



Union Street, Merewether. NSW 2291 Ph: 49 631343 Fax: 49 63 3501 E: thejunction-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au

Term 3 – Week 8

Tuesday 1 September 2015

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Thank You!

Sincere thanks to the families able to attend the working bee at school last Saturday. A small but dedicated group made safe the covered walkway beside the canteen, straightening it up and concreting the supports into position. This walkway and the long stretch of walkway behind the canteen have given us a wonderful addition to the school's building assets, that we would not have been able to have.

We were also able to sand and paint the support poles to the walkways at the front of the school as well as begin to repaint the chess squares and give the school a general tidy up.

I am extremely grateful for this type of community support and the commitment from our school community. It was also wonderful to see how many students were here really lending a hand and caring about their school.

Sincere thanks to parents and community members Rob & Sharyn Kane, Olivia Ryan, Dave Hancock, Janis & Craig Hamilton, Karla Karinen, Steve Spencer, Sarah Cook, Brian Halligan, Stephen Fleck, Ravi & Neil Mawson, Johanna Anderson, Leonie Funk and Donna Reay. You are wonderful people. I was also very proud of the following students for giving up a bright and sunny Saturday to come to school and help out: Nathan, Flynn and Niamh, Jai and Harri, Asha and Ziv, Alyssa, Joshua, Lily and Jett, Phoebe, David and Alex. Thanks everyone.



An Amazing Effort and Life Lesson

Huge congratulations to our school Rugby League team who made the long trip to Ballina last week to play in the semi-final of the State PSSA Rugby League competition. The boys were not awarded the game though the score was 12 all at full time and after extra time. **Read the full report from teacher Jody Cooper in this newsletter** but I would like to sincerely tell the boys how proud I am of them for their sportsmanship and the way they conducted themselves throughout the experience.

Again I am thanking the parents of the boys in this team who had to quickly re-organise their personal lives to get the boys to Ballina, arrange accommodation and help supervise - at fairly short notice – due to the nature of the draw. To the parents – I really appreciate all your efforts - not only for your own boys but also for the whole team. Many thanks.

Thanks as well to accompanying teacher on this trip Jody Cooper and also to Brenda Brown for her co-ordination of the team throughout the year to get them to this point. Congratulations to coach Greg Fleming for your skilful guidance of the team as well.

Father's Day Breakfast

Another great Father's Day BBQ breakfast is being arranged for all dads, uncles and grandfathers this coming 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 – 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. We really enjoy seeing our dads at school – see you on Thursday.

Book Week Parade.

We will be celebrating Book Week during the last week of school – there will be a **Book Week Parade on Friday 18th September** (the last day of term) – when children 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 9.30am for Kinder to Year 2 students – followed by Years 3 to 6 students at 10.00am. Time to put those thinking caps on for costumes. Parents, grandparents and family friends are very welcome to attend.

Footy Colours Day

Students are encouraged to wear colourful sports clothing this Friday and bring a gold coin donation to support the Fight Cancer Foundation. There will also be some organised footy clinics for students – boys and girls to participate in on the day. Thanks.

Can anyone out there 'fibreglass'?

Looking for some generous person with skills or experience in 'fibre – glassing' to make some small repairs to a dinghy in the Creative Playground. This much loved boat is suffering from being 'enjoyed' too much and needs some repairs to the side of it. Does anyone have some fibreglass and resin in their shed to do a small repair job on the boat – alternatively the school can purchase what is needed and we just need someone to 'do the job' for us. Please let the office know if you can help. Thanks.

Wendy Cheek, Principal

CALENDAR - TERM 3 – 2015

Week 8 Event

Tuesday, September 1	P & C Meeting – 7pm
Thursday, September 3	Father's Day Breakfast – 8am
Friday, September 4	Footy Colours Day – Gold Coin Donation
Friday, September 4	Oakvale Farm Visit - Kinder

Week 9 Event

Monday, September 7	Year 6 Canberra
Tuesday, September 8	Year 6 Canberra
Wednesday, Sept 9	Year 6 Canberra
Wednesday, Sept 9	Intermediate Band Day
Wednesday, Sept 9	Year 2 Excursion Summerhill
Friday, Sept 11	Spring Winds concert – 7pm

Week 10 Event

Tuesday, Sept 15	Year 1 Excursion Summerhill
Friday, September 18	Book Week Parade (K-2) 9.30am & (3-6) 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

