

The Junction News

Newsletter of The Junction Public School



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PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Charity Day

I was extremely proud of all students last Thursday in their efforts at Charity Day for 2016. It was really interesting to see the COLA area bare at 9.00am, an amazing hive of activity by 11.30am with colourful stalls and goods to sell and tidy and clean again by 1.00pm. It's a credit to all students for their hard work and enthusiasm in making their class stalls as successful as they are and really getting behind the concept of Charity Day – giving to others.

The students raised over \$5,614.95 during those few hours! This is really an amazing achievement. The funds will go towards our annual sponsorship of our World Vision student from Cambodia, Saravut Keo who is 11, as well as a donation to both Cooks Hill Surf Life Saving Club and Merewether Surf Life Saving Club. We hope that the funds will be directed towards supporting children and community members with disabilities to be able to enjoy our wonderful local surf breaks. A representative from both Surf Clubs will be coming to our school to be presented with cheques next Monday 28th November at our morning assembly. We are aware of what a great local community we have with many wonderful volunteers who give so many hours to these clubs for the benefit and safety of our local communities.

Whooping Cough

During the last week we have had reports of whooping cough among our students. This can be a very serious situation especially for young infants and babies. If you think your child might have it, please see your doctor right away. Children under the age of 18 months with whooping cough should be watched at all times, because the coughing spells can make them stop breathing. Young babies with bad cases may need hospital care, too.

At first, whooping cough has the same symptoms as the average cold:

- Mild coughing
- Sneezing
- Runny nose
- Low fever (below 102 F)

You may also have diarrhoea early on in the illness.

After about 7-10 days, the cough turns into "coughing spells" that end with a whooping sound as the person tries to breathe in air.

I have been in contact with Hunter New England Health and they are saying there has been a rise in incidents of this across our region and mostly among already vaccinated children who get a 'mild dose'. Please notify the school if you think your child may have these symptoms. Further information is available from the Hunter New England Health website. The GP Access After Hours number is 1300 130 147.

Dance Concert Monday 5th December

Please put in your diaries the date of: Monday December 5th at 5.30pm for our celebration of dance at our school. We will be holding a short Dance Concert featuring our Junior Dance, Senior Dance and Ensemble Dance groups as well as our Girl's Tap and Boy's Tap groups and a combined item from both groups. We will also feature some solo items with the evening concluding by 7pm. There will be no charge or tickets – but come along and see how talented your children are in the creative arts area of dancing. All students will receive a certificate. See you then.

Leadership Training 2017

All Year 5 students have participated in Leadership training over the last few weeks as part of our Student Leadership Framework. The students have participated in role play, discuss key leadership attributes... 'what makes a good leader' and were assisted to participate in group discussions on leadership skills. This week students will decide if they wish to stand for any of the student leadership positions or sporting leadership positions to lead the student body in 2017. Students will nominate among their peers who they would like to have stand for the position of school leader. **Next Tuesday 29th November at 11.30am, those candidates who have been nominated will write a speech and present it to the student body from Years 2 to 6** as well as staff members. Students will then vote for their school leaders back in class. The results of these elections will be announced at the following Monday morning assembly at 9.00am. Following that announcement we will then elect our Sports Leaders for 2017 and announce the successful students at our lunchtime assembly. This is a very effective personal development program which all Year 5 students really value and enjoy. Parents are welcome to attend the speeches.

Parent Helpers and Volunteers Morning Tea

An invitation is coming home today to all our parent volunteers who have supported our school all year in any program or activity. This 'Thank you morning tea' will be in

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the new school hall at 10.30am next week on Thursday 1st December. Our school is so fortunate to have your support and to benefit from the input of so many wonderful parents and volunteers. We just want the chance to say 'Thank you'. Looking forward to seeing you to say '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.**

Swimming Carnival 2017 – Thursday 2nd February

A 'Bright Green' Swimming carnival note will go home today to all students in Year 2 to Year 5. A note will also go home to any Year 1 students (Year 2 - 2017) who will be turning 8 years old in 2017. These students must be able to confidently swim 50m to attend the swimming carnival. Only these Year 2 competitors will travel to the Forum. Otherwise all Year 2 students will stay at school with their class and teacher.

As the carnival is the first week back for students next year, we ask that payment of \$12.00 be paid before the end of this school year.

Thank you for your co-operation.

