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Term 3 – Week 5

Tuesday 11 August 2015

## PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

### TJPS BUILDING PROGRAM – NEW CLASSROOMS.

Tenders will soon be closing for the building program of 5 new classrooms to replace current demountable buildings. It is hoped that construction will begin during next term as well as the upgrade to the administration block. We will keep you informed as we receive news and progress updates.

### ENROLMENT 2016

We are currently organising our student enrolments for 2016. New students who reside within our 'intake zone' are able to enrol for next year. We will require proof of address and occupancy in order to accept these enrolments for next year. New information in this regard will be going up on our school website very shortly including a map and streets included in our intake zone. Due to the fact that we have currently reached our 'ceiling' for non-local placements we will have no such places available for 2016.

### STAFF DEVELOPMENT AFTERNOON

This afternoon staff will be staying back after school and working for several hours on developing 'rich' assessment tasks to complement our current unit work in English, HSIE and History. We will also be looking at how effectively we are tracking student progress and using that information to further plan the focus of our curriculum units.

This is the third evening session of professional development this year where staff are working hours now in lieu of the two staff development days on 17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> December.

### KINDERGARTEN INFORMATION EVENING

We are looking forward to meeting all our families of 2016 Kindergarten students on Monday 24<sup>th</sup> August to welcome everyone to The Junction Public School community. The evening will begin at 6.00pm in the new school hall with welcomes from the school executive, P&C and school admin staff. We will provide an overview of the Early Stage 1 Curriculum and whole school programs. The evening should conclude around 7pm.

### DEBATING TEAMS

Well done to all students in the Years 5 and 6 debating teams who have been working hard these last few weeks – going through the debating rounds. It's a very demanding and skill intensive process to work in a

debating team. More exciting debates will take place this week for our Year 5 teams – good luck to all.

### AFTER SCHOOL PICK-UPS AND LEAVING SCHOOL GROUNDS

When the bell goes at 3.00pm of an afternoon – most students and parents have a routine of where to meet for pick-ups etc. If parents who pick their children up are delayed for any reason, we would like all students to wait up in the office area where staff are still present to supervise and assist students. Could parents please reinforce this information to children and talk again about what procedures need to be in place if you are delayed. We would also appreciate all students, when dismissed at the end of the school day, to make their way home promptly and not remain in the school grounds playing unsupervised. If parents are 'catching up' with other parents, we ask that children remain with their parents until they are ready to leave. Thanks.

### CONGRATULATIONS RUGBY LEAGUE TEAM

Congratulations to our rugby league team who continue to be successful in the PSSA Knockout rounds of the competition. The team has just defeated Scone PS in Round 6 30 -12, and are the new Hunter Rugby champions. The boys will now play in the state quarter finals and are waiting to see who the next opponents will be. Well done to all team members!

Wendy Cheek  
Principal

### SPELLING BEE RESULTS !!

Congratulations to all students who participated in the Stage 2 and Stage 3 school Spelling Bee. The following students were successful and will represent our school at the Regional Finals in September.

Stage 2: Jack  
Bridget

Stage 3: Patrick  
Jorjia

Well done Spellers !!!

## CALENDAR - TERM 3 – 2015

Week 7

Event

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

Friday, August 28 Regional Athletics Carnival

## SPECIAL MENTION AWARDS

TERM 3 WEEK 4

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

3MC	Natayah Livinia	Maraya
3H	Rayshai Connie	Xavier
3K	Benjy Oscar Marco	Manning Tess Lara
3W	Sophia Mia	Jasper
4A	Monica Max	Kelsey
4L	Ella Rosie	Anthony
4F	Theo Maxxis	Lucy
5S	Pearl	Paris
5T	Charlotte Sebastian Ruby	Rhys Charlotte
5W	Noah Trinity	Max
5/6B	Louka Ebony	Leila
6C	Joshua Maya	Oliver
6S	Cameron Leela	Tom

### Assembly times:

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

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

### A BIG THANK YOU

Thanks go to Anna, Zahra's mum (1C) for her kind donation of stationery to the school. It will be put to great use.

## RECENT NOTES HOME

- Kindergarten Excursion - \$25 (Pink note)
- Year 6 Canberra
  - Balance of money due (Yellow note)
  - Itinerary (Purple note)
  - Parental Consent Form (Orange note)
- Year 6 "Taster Sessions" Newcastle High 12<sup>th</sup> August

### STAGE 3 PUBLIC SPEAKING

Last Monday the Stage 3 Public Speaking finals were held. The following students represented their class:- Ruby, Annika, Callum, Coco, Sam, Talara, Leela, Madi, Piper, Jackson, Molly and Malika.

