

## PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

### Father's Day Breakfast

What a fantastic event the Father's Day breakfast was last Thursday. It was wonderful to see so many dads, uncles, grandads and family friends in attendance.

It just reminds me what an amazing community we are fortunate to be a part of and how supportive everyone is. Huge thanks to the P&C and all the wonderful helpers who cooked up a storm to provide for the vast numbers. Many thanks to parent, Kendall Long for all her organisation resulting in a superb event.

Congratulations as well to student Connor who asked if he could bring his electric guitar along to school last Thursday and play some of his 'repertoire' for all the dads. He did this and entertained us all with his musical talents! Well done Connor.



### Book Week Parade

We will be celebrating Book Week next week and on Friday the last day of the school term, there will be a Book Week Parade. 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 9.30am for Kinder to Year 2 students – followed by Years 3 to 6 students at 10.00am. It's time to put those thinking caps on for costumes. Parents, grandparents and family friends are very welcome to attend.

### School Enrolments

The following information relates to enrolments for 2016 at The Junction. Schools are resourced according to the amount of permanent accommodation they have on site. This is departmental policy. Currently and for 2016, we have no placements available for any new non-local enrolments as we have reached our 'ceiling' for places in all classes. Students currently enrolled will continue to attend The Junction. If you require information on this – please contact the office and I am happy to speak to you on this matter. Thanks.

### Tree Planting – Leila – Year 6

Congratulations to student Leila from Year 6, who wrote to me about the possibility of planting more trees in our playground after she watched a program on National Tree Day. We lost a lot of trees from the playground in the April storms and Leila spoke with me about this. We will be planting more shade trees on our boundaries after the classroom build is completed – but I admired Leila's initiative and sense of wanting to do something now – so last week Leila planted a tree at the back gate near Watkins Street. Well done Leila.



### Student and Parent Surveys – School Evaluation Student Surveys

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

online 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 was handed out a few weeks back to every student in Years 4 - 6. 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.

### **The Partners in Learning parent feedback survey**

As well as the 'Student survey' (above), our school will be participating in the *Partners in Learning* 'Parent survey', another part of the *Tell Them From Me* suite of surveys (student, teacher and parent surveys) on student engagement. The survey asks parents and carers questions about different factors that are known to impact on student wellbeing and engagement. Running this survey will help our school understand parents' and carers' perspectives on their child's experience at school. These include: communication between parents/carers and staff, activities and practices at home and parent/carer views on the school's support of learning and behaviour. This valuable feedback will help our school make practical improvements.

The survey is conducted entirely online at home or on public computers. The survey will typically takes 15 minutes or less to complete and is completely confidential. The parent survey will be conducted between now and 16 October. Participating in the survey is entirely voluntary, however, your responses are very much appreciated.

More information about the survey is available at: <http://surveys.cese.nsw.gov.au/information-for-parents>

Wendy Cheek, Principal

### **A CALL TO ALL JUNCTION FAMILIES!**

With only two weeks to the holidays, we are in **urgent** need of the following ingredients for the Spring Fair.....

**Plain and SR flour, cornflour, caster sugar, brown sugar, natural muesli, raw peanuts, corn flakes, coconut, walnuts, choc bits, cocoa, dried figs.**

We want to use these ingredients in the holidays to make items for the Fair. Please donate what you can! Send donations to 3K and 3H rooms.

