

# The Junction News

Newsletter of The Junction Public School



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Term 4 – Week 9

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## PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

### Student Leaders – 2017

Congratulations to our new student leaders for 2017.

At yesterday morning's assembly we were able to announce and congratulate the following students:

**Girl School Captain** – Ella

**Boy School Captain** – Sid

**Prefects** – Poppys, Bridget, Monicas, Kelsey, Jack, Max, Archie, Ziv.

Well done to all candidates who gave such wonderful speeches last week and to all Year 5 for participating so enthusiastically in leadership training this term.

### Sports Leaders

Congratulations to the following students who were elected by their sports houses yesterday to the following positions:

**QUINLAN** – Captains: Maxxis, Lucia

Vice Captains: York, Lucy

**LADKIN** – Captains: Connor, Lily

Vice Captains: Anthony, Sophie

**TREHARNE** – Captains: Nate, Shelby

Vice Captains: Angus, Sarah

**EDMUNDS** – Captains: Charlie, Maya

Vice Captains: Toby, Jada

The new leadership teams will be inducted with their badges on Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> December at 9.00am at our whole school Presentations Day assembly. Parents and/or family members are invited to 'pin' the badges on their children. We look forward to working with all these wonderful leadership teams next year.

### Presentation Days 2016

A reminder that our Presentation Days will take place **this 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 1<sup>st</sup> December

Congratulations to all our band students for a most magnificent band concert last Thursday night at the Conservatorium. I know that all who attended were 'blown away' by the calibre of the student talent from all bands. A highlight of the night was the massed item at the end of the night with 160 students from all bands playing together as well as the Year 6 soloists – with their special individual performances. We are very fortunate indeed to have the talents of professional musicians – Michael Jobson, Michael Bell and David Tracy. We are looking really strong for 2017.

### Band Donation from Junction After School Care - JASC

I would like to acknowledge the very generous donation of \$10,000 to the school band program from the previous After School Care service which was at The Junction. Since this service ceased operation at the end of 2014, a parent committee, overseen by an external auditor, has been finalising the financial accounts of this organisation and it has been their wish that these funds would be made available to our school band program with the express intent of purchasing some wonderful specialist instruments. Michael Jobson our band co-ordinator has been able to spend these funds very wisely and purchase a brand new

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tuba, french horn and glockenspiel which have been an incredible addition to the suite of instruments we have. We are very fortunate indeed to have support like this from our school community and this organisation and we truly appreciate it. Many thanks!

### Dance Concert – last night.

Last evening we were thoroughly entertained by a wonderful celebration of dance at our school. Our Junior Dance, Senior Dance and Ensemble Dance groups as well as our Girl's Tap and Boy's Tap groups wowed the appreciative audience with their amazing talents. We were also able to feature some solo items with Gypsy, Monica and Max all giving graceful, exciting and talented performances on the night. I would like to thank all our dance tutors and teachers including Karen Read in particular for their incredible input into these programs. We certainly have incredibly high standards of achievement in our school within the area of Creative and Performing Arts.

### End of Year Activities

You will receive a note home this week from each stage supervisor regarding organisation for next week – 'party days' and activities taking place.

#### Uniforms

We would like all students to be in full school uniform this Thursday for Presentation Day – including Band members. On Friday of this week we would like Year 1 and 2 to wear normal summer uniform (not sports uniform) for Presentation Day Stage Assembly.

On Party Day – next Thursday (15<sup>th</sup>) and Friday (16<sup>th</sup>) of next week students may wear Christmas colours and clothes – no thongs or sandals – covered shoes please, no singlet tops. Hats must be worn for play as usual.

### Farewell Year 6 - 2016

It is almost time again to farewell our Year 6 for 2016. They have been a fantastic group of students who have led this school with great dedication and respect. We all thank them for their contribution to the school over the last seven years and though they will be going off in different directions next year – we hope they maintain their close friendships and continue to think fondly of their primary school years. We wish them all great success in their further education studies and hope they drop back at some point to let us know how they are travelling. Thank you - Year 6, 2016. There will be a whole school 'clap-out' for Year 6 next Monday afternoon from 2.30pm after which they will all attend their school Farewell at South's Leagues Club at 6.00pm on Monday night. This is always a very special night.

