

The Junction News

Newsletter of The Junction Public School



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Term 4 – Week 8

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PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

How the term is flying by! There is still lots of activity in the last few weeks of school and many weeks of quality learning to take place – please read the newsletter to get information on all that is happening.

Charity Day – Wonderful Outcome

It is with great pleasure that I inform you that a fantastic outcome of our Charity Day event was that our school was able to donate \$2,500.00 to both Cooks Hill Surf Life Saving Club and Merewether Surf Life Saving Club for their outstanding volunteer work they do within our communities. At last Monday morning's assembly we were fortunate to have representatives from both clubs - Mr Richard Hern and Mr Kris Wall attend, to receive the donations from our school leaders.

Merewether SLSC is using the funding to purchase a rescue board to be used in the surf and also for training purposes. They have been able to have The Junction logo placed on the board as an acknowledgement to the children of our school. Cooks Hill SLSC are using their funds to go towards the purchase of an inflatable wheel chair to provide an opportunity for persons with disabilities to enter and enjoy the water. There are wonderful uses of the funds – in support of these two very worthwhile community groups. Thanks everyone for their involvement in Charity Day.



Parent Helpers and Volunteers Morning Tea

I'm really looking forward to seeing all our parent volunteers at the thank you morning tea this Thursday morning. We want to acknowledge all the parents and community members, who have supported our school all year in any program or activity. This 'Thank you morning tea' will be in the new school hall at 10.30am this 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 just say 'thanks'.

School Leaders 2017

Today we heard remarkable speeches from our candidates for school leadership positions for 2017. I was very impressed with how they spoke to the student population and how they spoke of the values of our school and how much they cared about the school and their educational experiences here. It was very uplifting. All students from Year 2 to 6 voted today. We will announce the successful candidates at next Monday morning's assembly. Through the day on Monday we will also elect our Sports house leaders for 2017.

Presentation Days 2016

A reminder that our Presentation Days will take place next week, 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.**

Band Presentation Night – Conservatorium – Thursday Night 1st December

I am really looking forward to the Band Presentation Night this Thursday 1st December to be held at The Conservatorium. This night is the culmination of a very successful year for all three bands and the percussion group. I would like to sincerely thank all band tutors and our conductors – Michael Bell, Michael Jobson, and David Tracy for their skill and professionalism in assisting all students. Sincere appreciation must also go to teacher and band program co-ordinator, Michael Jobson who has shown dedicated co-ordination of all programs to ensure the quality of all that has been achieved.

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.

Swimming Carnival 2017 – Thursday 2nd February

A 'Bright Green' Swimming carnival note went home last week 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.

Last Day for School

A reminder to all parents that the last day for school for students and staff will be Friday 16th December.

Wendy Cheek, Principal

CALENDAR - TERM 4 – 2016

Week 8	Event
Tuesday, Nov 29	2017 Band information meeting for Yr 2 (2016) –5pm-Music Room
Wednesday, Nov 30	4A & 4LW – History of Newcastle excursion
Wednesday, Nov 30	Year 1 excursion to Blackbutt
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	Year 2 excursion to Blackbutt
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 + 8 year olds (Yr 2) capable of swimming 50m - The Forum

SPECIAL MENTION & VALUES AWARDS

TERM 4 - WEEK 7

KINDER to YEAR 2 ASSEMBLY

KK	Milla Rosie-James Angus	Lucas Hugo
KD	Blaise Finn Maple	Iris Skye
KL	Lilah Zoe Hannah	Benji Takai
KS	Charlee Dylan	Fox
1L	Oliver I Alice Imbi	Amelia Zavier
1C	Callia Fabian Felicity	Zavier Amelie
1P	Zeric Charlie Coco	Tom Lulu
1WN	Eden Taleana Audrey	Beau Zoe
2C	Isla Koby Emma	Kaleb Lucy Shayla
2R	Ocean Yo Han Ava	Chloe Ella Sophie
2J	Chloe Saoirse Jarvis	Dominic Beth
2W	Campbell Regan Ellington	Audrey Sofie

YEARS 3, 4, 5 & 6 ASSEMBLY

3W	Maliyah	Grace
3L	Taj Isla	Stella Alex
3/4H	Hollie Maple	Lily Lucy
4A	Nicholas	Reece
4LW	Hunter Jett Holly	Luke Aisling

4/5R	Seren Georgina Angus	Brianna Anthony
5B	Marly Maxxis Lily	Lily Storm
5F	Jeremy Stirling	Alfie
5/6W	Luke Daisy Daniel Jordan Iliannah	Gypsy Emma James Imogen
6C	Matina Jonty Kobi	Eloise Harry
6J	Louka Axel Sam Lilley	Yvonne Josh Freya
6S	Alex Finnlay	Erin
Student of the month	Nate	

ASSEMBLY TIMES

Kinder to Year 2 assembly

There will be no more Kinder to Year 2 assemblies for this year. Thank you.

Year 3 – Year 6 assembly

Fridays at 11.20am in the new hall. This will be the last Year 3 – 6 assembly for the year.

YEAR 1 & 2 – Blackbutt Excursion

Year 1 'Hot Pink' note – Wed 30th November (tomorrow)!!

