

# The Junction News

Newsletter of The Junction Public School



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Term 4 – Week 7

Tuesday 21 November 2017

## PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Good afternoon to all,

### Staffing Updates

We are in the middle of a large staffing operation across the State in line with the new Staffing Agreement. As a result of our unfilled vacancies we will have 4 new teachers. Our first two transfers have come through:

Tess Barns

Julie Lamb

We congratulate both these ladies and are very excited to bring Tess on board as a permanent teacher at our school.

### Enrolments 2018

If you know of any families residing in our zone who intend to come to our school next year and have not made contact with the school – please ask them to do so fairly quickly. We are currently only accepting local or 'in zone' enrolments. If you know you will be leaving the area and your child will be moving schools next year, please advise the school office as soon as possible.

### Community Consultation Afternoon

Mrs Hughes and her team will lead this hour on Wednesday afternoon in the staffroom. This team led the External Validation for our school. There will be a brief overview of the process, the findings and the recent survey results from parents. We will also communicate with you on our big plan directions for 2018-2020 and will finish by getting some brief written feedback (and feed forward) from you.

### Choir and Choral Night

What amazing talent we have at TJPS. Thanks to Mrs McLeod, Mr Alcock and Mr Jobson for their work on this evening. It was also wonderful to see Mrs Cheek and Mrs Keating as special guests. I thoroughly enjoyed the evening and remembered some happy memories of leading choirs when I was still a classroom teacher.

### Clap Out

The decision to vary the Clap Out to support the Department of Education directive that students attend school until the end of term has met with some issues as

families have organised to be off work or arranged early holidays.

Following consultation with the Executive Team, I have decided to keep the Clap Out on Tuesday in 2017 however we will discuss variations for the 2018 celebrations. Students will still need to be providing the school with the normal explanations around absences in the final days of Term 4, 2017 and normal class routines will take place for Year 6 until Friday the 15<sup>th</sup> December.

### Presentation Days

A reminder that our Presentation Days will take place on **Thursday 7th and Friday 8th December** this year. We will start on Thursday 7th December with a 'Whole school assembly' from Kinder to Year 6 at 9.00am in the COLA area. Major awards and prizes will be presented as well as invest and present the 2018 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 7th 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 7th December there will be a morning tea supplied for parents staying on for the next assembly.*

**At 11.30am on Thursday 7th 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 9.00am on Friday 8th 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 8th 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.**

**Charity Day**

Thank you to Mr Alcock our all our staff who contributed to the organisation of the day. As always our school community were on deck to donate and help with the BBQ and the purchasing and as a result the school raised over \$5,000! Well done! I am sure there were many bemused parents who ended up with as much 'stuff' at the end of the day as they had donated. Everyone had a ball and there was some good numeracy work happening with multiples of ten and costing of items.

**Thank You Morning Tea**

The school staff and community will come together next Monday 11am to 11.30am for a morning tea in the old school hall. This is a lovely opportunity for parents/carers and staff to reflect on the school year. Please note students will not be attending this morning tea. We look forward to seeing everyone!

Cath Larkman, Principal

**CALENDAR - TERM 4 – 2017**

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) in the Staffroom
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
Friday, Dec 15	K-Yr 6 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

**VALUES MESSAGE****Values Message-Participation**

For the remainder of this term we are going to focus on the value of participation.

Our school rule for participation is:

At The Junction Public School we actively participate in all learning opportunities

We can participate in many levels at school, home and in our community.

Last week's Charity Day was a great example of participating in a community event. All staff, including Tom and the office ladies, students and parents participated to make this a really fun event with a very important purpose. If we didn't participate we would not have raised so much money for worthy causes.

This week, think of other community events you could participate in and how your participation could benefit others.

