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Term 3 – Week 6

Tuesday 18 August 2015

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

'TELL THEM FROM ME' – STUDENT SURVEY YEARS 4 TO 6

This term, our school is taking part in the Tell Them From Me student survey. The survey will provide us with valuable feedback on what our students think about school life, how engaged they are with school and the different ways that teachers interact with them. Schools in Australia and around the world have used the Tell Them From Me survey to help them improve. The survey is completed on-line and is run by an independent research company, The Learning Bar, which specialises in school-based surveys.

Staff in schools will not be able to identify individual students from their responses. To ensure confidentiality, participating students will receive a unique username and password. Where fewer than five students respond to a question, the results will be suppressed. The survey typically takes 30 minutes or less to complete and will be administered by the school during normal school hours. Once the surveys are completed by students, reports are prepared and in most cases are available to schools within three business days.

This survey will help your school better understand how to improve student wellbeing and engagement. It will help the school identify what works to improve student outcomes.

A permission note will be coming home with this newsletter this week. If you do not wish your child to participate – please return the note indicating so.

There will also be an opportunity for parents to return a similar survey to the school to assist us with our school self-evaluation processes.

SPRING FAIR

Coming home this week will be a whole school Spring Fair note asking for various donations for different grades in our school. You may have received one from your child's class teacher specific to your class. We are hoping that if there are requests from different classes which you may be able to assist with, that you would be happy to send along requested donations as per the note.

The P&C are really doing a wonderful job in preparation for the Spring Fair on 31st October. This will be one of the major fundraisers for the school for this year and promises to be a gala community event!!

Continue to read the P&C updates later in this newsletter.

KINDERGARTEN 2016 - PARENT INFORMATION NIGHT

Looking forward to meeting all families of our new Kindergarten students for 2016 next Monday night at the school in the new hall.

Parents will hear from Assistant Principal Angela King, P&C President Julie Wharton, School Admin Manager Dianne Edwards as well as myself. We will outline the focus for the Early Stage 1 Kinder programs, school strategic directions, the role of the P&C as well as school administration procedures.

Parents will be able to nominate their days for orientation visits in November. If you are a current parent with our school and are not attending this information evening, please call in to the office next week and pick up your information pack and select an orientation day.

FATHERS' DAY BBQ BREAKFAST

Another great Father's Day BBQ breakfast is being arranged for all dads, uncles and grandfathers on Thursday 3rd September outside the canteen beginning at 8.00am. The P&C run this highly popular BBQ each year as a thank you to all the dads, uncles and grandfathers who support our school. Come along and enjoy a delicious breakfast – either pre-ordered or if not a bacon and egg sandwich with your children. This year we will invite the dads, uncles and grandfathers to participate in some activities with their children during this time.

BEST WISHES

Best wishes to our Rugby League team who will be playing against Avoca Beach Public School in the semi-final of the state PSSA Rugby League Competition at Learmonth Park this coming Friday.

Many thanks to parent coach Greg Fleming and Assistant Principal Brenda Briggs for their great support of the team to get them to this exciting part of the competition.

Wendy Cheek
Principal

STUDENT LEAVE OVER 5 SCHOOL DAYS

If your child will be away from school for over 5 school days you must complete an 'Extended Leave Form' which will be approved by the Principal. These forms are available from the school office. Thank you.

CALENDAR - TERM 3 – 2015

Week 7

Event

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

Friday, August 28 Regional Athletics Carnival

Week 8

Event

Thursday, September 3 Father's Day Breakfast

Friday, September 4 Footy Colours Day

Oakvale Farm Visit - Kindergarten

SPECIAL MENTION AWARDS

TERM 3 WEEK 6

KINDER TO YEAR 2 ASSEMBLY

KK	Ashley Timmy	Beau Aja
KD	Ben Nicholas	Imogen
KE	Millie Xavier	Audrey
KH	Fabian Tom	Angus Ruby
1J	Emma Lalita	Rowan Lucy Ryder
1C	Samantha Saoirse	Noah Clodagh
1CF	Jayden Isla	Maya Jett
1W	Abbey Thomas	Campbell Carmen
2C	Emiel Ava	Lillie Saffron
2B	Adisyn Koby	Jaedyn Phoebe
2R	Ella Neve	Shai-Scott Lewis
2W	Stanley	Lucille