All students presented well-rehearsed and interesting speeches.

Congratulations go to Piper and Jackson who represented Stage 3 at the Regional Finals at Soldiers Point Public School last Wednesday.

### SKOOLBAG

Skoolbag is now available for Windows phones running version 8.1 of Windows and Windows devices running Windows 8.1 or 10 (eg surface tablet, laptop, PC etc). This is as well as being available for iPhone and Android phones.

To install Skoolbag on your Windows device, look up "Skoolbag" in the Windows Store, and install it. Once installed you can find The Junction Public School and pin it to your Windows home screen.

We encourage all families to download the Skoolbag app to keep up to date with school events.

### DEBATING

Yesterday Year 5 Debating Team no. 1: Declan, Ben, Eva, Michelle with the help of Nathan, our Year 6 helper, participated in a debate against Redhead Public School. The topic was:- That school children should do a compulsory hour of sport each day and The Junction were the negative.

It was a very close debate and Redhead had some very strong arguments but, The Junction came through in the end and was successful in convincing the adjudicator that school children should definitely not do compulsory sport every day.... Well done team.

Michelle

### RUGBY LEAGUE

The Rugby League team defeated Scone 30-12 at Learmonth Park on Friday. The Junction boys scored the first converted try in the game. The team defended very well and kept Scone out in the 1<sup>st</sup> half. In the 2<sup>nd</sup> half we wrapped up the game with tight defence and hard runs. At the end of the game, good team work paid off.

Gus

## 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 you are making a payment of an afternoon if you can do so by 3pm.

Thank you for your co-operation.

## 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.

## P & C NEWS

### 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.**

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:

**10 school weeks to go**

At last week's P&C meeting, we covered many topics including Spring Fair updates, next working bee dates, discussion around some upcoming changes to school enrolment policies, our building works program, uniform shop, canteen, the upcoming Father's Day breakfast and several other matters.

We were especially pleased to confirm and expand on some previously approved spending items, including

over \$3000 for maths kits and around \$1200 for science kits. These kits are available across the whole school and are a great resource for our children.

Our next P&C meeting will be Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> September at 7pm in the staff room. All members of our school community are welcome, and are encouraged to participate in the P&C, which is a great link between our parent community and our school executive. While it may seem like a long way away, we are keen to welcome new faces, as we forward plan towards next year.

### Working & Gardening Bee – Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> August & 17/18 October

We have two upcoming working / gardening bees planned – the first being Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> August which will complete the works on the covered walkways that was started last term, and then we will commence some tidy up works of our gardens and school grounds. The second (day to be confirmed) will be the weekend of 17/18 October, and will be to spruce up our grounds ahead of the Spring Fair. Please drop the P&C a line if you can help out on 29 August. We will likely commence around 7.30/8am, and go until we're finished – but are hopeful that this might be more of a half-day activity, possibly into early afternoon. We will again need help with tools, equipment and handy skills for the covered walkways component. Gardening gloves and wheelbarrows will likely suffice for most of the gardening works.

### FATHERS' DAY BREAKFAST – Help Needed Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> September

We are now calling for volunteers to help, and are trialling an online sign up system. Please visit here: <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/20f044da8ae28a4fc1-tips/> or use the provided QR code to sign up for either the 7.00am-8.30am shift, or the 8.00am-10am shift. We need a large number of people to help with the Fathers' Day breakfast, and look forward to filling the roster quickly.



<- QR Code for Father's Day Volunteer Sign Up

If you are not able to use the sign up system, please email the P&C and let us know which shift you can help with, and we'll get you on the roster. We welcome feedback about the online roster sign up, as we may look towards rolling it out for the Spring Fair.

Once we have the menu finalised, we will be pre-selling breakfast items through FlexiSchools. Bacon and egg rolls will be available on the morning for anyone who hasn't pre-purchased.

Please make sure the date is written into the diary of dad, grand-dad or that special father-figure in your family.

## RUN NEWCASTLE – 13 September

We have set up an official TJPS team for Run Newcastle. If we get more than 50 people signed onto our team, we will be entitled to some sporting equipment for our school. People who join our team do not need to be members of our school community – so, after you've signed yourselves up, ask around friends or family, and get them to join our team too.

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).

## HOLIDAY RAFFLE

Raffle tickets are hopefully going to print sometime this week, and we are hopeful tickets will be going home within the next couple of weeks. Please keep an eye out in the coming weeks, and start thinking about where you might be able to sell tickets. The prizes have broad-appeal, and so workplaces, sporting clubs and other places you frequent, may be great places to sell a few tickets.