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 6

### KINDER, YEAR 1 & 2 ASSEMBLY

KB	Zahara B Kaelan M	Lexie R Harry W
KL	Charlie D Oliver D	Alice G Will W
KK	Charlie I Alex C	Elkie B Zaharenya F
KT	Ebony Y Henry M	Zachary W Mya K
1C	Rafferty D Flynn S	Ella H Lucas M
1EC	Parker P Reuben F	Riley T Callum B
1M	Max W Lexi A	Vegas B Finn T
1WN	Benji L Hassnain H	Emilia Q-C Lillian L
2J	Radhika C Max M	Alice W Ruby S
2P	Coco P Riley M	Aylisa A Zavier A
2R	Atticus S Tyler S	Mia G
2S	Marley M-K Andreas W	Imbi H Tom L

## ASSEMBLIES

The next Kinder to Year 2 assembly will be Thursday 30th November (Week 8 - 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 THIS WEEK

Flyers for: Jingles at The Junction concert & 2017 Thank you morning tea

Year 3-6 students & parents : Interrelate Evening – Monday 4<sup>th</sup> December

### NOTES HOME LAST WEEK

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

## 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.

## SCHOOL CHRISTMAS CONCERT

### "Jingles at The Junction"

Don't forget to mark Friday 1<sup>st</sup> 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. This is an alcohol free event! A flyer has been sent home today!

## BAND NEWS

An 'orange note' went home last week with details of our wonderful Bands performances for the next two weeks. Please sign and return the attached permission slip to the front office. Here are a few other things to remember.

### Band Fees

A reminder to please ensure that you've paid all band fees.

We rely on band fees to purchase all of the highest quality instruments, music, and tuition that students in our bands are able to access. **All band fees are due by November 30th.** Please make sure you are up to date.

### Band Presentation Night – All Bands

Our annual Band Presentation Night will take place next Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> November at the Newcastle University Conservatorium in Laman Street, Cooks Hill. **Students will be required to arrive at 5:30pm in full band uniform.** A reminder also that parking may be tricky due to the construction currently taking place in the city.

### School Christmas Concert – Premier Band

Our fantastic Premier Band will be performing at the school Christmas concert on Friday the 1<sup>st</sup> 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 – Jazz Ensemble

The performance will take place on the night of Thursday the 30<sup>th</sup> of November. All Jazz Ensemble musicians will be required to be at the Newcastle City Hall at 5:30pm. Tickets can be purchased at the following URL:

<https://www.trybooking.com/334392>

### 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 this Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> 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: [michael.jobson@det.nsw.edu.au](mailto:michael.jobson@det.nsw.edu.au)

### Band Rehearsal – All Bands this Friday!

There will be a combined band rehearsal this Friday from 9am-10:00am. Premier band can leave their instruments here after Thursday rehearsal if they like. Concert and Primary Bands should have their instruments at school because of regular Friday rehearsals.

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.**



## The Junction Public School Book Fair

Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> November &  
Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> November

School LIBRARY

8.15am to 3.30pm

Get a head start on your  
Christmas shopping!!!

## CANTEEN NEWS

There will be a Meal Deal day here at school on Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> November. A 'Beige' order form went home to all students last week! Orders close on Friday 24<sup>th</sup> November. There will be NO regular lunch orders on this day.

## INTERRELATE – Years 3-6

Interrelate will be having two presentations at our school on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> December. Students are to be accompanied by an adult at each one hour session.

Session 1: Where did I come from? (Year 3-6) - 6pm

Session 2: Preparing for puberty. (Years 5-6) and/or (Years 3-4 at parent's discretion) – 7.15pm

Family cost: 1 session \$30 per family  
2 sessions \$35 per family

Information/permission notes for payment went home yesterday.

When kids ask "the" questions...  
**Interrelate has the answers!**

Interrelate is a specialist organisation with over 90 years' experience teaching sexuality and relationship education in NSW schools. Interrelate educators are highly trained and skillful presenters.

The topic of sexuality is handled with sensitivity, openness and humour. The program offers an interactive approach to learning, with a variety of audio-visual materials, discussions and games.

