

The Junction News

Newsletter of The Junction Public School



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

Term 4 – Week 10

Tuesday 13 December 2016

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

I know that it has been a recurring message of mine that the year has gone quickly – but again I say it's so hard to believe we are in the last week of school.

Last week at Presentation Day I spoke about the importance of relationships – as I firmly believe it is the key driver in all we do. I would like to thank the parent community for their supportive and caring relationships towards the school. We endeavour to establish and provide those very important positive relationships in the classroom and beyond – and I think I can say we have done that in 2016 – it has been a very memorable year. It's also been an incredible year across all facets of the school – with high academic achievements, extraordinary cultural achievements in band, choir, dance, public speaking and memorable sporting achievements for many students. This school is a positive and vibrant learning environment - that will continue to grow in strength in 2017.

Many thanks to all staff, including our front office staff, of The Junction Public School for the caring and professional manner in which they have carried out their responsibilities this year. They are truly appreciated.

Presentation Day

I watched with great pride last week – our Presentation days unfold. This time of year always makes me very reflective. Our five sessions were very well received by all and I congratulate all students for their achievements over the year. The smiles on the faces of individual students as they walked towards their teachers to receive their awards were wonderful to see and a confirmation that we are fostering confidence and independence in our young students. Congratulations to all our student leaders who received their badges and have taken on the mantle for student leadership for next year. There were some beautiful photos taken at all the Presentation Days and they will be available to view on the school website in the coming days.

Year 6 Farewell

The Year 6 Farewell took place last night at South Leagues Club and was a really memorable event. Students really appreciated the preparations for the night, including their personalised placemats, place cards, and video presentation – put together by the Year 6 teachers. The cake was an amazing creation of individual cakes with each child's photo around a larger

cake with the emblem. The Year 6 students performed two items - for their parents and guests – and it was really a wonderful send off for this fantastic group of children. All students received a Year 6 DVD – featuring all their special moments through Year 6 – set to music - thanks to Mrs Cooper for putting this together. Thank you to all Year 6 teachers for their organisation of this special time. Thank you outgoing Year 6, whose gifts to the school are a wonderful period lamp-post for our grounds as well as a complete refurbishment of the primary toilet block – with an amazing coastal/beach theme. This was really a 'labour of love.'

Many thanks to all

Wishing you all a wonderful holiday season with your families and hope it's a time of great happiness and sharing. Many thanks again to our entire parent community – for your wonderful support in 2016. I have really appreciated the generous and ongoing assistance with all school programs – you help to make our school the outstanding school that it is. Thank you to all staff for your professionalism and dedication to all students. Thank you to all students who make this school a very special place to be. Looking forward to working again with our educational community in 2017. Years 1 to 6 students will return on Monday 30th January and Kindergarten commences on Tuesday 31st January. Thanks everyone.

Thank you to the P&C Association

Many thanks to our wonderful P&C led by Acting President Julie Wharton. The partnership between the school and the community is vital to its success and I thank the P&C who have supported the school in many ways throughout the year – not just in the financial sector. It is really heartening to work with such a positive, innovative and purposeful group. The contribution from the P&C members has been significant and cannot be underestimated – we are indeed fortunate to have such a wonderful group working with us.

Uniform Shop and School Banking

Our Uniform Shop is run by a group of wonderful volunteers and without their help this service could not be provided to the school community. These ladies not only place orders, stocktake and keep the shop up and running but are here every Monday to assist families. Thank you to Donna Reay, Kim Forbes, Kim Van Huisstede, Bec Brennan, Jasmine Page and Kim Patrick. We also have two mums who volunteer their time on a Monday morning

Page 1

to provide students with banking through the Newcastle Permanent Building Society and Commonwealth Bank. Thank you to Kylie O'Connell who assists with the Commonwealth Banking and in particular we thank Tanya Fitzgerald who has volunteered to process for the Newcastle Permanent Building Society every Monday for about 5 years, Tanya's son is in Year 6, so the Fitzgerald family will be leaving our school this year!

Last Day for School

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

First Day back 2017

If you know your child will not be back at school on the first day of the 2017 school year due to an extended family holiday – can you please email or contact the school. Your notification will assist our organisation of classes for 2017. Thank you.

Wendy Cheek, Principal

CALENDAR - TERM 4 – 2016

Week 10	Event
Thursday, Dec 15	Kindergarten Party Day
Thursday, Dec 15	Year 1 – 4 Party Day
Friday, Dec 16	STUDENTS LAST DAY FOR 2016 – <u>Kindergarten students are having a T-Shirts & Boardshorts Day (no thongs)!</u> <u>Year 1-6 Students may wear casual clothes or their school uniform (no thongs)!</u>

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

CLASS PARTIES

This Thursday students from Kinder to Year 4 will have class parties. Notes went home to all students last week. Children may wear 'Party Clothes' – T-Shirts (covered shoulders), closed shoes, sandals, shorts/skirts, dresses, School Hat.

