

The Junction News

Newsletter of The Junction Public School



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Term 4 – Week 5

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PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Welcome to Week 5 already. It makes me wonder how everything will get done by Week 10! Thank you for your ongoing support of our school and the positive feedback we get, so often either through email or just in passing.

Disco

Thanks so much to our P&C for their organisation of the Disco on Friday. It was simple and easy to supervise and the students had a great time with dancing and games provided by **Ruby the Clown**. I would also like to recognise the staff who volunteered to help on the evening. The students were also very helpful with the clean-up and cooperative and polite throughout the evening.

Kinder Orientation

Again, many thanks to the P&C members who either helped with morning tea or made new parents feel welcome. There was a very positive feel amongst the group while they were waiting for their children. I especially enjoyed meeting with new parents and watching our current Kindergarten group entertain our new Kinders. They certainly grow up a lot in one year.

School Plan 2018-2020

I have been consulting extensively with the staff and now have all the surveys back from parents, teachers and students. Thank you to the parents who took the time to complete this. We consider surveys carefully when we plan forward. We will share our findings with parents and a short overview of the External Validation on Wednesday 22nd November at 3.30pm – 4.30pm. Ms Chaffey has kindly offered to have her class open at this time for children to play if needed. Following this short overview we will ask for some feedback from you so we can move forward with our plan. The plan draft needs to be complete by the end of Term 4.

Student Reports

I am signing the final reports and they will be distributed next Monday. I would like to recognise the time that staff have spent on these and the care they have taken with the comments. Please note you will see common comments on other student reports at times. This is

because the students work on common outcomes in a stage and we use outcome based reporting processes.

Year 4 Camp

All the best to Year 4 as they have the adventure of a lifetime at camp. I still remember my own first school camp. Despite being a bit scared at first, we all had a marvellous time. I remember clearly the trip by train and ferry to Broken Bay – and the lack of sleep! Thanks to the Year 4 team for all the time and organisation you have spent on this event.

Over the next few weeks there will be many celebrations and events both during the day and in the evenings. I will endeavour to attend as many as possible however I am already having conflicting dates due to the time of year. Keep an eye on the newsletter for upcoming dates as there is a lot going on.

Cath Larkman, Principal

CALENDAR - TERM 4 – 2017

Week 5	Event
Tuesday, Nov 7	P & C Meeting-6.45pm (Tonight)
Wed, Nov 8	Year 4 – GABC – leave 9.15am
Thur, Nov 9	Year 4 – GABC
Friday, Nov 10	Year 4 – GABC - return 2.30pm
Friday, Nov 10	Hunter Life Education - 5W, 5ST, 3LW, 1M

Week 6	Event
Monday, Nov 13	Kinder 2018 orientation-9.30am
Monday, Nov 13	Hunter Life Education - 3C, 3MC, 1WN
Tuesday, Nov 14	Kinder 2018 orientation-9.30am
Tuesday, Nov 14	Hunter Life Education - 1C, 5B, 1EC
Wednesday, Nov 15	Hunter Life Education - 3M, 5F
Thursday, Nov 16	Choir concert - 6pm – New Hall

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Education

Friday, Nov 17 Charity Day – 11.15am to 1pm

Week 7 Event

Wednesday, Nov 22 External Validation presentation for parents (3.30pm to 4.30pm)

Week 8 Event

Tuesday, Nov 28 Band Presentation Night 6pm at Newcastle Conservatorium

Thursday, Nov 30 Jazz ensemble – Ncle High

Friday, Dec 1 Choir visit to St Augustines

Friday, Dec 1 Whole school Christmas concert (5.30pm-7.30pm)

Week 9 Event

Monday, Dec 4 Interrelate Family Evening 6pm

Tuesday, Dec 5 P & C meeting 6.45pm

Thursday, Dec 7 Whole School assembly 9am

Thursday, Dec 7 Stage 3 Presentation-10.15am

Thursday, Dec 7 Stage 2 Presentation-11.30am

Friday, Dec 8 Kinder Presentation-9am

Friday, Dec 8 Stage 1 Presentaton-9.45am

Week 10 Event

Tuesday, Dec 12 Year 6 clap-out : 2.30pm
Year 6 Farewell at Souths Leagues Club : 6pm