Many thanks Karen Read and Lisa Hughes

## **CALENDAR - TERM 3 – 2015**

### **Week 9**

### **Event**

<b>Wednesday, Sept 9</b>	<b>Year 6 Canberra</b>
<b>Wednesday, Sept 9</b>	<b>Intermediate Band Day – Band students wear Sports Uniform</b>
<b>Wednesday, Sept 9</b>	<b>Year 2 Excursion Summerhill</b>
<b>Friday, Sept 11</b>	<b>Spring Winds concert – 7pm</b>

### **Week 10**

### **Event**

<b>Tuesday, Sept 15</b>	<b>Year 1 Excursion Summerhill</b>
<b>Friday, September 18</b>	<b>Book Week Parade - (K-2) 9.30am &amp; (3-6) 10am</b>
<b>Friday, September 18</b>	<b>Last day of Term 3</b>

## **CALENDAR - TERM 4 – 2015**

### **Week 1**

### **Event**

<b>Monday, October 5</b>	<b>Public Holiday</b>
<b>Tuesday, October 6</b>	<b>STAFF &amp; STUDENTS RETURN</b>

## **SPECIAL MENTION AWARDS**

### **TERM 3 WEEK 8**

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

<b>3H</b>	Charlie Jada	Milijana Claire
<b>3K</b>	Lily Lauren	Mia
<b>3MC</b>	Blake Luke	Lily
<b>4A</b>	Ethan Harri	Taj
<b>4F</b>	Morgan Charlie	Jordan
<b>4L</b>	Sarah	Joel
<b>5T</b>	Piper Yvonne	Kobi
<b>5W</b>	Rylee Asha	Alan
<b>5/6B</b>	Georgia Jackson	Lara
<b>6C</b>	Caitlin Orlando	Peter
<b>6S</b>	Nathan Jack	Jake Jorjia

### 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

Today, Jack (4A) and Bridget (4L) represented The Junction Public School at the Junior Regional Spelling Bee Final at Hamilton PS. Both students are very competent spellers and we will let you know the results in next week's newsletter.

### STAGE 2 ART ENRICHMENT DAY

Thank you to Mrs Read for organising and running two engaging and enriching art days for Years 3 and Year 4. The students were given the opportunity to create a number of pieces, using different mediums and techniques. The theme was 'Spring inspired' and some of the artworks will be selected to feature at our Spring Fair. Lisa Hughes



### WORLD VISION – Progress Report for Saravut Keo

We have received a Progress Report for our World Vision sponsor child who lives in a small farming village in Cambodia. Saravut is currently in Year 2 and his favourite subject is maths. Most people in his community work on farms. He loves to play football with his friends and do his homework on weekends. He would like to be a teacher when he finishes school.

### PLANT STALL- SPRING FAIR

Classes 4A and 1CF will be running a plant stall for the Spring Fair, and as such, we will be needing donations. If you can help, we would really appreciate it. We need plastic pots, seeds, seedlings, plant cuttings, actual plants already potted and garden ornaments. Donations are being accepted NOW. These can be sent to 4A classroom, anytime during the week, right up until the end of October. Please help! Thanks Mark Alcock

### KINDERGARTEN AT OAKVALE FARM

What better way to see ducks in action than on a rainy, mud puddle day! Last Friday, Kindergarten set off for an adventure and while the weather didn't look too good, we braved the elements to enjoy many new experiences. Children got to go on a tractor ride around the farm, milk Daisy the cow, feed the goats, lambs and piglets milk from a bottle, pat a koala or two and learn about some common reptiles. Holding a large snake seemed to be the highlight of the day. The bus ride back to school was much quieter with many children drifting into nap time after such a busy and fun filled day. Angie King



### 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.

### RECENT NOTES HOME

- Year 2 Summerhill Excursion - \$15 (Green note)
- Year 1 Summerhill Excursion - \$15 (Purple note)
- All families – Raffle Tickets
- Senior Band Opera House Performance - \$30
- Yr 1 & 2 Intensive Swimming - \$70 (Blue note)

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## BAND NEWS

### Senior Band Opera House Performance

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

### Spring Winds Concert

A reminder that Intermediate Band, Senior Band and the Percussion Ensemble will again be performing this Friday night September 11<sup>th</sup> 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 this 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. Michael Jobson

## FOOTY COLOURS DAY

Last Friday TJPS participated in Footy Colours Day to raise money for the Fight Cancer Foundation. The weather wasn't very kind on the day but we didn't let it stop us!

