

# The Junction News

Newsletter of The Junction Public School



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Term 4 – Week 6

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## PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

### Remembrance Day 11<sup>th</sup> November

I was proud of all our students on Friday when we observed Remembrance Day at our school service, as well as at Gregson Park Hamilton and at the memorial at The Junction. Our school leaders were able to lead and represent our school at all 3 distinct locations and each service was significant and memorable.



### Outstanding Payments

As we work towards the end of the school term for 2016, unfortunately we have a significant number of outstanding invoices still to be paid. These are primarily for goods and services provided to students over the year – band participation, dance participation, payment for resource books, magazines, and readers that students have used. We have sent home many reminders to families over the last couple of months but have not had a significant response. These outstanding fees exclude any that may be voluntary, and includes only materials and activities that require the user to pay. At present, the school has covered these costs from our global budget which is affecting our ability to organise other activities. We urgently need to be reimbursed for these amounts. Our budget is designed to be shared

equally throughout the entire school population. If this has been an oversight on your part, could you please attend to payment of these invoices as soon as possible? Thanks.

### Presentation Days 2016

Following is information to parents that our Presentation Days will take place on **Thursday 8th and Friday 9th December** this year. We will start on Thursday 8th December with a whole school assembly from Kinder to Year 6 at 9.00am in the COLA area, present the major awards and prizes as well as invest and present the school captains, prefects, sports house captains and vice captains with their badges. This assembly should take approximately (1) hour. At the following assemblies, in the new school hall, every single child in every class will be called forward to receive a certificate.

**At 10.15am on Thursday 8th December** in the new school hall we will continue with the Stage 3 assembly (Years 5 and 6) – and present the class awards and some special stage awards.

**At 11.00am on Thursday 8th December** there will be a morning tea supplied for parents staying on for the next assembly. **At 11.30am on Thursday 8th December** we will continue with the Stage 2 assembly (Years 3 and 4) and present the class awards and some special stage awards. This assembly should conclude by 1.00pm.

**At 9.15am on Friday 9th December** in the new school hall we will hold the Early Stage 1 assembly – (Kindergarten) and present the class awards and some special stage awards. **At 10.00am (approx) on Friday 9th December** we will continue with the Stage 1 assembly (Years 1 and 2) and present the class awards and some special stage awards. This assembly should conclude by 11.15am (approx.)

A morning tea will be available to all attending parents during this time. **Presentation Day will be focussed on celebrating the achievements of all students and recognising their efforts over the whole year. There will be some small class items at each assembly.**

### Best Wishes

Best wishes to student Piper of Year 6 who will represent the region at the State Multicultural Perspectives Public Speaking Competition in Sydney this Friday. Piper is one of our school leaders and has always been an outstanding public speaker. Her topic is 'Stronger Together' and is a wonderful discourse on inclusion and acceptance. Well done Piper!

Wendy Cheek, Principal

**CALENDAR - TERM 4 – 2016****Week 6****Event**

**Wednesday, Nov 16** Kinder 2017 Orientation Day –  
(All children) 9.30am-10.45am

**Thursday, Nov 17** Charity Day – 11.15am to 1pm

**Week 7****Event**

**Tuesday, Nov 22** 3MC & 3L – History of  
Newcastle excursion

**Tuesday, Nov 22** Band assessment day

**Wednesday, Nov 23** Band assessment day

**Week 8****Event**

**Tuesday, Nov 29** 2017 Band information meeting  
for Year 2 (2016) – 5pm - Music  
Room

**Wednesday, Nov 30** 4A & 4LW – History of  
Newcastle excursion

**Thursday, Dec 1** 3/4H, 3W & 4R – History of  
Newcastle excursion

**Thursday, Dec 1** Band Presentation night – 6pm

**Friday, Dec 2** Junior/Senior Choir – St  
Augustines at 10.15am

**Week 9****Event**

**Monday, Dec 5** Dance Concert 5.30pm - school

**Thursday, Dec 8** Presentation Day – Whole  
school (Major senior awards)  
and Stage 2 & 3

**Friday, Dec 9** Presentation Day– K, Yr 1 & 2

**Week 10****Event**

**Monday, Dec 12** Yr 5 End of Year to Movies

**Monday, Dec 12** Yr 6 End of Year activities &  
Yr 6 Farewell dinner & clap out

**Friday, Dec 16** Students last day for 2016

**ASSEMBLY TIMES****Kinder to Year 2 assembly**

The next assembly will be Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> November  
(Week 7) in the new hall at 2pm.

**Year 3 – Year 6 assembly**

Fridays at 11.20am in the new hall.