Assembly times:

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

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

YEARS 3, 4, 5 & 6 ASSEMBLY

3MC	Charlotte	Lucy
3H	Emily Elle	Brodhi
3K	Zenon Luke	Reece
4A	Iliannah Charli	Brianna
4L	Toby Ned	Marley
4F	Indah Barnaby	Oscar
5S	Ashton	Ronan
5T	Sam	Coco
5W	Sylvia Eva	Max
5/6B	Lara Lara	Logan
6C	Finnian Peter	Katrina
6S	Poppy Flynn	Clara

PREMIER'S READING CHALLENGE PRC closes in 3 DAYS!!!!

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

Liam, Timothy, Chloe, Paris, Coco, Michelle, Luke, Kate, Oscar, Daisy, Eloise, Finnian, Alyssa, Charlie, Kobi & Saxon.

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.

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.

PSSA SOCCER BOYS

On Friday 7th August we played against Hamilton South Public School in the PSSA Soccer Knockout Competition. We kicked off at around midday and unfortunately Hamilton South opened the game by scoring twice. 2-0. Our hope was lifted when we brought it back to 2-1. They got a penalty and scored early in the second half, now 3-1. But the game wasn't over just yet. We scored and we were back in the game 3-2. As the last few minutes were fading away we scored the equalizer 3-3 - a draw. The game then went into extra time but nobody scored. Eventually the referee decided whoever had the most corners would win. The Junction had 2 but unfortunately Hamilton South had 3. It was a fantastic game and the highlight was our determination and never giving up attitude. We couldn't have played any better and unfortunately we lost.

By Cooper - Captain

PSSA RUGBY

On 13th August the Rugby Union boys played Newport Public School at Morisset, Lake Macquarie. At half time the score was 7-0. The boys were down one try and one conversion but they were still in the game. The Junction had a couple of chances to get a try in the second half but the Newport defence were too good. Final score 12-0. The boys tried their hardest but in the end The Junction were knocked out of the competition finishing in the top 8 of the State PSSA Knockout. They had a great game, but a sad loss.

By Brayden



RECENT NOTES HOME

- Kindergarten Excursion - \$25 (Pink note)
- Year 6 Canberra **FINAL PAYMENT DUE**
- Fathers Day Breakfast (Blue note)
- Year 2 Interest in joining Band (Yellow Note)

SPRING FAIR ART COMPETITION

4L and 5W are having an Art Competition at the Spring Fair in October. We are searching for talented artists to submit a 'Spring' theme artwork of their choice. The public will be voting for their favourite artworks on the day and a winner from each stage will receive a prize. You may enter any piece of artwork including photographs, paintings, sculptures, drawings, screen prints, tapestry, mosaic and digital art. If you need any more information please see Miss Willoughby or Miss Ladkin. Artworks need to be clearly labelled on the back, with the child's name and class. Entries are due in by Friday 16th October 2015 and are to be taken to 5W's room.

Thank you

Miss Ladkin and Miss Willoughby

PLASTIC POTS/ POTTING MIX

I am looking for donations of small plastic pots and potting mix to assist in preparation for our stall for the Spring Fair. Classes 4A and 1CF will be planting seeds, seedlings and cuttings over the next few weeks, and your support would be greatly appreciated. So, rather than throwing those little nursery pots out, please send them in to 4A classroom.

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.



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: sponsorshiptjpsspringfair@gmail.com.

P & C NEWS

COUNTDOWN TO SPRING FAIR:

9 school weeks to go

SPRING FAIR – COUNCIL GRANT

We are excited to announce that the P&C has been awarded a \$5000 Community Assistance Grant from Newcastle City Council for our Spring Fair. The grant money will be vitally important in paying for targeted costs associated with the safe running of the fair - which is a whole of community event. While we are still finalising how the money will be spent, we expect it will assist with items like promotional banners, marquees for shade, hire equipment etc, allowing more of the money raised on the day to go directly towards our goal of raising funds for the internal and external resourcing of our new classrooms, due to be occupied next year.