Wendy Cheek, Principal

CALENDAR - TERM 4 – 2016

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	Parent Helper morning tea 10.30am in the new hall
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) 9am Year 5 & 6 : 10.15am Year 3 & 4 : 11.30am
Friday, Dec 9	Presentation Day– Kinder : 9.15am Year 1 & 2 : 10am

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

CALENDAR - TERM 1 – 2017

Week 1	Event
Friday, Jan 27	STAFF ONLY RETURN
Week 2	Event
Monday, Jan 30	Year 1 – Year 6 students return
Tuesday, Jan 31	Kindergarten start school
Thursday, Feb 2	Year 3-6 Swimming Carnival – The Forum + 8 year olds (Yr 2) capable of swimming 50m

SPECIAL MENTION & VALUES AWARDS**TERM 4 - WEEK 6****YEARS 3, 4, 5 & 6 ASSEMBLY**

3W	Anna Mason	Audrey Brady
3MC	Natalia Daniel	Ronan Eva
3L	Paige Taj	Andrew James
3/4H	Sabine Max	Liam Luca
4A	Amber Marco	Kate Erin
4LW	Harry Darby Xavier	Samuel Asha Niamh
4/5R	Nate Lucy Charlie	Ella Benji
5B	Lachlan Django	Ethan
5F	Maya Ella	Taj
6C	Rhiannon Hunter	Tabitha
6S	Aiden Sylvia	Alan

ASSEMBLY TIMES**Kinder to Year 2 assembly**

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

Year 3 – Year 6 assembly

Fridays at 11.20am in the new hall.

YEAR 1 & 2 – Blackbutt Excursion

Year 1 'Hot Pink' note – Wed 30th November

Year 2 'Green note' – Fri 2nd December

The cost is \$8 per student – payment can be made by cash, cheque, EFTPOS or via the Parent Online Portal (on the school website).

BAND NEWS**Instrument Purchase**

I'm very pleased to announce that due to a very generous donation by our school's former OOSH provider – The Junction Community After School Care, we have been able to purchase some new instruments. We have now added to our bands a brand new french horn, Glockenspiel, and for the first time in years, a tuba!

Thank you so much to The Junction Community After School Care. Our young musicians will love playing these new instruments.

Band Assessments

Band Assessments took place today and the remainder of the assessments will be on again tomorrow. A schedule has been posted around the school.

Musicians from Senior Band and Junior Band are reminded that unless they are scheduled to have their assessment, they do not need to arrive early for rehearsals on these mornings.

Please check times carefully. Good luck everyone!

Junior Band 2017 Parent information session

There will be an information session next Tuesday the 29th November at 5:00pm in the Music room. All prospective band members from Year 2 (2016) and parents are invited to attend.

We will cover all aspects of your child's participation in Band, as well as have a performance from one of our talented current members. I hope to see you there.

Band Presentation Night

A note will go home with details for next week's Band Presentation Night. All Bands, plus Percussion Ensemble and String Ensemble will be performing at 6:00pm Thursday December 1st, at the Newcastle Conservatorium of Music. I'm looking forward to seeing you all there!

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

Thank you to the following mums who assisted all our new kindergarten families with their uniforms over our Orientation Days : Kim Forbes, Kim Patrick, Kim Van Huisstede, Jasmine Page and Bec Brennan.

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).

Thanks. Donna Reay, Co-ordinator

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. School banking needs to be taken to our school library immediately after roll call on Monday.

P & C NEWS

HOLIDAY RAFFLE TICKETS: Please return all raffle books (sold or unsold) and money by **Monday 5 December**.

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 Sanbah and a voucher from the Lolly Shop.

THANK YOU MORNING TEA FOR TEACHERS & SCHOOL SUPPORT STAFF – 5 December: Thanks to the great response for helping with the teacher's and school support staff thank you morning tea on Monday 5 December. We will of course be more than happy to receive additional support, including donations of morning tea treats, and people to set up the morning tea for them all to enjoy, and people to help clean up the staff room afterwards. Thanks again to Olivia Ryan for volunteering to coordinate. If you would like to help, please see the sign up roster here:

<http://bit.ly/2016TeachersMorningTea>

HELP NEEDED - HOLIDAY RAFFLE – TICKET PROCESSING: Thanks again to the wonderful response in processing of the holiday raffle tickets. We could do with some more help in the final week of the raffle (week beginning 5 December), and will likely need more than two people on each day of the roster over the final few days. 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.

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.

P&C COMMUNICATION OVER THE SUMMER BREAK: Are you on the P&C's Facebook page? This is a great source of information during the course of the school year, but is also one of the easiest ways to get information out between newsletters, or if something unexpected comes up. For example, following the 2015

Superstorm, the P&C Facebook page was used to help get time sensitive information out about the school's operations. Search for *The Junction Public School P&C* on facebook.

The P&C also operates an email list. This is also used to send information out, as well as semi-regular updates of "whats on". The link to sign up for the P&C email list is in the box below.

Help us pass this information around to new and current school parents.

2017 CLASS LISTS: Early in Term 1, 2017, we will collate class lists. If anyone is able to volunteer to help in this process, please get in touch with the P&C at junctionpandc@hotmail.com. We have streamlined the process in recent years – with people providing their information via online forms, and then having a volunteer sort and collate the information into class lists. If you know how to use excel, and are interested in learning a little about Google Forms, then please let us know, and we can put our heads together around the time school goes back next year. The class lists are a valuable tool for our school families to connect with families of children in the same class – eg: organise play dates etc.

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
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**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 1 2017??	TBC	Family Disco
Term 3 2017??	TBC	Trivia Night Major Fundraiser

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