Friday, Dec 15 Students and staff finish

CALENDAR - TERM 1 – 2018

Week 1 Event

Monday, Jan 29 Staff only return

Tuesday, Jan 30 STUDENTS (YEAR 1-6) RETURN

Wed Jan 31 to Fri Feb 2 Kinder 2018 Best Start testing

Thursday, Feb 1 School Swimming Carnival – Forum Ncle University Pool

Week 2 Event

Monday, Feb 5 Kinder 2018 start

RECENT NOTES HOME

'Charity Day' information sheet – (Grey Note)

Years 1, 3 & 5 : Hunter Life Education
Cost: \$10 (Bright Blue Note)

VALUES MESSAGE

Values – Integrity

For the next few weeks we will be discussing the value of integrity.

Having integrity is more than just knowing what is right. Knowing what is right does not mean much if you don't **do** what is right.

Nobody is perfect. Sometimes we make choices that might hurt other people.

If you have wronged somebody you should own it and apologise for what you have done.

Next you should do right by it – show the person that you can learn from your mistakes and you're still a good person.

Finally, let it go. Whether the person forgives you or not, let it go, forgive yourself and try to do better.

If you have had a disagreement with a friend or someone in your family do what you know is right – own it, apologise, do right by it and let it go.

Safety Reminder

A number of students have been riding bikes, skateboards and scooters inside the school grounds when they arrive at school and when they are leaving. This is not safe as the areas are very busy in the mornings and afternoons. Please remember if students ride to school on a bike, scooter or skateboard they are to push their bike or scooter or carry their skateboard in and out of the school gates. Please remind your child/children of this safety message so they can consider the safety of others.

Applications for Year 7 entry to selective high schools in 2019

The application website is now open: <https://education.nsw.gov.au/selective-high-schools-and-opportunity-classes/year-7>. Applications close on 13 November 2017. You must apply before the closing date.

There are no paper application forms. If you do not have internet access, you could apply at a public library. If you have a disability that prevents you from using a computer, you can contact the Unit for assistance after 10 October 2017. If you would like to access a computer at The Junction Public School for this application process, please contact Mrs Hughes.

ATTENDANCE – LATE ARRIVALS

For safety reasons, it is important that parents are aware that their child has been late to school. The office staff started to issue white paper slips to students who presented late at school without a parent/carer. This is firstly to inform you that your child was late and secondly to ask you to explain this period of absence. Students are told to give the slips to their parents. We ask that you read, verify/explain the reason for absence, sign and return the slip to the front office within 7 days. Parents may also wish to phone the school or present in person. Thank you to those parents who have followed this process and returned slips to school with an explanation of the partial absence. We encourage students to be at school and on time every day.

SPECIAL MENTION & VALUES AWARDS**TERM 4 - WEEK 4****KINDER, YEAR 1 & 2 ASSEMBLY**

KK	Zaharenya F Matilda S Coco R	Elkie B Nicholas R
KL	Eira S Tom B Will W	Hugo L Joseph C
KB	Ayden T Leita L Chance G	Zoe L Bam O
KT	Matilda M Maggie K Bailey R	Riley F Joshua B
1C	Coco C Darby S Zimm W Summa L	Evie R Lilah R Maddie W
1EC	Alex M Henry F Rosie James D	Luca F Eli T
1M	Ash A Indigo L Michael G	Liliana R Finn T
1WN	Jules W Faris S Hannah L	Charlee A Lucas C
2P	Bailey B Myla W Nicholas B	Evie G Angus S
2S	Lucy K Isaac C Xavier C	Clancy M Oscar I

2J	Zoe K Ben D Oliver C	Millie B Toby N
2R	Harrison N Jake C Rebecca S	Mia H Aidan H