**SPECIAL MENTION & VALUES AWARDS****TERM 4 - WEEK 5****KINDER to YEAR 2 ASSEMBLY**

<b>KK</b>	Maddie Jules	Milla Lachie
<b>KD</b>	Iris Joshua	Michael Maple
<b>KL</b>	Indigo Dominic	Levi Gabriela
<b>KS</b>	Max Eddie	Pierre
<b>1L</b>	Jake Myer	Emily Mia
<b>1C</b>	Charlotte Kahlia	Angus Isaac
<b>1P</b>	Zaac Evie	Maisie Jake
<b>1WN</b>	Kye Max	Aidan Evie
<b>2C</b>	Lilli Nicola	Boden Daisy
<b>2R</b>	Ruby Ava	Noah Ocean
<b>2J</b>	Ryan Charlie	Hamish Zoe
<b>2W</b>	Elka Maya	Audrey Rowan

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

<b>3W</b>	Grace Ryland	Isaac
<b>3MC</b>	Miamii Koby	Millie
<b>3L</b>	Max Lachlan	Lucca Ava
<b>3/4H</b>	Noah	Amelia
<b>5B</b>	Max Jack	Adele
<b>5F</b>	Toby Shelby	Sarah
<b>6C</b>	Oscar Ashton	Max
<b>6J</b>	Jai Ronan	Julia
<b>6S</b>	Charlie Cormac Molly	Talara Angus Sam

**YEAR 5 END OF YEAR ACTIVITIES**

A 'Pink' note went out today to all students in Year 5. Year 5 will be going to the movies on Monday 12<sup>th</sup> December.

**The cost is \$18 per student – payment can be made by cash, cheque, EPTPOS or via the Parent Online Portal.**

**YEAR 3 & 4 – History of Newcastle Excursion**

A 'Blue' note went out to all students in Year 3 & 4. As part of the history unit, an excursion to the Newcastle East End precinct has been organised.

**The cost is \$6 per student – payment can be made by cash, cheque, EPTPOS or via the Parent Online Portal.**

1WN have been discussing what makes them exceptional and what real life super powers we all have. Here are just a few fantastic examples!

Ella's super power is being very kind.

Lily's super power is being a very good drawer.

William's super power is being a really good friend.

Jacob's super power is completing tricky questions in maths.

To find out about all of 1WN's super powers head over to [1wn.weebly.com](http://1wn.weebly.com)

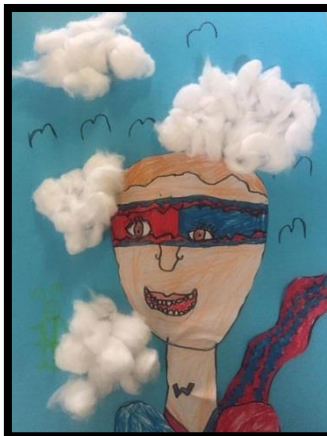
'Ella'



'Lily'



'William'



Jacob

**CHARITY DAY**

Our annual Charity Day is coming up this Thursday! From 11.15am to 1pm students may purchase items using tokens. The office staff will go around to each class from 9am on Charity Day and convert the student's money into tokens, these tokens are then used at each stall. The BBQ will be the only station that will accept cash on the day (\$2) or you may use a token for a sausage sandwich.

Parents are invited to attend. Mark Alcock

**BAND NEWS****Year 2 Parent information session**

There will be an information session on Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> November at 5pm in the Music Room for those families of Year 2 – 2016 students who have handed in the 'Yellow Expression of Interest forms' to join the school band in 2017. Many Thanks, Michael Jobson

**CANTEEN NEWS**

The school canteen have now registered with Flexischools! You are now able to order and pay for recess and lunch orders on the Flexischools site.

**UNIFORM SHOP**

The Uniform shop is open on Mondays from 8.45am to about 9.15am in the Old School Hall.

**Payment for Uniform Orders here at the school shop on a Monday is by Cash or Cheque only**

Cheques payable to: The Junction School P & C.

**THERE ARE NO EFTPOS FACILITIES FOR THE UNIFORM SHOP HERE AT SCHOOL (Eftpos can only be made via the Flexischools site).**

When ordering on the Flexischools site – it may take one to two days for the order to come through, so if you place an order on the Sunday it may not be ready until the following week.

Thanks. Donna Reay, Co-ordinator

**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.

**NEWCASTLE BASKET BRIGADE**

Donna Reay, parent of this school, has organised a donation box currently in the School Foyer!

Newcastle Basket Brigade aim to deliver baskets to families who may be in need of food or suitable gifts at Christmas time.

Donations of the following are most welcome up to the end of November.

Non-perishable foods, Toys for children (0-14), Toiletries, Books – new or used, Stationery (Back to school), Wrapping paper and/or ribbons or Gift vouchers.

(NO shoes, clothes or jewellery thank you)

## SCHOOL BANKING

Newcastle Permanent Building Society and Commonwealth Bank offer banking to our students.

Tanya Fitzgerald processes Newcastle Permant Building Society and Kylie O'Connell processes for Commonwealth Bank. School banking needs to be taken to our school library immediately after roll call on Monday.

## P & C NEWS

**HOLIDAY RAFFLE TICKETS:** Thanks to everyone who has returned raffle tickets so far – it's clear that this activity is still as popular as ever and the lure of a family holiday is a great incentive for ticket sales! If you can please return tickets and money as you go, it would be greatly appreciated. We'd love all raffle books and money to be back by Monday 5 December if possible. If you've not been able to sell your tickets, please return the books to the office anyway.