Please NO thongs, heels, singlet tops or shoestring straps. Each grade are doing slightly different things for Party Day regarding food etc. Please see the notes that went home last week or ask the class teacher.

BAND NEWS

Thank you to all TJPS musicians, parents, tutors, and staff for an amazing year of music making.

Just to remind you, this year our fantastic young musicians have taken part in: weekly rehearsals, weekly assembly performances, 6 Band Days, a Sydney Symphony Orchestra Concert, a Grandparents Day performance, (2) days of the Bandlink workshop, a Percussion Ensemble performance at the Newcastle University Conservatorium, a strings cluster rehearsal and performance at the Sydney Opera House, Two Band Days, Family Band night, a Senior Band excursion to two Sydney schools, a Choir performance night, three Musica Viva concerts, a visit by Cammeray Public School Band, the Spring Winds concert, and a performance by Senior Band at the Sydney Town Hall, (4) performances (and victories!) at Bandfest, Band Presentation Night, and a performance at School Presentation Day. And I'm sure I've missed something!

Well done to everyone involved. Thank you for an incredible year!

Rehearsals

Tomorrow morning's Junior Band rehearsal (14th December) will be the final rehearsal for our Bands this year.

Instrument Check

Last Friday all school instruments were checked by our instrument repairer Gary Clare. All instruments should have a white repair note in their cases. Mr Bell and I will collect these before the end of the week.

Holiday Instrument Hire

If you have not paid Term 1, 2017 band fees to the front office, please ensure your child's instrument is left at school after their final rehearsal for the year. Their instrument will be returned to them in 2017. Fees will be accepted up until the end of school on Thursday (15/12/16).

String Ensemble News

Congratulations to our wonderful String Ensemble for their performances at school the Presentation day last week. What a talented bunch of eager young musicians. Well done!

In other news, in 2017 the String Ensemble will again perform at the Sydney Opera House as part of the Festival of Instrumental Music. How Exciting!

Recorder News

In a first for our school, in 2017 a group of recorder players from Years 5 and 6 will travel to the Sydney Opera House to perform as part of a massed recorder ensemble in the Department of Education's Festival of Instrumental Music.

All musicians in Years 5 and 6 will be invited to audition early next year. Watch this space!

Many Thanks, and a festive holiday season to all!

Michael Jobson

UNIFORM SHOP

The Uniform Shop will be open on Monday 30th January 8.45am. (First day back for 2017)

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.



P & C NEWS

HOLIDAY RAFFLE: Fantastic results from our holiday raffle, which was drawn on Thursday at Presentation Day. Thanks to everyone's support we raised somewhere around \$7500 for our school!!

The official results of the raffle are:

- 1st Prize: Fr Robert Searle
- 2nd Prize: Gai Rowarth
- 3rd Prize: Cityscapes (Ryan Family)
- 4th Prize: Eva N

We had great joy calling Fr Robert from Charlestown Catholic Church to let him know that he had won the holiday prize. He is due to retire in July next year, and was overwhelmed at the prospect of this prize helping him get to England in August.

Congratulations also to the winners of the kids incentive prizes:

- 1st: Talara : Year 6
- 2nd: Eddy : Kindy
- 3rd: Millie : Year 3

Well done everyone!

BETTY ANDERSON AWARD: At presentation day, the P&C presented the 2016 Betty Anderson Award to

Michael Jonker, who has provided outstanding service to our school for a number of years. Michael's contributions include many BBQ rosters, working bees, instigating and driving the holiday raffle, work around the school grounds on his days off, being an ethics teacher, two years as P&C treasurer, and that's just the start of it. We will miss his energetic and enthusiastic face around our school, as this is his last year as a TJPS parent. Congratulations Michael – this was so very well deserved.



LIFE MEMBERS: In addition, the P&C also conferred the honour of Life Membership on Michael Jonker and Janet Ball.

Janet is a former P&C President who was instrumental in the sustained campaign to secure funding for the new classrooms which were completed this year. Janet was unfortunately unable to join us on Presentation Day, so we will arrange something in the new year to recognise her efforts.

HOLIDAY WISHES: Thank you to everyone for their support this year, and wishing everyone a happy and safe holiday break.

Julie Wharton, Acting P&C President
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 in 2017:

Date	Time	Event
Tues 7 Feb	7pm	P&C Meeting
Fri 24 Feb	Evening	Family Disco
Fri 15 Sept	Evening	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