

The Junction News

Newsletter of The Junction Public School



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Term 4 – Week 6

Tuesday 14 November 2017

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Greetings to our school community. It's Week 6 already and the pace is picking up!

Vehicles on school grounds

Last week a Department of Education school experienced its worst nightmare: Two students – little boys – were killed in a place they should have been safely learning.

My colleague is living through the worst days of his career.

The class teacher, staff and school community are traumatised.

...And two families will never see their sons again.

All this because a car was in close proximity to a classroom and there were a few minutes of distraction for a driver.

There are to be **no parent or community cars** on TJPS site without permission from me or my delegated officer. Please do not walk your children through driveway gates – you are just teaching them bad habits for the future. Children don't suffer from a little bit of rain or wind but they can suffer terribly if they are accidentally hit by a motor vehicle.

So please, for our children's sake take a little bit of extra time, be prepared to walk a few extra steps and be prepared to be five minutes late to work so we don't have to go through the trauma of Banksia Road PS.

Our thoughts are with them as they try to pick up the pieces and continue to provide quality education for their students.

Staff Development Day

This Wednesday afternoon our staff will work from 3.30 to 6.30pm on the school plan. This is in lieu of the last part of the final two student free days of the year: 18/12 and 19/12. On these days the school will be closed. The staff have worked an extended day each term. We find we are much more pro-active earlier in the term and our quality of work is better.

Community Consultation

Please put aside an hour to come to our community consultation next Wednesday the 22nd November at 3.30-4.30pm. Ms Chaffey will be in her classroom for your students to play if needed. The afternoon will be

divided into 3 parts: brief report back from External Validation, brief update on School Plan Draft and discussion with you about the results from the Parent Survey. This meeting will be held in the School Library.

Charity Day

Our annual Charity Day is coming up this Friday 17th November. A 'Grey' information note went home recently to all 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.

Presentation Days - coming in December!!

Just flagging to all parents and carers that Presentation Days will take place on **Thursday 7th December for whole school awards, as well as Stage 3 and Stage 2 (Year 3-6) and again on Friday 8th December for Early Stage 1 and Stage 1 (K-2).** Thursday's presentations will commence at 9.00am and Friday's presentations will commence from 9.00am. All students in the school receive a certificate in recognition of their fine efforts for the year. Please put these dates in your diary as we really appreciate the attendance of parents and so do your children. More specific information will be forthcoming in the next couple of weeks.

Swimming Carnival 2018

All students in Year 2-5 (2017) will receive a Swimming Carnival note for our 2018 Swimming Carnival which is on Thursday 1st February (Week 1) next year! Students who are currently in Year 1 and will be turning 8 years old in 2018 will also receive a note. These students should only attend and compete at the Carnival if they can swim 50m with confidence. Students in Year 2 (2018) who cannot swim 50m will stay here at school with their teacher.

Great Aussie Bush Camp

Year 4 had a wonderful, fun adventurous time last week at Camp. It is a fantastic team building experience for the students. Thank you to the teachers who accompanied the students: Mr Alcock, Mrs Byrne, Mr Moore and Mrs Thurston.

Cath Larkman, Principal

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CALENDAR - TERM 4 – 2017**Week 6** **Event**

Wednesday, Nov 15	Hunter Life Education - 3M, 5F
Thursday, Nov 16	Choir concert - 6pm – New Hall
Friday, Nov 17	Charity Day – 11.15am to 1pm

Week 7 **Event**

Tuesday, Nov 21	Book Fair in library
Wednesday, Nov 22	Book Fair in library
Wednesday, Nov 22	External Validation presentation for parents (3.30pm to 4.30pm)
Thursday, Nov 23	2018 Primary Band information session - 4pm Band room
Friday, Nov 24	Last day for Meal Deal orders

Week 8 **Event**

Monday, Nov 27	School and P & C thank you morning tea – 11am
Tuesday, Nov 28	Band Presentation Night 6pm at Newcastle Conservatorium
Thursday, Nov 30	Meal Deal Day – (No regular lunch orders will be available today)
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
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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
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VALUES MESSAGE**Values – Integrity**

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

At The Junction Public School we show Integrity by being honest and playing fairly.

