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Term 3 – Week 10

Tuesday 15 September 2015

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

How quickly this term has gone by and how much again we have achieved!

Thank you to our school community for your amazing support yet again – it is so wonderful to work with such a great group of people – clearly dedicated to supporting their children and the school's focus and strategic directions. Thanks everyone.

Kindergarten Enrolments 2016

Can parents of Kinder enrolments for 2016 please return their enrolment papers and information required by the school to the front office as soon as possible. It is a huge task to enrol students at school and the office are very keen to get this process started.

Enrolments 2016

I need to inform the school community that as our school has currently reached our enrolment capacity, that for any currently enrolled family who moves outside the school current intake zone, as of now, siblings are not assured of future enrolment, and that the school is not in a position to accept non-local enrolments.

Building News!

I can finally announce that Artel Constructions has won the tender for the building of our five new classrooms and refurbishment of the administration block.

We should see some fencing go up in the playground these holidays and some preliminary earthworks taking place. The admin block will begin refurbishments after the Spring Fair on October 31. We are all really looking forward to our long awaited new amenities – further enhancing the quality programs at our school. I will continue to provide you with updates over the building and construction. Estimated timeframes for the finish of this project is end of term one in 2016.

Spring Winds Concert

Another wonderful experience was had by all who attended the Spring Winds Concert at Newcastle Conservatorium last Friday night where our Intermediate and Senior Bands performed to an exemplary standard. This concert also featured our Percussion band, they played some really interesting pieces on tuned and untuned percussion instruments. I would like to congratulate all students who have practised so hard and achieved such high skill on their instruments. I would also like to thank our band program co-ordinator

and conductors Michael Bell, Michael Jobson and David Tracey.

We certainly have a remarkable performing arts program at The Junction. Thank you to all parents for supporting the band.

Book Week Parade - Start at 9.20am!!! Please note earlier time.

We are looking forward to our Book Week Parade this coming Friday. Students may come dressed as their favourite book character. This is always a really fun, creative and colourful event – very much enjoyed by students. The parade will start at 9.20am for Kinder to Year 2 students – followed by Years 3 to 6 students at 10.10am. Time to put those thinking caps on for costumes! Parents, grandparents and family friends are very welcome to attend.

Strings Group – Burwood Girls High

We were fortunate this morning to have a visit from Burwood Girls High String ensemble who put on a wonderful concert for our Year 2 and 3 students this morning.

Members of our current school strings group also got to have conversations with ensemble members and receive some tutoring in these beautiful instruments.



Happy Holidays

I would like to wish all families a happy, safe and enjoyable holiday. Many thanks for your ongoing and genuine support of our wonderful school.

Wendy Cheek, Principal

CALENDAR - TERM 3 – 2015

Week 10

Event

Friday, September 18 Book Week Parade - (K-2)
9.20am & (3-6) 10.10am

Friday, September 18 Last day of Term 3

CALENDAR - TERM 4 – 2015

Week 1

Event

Monday, October 5 Public Holiday

Tuesday, October 6 STAFF & STUDENTS RETURN

Friday, October 9 P & C Meeting – 1.30pm

Week 2

Event

Monday, October 12 Junior Band at Bandfest

Thursday, October 15 Year 1 & 2 Intensive Swimming starts

Thursday, October 15 Intermediate Band, Senior Band, Percussion Ensemble at Bandfest

Week 3

Event

Thursday, October 22 Year 1 & 2 Intensive Swimming

Week 4

Event

Tuesday, October 27 Senior Band – Opera House

Thursday, October 29 Year 1 & 2 Intensive Swimming

Saturday, October 31 Spring Fair – 12pm to 4pm

REGIONAL ATHLETICS RESULTS

Congratulations to all the talented students who participated at the Regional Athletics carnival. It was a wonderful effort by all students. Saxon and Noah now move onto State next term, we wish them the best of luck with their endeavours. Below are the results:

Saxon 1st - Snr 800m

Lily 11th - 12yr 100m

Noah 3rd - Jnr Shot Put

Tom 11th - Snr Shot Put

Timothy 6th - Jnr 800m

Dimitri 9th - Snr Shot Put

Girls Jnr Relay team – Maya, Lily, Natasha and Chloe – 6th

Jody Cooper

SPECIAL MENTION AWARDS

TERM 3 WEEK 9

KINDER TO YEAR 2 ASSEMBLY

KK	Jackson Oliver	Atticus William
KD	Lewis	Joe
KE	Lulu Charlotte	Elijah
KH	Ted Marley	Amelia
1J	Kahn Keely	Roxanna
1C	Michelle Luka	Susu Chloe
1CF	Maya Ty	Rosie Greta
1W	Ava Regan Ella	Phoebe Oliver

YEARS 3, 4, 5 & 6 ASSEMBLY

3H	Elle Imogen	Yorgi Samuel
3K	Maple Ilaria	Charlie
3MC	Kip	Livinia
3W	Sophia Darby	Sophie Bailey
4F	Chelsea Nate	Lucia
4L	Caden Alex	Imogen
5S	Jonty Noah	Ethan Gus
5T	Luke	Chloe
5/6B	Brayden Harry	Justin
Student Of the Month	Connor Lily Seren Jada Charlotte	Will Sid Tom Eva

Assembly times:

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

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

STAGE 2 SPELLING BEE

I was very proud to accompany Bridget and Jack to the spelling bee finals last week at Hamilton Public School. Both were given some tough words to spell and were clever enough to stay in for three or four rounds. Thank you also to their parents for your support at the event. Well done Jack and Bridget! Lisa Hughes



NEWS FROM 2C

Last week, all of Year 2 visited Blue Gum Hills Regional Park and the Summerhill Waste Management Centre. We enjoyed a lovely bushwalk and had a fabulous time building cubby houses out of branches and leaves. At the Waste Management Centre Alicia took us on a tour so we could see all the different areas that our rubbish travels to and we were quite shocked at how quickly we fill up such a large space with rubbish. In the education centre Karen taught us which bins to use for different kinds of rubbish and how we could test plastic products to see if they were recyclable or not. We have also written some persuasive pieces of writing in an attempt to convince others to recycle and help save our planet. If you would like to read more of our writing please visit our class blog –

<http://tips2c.weebly.com>

Finally, we would like to wish Miss Goodwin and the other teaching interns at our school all the best for the future. The students have enjoyed your enthusiasm and all the wonderful things you have prepared and taught them during the past 10 weeks. Laura Chaffey

Reduce, Reuse and Recycle!

You **MUST** recycle because if you don't put your rubbish in the right bin it could end up in the ocean. Did you know that all those lazy people who don't recycle and who think it's too hard are the people who are ruining our environment?

You **MUST** recycle because if you don't put it in the right bin and leave it somewhere it will eventually end up in the drain and then down the pipes and into the ocean.

The animals in the ocean will think its food and if they eat it they can die!

Another reason why you should recycle is because if you don't reuse or recycle paper and just chuck it in the bin that means we have to cut down more trees and when all the trees are gone because we've used them all we won't be able to breathe anymore because trees produce oxygen for us to breathe.

I strongly believe that you should **RECYCLE**. So get out there and recycle unless you want your backyard to be a dump! By Stella

Recycle Now!

You just might be thinking right now - Is it really that important to recycle? Well I can tell you, it is!

You **MUST** and you **WILL** recycle because if you don't and you put all your rubbish in the bin, it goes to land fill and soon all the rubbish will end up on your doorstep!

Did you know that 20000 trees are cut down just to produce the Saturday newspaper? You must help me tell the people to stop cutting down all these beautiful trees because if you didn't know trees provide oxygen and that oxygen keep us alive. If all the trees are chopped down now only will all the trees be gone but we won't be around either!

I hope all of you lazy people sitting on the lounge watching TV are now up and **RECYCLING**! By Madeline



YEAR 6 IN CANBERRA!