### Information for Parents – re Stop Work Meeting for Teachers

I wish to inform all parents and families that our school will be **fully operational this Thursday** and our Presentation Days will **go ahead as scheduled**. Our school operations **WILL NOT** be affected by the 'Stop Work' meeting called by the Teacher's Federation. All parents should send their children to school as normal.

### Last Day for School

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

Wendy Cheek, Principal

## CALENDAR - TERM 4 – 2016

### Week 9

### Event

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
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### 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 8

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

3W	Lillie Ryland	Guilherme
3MC	Josie Myles Liam	Saffron Maiya
3/4H	Charlotte Livinia	Mako Loki
4A	Sophie Millin	Kip
4LW	Jessica Maraya Lily	Niamh Isaac
5B	Scoutt Ethan Visal Oscar	Michael Archie Alex
5F	Caden Kalani	Braith
5/6W	Kiani Theo	Joshua Jessie
6C	Callum Nell Sualemae	Gus Chloe
6J	Ben David	Rylee Jordan
6S	Charlie Eva Oliver	Gus Talara
Student of the month	Isaac Ziv Sienna Jack Amber Kira Max Piper Georgia Ana	Anna Kelsey Ruby Jade Trinity Rhiannon Paris Sophie Michelle

#### ASSEMBLY TIMES

There will be no more assemblies this year.

#### BAND NEWS

A huge congratulations to all Soloists, Bands, Percussion Ensemble and the String Group for your performances at Band Presentation Night last Thursday. I've had many parents, friends, and teachers contact me to comment on the high standard of all performances! Well done, you should be very proud! Thank you for

your extremely hard work preparing for the concert. It certainly paid off!

Here is a brief round up of all end of year activities:

#### Rehearsals

All Band rehearsals will continue up to and including Wednesday of Week 10 (14<sup>th</sup> December). Senior Band rehearsal on Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> of December will go ahead without Year 6 students as their instruments will be handed back to school on Thursday after Presentation Day.

#### Instrument Check

All school instruments will need to be at school this Friday December 9<sup>th</sup> so that they can be checked for repairs. Senior Band can leave instruments at school on Thursday after their performance and rehearsal. Intermediate Band should have their instruments here for their rehearsal on Friday. Instruments can be collected at the end of school on Friday.

#### Holiday Instrument Hire

If you would like your child to keep their instrument over the holidays, please pay Term 1, 2017 Band Fees to the front office. If fees are not paid, students must leave their instrument at school after their final rehearsal for the year.

#### Senior Band and Year 6 Soloists Presentation Day Performance

Senior Band will be performing at the whole school Presentation Day assembly this Thursday morning 9am. Dress for this special performance will be: **Full school uniform, not band uniform**. Please note this change. Please ensure all Senior Band musicians come ready to perform.

Any year 6 soloists that have not performed already are invited to perform as guests are being seated.

A rehearsal for soloists will take place at lunchtime this Wednesday in the music room. Anyone wishing to perform **MUST** attend this rehearsal and bring their backing track/accompaniment.

#### 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 9 December 2016. Thank you.

#### String Ensemble News

String Ensemble will be performing at two 'End of year Stage assemblies'. One performance will be on Thursday the 8<sup>th</sup> and one on Friday the 9<sup>th</sup> of December. **Dress for both performances will be: Full summer uniform (no band uniform required)**. Please ensure all String Ensemble members come to school on both days ready to perform.

### Hunter Wind Ensemble

Congratulations to our members of the Hunter Wind Ensemble that performed at the ensemble's end of year concert on Saturday night. Special mention goes to Jai, who opened the concert with a beautiful solo on his euphonium. What an amazing level of performance you have all achieved! A huge congratulations!



Many Thanks, Michael Jobson

### YEAR 5 GALA SPORTS DAY AT NATIONAL PARK

Newcastle High School recently held a Sports Day for their local Primary Schools. Our Year 5 students visited Newcastle High School and had lots of fun playing various sports with other students.



### 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

**Next Monday will be the last opportunity to purchase uniforms for this year. The Uniform Shop will be open on Monday 30<sup>th</sup> 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](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.



### SCHOOL BANKING

The school banking with Newcastle Permanent Building Society and Commonwealth Bank has finished for the year. Thank you to parent volunteers, Tanya Fitzgerald (who is finishing up her time with TJPS as her son will be leaving Year 6) and Kylie O'Connell for making this service available to our students. We will advise through the newsletter next year about the future of school banking.