Being honest can be hard if you think that you will get in trouble. Do you remember our message from last week?

If you have done the wrong thing – own it. Be honest, have courage and admit your mistake. Apologise for your actions and try and make it right.

If you show integrity by being honest people will trust you and not blame you for or suspect you for things that you have not done.

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Remembrance Day

Thank you to our prefects Poppy and Max and their families for attending a beautiful Remembrance Day ceremony at Gregson Park on Saturday. Poppy and Max wore The Junction Public School uniform with pride and respectfully placed a floral tribute at the cenotaph to commemorate 99 years since the end of The Great War. Thank you Poppy and Max for giving your time to represent our school. Thanks also to the Year 6 students Ella, Jack,

Kelsey, Sarah and Charlie for their presentation at Friday's assembly to remind students of the importance of Remembrance Day. I hope you were able to take the time on the 11/11 at 11am to remember the sacrifices thousands of Australians made during the First World War.



Safety Reminder

Thank you for your co-operation with encouraging your children to push their bikes and scooters and to carry skateboards in and out of the school grounds. Please help us ensure that arriving and leaving school is a safe time. Lisa Hughes, Deputy Principal

ATTENDANCE – LATE ARRIVALS

For safety reasons, it is important that parents are aware that their child has been late to school. The office staff issue white paper slips to students who present 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 5****YEARS 3, 4 & 5 ASSEMBLY**

3C	Dominic M Ryan H	Ava K
3MC	Roxanna B Maggie B	Boden S
3/4LW	Sofia G Koby C	Lucy W
4/5ST	Nicholas H Maisy H	Niamh H
5B	Lucy C Tayte R	Ashton M Ned R
5F	Maple B Seren R	Isaac L
5/6W	Kate M Oscar F Imogen C	Amy M Oscar H-W Lily F
6C	Kelsey V E Max H	Jack W
Student of the month	Natesha S	

ASSEMBLIES

The next Kinder to Year 2 assembly will be this 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.

NOTES HOME TODAY

Years 2-5 (2017) : 2018 Swimming Carnival note - \$12

Year 6 Farewell at South's Leagues Club - \$15

All families : School Canteen 'Meal Deal' order form

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.

BAND NEWS**Band News:**

Here we go! Our exciting end of year activities will begin with Band Assessments next week.

Band Assessments

Band assessments will take place on Monday 20th, Tuesday 21st and Wednesday 22nd of November. A complete schedule of assessments has been posted around the school. Please check your child's time. Please also note that some assessments take place at 8:00am!

Premier Band and Primary Band rehearsals have been cancelled during assessment week i.e. Tuesday and Wednesday mornings. Only students with their assessments during these times need to arrive at 8:00am.

School Christmas Concert

Our fantastic Premier Band will be performing at the school Christmas concert on Friday the 1st of December. We will open the concert and then perform some fun Christmas carols during the program. What a great chance to get into the festive spirit!

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.

2018 Primary Band Information Session

We will be holding an information session for parents of all prospective 2018 Primary Band students in the music room next Thursday 23rd of November at 4:00pm. Please come along if you've put in an expression of interest or if your child is thinking of joining our Primary Band in 2018.

If you have any difficulty getting to the session please contact me at:

e. michael.jobson@det.nsw.edu.au

Happy music making! Michael Jobson

Office Hours - 8.30AM TO 3.15PM

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

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.**

STATE REPRESENTATION - Cricket

This year thirteen teams of 12 girls competed at Maitland for the NSW State Under 12 girls cricket carnival. The Hunter team won five games out of seven and came 7th. Hunter had a shaky start losing two out of the first three games but we were able to rally together as a team and won the next four games. We were able to beat Riverina who was undefeated at that time with my 51 not out contributing to the team's effort. I was lucky to be selected to play in the National championships at Barooga in January. The carnival was a great experience and I have made so many new friends. I can't wait to see more girls try out for cricket next year! By Kate McT

Congratulations Kate on making the State team. The school office has a book of Raffle tickets to assist Kate in competing in Victoria in January. Tickets are \$2.00 each – first prize is an Apple iPad Air 2 Wifi (64Gb). Thank you.

