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Term 3 – Week 2

Tuesday 21 July 2015

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Many Thanks

Many thanks to the parents and families who responded last week to payment of outstanding invoices and fees for band and dance programs as well as payment for resources etc. We really appreciate it. We would very much like families who were not able to make payments last week – to do so as soon as possible. Thank you.

Hunter Region Dance

As reported last week – this week sees some of our dancers performing at the Hunter Region Dance Festival at Panthers Club in King Street. This is the culmination of much practice for all. Last night I was thrilled to see our Junior and Senior Dance ensembles perform together and they were absolutely outstanding. This group danced beautifully to 'Home' and thrilled everyone with their interpretive performance. Tonight the Year 6 dancers will perform to 'Shine' and on Thursday night the Year 5 group will dance to 'Glory' – best wishes to all groups. You are all stunning to watch. Many thanks to all teachers involved – Chris Ware, Karen Read, Sarah Jenkins, Jody Cooper, Erin Smith and Sara Willoughby.

Spring Fair

We are all looking forward to our Spring Fair taking place on **Saturday 31st October from 12 noon – to 4pm** – followed by a Halloween Disco! On this day, all classes will be holding a class stall and will also be involved in a concert type performance. Most classes will be asking for various donations over the next few weeks to assist them with their stalls. You will receive an overview of donations needed for the stalls during the next week. Thank you in anticipation of your support.

Office of the Children's eSafety Commissioner

From July 1 this year, the Office of the Children's eSafety Commissioner has been appointed – Alastair MacGibbon. The role of this office is to administer the *Enhancing Online Safety for Children Act 2015*. The Act allows children suffering from serious cyberbullying to contact the Office of the Children's eSafety Commissioner, to have content removed if social media companies do not remove the offending content after it has been reported to them.

The Office has also absorbed the Australian Communication and Media Authority's Cybersmart program and associated educator materials, professional development resources and information for children and their families. These resources can now be

found on the Office's website www.esafety.gov.au. I urge you all to visit this website which has invaluable resources to assist you and your families in this very connected world of 'social media'. Please be aware at all times of the ways that your children are using social media platforms and the age guidelines for use.

We certainly do our best to ensure that your children are 'cyber safe' and discuss all the guidelines with them – but parents also need to follow this through. Thank you.

Band Link

This week all our bands will be participating in 'BandLink' over at the Newcastle Jockey Club on Wednesday and Thursday. We are extremely proud of all our bands and congratulate them all on the high standards of musicianship they have already achieved. Sincere thanks to all our music conductors and tutors for their very professional efforts.

'Wear a Beanie for Brain Cancer' Day – Friday 31st July

The Hunter Medical Research Institute (HMRI) is joining up with the Mark Hughes Foundation to organise a fundraiser to support research into brain cancer. Data shows that brain cancer is the leading cause of cancer death in children and adults under 40.

The Mark Hughes Foundation is working with many schools in our area, to hold a special day – **'Wear a Beanie for Brain Cancer Awareness'** - where all students are encouraged to wear a beanie with their school uniforms and bring in a gold coin donation. **Our 'Beanie Day' will be next Friday 31st July.** Looking forward to your support on this day – get out those wonderful beanies!!

Zone Athletes

Best wishes to all Zone athletes – track and field who will be representing our school both this Friday and next week at the Zone Athletics Championships at Glendale. We have a very large and talented team representing our school and we wish them well.

Kindergarten enrolment survey

A survey has gone out with today's newsletter to all families to indicate anticipated Kindergarten enrolments for 2016, 2017 and 2018. It would be appreciated if these can be returned to the school office by Friday 31 July.

Wendy Cheek,
Principal

CALENDAR - TERM 3 – 2015

Week 2

Event

Tuesday, July 21	Newcastle High School – Parent evening – (Year 7 – 2016) at Newcastle High School – 7pm
Tuesday, July 21	Year 6 Dance Festival
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 Festival
Thursday, July 23	Year 2 Gymnastics starts (Sport Uniform to be worn)
Friday, July 24	Zone Track Athletics Carnival
Friday, July 24	Last date for Meal Deal orders and payment

Week 3

Event

Tuesday, July 28	Zone Athletics – Field + 800m
Wednesday, July 29	K -2 Meal Deal Day – No other lunch orders this day.
Thursday, July 30	Year 3-6 Meal Deal Day – No other lunch orders this day.
Friday, July 31	Wear a beanie for 'Brain Cancer Day' – Gold coin donation

Week 4

Event

Tuesday, August 4	Year 5 – Sydney Excursion
Friday, August 7	P & C Meeting – 1.30pm

Week 7

Event

Monday, August 24	Kinder 2016 Parent Information Session – 6pm – New hall
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YEAR 2 GYMNASTICS

All Year 2 students will begin the Gymnastics program this 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 by tomorrow. Thank you.