If you've sold your book of tickets, and feel like you could sell more, then please don't hesitate to grab another book from the office. If you work in a business where you may be able to sell to colleagues / customers etc, please feel free to grab some more books and try your luck.

Remember that every book sold gives the child(ren) from that family an entry into the kids incentive draw. The kids incentive prizes include a tablet donated by Officeworks, a boogie board from Sandbah and a voucher from the Lolly Shop.

**THANK YOU MORNING TEA FOR TEACHERS & SCHOOL SUPPORT STAFF – 5 December:** We are now calling on volunteers to help with the teachers and school support staff thank you morning tea on Monday 5 December. Each year the P&C puts on a morning tea spread for the teachers and school support staff as a thank you for their efforts throughout the year. We will need donations of morning tea treats, and people to set up the morning tea for them all to enjoy. We will then need people to help clean up the staff room afterwards. Thanks again to Olivia Ryan for volunteering to coordinate. If you can help, please see the sign up roster here: <http://bit.ly/2016TeachersMorningTea>

**HELP NEEDED - HOLIDAY RAFFLE – TICKET PROCESSING:** We'd love a few more people over the next few weeks to help process incoming raffle tickets. Please look at the details on the roster at <http://bit.ly/2016HolidayRaffle> (case sensitive), and sign up to a slot if you can spare the time. Processing usually happens over the course of a couple of mornings each week, in the office / staff room. We always need two people to process tickets, so if you see a slot where only one person is signed up, it can be a great help if you can sign up to assist that person. Otherwise, sign up where you can, and/or find a partner. Even if you can

only help on one or two roster slots, it's greatly appreciated.

**TRIVIA NIGHT 2017??** We are calling for 'Expressions of interest' to assist in coordinating a trivia night next year as our major fundraiser for the year. One of the bigger jobs will be seeking, collecting and coordinating donations for prizes which may be used in a range of ways as prizes and silent auction items etc. This would be a great job to share between three or four people. If you are interested in taking on a role and helping out, please contact the P&C at [junctionpandc@hotmail.com](mailto:junctionpandc@hotmail.com).

**NEXT P&C MEETING:** The next P&C meeting will be Tuesday 7 February 2017. Please pop this date in your diary now, as this is very early in Term 1 next year, and we will be keen to hit the ground running. We look forward to welcoming new parents and carers to the meetings next year. These are a great way to hear about some of the things going on in our school.

Julie Wharton, Acting P&C President  
[junctionpandc@hotmail.com](mailto:junctionpandc@hotmail.com)

**Would you like to be on the P&C Email list?  
Use this web link to enter your details, and you'll be  
included in regular P&C emails.**

<http://eepurl.com/bfuMIX>

## UPCOMING P&C EVENTS:

Date	Time	Event
Mon 5 Dec	Morning	Thank You Morning Tea for Teachers and School Support Staff
Mon 5 Dec	9am	Raffle Tickets Due Back
Thurs 8 Dec	9am	Holiday Raffle to be Drawn
Tues 7 Feb	7pm	P&C Meeting
Term 3 2017??	TBC	Trivia Night Major Fundraiser

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



Facebook:  
*The Junction  
Public School  
P&C*



Twitter:  
@TJPS\_PandC

# GREAT AUSSIE BUSH CAMP

**Year 4 : Wednesday 9th –  
Friday 11th November 2016**

## *List 3 highlights from camp?*

### **Luke P -**

1. High ropes were good because it pushes your comfort zone, which helps you with your life in and out of school.
2. I liked archery because it helps with accuracy, which helps with sports including soccer, football, tennis and basketball.
3. Canoeing helps you to work as a team.

### **Niamh -**

1. The Giant Swing was really fun.
2. I liked Lost Island because you get really dirty and muddy.
3. I liked the high ropes because the one we were suppose to go on wasn't working so we went o a harder course.

### **Kristian -**

1. The rainforest walk was not only educational but they are part of our beloved planet earth and are quite rare.
2. I liked Lost Island because not only do you get to enjoy the life of a military soldier, but your teachers and instructors also dump you.
3. The high ropes are great because I have had experience from Tree Tops Adventure Park and the flying fox is great.

## ***What are your tips for a great time at camp?***

### **Mia -**

1. Always go to the top of the Giant Swing and expect the unexpected when you pull the rope.
2. Go in every activity, otherwise you will regret it.
3. Don't talk at lights out for two reasons; you are going to get in trouble and it's really annoying for other people in the cabin.

### **Manning -**

1. Always sleep on the bottom bed and make sure there are no holes in the tent.
2. Go to sleep straight away.
3. Always ask for spare cookies at supper.

### **Thomas -**

1. **DO NOT** eat the hamburgers!
2. Go full height on the Giant Swing and look down when you are at the top.
3. Bring something comfortable for the beds - 1-2 pillows and an extremely comfortable sleeping bag.

### **Xavier -**

1. Pretend to go to sleep when someone in your tent is being bad at night.
2. Bring a bowl for snow cones so you get more!