Last week our Year 6 students travelled by coach to Canberra. They left early on Monday, 7th September, 2015 and the scheduled return was late Wednesday afternoon.

The students undertook an educational tour of the National Capital. The programs over the three days provided opportunities for the students to participate in a variety of educational programs with a focus on Australia's history, culture, heritage and democracy.

The Australian Government recognises the importance of all young Australians being able to visit the nation's capital as part of their Civics and Citizenship education. To assist families in meeting the cost of this excursion the Australian Government contributed \$20 per student under the Parliament and Civics Education Rebate Program (PACER).

This rebate is paid directly to the school at the conclusion of the excursion and assists in offsetting the cost to families.

Whilst at Canberra, the students enjoyed accommodation at the Canberra Carotel Motel. Throughout the program they visited Parliament House, Electoral Education Centre at old Parliament House, Dinosaur Museum, Questacon, Australian Mint, The Institute of Sport and a tour of the embassy district.

On visiting the Australian War Memorial each student was able to place one of the knitted poppies from our display on the tomb of 'The Unknown Soldier'.

A great three days were had by all. A big thank you to Mrs Cooper, Mr Savage, Mr Radnidge and Mrs Brown who accompanied the students.



CANBERRA RECOUNT ... by Maya & Annika

On Monday 7th September, the Year 6 students headed off to Canberra for our educational excursion. In History this term we were learning about the Government and how our country is run, so we were lucky enough to go to Parliament House and have a tour of the building. The tour consisted of the House of Representatives, the Senate and a meeting with Sharon Claydon, Federal Member for Newcastle.

We also visited the Australian War Memorial, the National Dinosaur museum, Old Parliament House, Embassy Drive, Questacon (a hands on Science centre), The Australian Institute of Sport (AIS), Royal

Australian Mint and Mt Ainslie (the highest mountain in Canberra).

Every place we visited was really fun and interesting but our personal favourite was the AIS. Athletes go there to train, sleep and relax and we were fortunate enough to be able to play dodgeball, soccer and basketball where the athletes actually train. Canberra was a fantastic experience and we would love to do it all again soon!

RECENT NOTES HOME

- All families – Raffle Tickets
- Senior Band Opera House Performance - \$30
- Yr 1 & 2 Intensive Swimming - \$70 (Blue note)

BAND NEWS

Term 4 is a very busy time for our bands. Please add these dates to your calendars and ensure that your child is available for these performances.

As always if you have any concerns regarding attendance at any of these events, please contact email or contact Mr Jobson via text message.

Bandfest

All Bands plus the Percussion ensemble will again be performing as part of Bandfest at Lake Macquarie. The Bands will perform on these dates:

Monday, 12th October – Junior Band.

Thursday, 15th October – Intermediate Band, Senior Band, and Percussion Ensemble.

A note will go home this week with all information plus a permission slip to return to Mr Jobson.

Opera House: Argyle Concert

Senior Band's exciting performance at the Sydney Opera House will take place on Tuesday the 27th of October. Please check previous notes for details regarding the excursion.

TJPS Spring Fair: All Bands

All bands will be performing at the Spring Fair on the 31st of October. Details of performance times will be sent home soon.

Band Presentation Night

Thursday, 3rd December at 6:00pm at the Newcastle Conservatorium of Music. All Bands perform and are presented with awards and certificates. Year 6 students perform solo items, so I encourage all parents to ensure that all Year 6 students have prepared a solo for this event.

Senior Band will be performing at Presentation Day on 10th December.

Rehearsal Absences

Just a reminder, please let me know if your child is unable to make any rehearsals before or during school.

Michael Jobson

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.

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.



Save the date

Our Spring Fair banners are up around the school perimeter as our countdown to Saturday 31 October gathers pace.