SPECIAL MENTION AWARDS

TERM 3 WEEK 7

KINDER TO YEAR 2 ASSEMBLY

KK	Mia Amelie	Zavier Isabella
KD	Lily	Steele
KE	Noah	Cedar
KH	Eddie Oliver	Amelia Myer
1J	Sofia Lachlan	Zoe
1C	Billy Samuel	Yo Han Audrey
1CF	Abby Jackson	Felix Alexis
1W	Amelie	Noah
2C	Madeline Myles	Ruby Ariel
2B	Sofia Noah	Sebastiaan Liam
2R	Maliyah Laila	Paige Patrick
2W	Joshua	Lachlan

YEARS 3, 4, 5 & 6 ASSEMBLY

3H	Josie Jett	Aisling
3K	Trinity Timothy	Marco
4A	Jack Stirling	Visal
4F	Hayley Sophie	Michael
4L	Scoutt	Bridget
5S	Jet Aiden Mary-Jane	Emily Talara Malika
5T	Rhiannon Eloise	Max
5/6B	Matthew Jordan	Callum
Student of the month	Archie Connor Seren Charlotte Will	Sid Jada Lily Eva Tom

Dance Award	Imogen Great commitment in dance group	
--------------------	---	--

Assembly times:

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

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

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.

RECENT NOTES HOME

- Kindergarten Excursion - \$25 (Pink note)
- Year 2 Summerhill Excursion - \$15 (Green note)
- Year 1 Summerhill Excursion - \$15 (Purple note)
- All families – Raffle Tickets
- All families – Spring Fair Christmas Stall note

SCHOOL CANTEEN

The canteen are involved with a Fruit and Vegetable promotion until the end of this term. When a student buys two fruit or vegetable items they will receive a coloured pencil. They will then go into the draw for major prizes. Thanks Cath and the Canteen team.

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.



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.

RUGBY LEAGUE STATE SEMI FINAL.

Report from Jody Cooper – Accompanying teacher.

Last Wednesday the boys' PSSA Rugby League Knockout Team travelled the long journey to Ballina, up near the Queensland border to meet up with Southern Cross Public School in the semi-final of the State PSSA Rugby League competition which was played the next day, on Thursday. It was a thrilling match.

The game was awarded to Southern Cross School after a 12 all draw at full time and after extra time when the score remained 12 all.

The rules state that after extra time if the game is still drawn it shall be awarded to the team who scores first in the game. In this case it was Southern Cross!

I spent a long time in the car going through my thoughts on the way to and from the tournament. How can I put into words the tremendous effort from the boys not just to make it to this point in the tournament but also finish the way it did? It wasn't a loss nor was it a win, simply a rule allowing the first scorer through to the State final.

As I listened to the radio I heard an interview with Danny Buderus and how he searched for ways to inspire the Knights each week. So I would say to Danny 'Shakers' Buderus if you are looking for inspiration then you should look no further than the boys in The Junction Public School Rugby League Team.

Allow me to introduce them Josh, Cooper, Taj, Saxon, Declan, Marc, Flynn, Tom, Noah, Axel, Gus, Max, Jack, Orlando, Aedan, Logan, and Justin. They are the grass roots of the sport, the ones that aspire to inspire others. Each time the whistle blew they were ready, they put their heart and soul on the line and not once did they give up. I watched from the sideline as every single player gave his all and had nothing left at the end of extra time. Despite the outcome of the game they were congratulated by parents from the opposition and opposing school teachers for their sportsmanship and game play. Their parents could not have been more proud and nor could I.

To the boys I would say this....One day you won't remember that you played Southern Cross K-12 School but you will remember how you played a game where you fought till the end and how it hurt to go out because of a rule. But that's competitive sport and we accept that.

We are extremely grateful to the Southam family – Jed and Georgette who were instrumental in co-ordinating accommodation and transport for the school team. A big thank you to Greg Fleming who gave up his time to coach the boys this year to very special season. A wonderful achievement for our boys Greg!

Also a very special thank you is extended to Matt Taylor, Matt Hoy, Matt Jackson, Tanya Fitzgerald, Grandparents Maddison, Donna Coates, Kristy Ramplin and Con, Mr and Mrs Fleming, Mr Ryan, Jed and Georgia Southam and Mr Hamilton for caring not only for their own children but also the children of many of the parents who were unable to make the trip. Your efforts extended an opportunity to the boys that will live with them forever.

However boys, this is a trip that will live in your memories and you will think fondly on the time you had. The experiences with your mates jumping on the giant pillow,

swimming in the pool, the hole in ones on the golf course, the road trip conversations and that you are one of the top four teams in the State. There are a lot of talented students out there that can't look back and say they had that opportunity.

Thanks for giving me such a wonderful experience as well. I was proud to be your accompanying teacher.