YEARS 3, 4 & 5 ASSEMBLY

3C	Jarvis S Edie W	Saoirse V
3M	Luka M Zoe C	Rosie B
3MC	Noah C Sam R	Louis H
3/4LW	Samantha A Lewis S	Madeline P
4A	Jaedyn M Maliyah W	Saffron T Alex K
4B	Sienna P Adisyn L James J	Lachlan C Zander M
4/5ST	Holly D Josie H	Stanley M-L Claudia W
5B	Tess N Aisling V	Manning G
5/6W	Ella S Jett F	Owen D Kip O
5F	Lily B Timothy P	Lilly D
6C	Maya S Sid F	Nate R
6S	Marly S Braith H	Django H Poppy D
Student of the month	Sarah B – 6C Ruby K – 4B Scoutt H – 6S Alexis S – 3/4LW Felix D – 3M	Ariel M – 4/5ST Stella S – 4A Freya D – 3MC Ella W – 3C Isaac J – 5B

ASSEMBLIES

The next Kinder to Year 2 assembly will be on Thursday 16th November (Week 6 - Term 4) at 2pm.

Year 3 to Year 6 – this Friday at 11.20am.

Parents are welcome to attend these assemblies in the new hall.

SCHOOL CHRISTMAS CONCERT

“12 Days of Christmas”

Don't forget to mark Friday 1st December in your calendar for the school Christmas Concert. The concert will start at 5.30pm and should finish by 7.30pm. Bring along a picnic rug and a picnic hamper while you are entertained by the students. A detailed flyer will be sent home next week!

EXTENDED LEAVE

If your child is going to be absent for over (5) school days you must fill in an Extended Leave Form before you go on holidays. The Principal will approve and sign the form and a 'Certificate of Leave' will be returned to the parent. These forms are available from the school office. Thank you.

SMS system for Attendance

Parents must provide an explanation for all absences, **including partial absences**, to the school within 7 days from the first day of any period of absence. Where an explanation has not been received within the 7 day timeframe, the school will record the absence as unjustified on the student's record.

To assist with this process, we have introduced an SMS system to notify parents of full day absences. **If you receive a notification please phone, email, use the Skoolbag App or write a note to explain your child's absence.** Please refrain from using Class Dojo messages on the morning of absences as it is not always possible for the class teacher to see this message before the SMS absence alert is sent out at 10am. If you need to update your mobile phone number please see the office staff.

Office Hours - 8.30AM TO 3.15PM

Payments to the school office need to be made by 3pm. Thank you.

BAND NEWS

Well done to our talented musicians who performed at the Sydney Opera House last night with the Hunter Wind Ensemble. Ava, Harri, Josh and Barnaby represented TJPS with pride. Congratulations on an amazing performance!

Band Assessments

Band assessments will take place on Monday and Tuesday 20th and 21st November. A complete schedule of assessment times will be published soon. Watch this space!

Lesson Absences – Great Aussie Bush Camp

Please be sure to let tutors know if your child will miss a lesson. This applies especially to Year 4 who will be away this week at Great Aussie Bush Camp.

With enough notice your tutor may be able to organise a catch up lesson.

Band Presentation Night

A reminder that Band Presentation Night is on Tuesday November 28th at 6:00pm at the Harold Lobb Concert Hall at the University of Newcastle Conservatorium. Students will be required to arrive by 5:30pm.

All are welcome, the bigger the audience for our wonderful bands, the better!

Newcastle High School “Make Some Noise” Concert

The performance will take place on the night of Thursday the 30th of November. Could all Jazz Ensemble families please save this date. More details to come.

Year 6 Solos

We will have a meeting this Thursday at lunchtime to play through solos. Could all year 6 soloists meet in my room at the eating bell. Full steam ahead!

Michael Jobson

SCHOOL PAYMENTS

Payments can be made by: Parent Portal online (School website), Credit Card (at school office or over the telephone) cash (correct amount please) or cheque.

If paying Online you still must send the Permission Slip in to the school. **All money and permission slips come to the school office for processing not to the Class teacher.**

CRICKET NEWS

On Friday, the 27th of October, The Junction Public School played Charlestown South Public School in the 5th round of the PSSA State Cricket Knockout. We lost the toss and were put into bowl first. The opening bowlers Jack and Jonah bowled consistently only being hit for 9 runs in the first 5 overs. After a great first 5 overs Charlie and Kate came onto bowl. In Charlie's first over he found the breakthrough that we needed. This put Charlestown in the position of 1 out for 24 runs. Two overs later the second wicket came with Kate bowling a wicket maiden. At the break Charlestown were 2 out for a total of 37.