Year 2 'Green note' – Fri 2nd December

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

IMPORTANT REMINDER – STUDENTS ARE TO WEAR THEIR SPORTS UNIFORM TO THIS EXCURSION.

Buses will leave at: 9.15am

History of Newcastle Excursion

Classes: 4A & 4LW (tomorrow 30th November)
Classes: 3/4H, 3W & 4R (Thursday 1st December)

STUDENTS TO WEAR SPORTS UNIFORM

BAND NEWS

Band Presentation Night

All musicians should be practicing hard in preparation for our Band Presentation Night this Thursday the 1st of December. All Bands, String Ensemble, Percussion Ensemble, plus some of our amazing Year 6 musicians will be performing on the night. It's sure to be a fantastic concert.

Students are reminded to be at the Newcastle University Conservatorium of Music by 5:30pm.

Dress will be full band uniform. This is our main celebration of our efforts and achievements this year. Please make sure your child has 'full Band Uniform' including Band T-shirt, Black trousers (not tights), and black shoes and socks (not runners).

Strings musicians are to wear Band Uniform if they have one, if not Summer Uniform – for boys white shirt and school tie.

A reminder note will go home today (Tuesday) with final instructions.

I'm looking forward to seeing our whole TJPS Band community there!

Band Assessments

Congratulations to all students that have completed their band assessments. Assessment results will be sent home as soon as all assessments have been completed. There are a small number of musicians that have yet to complete their assessment. I'll be chasing these up this week.

End of Year Activities

True to one of our more famous sayings, "if school is on, band is on", Band rehearsals will continue up until Wednesday of week 10 (14th Dec.). The only exception to this will be Intermediate Band rehearsal this Friday. Because of Band Presentation Night this Friday morning's Intermediate Band rehearsal will be cancelled.

Senior Band Presentation Day Performance

Senior Band will again be performing at the whole school Presentation Day assembly.

Dress for this special performance will be **full school uniform, not band uniform.** Please note this change.

Outstanding Band Fees

There are still some families who have outstanding band fees. We would appreciate all fees being paid by the end of this week – Friday 2 December 2016. Thank you.

2017 Junior Band Parent Information Session

A reminder that there will be an information session for parents of 2017 Junior Band members today, Tuesday 29th November at 5:00pm in the music room. I'm very much looking forward to meeting our new TJPS band members and their families.

Many Thanks, Michael Jobson

NEWS FROM KL

This term, Kindergarten has been learning all about fiction and non-fiction texts. We know that texts have different purposes: non-fictional texts provide us with lots of useful information, while fictional texts entertain us! Students of KL have enjoyed reading a variety of books and categorising them as fiction or non-fiction. We have also written our own texts, particularly focussing on the purpose of our writing. Recently, we wrote about owls. After researching information, we wrote lots of owl facts. The following day, we used our imaginations to write fictional stories. Afterwards, we made beautiful owl artworks using pastels, paint and pencils. Come by our classroom to see more of our great work!

Hannah – Fiction

Once upon a time a magic cute owl came to my window. Her name was Svana. Svana said I am going to turn myself into a princess so Svana did. I said can you turn me into a fairy? Yes replied the owl! I got flying to the people and the owl looked like a little light. I kept on flying and flying and landed. I was friends with the owl. We ate cake together. We made stuff together. We flied together. We always were friends. One time we went to the moon the next day we went to the sun and then we went back.

Alexander – Non-fiction

Owls can grip on to slippery and weak things. They are also wise because their heads are so big. The other thing they do is eat small and medium animals. Some of them have orange eyes, some have black eyes whatever the colour their eyes are huge! Owls are also nocturnal. Some are scary and some are cute!



By Dominic



By Arthur



By Lucas



By Gabriela

Poetry

Poetry, to express thy feelings, with words, with ink, with expression.

There are no limits to poetry except perhaps the ceiling.

To express the answer to a meaningful question.

Poetry is like a never ending flame.

But to write poetry is my only fate.

Each poem is unique and never the same.

Some poems are fuelled by pain some by hate.

Poetry is like cheese, the more time put in the better it is.

For without poetry you are like a bee without knees.

The feeling of poetry is like a sparkling bottle of fizz.

Poetry is the light to the dark, the warmth in the cold.

Use poetry to make your mark.

Have a go at poetry and let your feelings unfold.

By Alan – 6S

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).

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 next **Monday 5 December**.

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. If you are dropping cakes / slices in, please deliver to the staff room on Monday morning. If you need to check the roster, please see here: <http://bit.ly/2016TeachersMorningTea>

HOLIDAY RAFFLE TICKET PROCESSING: If you can help with the final raffle ticket processing shifts this week and next, 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.

FAMILY DISCO – TERM 1, 2017: Save the date – the family disco will be on Friday 24 February in Term 1!

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: Thanks to the great response last week – we have a few volunteers to help with the class lists next year.

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
Monday 5 Dec	Morning	Thank You Morning Tea for Teachers and School Support Staff
Monday 5 Dec	9am	Raffle Tickets Due Back
Thurs 8 Dec	9am	Holiday Raffle to be Drawn
Tues 7 Feb	7pm	P&C Meeting
Fri 24 Feb 2017	Evening	Family Disco
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



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 this week – Friday 2nd December.

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

(NO shoes, clothes or jewellery thank you)