CHARITY DAY – This Friday!!!!

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 this Thursday 16th November commencing at 6pm in the new hall. Everyone is welcome! Nina McLeod

CANTEEN NEWS

There will be a Meal Deal day here at school on Thursday 30th November. A 'Beige' order form is going home to all students today! Orders close on Friday 24th November. There will be NO regular lunch orders on this day.

GREAT AUSSIE BUSH CAMP

Last Wednesday, Year 4 students and Mrs Thurston, Mr Alcock and Mr Moore and I set off for the Great Aussie Bush Camp (GABC)! Students (and teachers) participated in many exhilarating activities and enjoyed the camp facilities.

Thank you to parents for supporting this initiative, allowing your child the opportunity to participate and also thank you to the teachers who accompanied and those back at school who made this year a success. Thank you again to Mr Alcock who liaised with the camp staff to organise such a fantastic three days!

Mrs Byrne, Stage 2 Assistant Principal

Student reviews of the GABC experience

The best activity at camp was...the Giant Swing because even though I've been on one before I was very nervous and excited at the same time. As I was getting strapped in I knew I had to go to the top or I would regret it. Well that's what some people said so I went to the top and I'm glad I did because it was so much fun and so was the rest of camp. By Alex K, 4A

What surprised me the most at camp was...how tired I was even though I had a lot of sleep! This must have been because all the activities we did during the camp like canoeing, running around Lost Island and helping with the Big Swing! By Daniel B, 3/4LW

The camp leaders were fantastic because...they were kind and they taught us heaps of great things. When we were on the Giant Swing my leader, Paige told us how it's going to feel and what's going to happen. She told us when we had to pull the rope and when to go fast and when to slow down. On the Flying Fox she told us to count down from 3 and then go! One thing that was funny was when my friends and I were running and I slipped over in the mud. I was completely muddy! So more washing for Mum! By Lily R, 4/5ST

The activity that challenged me the most was...Lost Island because you had to go in mud and climb objects or go under them. You also had to crawl up or through tunnel. You would also get your shoe stuck in the mud a lot and slip over. There were also tyres in the mud so you had to watch out. I enjoyed this activity and I'm sure everyone else did. By Banjo H, 4A

The best activity at camp was...the Giant Swing because you got to choose how high you went and when you let go of the string your tummy erupted like a volcano! Also when you finished you got a kick of adrenaline. By Lucca S, 3/4LW

The activity that challenged me the most was...Lost Island because it had mud with secret tyres and hard obstacles. Once you were done the camp leaders made you do something silly, like put mud all over yourself or join in 'ring, a ring, a rosie'. Also you had to say 'moo' on one obstacle every time you went over a piece of wood and it was slippery! Your feet got stuck in the mud a lot

and your clothes were all wet. But at the end it was cool!
By Mako L, 4B

What I enjoyed the most at camp was... the Dual Flying Fox because one, you get to go with a friend and two, you go over a lake, plus the view is really nice! Also, it's not that scary!! The thing I loved most was that it sort of felt like you were flying, but harnessed. The Dual Flying Fox was AWESOME!

By Lan P, 4B

I would go on camp again because...it was really fun and I learnt a lot about how to survive in the bush! I loved the Giant Swing because it was really fun and it was great stepping out of my comfort zone. I also loved doing the mud pit (Lost Island). It was really fun getting wet and muddy. My camp leader, Paige, was really kind and she was great at explaining things. I had lots of fun!
By Phoebe L, 4/5ST



**The Junction Public School
Book Fair**

**Tuesday 21st November &
Wednesday 22nd November**

School LIBRARY

8.15am to 3.30pm

**Get a head start on your
Christmas shopping!!!**

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

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.