After the break Charlestown started to get the runs on the board, scoring a quick 20 runs in 5 overs. In the next two overs The Junction took two great wickets putting a massive amount of pressure on them. However in the next four overs Charlestown hit another 20 runs putting them in a respectable position. At the end of the Innings Charlestown were 5 out for 92 runs. This game was still only half over and we needed to play well to defeat them.

In the second Innings our opening batsman Angus and Jack came into bat, however Angus was dismissed in the second over. This put an enormous amount of pressure on us to get the runs on the board. Fortunately, that was no trouble when Jonah came into bat. He hit a quick 4 on his third ball easing the pressure of our shoulders. We batted well for our first eight overs scoring 33 runs, but then Jonah hit a top edge and was caught out. Now we were 2

out for 33 runs. After the fall of Jonah's wicket Charlie came into bat. He scored efficiently, letting us make it to the break without losing another wicket. At the break we were 2 out for an outstanding 59 runs.

After the drinks break we came back out to bat knowing that there weren't many more runs to score. However, in the 18th over our opener Jack was dismissed for a top score of 30 runs. Jack getting out was a huge blow for the Junction, but that didn't seem to change our attitude. We ended up making the runs within the next four overs. The end result was 92 runs to 93 runs our way. It was a great win for The Junction and I'm sure Caves Beach will have to watch out for us!

Thank you to all the parents, scorers and the umpires who helped us on the day and a special thanks to the whole cricket team who played their heart out.

The Team consists of; Jack (C), Angus, Sid, Archie, Charlie G, Lachlan, Nate, Teddy, Kate, Jonah, Harri, Manning, and Charlie C.

Jack (Captain)

KL NEWS

This term, Kindergarten has been learning all about fact and fiction! We know that texts have different purposes: factual texts provide us with lots of useful information, while fictional texts entertain us! The children of KL have enjoyed reading a variety of books and categorising them as fact or fiction. We have also had fun writing our own texts! Recently, for Halloween, we wrote spooky fictional stories. We also wrote interesting facts about pumpkins! Afterwards, we created our very own Halloween pumpkins with crayons and coloured paper. Have you seen them in our window?

Bridie - Fact

Pumpkins

They are orange. They get carved for lanterns on Halloween. Pumpkins need sun and water to grow!

Evie - Fiction

Once upon a time was a witch. She lived all on her own. She was very angry and she wanted to eat the children and so she went to the village and she looked all around the village. The children were very scared of the witch!

Lucy Eielsen



CHARITY DAY

Our annual Charity Day is coming up on Friday 17th November. A 'Grey' information note went home last week to families. 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.

Donations should be taken to the classrooms below:

CHARITY DAY STALLS 2017

CLASS	STALL/ ACTIVITIES	DONATIONS?
Kindergarten	Lolly Stall	Yes (Lollies)
1M & 1WN	Chocolate Walk	Yes (Chocolates)
1C	Beaded Key Rings	Yes (Beads)
1EC & 2S	Lucky Dips	Yes (small toys)
2J	Pirate's Treasure	Yes (small toys)
3Mc	Cake Stall	Yes (items wrapped individually please)
3M & 3C	Lucky Dips / Cans of drink	Yes (chocolate prizes)
4A & 2P	Second Hand Toys	Yes
3/4LW	Book Stall	Yes
4B	Arcade Games	No
4/5 ST	Face Painting / Photo Booth	No
5F	Disco	No
5B & 2R	White Elephant Stall	Yes (household items) – NO ELECTRICAL ITEMS
5/6W	Nail Salon	Yes (nail polish)
6C & 6S	Haunted House	No
Mr Hector	Computer Games	No
Admin / Tom	Sausage Sizzle	No

CHOIR CONCERT – 'Adventure in Music'

The Junior Choir, Senior Choral Group and soloists will be performing a magical night of singing and music on Thursday 16th November commencing at 6pm in the new hall. Everyone is welcome! Nina McLeod

CANTEEN NEWS

Every family should have received a new 'Pale Blue Summer Menu' recently! Please destroy any 'Green Winter Menus'.