PAYMENTS AT THE OFFICE

Office Hours: 8.30am to 3.15pm

When paying by cash for events at the school office we ask you have the correct money – we bank every day and do not have change. We also ask if

making a payment of an afternoon if you do so by 3pm.
Thank you for your co-operation.

SPECIAL MENTION AWARDS

TERM 3 WEEK 1

KINDER TO YEAR 2 ASSEMBLY

KK	Amelie Timothy	Isabella
KD	Eden Makenzie	Nicholas
KE	Zeric	Alice
KH	Marley Lucas	Angus Jacob
1J	Nicola Charlie	Sofie Tyson
1C	Luka Freya	Khair Ava
1CF	Zachary Maggie	Rosie Jackson
1W	Dominic Thea	Georgiana Ruby
2C	Josie Bill	Ryland Kai
2B	Andrew Lucy	Natalia Lachlan
2R	Blake Kira	Sadie Mason
2W	Sienna	Lachlan

YEARS 3, 4, 5 & 6 ASSEMBLY

3W	Harry Darby	Amber Holly
3MC	Toby	Lily
3H	Milijana Ciara	Jessica
3K	Jade Lara	Ella
4A	Phoebe Jack	Teddy
4L	Ziv Isabelle	Lily
4F	Archie Lucia	Chelsea
5T	Daisy Finnlay	Curtis
5S	Travis	Malika
5W	Elysha Oliver	Tallen
5/6B	Charlotte	Ben

6C	Toby Bella	Bronte
6S	Callaghan Lucy	Cooper

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

- Year 5 Sydney Excursion - \$28 (Blue note)
- Kindergarten Enrolment Survey
- Year 6 Canberra note – Balance of money due (Yellow note)
- Winter Meal Deal order forms - \$8 (Money and orders to canteen) - Please make envelopes and money separate from school related events

BAND NEWS

Bandlink

All Junction students are to assemble and meet the teacher assigned to their ensemble at 8:45am to have their names marked off. At the end of the day all students are to have their names marked off as they leave. This is the procedure for both days.

Could you please ensure musicians bring recess, lunch and a water bottle, and all instruments are clearly marked with students' names and TJPS.

Please remember that there are no band rehearsals at school on Wednesday or Thursday, but Junior Band rehearsal is running on Friday morning.

This year's Bandlink promises to be another great workshop, and great fun! Michael Jobson

PREMIER'S READING CHALLENGE

Congratulations to the following primary student who have completed their PRC:

Oscar, Daisy, Eloise Finnian and Alyssa.

A number of Primary students are close to finishing their reading records and they need to have them updated by 21st August 2015.

All Infants students will automatically qualify as the books have been completed as a part of shared reading activities throughout the year.

CLASS 1CF

In 1CF we used the chilly start to term to inspire our literacy work. We made some wintery snowmen art and then teamed this with some descriptive Winter writing. Here is some of our work, to see more of our wonderful work and class activities please visit our class Weebly <http://tjps1cf.weebly.com>



CANTEEN NEWS

Winter Meal Deal order forms went out last week.

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.

PLEASE NOTE UNLESS YOU HAVE ORDERED A 'MEAL DEAL' NEXT WEDNESDAY/THURSDAY THAT THERE WILL BE NO OTHER LUNCH ORDERS.

CAMP AUSTRALIA

Welcome back to another school term. We hope that everyone had a safe and fun filled holiday. This term Camp Australia have some exciting new themed activities that we will be offering including Christmas in July, winter wonderland, clay sculpting and many more! We still have a number of hats in our lost property box, please come in and check if your child has lost any belongings. Camp Australia would like to welcome some new friendly faces to the team, Kellie, Samantha, Eliza and Cassie. Feel free to pop in and say hi to some of our newest team members.

Just a reminder to all families the importance of signing your child both in and out of care each session with a name, signature and the time collected/dropped off. This assists staff with child attendances throughout each session to make sure that all children are safe at all times. Thank you for your understanding on this matter.

For more information on our Camp Australia program or bookings, please visit www.campastralia.com.au or pop into the service.

Felicity, Centre Co-ordinator, Camp Australia

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:
13 school weeks to go**

P&C NEWS

SPRING FAIR P&C MEETING

We had a great meeting last Friday, with the Spring Fair committee providing an update on plans for the Spring Fair. The rides, stalls, entertainment and other activities being organised make for exciting times ahead as our school community comes together for this signature event.