We also have some GREAT kids incentive prizes. The more books of tickets you sell, the more entries you get into the incentive draw. The incentive prizes this year include an iPad mini, an acer tablet, private surfing lessons, kids backpacks and more.

The raffle will be drawn at the Spring Fair on 31 October.

## Kindy Orientation Morning Teas

We will soon be looking for a coordinator for the Kindy orientation morning teas, which at this stage will be held in the first week of November. Preferably the coordinator and volunteers will come from this year's kindy co-hort, as we welcome incoming new parents to our school for next year.

**Thank You:** Every week without fail, our uniform shop is opened to service our school community thanks to the ongoing efforts of a group of volunteer parents. In particular, Donna Reay does a huge amount of work making sure that our uniform shop is stocked with important uniform items, and the roster is filled. Donna is helped by a regular roster of wonderful people including Kim Forbes, Bernadette Ryan, Jasmine Page, Monique and Jo, plus others who provide support when they are able. Next time you're in line at the uniform shop, don't forget to say thanks to these wonderful parents. Their efforts allow us to keep key uniform items as affordable as possible.

## Other P&C MEETING DATES THIS YEAR:

- 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.

## Subscribing to the P&C Email List

The P&C email list is a great way to keep in touch. Some of the web links included in newsletter can be direct clicked from 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
29 Aug (Sat)	Morn/early pm	Follow up working bee and gardening bee
1 Sept (Tues)	7.00pm	P&C Meeting
3 Sept (Thurs)	8.00am	Fathers Day Breakfast
13 Sept (Sun)	Morning	Run Newcastle – Harbour Foreshore
17/18 Oct	TBC	Gardening Bee
31 Oct 2015	12pm-4pm	Spring Fair 2015
31 Oct 2015	6-8pm (TBC)	Family Halloween Disco

Julie Wharton  
P&C President

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



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Public School  
P&C on  
Facebook



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on Twitter

NEWCASTLE  
COAL TERMINALS  
**RUN NEWCASTLE**  
COTTON:ON

**SUNDAY 13 SEPTEMBER 2015**

**Register today at  
RUNAUSTRALIA.COM.AU**

Earn up to \$1000 worth of new sporting equipment vouchers for your school. Simply register and join your school team !

Friends and family are welcome in the school team !

100% of the registration fee goes straight to the redevelopment of the Adolescent Ward at John Hunter Children's Hospital





### Call For 'Expressions of Interest' from not-for-profit organisations/charities

As our Spring Fair is entirely community focused, we would like to give not-for-profit organisations the opportunity to participate.

All Not-For-Profit organisations are invited to forward an email requesting a stall or a demonstration slot at the Spring Fair as a means of raising community awareness.

Every request will be reviewed on its merits and a total of 5 slots and/or stalls will be awarded.

Please email Expressions of Interest to Eloise Fleck at: [sponsorshiptjpspringfair@gmail.com](mailto:sponsorshiptjpspringfair@gmail.com).



### FRIENDS OF NEWCASTLE UNIVERSITY BOOK FAIR GREAT HALL

This is a sale of second-hand books, rare books, records, CDs, DVDs, sheet music, etc. Books include texts, Australian art, medical, engineering and commerce. etc. plus lots of donated books from the community.

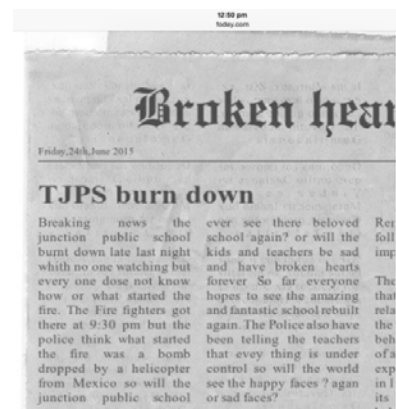
The 2015 Book Fair will start on Saturday 8 August and will run all week, closing after lunch on Saturday 15 August. There will be plenty of great books on offer, so be sure to note the dates in your diary!

Opening hours  
Saturday & Sunday 10 am - 5 pm  
Monday to Friday 10 am - 4 pm  
Thursday 10 am - 7 pm

## CLASS 2B

Throughout the integrated HSIE and Science Unit 'What's the message?', Year Two have been developing their understanding of what's in a newspaper, the process of presenting a news report and how a newspaper is printed. In small groups, students created a pretend news story which they turned into a newspaper report. Here are some examples below.

Miss Burgin







# Year 5 Excursion

## Australian Pioneer Village, Wilberforce