PSSA CRICKET REPORT

On Monday 31st August, the PSSA Boys' cricket team played Floraville PS at our home ground Smith Park, Hamilton North. The boys had an unlucky start losing Taj in the first over. Jake and Cooper had a fantastic partnership with Cooper run out for 40 chasing quick runs. Jake stayed in with an outstanding score of 45 retired. The boys finished strong getting a great total of 150 runs. After The Junction innings, the boys came out with enthusiasm and intensity to restrict Floraville from reaching our total. The Junction got a couple of early wickets causing their top order to collapse. The Junction soon went on to keep Floraville's total to 64. The coach of the Floraville team commended The Junction PS on their great sportsmanship. The boys are to be praised for their positive talk and support for each other. Great contribution from all batsmen including a nice four on the last ball from Oliver. In the field Justin made a superb run out with a direct hit to dismiss their top batsman. Peter chimed in to clean up the tail with great line and length bowling. By: Cooper and Jake

PSSA RUGBY STATE CARNIVAL

Last week, Josh, Cooper and Taj went away to Narrabeen to play at the NSW Rugby Union Championships. These boys played in the Hunter side which finished 9th overall. They played seven games and won five of them easily against South Coast, North West, Western and played Riverina twice. Taj was lucky enough to be selected for the NSW State team, and he will now compete in the National Championships in Newcastle. Congratulations Taj and well done to Josh and Cooper. By: Taj and Cooper

BAND NEWS

Senior Band Opera House Performance

A note will go home this week containing all information for this exciting event. The note will also have information for families wishing to buy tickets to see our performance.

2016 Band

A reminder for our Year 2 families to keep returning expression of interest notes for the 2016 TJPS Junior Band. Playing in a band is great for developing brains, builds many great skills, teaches young musicians to work as part of a team, and builds confidence through performance. We strongly urge families of Year 2 students to consider this opportunity for their children to become a member of The Junction Public School band family.

Spring Winds Concert

A reminder that Intermediate Band, Senior Band and the Percussion Ensemble will again be performing next Friday night the September 11th at 7pm at the Conservatorium of Music Spring Winds Concert. Students will be required for a sound check at the Conservatorium by 6pm. Please mark this on your calendars!

Intermediate Band Day

Intermediate Band will have their Term 3 Band Day next Wednesday the 9th of September. Uniform for the day will be Sports Uniform and there will be a pizza lunch provided. This will be a great opportunity to do some good work on our pieces for the Spring Winds concert and Bandfest.

Rehearsal Absences

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

Entertainment Books

There are still four Entertainment Books available at the school office. The books are \$60 and are full of great food and entertainment vouchers! Thank you to all the families who have purchased books – we are sure you are getting great value from them!

Michael Jobson

FOOTY COLOURS DAY... This Friday!!!

More than 800 Aussie kids and teens are diagnosed with cancer every year. During treatment and recovery they can miss hundreds of days away from school, friends and family. Each year thousands of Australians unite and wear their favourite footy colours to help raise money to give children and teens living with cancer a brighter future.

This Friday 4th September, The Junction Public School is uniting in the fight against cancer. Students can wear their supporters gear or colours from any code of sport, even a team they play for themselves, to school on Friday and bring along a **gold coin donation**. Students will participate in a range of sports activities during the day showing off their team colours. Let's unite in the fight against cancer!

Haydn Corbett

CLASS 1W

Last week 1W had lots of fun making 'Kazoos' after learning about how music makes its way on to our radios. We also learnt about how sound is produced and experimented with different sized kazoos to see if this changed the way our instruments sounded.

Don't forget to check out all the wonderful things we get up to at school by heading over to:

<http://misswebstersclass2015.weebly.com>

We love hearing your feedback, so if you do stop by, be sure to leave a comment.



CAMP AUSTRALIA

This week at Camp Australia we have been talking about different cultures around the world. We have been asking the children about their nationality and where they were born. The children have helped staff create a pin up board where they can pin up where they were born and where their ancestors are from if they wish. Feel free to come in and have a look at our display.

Camp Australia is holding a weighing competition within the centre. A "Smiggle Stationary Pack" has been created by staff where the children can donate a gold coin to guess the weight of the pack. The money raised will be going towards our Back 2 School Fundraiser supporting the Smith Family. All donations will provide education essentials to children in the most disadvantaged areas of Australia. Camp Australia will also dollar match the money raised within our Centre. Please see staff at the centre for more information.

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

Felicity, Centre Co-ordinator, Camp Australia



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>

Sponsors

Our sponsorship tally continues to rise. Please support our community minded sponsors if there are services you are due to buy. If you do use any of our sponsors' services, please let them know that you're a member of the Junction Public School's community.

