one of the final eight teams in the State. Well done boys. Brenda Briggs

YEAR 3 & 4 AUSTRALIAN MUSEUM EXCURSION

During Week 9 of term 2, stage 2 students travelled down to Sydney via coach to visit and explore the Australian Museum.

Students were split into class groups and experienced an incredible tour of the museum. We visited a number of exhibitions including the 'Wildlife Photographer of the Year', 'Dinosaurs', 'Surviving Australia' and 'Pacific' exhibitions, all of which related to our science topic for the term, 'Fur, Feathers and Leaves'.

Students particularly enjoyed the dinosaur exhibit with its fascinating fossil collections and amazing life size dinosaurs. Students loved the hands on experiences in the Indigenous Australians exhibition where students listened to stories, created their own artworks in a cave and even had their faces painted with real ochre.

All students were extremely well behaved and all staff were very impressed with their enthusiasm to the activities provided and respect shown during the excursion toward staff and public.

Haydn Corbett



BAND NEWS

Bandlink will take place next Wednesday and Thursday 22nd and 23rd July at Newcastle Jockey Club. A reminder with all details will be sent home this week!

Band rehearsals will be on as normal on Tuesday and Friday of next week, however due to Bandlink there will be no rehearsals on Wednesday and Thursday.

Sausage Sizzle fundraiser – Thank you to all the parents who assisted in cooking and preparing for the band sausage sizzle the last week of Term 2. \$519 was raised which will assist with repairs and maintenance to our instruments. Thank you, Michael Jobson



AFL NEWS

On the first week of the holidays Josh was lucky enough to drive down to Sydney and watch the Sydney Swans train. Josh was picked to go to this event by his Swans Academy coaches. He was chosen because he went to every training session, listened to the coaches and participated in every drill. Josh and the other boys who were picked were the first ever to kick for goal on the SCG (Sydney Cricket Ground) by themselves. Josh got to talk to the players, give them water and just watch them train. It was a great experience.

CANTEEN NEWS

Winter Meal Deal order forms will go out with today's newsletter.

Wednesday 29th July – (K-2) – Apricot form

Thursday 30th July – (Year 3-6) – Yellow form

Cost is \$8.00 – Money and order forms go directly to the canteen.

Orders and money must be in by Friday 24th July.

SCHOOL BANKING

Newcastle Permanent Building Society and Commonwealth Bank offer banking to our students. Parent volunteers, Tanya Fitzgerald and Kim West 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 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

COUNTDOWN TO SPRING FAIR:

14 school weeks to go

P&C NEWS

We hope everyone had a safe holiday break. Term 3 will be busy for the P&C as we build up momentum for the Spring Fair to be held on 31 October – which is really not that far away. There's a lot of work that needs doing between now and then, and we will welcome all help in the lead up, and especially on the day. Please put the date in your diary, and keep an eye out for calls for help. We need the support of our whole school community – we are aiming to raise a significant amount of money from our Spring Fair to assist in the internal and external resourcing of the new classrooms to be built at TJPS later this year. We look forward to putting on a great community event.

SPECIAL P&C MEETING – FRIDAY 17 JULY 2015 – 2.00pm – SPRING FAIR

We'd love to see you this coming Friday 17th July at 2pm for a special P&C meeting. This will be a "Spring Fair" only agenda, whereby the Spring Fair subcommittee will be providing an update to the P&C and school community. This is such an exciting time for our school. The meeting will likely be held in one of the Year 5 or 6 classrooms, or if it rains, maybe in the staff room. All parents and carers welcome – please come along and hear all the developing news for the Spring Fair.

HOLIDAY RAFFLE

We are just a few weeks away from launching this year's holiday raffle. The raffle will be drawn at the Spring Fair on 31 October, and we again thank iTravel at The Junction for their contribution of \$500 towards our first prize – which will be holiday travel to the value of \$4000, with \$3500 contributed by the P&C. We are finalising some of the other prizes, and hope to have tickets out towards the middle of this term.

FAMILY DISCO – 31st October

The P&C will be running a Halloween themed family disco on the evening of the Spring Fair. The time is yet to be confirmed, but the purpose of the evening is to come together as a school community and have a fun evening, after we will all, no doubt, have worked very hard during the day, and the days leading up to the Spring Fair. More details later this term.

P&C Tax Deductible Building Fund

Many thanks to the families who so generously donated to the P&C's building fund towards the end of last term. The tax deductible building fund is another way in which the P&C supports the school, and we welcome contributions year round.

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
17 July (Fri)	2.00pm	Special P&C Meeting – Spring Fair Agenda
7 Aug (Fri)	1.30pm	P&C Meeting
Term 3 TBC	TBC	Follow up working bee and possible gardening bee
31 Oct 2015	12pm-4pm	Spring Fair 2015
31 Oct 2015	6-8pm (TBC)	Family Halloween Disco

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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