#TJPSspringfair

Thanks to everyone who has jumped onto our Facebook page to comment, share and like. If you haven't done so already, please join the conversation at:

<https://www.facebook.com/pages/The-Junction-Public-School-Spring-Fair-2015/374092879432389>

Volunteers (one from each TJPS family required)

The Spring Fair committee has been hard at work for months planning our ambitious fundraising effort for the 31 October. We have made great progress but we now **call on the entire school community to pledge volunteer support on the day**; a couple of hours from every family in the school will see this great event run smoothly so that we can all enjoy the day while raising much-needed finance for the internal and external resourcing of our five new brick classrooms due to be occupied during 2016.

For Spring Fair volunteer sign up please visit **SignUpGenius** and register at <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/20f044da8ae28a4fc1-spring>



Face painters needed: if you're creative, artistic and handy with the face paints please let us know by emailing: tjpsspringfair@gmail.com

Halloween stall – 4 volunteers needed to manage and co-ordinate our themed stall. If you'd get ghoulish delight in helping, please register at **SignUpGenius** at the above address and reference Halloween.

Street Food@The Fair: we urgently need **food warmers; cake/tiered stands** and **deep fat fryers**. If you have equipment you can make available to us on the day please contact: tjpsspringfair@gmail.com

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Merewether Veterinary Hospital:

<http://mvol.com.au/merewethervet.aspx>

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Temple at The Junction:

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P & C NEWS

COUNTDOWN TO SPRING FAIR:

5 school weeks to go

IMPORTANT CANTEEN SURVEY

The P&C is conducting an important survey regarding the future operation of our school canteen. We encourage school families to participate in the survey here: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/L7XXVDC>. We have a list of Frequently Asked Questions and Answers regarding the survey – if you would like a copy before completing the survey, please drop us an email at junctionpandc@hotmail.com. The survey will close this Friday 18 September.

HOLIDAY RAFFLE TICKETS

Please return sold raffle tickets and money to the office as soon as you can. If you need more books of raffle tickets over the holidays, please email the P&C and we'll try and get some books to you.

Don't forget about the great incentive prizes for the kids. Every book of tickets sold will get an entry into the incentive prize draw – so, the more books of tickets you're able to sell, the more chances you'll have in the draw.

Look for opportunities to sell your tickets to work colleagues, family, neighbours etc – please don't feel obliged to buy all yourself. If children go door-to-door, they should be supervised by an adult.

RUN NEWCASTLE

It was great to see so many TJPS families at the Foreshore on Sunday helping to raise funds for the John Hunter Hospital Adolescent ward. It was a beautiful day, and such a great sense of community. We'll try and let you know next term whether we had enough people register on our team to be able to earn some funds / equipment for our school.



If you need to contact the P&C, please drop us a line at junctionpandc@hotmail.com.

UPCOMING P&C EVENTS:

Date	Time	Event
17/18 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.

RAFFLE TICKET HELPERS

We're looking for helpers with processing of the incoming tickets. If you can spare some time, please find the roster here:

<http://www.signupgenius.com/go/20f044da8ae28a4fc1-holiday>. Thanks to Patricia Kinney for overseeing the roster.

Julie Wharton, P&C President

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



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COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

FRENCH CLASSES

Learn French after school at The Junction Public School on Monday & Tuesday afternoon from 3.10pm to 4.10pm. Come and join us for a free trial!

Lots of fun activities, drama, music and games.

Contact: Sandra Peachey

Mobile: 0402 818 034

sandra.peachey@lcclubs.com.au

IT'S ALL ABOUT ME! UNLOAD WRITING WORKSHOPS - REGISTRATIONS OPEN

In Term 4 we'll be getting creative with the world's most fascinating topic: You! The program will be jam-packed with inspiring ways to express yourself. 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

When: Tuesdays 3.20pm-4.20pm
starting in **Week 2, 13 October**

Where: 6S Classroom

Cost: \$135 (9 week term)

Numbers limited to 15

You can now register directly on the website! Go to www.unload.org.au or email suzie@unload.org.au for more information.

Suzie Galway: Mobile: 0409 409 141

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