NEWCASTLE HIGH SCHOOL NEWS.....

On Thursday 19 October Year 11 Hospitality students produced a two course meal for people at Ronald McDonald House. The ‘Meals from the Heart’ program provides an evening meal for parents who return to the house after a long day at the hospital with their child. Cooking a meal is the last thing on their mind and our students love preparing the meal and interacting with the families.

- It was fantastic to have over 100 Year 5 students visit on Tuesday 24 October. The aim of the Year 5 taster lessons is to give students a brief introduction to high school and allow students to participate in a learning experience from subject experts. The students spent some time in the kitchen, science labs, maths classroom and the workshop.

- Year 7 2018 Orientation Day will be held on Tuesday 6 December. This is always a great day where students have an opportunity to meet students from other schools, participate in learning delivered by staff and senior students and meet the staff that will play a major role with the year group. For further information regarding the transition process please contact Shannon Sager on 4969 3177.

Caring at Christmas – Newcastle Basket Brigade

The Newcastle Basket Brigade helps families in our local area who are in need of assistance, by putting together special baskets of food and gifts, which are delivered anonymously just before Christmas. Are you able to help by donating new items?

The P&C will be collecting donations. Please place donations in the box in the school office foyer. While we are focussing on teenagers aged 11-17 years, any

donations will be gratefully received. Some ideas include outdoor toys, beach items (such as frisbees, mini fishing rods or towels), balls, board games, books (for children), torches, camping items, stationery, gift vouchers etc. Please note that all items must fit inside a laundry basket, with the exception of kites, skateboards and boardgames. They cannot accept electronics, clothes, shoes, makeup, jewellery or decorative items.

If you are able to help make a difference to local families who are in need this Christmas, please donate before **Thursday 30th November**. All donations will be wrapped by volunteers at the Newcastle Basket Brigade wrapping event. For more information visit magicmoments.org.au/nsw-newcastle-basket-brigade Thank you for caring at Christmas and making a difference within our community.

P&C NEWS

2017 THANK YOU MORNING TEA

In past years the P&C have hosted a Teachers Morning Tea as a small way to thank all TJPS Teachers & School Support Staff for all their hard work during the year. This year we are joining forces with the Staff and will be holding a **THANK YOU MORNING TEA** on **Monday 27th November 2017** in the Old School Hall starting at **11:00am till 11:30am**.

This event will be a way that the school community can express their gratitude towards all the Teaching and Support Staff, as well as the Parent / Carer helpers that assist in the classroom during the year. We would gratefully accept donations of baked goods to serve on the day, along with fresh garden flowers to brighten up the room.

We also need volunteers to help set up, serve coffee & tea and pack up.

This will be our **FINAL** P&C Event for the year! If you can help in any way, please sign up at <http://bit.ly/2017TJPSTThankYouMorningTea>

UNIFORM SHOP

Unfortunately, we are currently out of stock of the below items:

- Girls summer tunics – Delivery expected mid December.
- Boy’s white short sleeved shirts (size 6-8) - Delivery expected next week

For families that are in **URGENT** need of Girls Summer Tunics, we have been advised that Lowes has a sale on Thursday 16th November 2017, but it may be wise to contact them to confirm stock.

THANKS

Special Thanks to Donna Reay, Amanda Fleming and Kim Forbes, for assisting with the Uniform shop on a weekly

basis. Also thanks to Bec Brennan, Jasmine Page, Kristen Saunders & Karen Bull for helping out in the Uniform shop on numerous occasions during Term 3 & 4. We all appreciate you volunteering your time!

HELPERS REQUIRED

If anyone has a spare half an hour to assist in our Uniform Shop on Monday from 8:45am onwards we would love to hear from you. Please email president@junctionpandc.org

NEXT P&C MEETING

The next P&C Meeting will be held on **Tuesday 5th December 2017**. We welcome new parents & carers to join our final meeting of 2017. It's a great way to hear about some of the things going on at the school.