Using our undercover areas students participated in some AFL, NRL and soccer clinics.

Students were very enthusiastic and looked great in their supporter colours. There were jerseys, scarves, hats, beanies, socks and jumpers. Some students even dyed their hair or painted their faces!

Despite the weather, it was a very successful day and the school raised almost \$550 for the Fight Cancer Foundation. Well done! Haydn Corbett



## SKATEBOARD

A Skateboard has been handed in to Mrs Keating. If anyone has lost a skateboard last week please see Mrs Keating.

## 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.

## 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](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.



### 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>

## P & C NEWS

### COUNTDOWN TO SPRING FAIR:

6 school weeks to go

### RUN NEWCASTLE – This Sunday 13 September

Please join us this Sunday (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 earn 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.

### RAFFLE TICKETS

We are now in the midst of what has become our annual Holiday Raffle fundraiser. If you need additional books of tickets over the school holidays, please email the P&C and we will see what we can do to 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.

### 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.

### FATHER'S DAY BREAKFAST

It was so great to see the HUGE turnout for the Father's Day breakfast last week. We hope everyone enjoyed their morning.

A huge thanks to Kendall Long for her wonderful organisation of the day (including sorting out the weather after a rainy start to the morning). There was an army of helpers, and we thank each and every parent and staff who jumped in to help serve hundreds of dads / granddads / uncles / mums and kids in a very short period of time. Thank you to Sarah Cook, Karen Bull, Anna Martinello, Kellie Thoroughgood, Jane Hamson, Katharine Barrett, Abby Young, Angela Hailey, Melanie Sutton, Vanessa Hedges, Kath Doherty, Murray Woolnough, Reagan Jackson, Kim Forbes, Jen Brennan, Jane Clack, Suki Kwon, Leone Cook, Matt Jackson, Michael Jonker, Aneta Buxton, and anyone else who I have inadvertently missed. Thanks also to all of the staff who were in the thick of it helping out – we really appreciate your support on a day like that.

Thanks also to Cath in the canteen and Mark, the school's General Assistant, for their help. Cath was a great support in helping us store food, and always helps the P&C out where she can. Thanks to Mark for helping with setting up of tables, and BBQ's and packing away – again, it's greatly appreciated.

### Do You Wanna Join the Band?

Attention musical parents! We have a parent who is interested in getting together a TJPS "Parents Band" – with the idea that if we have events, we may have our own in-house band, ready to roll out the hits and entertain. Are you interested? Please touch base with Andrew Olsen at [andrewsolson@gmail.com](mailto:andrewsolson@gmail.com).

### Spring Fair – 31 October

We're starting to get towards the business end of the planning and organisation for our Spring Fair. Please keep an eye out over the coming weeks for calls for help, or equipment etc. Our Spring Fair sub-committee is working incredibly hard to bring us a fabulous community event.

We're at the point where, if we're not able to borrow some items from within our school community, we will need to look to purchasing or hiring. While some items will need hiring / buying regardless, any money we can save by borrowing, results in more of our raised funds being able to be directed towards our ambitious goal of providing internal and external resources for our new classrooms which are soon to be under construction. Some of these resources will likely include landscaping, air conditioning, and also some probable technology support items.

It will be one of the biggest fundraisers that any of us will have been involved with in our time at TJPS. Thanks in advance for your help and support.

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
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 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.

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*junctionpandc*

Julie Wharton, P&C President



## FATHER'S DAY PHOTOS.....



## 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@lcfclubs.com.au](mailto:sandra.peachey@lcfclubs.com.au)

### YWCA Vacation Care

Monday 21<sup>st</sup> September to Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> October  
School Holiday Fun – (5-12 years)

Centre open: 7.30am to 6pm

Enquiries: 4929 2954

At: 24 Dawson St, Cooks Hill

More information: [www.ywcahunterregion.org.au](http://www.ywcahunterregion.org.au)