As from this week the canteen will be selling Sushi every day.

Tuna and cucumber Sushi - \$ 4.00

Chicken schnitzel and cucumber – \$ 4.00

All sushi comes with soy sauce.

NewFM's 'Apple for the teacher'

Mrs Brown our Year 5 teacher has been nominated this year for this award. Voting starts on Monday 23rd October and finishes on Thursday 9th November. See below for the website. Kristian R – 5B

<https://www.newfm.com.au/newfms-apple-for-a-teacher-is-back/>

UNIFORM SHOP

Our Uniform Shop is open every Monday from 8:45am in the old school hall. There are now EFTPOS facilities available to use on a Monday in the Uniform Shop.

If you purchase a hat or are paying for items at the office – Cash only is accepted. The office are unable to use the P&C Eftpos machine.

Thank you.

Donna Reay, Uniform Shop Co-ordinator

KINDER 2018 ORIENTATION DAYS – Uniform Shop

The Uniform Shop will be open for parents to purchase uniforms for their Kindergarten children next week on their Orientation visits.

Monday 13th November and Tuesday 14th November
The shop will open from 9.30am to 10am in the old school hall on the above Orientation days.

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

November P&C Meeting Tonight: 6.45pm in the Staffroom – all welcome!

THANK YOU FOR SCHOOL DISCO: Huge thank you to all the teachers who donated their time and supervised the disco: Mrs King, Mrs Eielsen, Mrs Larkman, Mrs Hughes, Mrs Barns, Mrs Cooper, Mrs Byrne, Mrs

Ladkin, Mrs Smoother, Mrs Jones, Miss Miller, Mrs Russell, Miss Cartwright and Mrs Cromarty.

And special thanks to all the volunteers that assisted with setting up and during the event on Friday including: Eithne Healy, Leigh Stefanszyn, Rachel Sutherland, Kristen Saunders, Julie Warton, Craig & Belinda Rosevear and Catherine Reeves.

THANK YOU FOR KINDY ORIENTATION MORNING TEA:

Special thanks to Nicola Ingold for coordinating the Kindy Orientation Morning Teas and also to all the Kindy mums who assisted Yvette, Vicki Roberts, Melissa Priest and Kate Young.

Special thanks also to Mr Gunter for running the Tuesday Kindy Orientation Morning Tea.

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
Tues 7th Nov	6.45pm	Monthly P&C meeting, Staffroom – all welcome
Mon 27 th Nov	10.30am	Teacher, Parents and Carers Partner Morning Tea

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



Facebook:
*The Junction
Public School
P&C*



Twitter:
@TJPS_PandC

NEWSLETTER ONLINE!

We are no longer providing paper copies of the newsletter.

A limited number of paper copies will continue to be available for collection from the front office for families who don't have Internet access.

Please click on this link –

<https://goo.gl/forms/SuMc6wsJvDfUnJ9v1> - to have your email address entered into our database. We encourage all parents, grandparents and carers to sign up for this service. As well as emailing the newsletter, we will continue to post our newsletter on the school's website and send out a Skoolbag alert every Tuesday.

LOST PROPERTY

Please ensure you write your child's name clearly on all items. If you purchase a second hand item – please cross out any names on them and write your child's name.

CAMP AUSTRALIA NEWS

Hi all,

The first four weeks back of Term 4 have been action packed full of fun over here at OSHC!

Some of the things we have done are:

- Group basketball games
- Science experiment mixing together milk and coco-cola
- Nature day – making succulents
- Talent show – dance offs
- Paper plane competition
- Abstract Art
- Learning about Nepal for The Camp Australia Foundation

And much more! Our Christmas/Term 4 craft order has arrived and we can't wait to dive into it!

With our huge area, we have plenty of spots available.

To book and enrol please call our customer care team on 1300 105 343 or visit our website

www.campastralia.com.au

Or to contact the coordinator of the service, phone or SMS 0450 267 282. We hope to see you there!