NOTE FROM THE P&C PRESIDENT:

At last week's P&C meeting, the P&C took a moment and reflected on the tragic events that occurred at Banksia Road Public School in Sydney. The P&C along with the TJPS Staff, have expressed our deepest sympathies to their entire school community & the families involved in the tragedy.

We have also been advised by a member of the community, that in 2002 a car crashed into the office & sick bay area of our own school. Fortunately, no one was injured that day, it did leave office staff shaken. However, since that day in 2002, a number of changes have been made to our school and surrounding streets, to prevent an incident like this re-occurring.

This reinforces how we all need to be **careful** when we are driving vehicles around our school. It also reminded the P&C of the reasons why we often focus on road safety around the school. With the silly season fast approaching, we are pleading with all members of the school community to remain vigilant whilst driving around our school as children are unpredictable.

Please adhere to the road and parking rules. EVERY TIME, NO EXCUSES!!!

We also encourage all families to remind your children about road safety. Remind them **NEVER** to enter or exit the school grounds via the teacher's carparks.

Do you know someone who might like to be on the P&C Email list?

Send them this weblink to enter their details.
<http://eepurl.com/bfuMIX>

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



Facebook:
The Junction
Public School
P&C



Twitter:
@TJPS_PandC

UPCOMING P&C EVENTS:

Date	Time	Event
Monday 27th November 2017	11:00-11:30am	2017 Thank You Morning Tea Venue: Old Hall
Tuesday 5th December 2017	6:45pm	Final P&C Meeting 2017 Venue: TBC
2018		
Monday 5 th February 2018	9:20am-10:30am	Kindy & New Parents / Carer's Morning Tea Venue: COLA
Monday 5 th February 2018	6:45pm	P&C Meeting Venue: TBC
Tuesday 6th March 2018	6:45pm	P&C Meeting & AGM Venue: TBC
Tuesday 3rd April 2018	6:45pm	P&C Meeting Venue: TBC

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

Welcome back to Term 4!

We can't believe it's getting towards the end of the year! This term, we have a structured program having themes each days of the week:

Monday – games day

Tuesday – cooking/baking day

Wednesday – alternating each week between nature or science day

Thursday – sports day (and prep for talent showcase)

Friday – Talent Showcase

All the while art and crafts and free outdoor play are available to the children every day.

With our huge area, we have plenty of spots available. To book and enrol, please call 1300 105 343 or visit www.campaustralia.com.au
Or to contact the coordinator of the service, phone or SMS: 0450 267 282. We hope to see you there!!!

SCHOOL BUS PASS APPLICATONS

Students who hold an SSTS entitlement and are going from Year 2 to 3 or Year 6 to 7 or are changing school, and students whose entitlement was approved under a medical condition, will receive notification by email or post informing them of the pending expiry of their entitlement. TBP holders will also receive notification.

Students enquiring about pending cancellation should be advised to go online to <https://apps.transport.nsw.gov.au/ssts/updateDetails> to update details/make application for next year's entitlement.

Application needs to be made before 31 December 2017 to ensure their entitlement is updated and their current card is not cancelled. If application is made after the expiry of their entitlement (31 December) the system will automatically cancel their card and a new one will need to be issued.

Please note: Students who are changing grade band and are remaining at the same school will not receive notification and do not need to reapply (the system now automatically validates a student's on-going eligibility if at the same school and going from infants to primary or primary to secondary). Where a student meets the new eligibility the system will automatically update their entitlement and card.

Students in the Opal area applying for a SSTS or TBP entitlement for the first time will receive their card (posted to the nominated address) a week or two before the commencement of 2018 classes. Please note new cards for 2018 are not posted in 2017 or during the Christmas / New Year period.

Found

An I-Pod has been handed into the school office last week. If you think this is yours, please come and see us.