I can't thank the team of people enough who are working extremely hard behind the scenes on this – it's a big undertaking, but their enthusiasm and positivity have us gearing up for a huge event. They are being ably led by Suki Kwon, and includes Mary Henry (marketing / communications), Eloise Fleck and Kirsty Duffy (sponsorship), Olga Kovacev (rides and entertainment), Vanessa Hedges (school stalls), Vera Moore (treasurer),

Dani Carney (risk management), and a number of others providing key support. Our Principal, Mrs Cheek, and the teachers are also throwing their full support behind this event, and have started planning for some of the class stalls, and class entertainment items. Please keep an ear out over the coming weeks, as we will start to get closer to needing additional help in co-ordinating various stalls and other components of the Fair.

RUN NEWCASTLE – 13 September

For the last few years, TJPS has proudly supported the Run Newcastle event by forming an official "The Junction Public School" team, and rallying as much support from within our school community as possible. The entry fees to Run Newcastle provide financial support to the John Hunter Hospital's Adolescent Ward – something that we all hope we'll never need to use, but all have the potential to be grateful is well resourced.

Again this year we have registered an official team, and welcome everyone to sign up and join us on 13 September for either a quick jog or casual walk around the foreshore. Please register at <http://newcastle.runaustralia.com.au/>, register in the Team/School category, select to *Join an Existing Team*, and then join **The Junction Public School – OFFICIAL** team (please don't create a new team, as it won't count towards our numbers). Anyone can join our team – friends, family – anyone! Sometimes the Run Australia folks offer incentives for teams with the most number of people in them – and we're unsure as to whether that might apply this year or not – but the more the merrier on the TJPS team!

FATHER'S DAY BREAKFAST – CO-ORDINATOR NEEDED

We will soon be confirming the date for our annual Father's Day breakfast – but it's likely to be in the second half of Week 8 (ie the week before Father's day). We do however need a co-ordinator for this event – someone who can help with the planning and ordering of food, and some oversight on the day of the breakfast. If you think you'd like to help with the co-ordination, please drop me a line ASAP. Once we have a date, we'll put a call out for volunteers to help on the day. There are a lot of mouths to feed in a short period of time, and we will need quite a few hands on deck.

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.

Next P&C Meeting – Friday 7th August at 1.30pm

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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
7 Aug (Fri)	1.30pm	P&C Meeting
Term 3 TBC	TBC	Follow up working bee and possible gardening bee
Week 8 TBC	Morning	Fathers Day Breakfast
13 Sept (Sun)	Morning	Run Newcastle – Harbour Foreshore
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

Want to keep up with P&C news “on the go”? You can:



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The Junction
Public School
P&C

on Facebook



“Follow”
@TJPS_PandC
on Twitter

COMMUNITY NEWS!!!

UNLOAD CREATIVE WRITING WORKSHOPS - Register now for Term 3

Unload is back and looking forward to getting our creative story-telling juices flowing in Term 3. Our writing and storytelling workshops cater for all levels with a focus on having FUN and building confidence with language.

Who: Students from Years 3-6

Where: (Classroom 6S) The Junction Public School

When: Tuesdays (3.20pm-4.20pm) (Starting Week 2!)

Cost: \$135 for the term or come and try a class for \$15
Numbers are limited to 15 students.

For further information or to register contact www.unload.org.au or contact Suzie suzie@unload.org.au Mob 0409 409 141

FRENCH CLUB..... for 5-12 year olds

Fun after school program at the Junction PS

French club on Monday and Tuesday from 3.20pm to 4.20pm

Lots of fun activities, drama, music & games

Experienced teacher

Supported by fantastic fun activities online at Babelzone

Come and join us for a Free Trial! Enrolling now for Term 3-Monday availability only

Register your interest by phone: Phone: 0402 818034 or email: sandra.peachey@lcfclubs.com.au

COOKS HILL SURF CLUB NIPPERS

All Nippers Registrations need to be done ONLINE.

New members & renewing members applications open in August. No registrations will be taken after 30th August.

For more information: www.cookshillsurfclub.com.au

WOOLWORTHS EARN AND LEARN

Our school is not participating in the Woolworths Earn and Learn this year. However if you are shopping at Marketown, please consider donating your stickers to ASPECT'S Hunter School for Children with Autism. Please place stickers in ASPECT'S box at Marketown Shopping Centre (not here at school). Thank you.