HOLIDAY RAFFLE

Raffle tickets are at the printers and will go home in the next week. We are offering great incentive prizes for the kids of our school this year. The more books of tickets they sell, the more entries they get into the incentive draw. This year our incentive prizes include an ipad mini, an acer tablet, surf lessons, kids backpacks and more. Once tickets are on sale, if you need more books, please just pop into to the office. The incentive prizes have been kindly donated by Telstra Business Centre, Officeworks Marketown and Sanbah.

First prize again this year will be a holiday to the value of \$4000 to be booked through iTravel The Junction. We thank iTravel for their contribution of \$500 towards our first prize. Second prize will be an amazing helicopter flight over the vineyards, and three-course lunch for two (also in the vineyards) – valued at over \$600. We thank Doyle Partners Chartered Accountants for their generosity in donating this great prize.

Now is a great time to plan where you will sell your tickets. The prizes have broad appeal, so workplaces, sporting clubs and other places you frequent, may be great places to sell a few tickets.

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

If you can help us over the coming weeks with processing of incoming tickets, please drop the P&C an email. If you can spare an hour even one morning a week, we'll happily put you on the roster.

Working & Gardening Bee – Saturday 29th August

There are two upcoming working / gardening bees planned. On Saturday 29th August we will complete the works on the covered walkways that was started last term, and will commence some tidy up works of our gardens and school grounds. We may also do other odd jobs, so wear your best dirty gardening clothes, and come along and join us from 8am.

Please drop us an email if you can help out.

Please also pop 17/18 October in your diary. This will be a time to spruce up our grounds ahead of the Spring Fair.

FATHER'S DAY BREAKFAST – Pre-Orders now open

Pre-orders are now open for the Father's Day Breakfast (Thurs 3 Sept from 8am) via www.flexischools.com.au. Go to "What's on at your school" at the bottom of the homepage, type in "The Junction Public School", and select the Father's Day Breakfast. More info on the flyer that has gone out today – but pre-sales will only be available online. Anyone who hasn't pre-ordered will be able to buy a bacon and egg roll on the day. **Pre-orders close Monday 31 August.**

Father's Day – Help Needed Thursday 3rd September

Many thanks to everyone who has signed up so far to help out for the Father's Day breakfast. A few more people will help greatly. We 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 Father's 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.

RUN NEWCASTLE – 13 September

Come and join us on 13 September for Run Newcastle to help raise funds for John Hunter Hospital Adolescent ward. Please encourage your friends and family to sign up to **The Junction Public School – Official** team. If we get more than 50 people signed onto our team, we will be entitled to some sporting equipment for our school. You don't need to be a member of our school community to join our team!

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.

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.

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

Other P&C MEETING DATES THIS YEAR:

- 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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Public School
P&C on
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NEWCASTLE COAL TERMINALS 2015
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

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.



COMMUNITY NEWS!!!

NEWCASTLE CITY TOUCH REGISTRATION

Juniors: 6-18 years and Seniors:

Register in September – Comp begins October

Details: contact Kerry Campbell 4946 5877

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



**MEREWETHER SURF
LIFE SAVING CLUB**

**REGISTRATION FOR
NIPPERS 2015/16 SEASON**

Registrations for current and new members please visit:
www.merewetherslsc.com.au

Open Day/Information Session for U6/U7 group only:
Sunday 11th October 10am - Midday

Merewether Nippers aims to develop social and physical skills in children, whilst providing age appropriate surf education.

We hope that this will assist children in safely enjoying our wonderful Australian beaches. The emphasis in younger age groups is on fun, friendship and education, however many children may also develop an interest in the competitive aspect of Nippers and go on to represent our club in future years.

There is a great sense of community within the Merewether Nippers Club, for both children and their families. Come and join us!