Our current sponsors include:

Foundation Sponsor

Robinson Property: <http://www.robinsonproperty.com.au/>

Proudly supported by Newcastle City Council

Gold Sponsor

HK Powdercoating: (02) 4953 6166

Aussie Home Loans: <https://www.aussie.com.au/>

Silver Sponsors

Bodyworx Physio: <http://bodyworxphysio.com.au/>

Central Vein & Cosmetic Medical

Centre: <http://www.cosmeticcentre.com.au/>

Resolve Legal: <http://www.resolve.com.au/>
3P Surfboards: <http://www.3psurfboards.com/>
Merewether Veterinary Hospital: <http://mvol.com.au/merewethervet.aspx>
Hunter Diabetes Centre: <http://www.aimcentre.com.au/>
The Junction Fair: <http://www.junctionfair.com.au/>
The Junction Hotel: <http://www.junctionhotel.com.au/>

Street Food @ The Fair

Thanks to those who have contacted us about running a food stall. We still have room for more home cooks who want to flex their culinary muscles so please contact email: tjpspringfair@gmail.com if you are willing and able to help.

P & C NEWS

COUNTDOWN TO SPRING FAIR:

7 school weeks to go

P&C MEETING – TONIGHT - Tuesday 1st September 7.00pm

There is a P&C meeting tonight at 7pm in the staff room. All members of our school community are welcome – we'd love to see you there.

Father's Day Breakfast – THIS Thursday 3rd September from 8.00am

Pre-orders have now closed – but all are still welcome, and bacon and egg rolls will be available for purchase if you didn't get around to pre-ordering.

If you did pre-order – please print off your Flexischools vouchers and bring with you on Thursday morning.

We'd love a couple more helpers on Thursday – so if you can, we'll be there from 7am getting set up. Food serving will start at 8am. If you have any questions, please drop the P&C an email at junctionpandc@hotmail.com

RAFFLE TICKETS

Holiday Raffle tickets went home last Tuesday. Look for opportunities to sell your tickets to work colleagues, family, neighbours etc – please don't feel obliged to buy all yourself. If you'd like more books, they're available from the office. Please return any unsold books, along with sold tickets and money to the office. We have some great incentive prizes for the kids. Every book of tickets sold will get you an entry to the incentive prize draw.

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.

Working Bee – Last Weekend

A huge thank you to everyone who helped at last weekend's working bee. Thanks to Rob Kane for overseeing the installation of the final covered walkway near the canteen. While there's still some finishing touches to happen, the walkway is now open for business again. We also managed to re-paint the chess boards and some of the blue poles near the old hall, we pressure cleaned some hard surfaces, sanded and oiled a memorial chair near the office, tidied out the P&C storage cupboard, and did a general tidy / garbage pick-up as well.

We have such a generous school community, and we thank everyone who gave up part (or all) of their Saturday. Big thanks to Rob & Sharyn Kane, Olivia Ryan, Dave Hancock, Janis & Craig Hamilton, Karla Karinen, Steve Spencer, Sarah Cook, Wendy Cheek, Brian Halligan, Stephen Fleck, Ravi & Neil Mawson, Johanna Anderson, Leonie Funk, Donna Reay. We also thank the kids who helped out – some of them were really fantastic in the help they provided, including Nathan, Flynn, Jai, Harri, Asha, Alyssa, Josh, Niamh, Lily, Ziv, Phoebe, David, Alex, Jett and many others. I will no doubt have missed some of our helpers – so please accept my apologies if your name is not here, but know that we thank you all the same.

RUN NEWCASTLE – 13 September

Please 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! Register at <http://newcastle.runaustralia.com.au/>, and select to register in the Team/School category. Select to *Join an Existing Team*, and then join **The Junction Public School – OFFICIAL** team.

Other Thanks:

- Big thanks to Kym Isaacs who did all the leg work in getting the raffle tickets off to the printers, and delivered to school;
- We are so very fortunate to have Liz Knapp's graphic design talents available to us. Liz has again done all the graphic work for the raffle tickets and associated posters. And the Spring Fair banners are just amazing. Thanks Liz!
- Thanks to Kendall Long for organising the Father's Day breakfast this year. We look forward to a fun morning on Thursday.
- The Spring Fair sub-committee are really ramping up efforts and the countdown is on! There is a lot of work ahead, and we look forward to supporting these wonderful parents – who are so focussed on our ambitious target of fundraising for the internal and external resources for our new school buildings. Thanks again to the leadership of Suki Kwon, and the sub-committee of Mary Henry, Eloise Fleck, Kirsty Duffy, Vera Moore, Vanessa Hedges, Dani Carney, Olga Kovacev and Belinda Pearson.

Julie Wharton, P&C President