### P & C NEWS

**HOLIDAY RAFFLE TICKETS:** If you haven't returned your tickets yet, please do so now. The raffle will be drawn THIS Thursday morning at Presentation Day. Good luck everyone!

**LAST CALL - HOLIDAY RAFFLE TICKET PROCESSING:** We'd love some extra hands this week with the final processing of the holiday raffle tickets. In particular, we now have to separate all of the tickets into the barrel Wednesday morning, as well as process the last minute influx. So, any extra hands are greatly appreciated. Feel free to turn up one morning, or check the roster here: <http://bit.ly/2016HolidayRaffle> (case sensitive), and sign up to a slot if you can spare the time.

**TRIVIA NIGHT 2017:** We are looking forward to the planning of this event next year. We are close to locking in



a date – most likely to be around 15 or 16 September at Souths. Thanks to the offers of help we've had over the last few weeks. Anyone else interested in helping out is more than welcome. We'll convene in the new year for the detailed planning to commence. Thanks to Olivia Ryan for taking on the coordinator's role.

**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.

The P&C also operates an email list. This is also used to send information out, as well as semi-regular updates of "what's 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.

**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.

**THANK YOU – Holiday Raffle:** Thanks to the wonderful team of parents who have rostered themselves on this term to help with the processing of our holiday raffle tickets. Thanks to Kylee Dare, Kristen Saunders, Olga Kovacev, Karen Howard, Cliff Ford, Stuart Noble, Dani Carney, Peta Norris, Emma Gale, Karen Brock, Karen Bull, Natalie O'Kane, Natalie Riddell, Jess Black, Nicole D'Agostino, Jenni Heyes and anyone who I may have inadvertently missed. Thanks also to Jenni Heyes for her great help getting this year's raffle underway, and thanks to the energetic Michael Jonker for his efforts in securing the wonderful prizes.

**THANK YOU – Thank You Morning Tea for Teachers and Support Staff:** Thanks to the team of parents who have helped with this year's thank you morning tea for our dedicated teachers and school support staff, including: Olivia Ryan, Suki Kwon, Pili & Peter Gordon, The Jonker Family, Kristen Saunders, Jayne Cheswick, Eithne Healy, Natalie Harbert, Tracy King, Yolande White, Karen Goldrick, Natalie Riddell, Nicole D'Agostino, Felicity Ferguson-Tait and anyone else who stepped in to help out.

**FROM THE (ACTING) PRESIDENT:** Like everyone, I'm in disbelief that Week 9 of Term 4 is upon us. This will likely be our last significant update for the year. A brief update will be included in next week's newsletter with some end of year announcements.

I'd like to thank our whole school community for their support again this year. We have a very involved and

generous parent and carer community, and people are always willing to lend a hand. We understand that not everyone can help at every event - but people do what they can, when they can – and this makes for many successful events and activities. So, thank you to everyone who has helped in whatever capacity they have been able to this year.

We wish our departing Year 6 families all the very best of luck. Many of these families have been very involved in school life over the years, so we say a heartfelt thank you for everything you've done.

The P&C has again continued to support our school this year. It has been wonderful to see the new classrooms finished – it was a long road of P&C campaigning to secure the funding for the classrooms. With the support of our school community, and through events like last year's Spring Fair, the P&C was able to pay for the installation of air conditioning in the new classrooms. In addition, the P&C supported the installation of a new PA system throughout the school to the tune of almost \$30,000. The PA System has been a fantastic addition to school resources, and enhances safety and efficiency throughout. The P&C enjoys a wonderful partnership with the school, and we are grateful to Mrs Cheek for her leadership and the positive learning environment our children enjoy as a result.

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

**Julie Wharton**

**Acting P&C President**

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<http://eepurl.com/bfuMIX>

#### UPCOMING P&C EVENTS:

Date	Time	Event
Thurs 8 Dec	9am	Holiday Raffle to be Drawn
Tues 7 Feb	7pm	P&C Meeting
Fri 24 Feb 2017	Evening	Family Disco
Mid Sept 2017	TBC	Trivia Night Major Fundraiser

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**COMMUNITY NEWS.....****SCHOOL HOLIDAY CARE**

The YWCA Hunter Region Inc. will be conducting Vacation Care for children aged 5 to 12 years during the upcoming school holidays. We are open from 3rd-25th January 2017 from 7.30am-6.00pm.

The YWCA Centre is located at 24 Dawson St, Cooks Hill which is in close proximity to the Newcastle CBD area.

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