**Session 1: Where did I come from?**  
1-hour session: Years 3-6

**Session 2: Preparing for puberty**  
1-hour session: Years 5-6  
Years 3-4 can attend at parent's discretion

Specialty books are available for purchase on the night.  
Keep a look out for flyers (coming home with your child before the program) outlining session content.

**interrelate**  
relationship experts since 1926

## 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](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.



## 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?

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 30<sup>th</sup> 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](http://magicmoments.org.au/nsw-newcastle-basket-brigade)

Thank you for caring at Christmas and making a difference within our community. Donna Reay



## 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 NEXT Monday 27<sup>th</sup> 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. Thanks to all the people that have already volunteered to bake good and assist with setting up on the day.

This is our **FINAL P&C EVENT** for the year, and we are calling for **MORE** volunteers to donate baked goods (including Gluten Free) for Morning Tea and for donations of fresh flowers from the garden to brighten up the room. If you can assist in any way, we would love to hear from you. You can sign up at <http://bit.ly/2017TJPSThankYouMorningTea> or email [president@junctionpandc.org](mailto:president@junctionpandc.org)

Special thanks to Eithne Healy for volunteering to co-ordinate our 2017 Thank You Morning Tea.

### COMMUNITY CONSULTATION AFTERNOON /EXTERNAL VALIDATION PRESENTATION

The P&C encourages all TJPS families to attend the Community Consultation afternoon **THIS Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> November** from **3:30pm – 4:30pm** which will be held in the Staffroom.

This Community Consultation afternoon will be a valuable afternoon to get an insight of how the school performed in the external validation process, and to hear from the school leadership team the school's direction for the next 5 year plan.

The results from the recent Parent / Carer survey will also be briefly discussed.

The school has kindly offered Miss Chaffey's classroom (1C) for students to play in whilst parents & carers attend this meeting.

### UNIFORM SHOP

Special Thanks to Donna Reay, Amanda Fleming and Kim Forbes who volunteer their time on a weekly basis to run the uniform shop and complete all the Flexischool orders.

Thanks also to Jasmine Page, Lucy Merchant, Kim Patrick and Bec Brennan who assisted with our extended hours for Kindy Orientation last week.

### HELPERS NEEDED

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](mailto: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.

### 2018 P&C POSITIONS

A number of our P&C executive team roles will become available next year with some of our members serving a maximum of two years in existing roles. Positions that will be declared vacant include: President, Vice-President & Treasurer.

If you are interested, or would like further details about the vacant positions, please email:

[president@junctionpandc.org](mailto:president@junctionpandc.org)

### NOTE FROM THE ACTING P&C PRESIDENT:

The P&C team have been actively monitoring road safety around the school during drop off and pick up. Despite our recent pleas for TJPS community to be careful whilst driving around our school during drop off and pick up, we are still receiving numerous reports on a daily basis of traffic offences, ranging from minor offences to a near miss.

The P&C is pleading with the entire TJPS community to focus on road safety this week whilst around the school during pick up and drop off.

Transport for NSW has a useful resource titled "Road Safety – Keeping our kids safe around schools" and recommends:

- Park safely even if it means walking further to the school gate.
- Observe all parking signs. They are planned with children's SAFETY in mind
- NEVER double park as it puts children at risk
- Model safe and considerate behaviour for your child – they will learn from you
- Slow down near the school crossing
- At the supervised crossings, observe the directions of the school crossing supervisor
- Always park and turn legally around the school
- Avoid dangerous manoeuvres such as U-turns and three-point turns
- Always give way to pedestrians particularly when entering and leaving driveways
- DO NOT park in bus zones
- Check your doing less than 40km/h in school zone
- Until your child is at least eight years old, hold their hand when crossing the road
- Talk with your child about safe behaviour on the footpath – including discussion on the dangers of vehicles that may be entering or exiting driveways

Let's all make an effort to adhere to the road and parking rules. **EVERY TIME, NO EXCUSES. FOR THE SAFETY OF ALL TJPS STUDENTS.**

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>

#### 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
<b>2018</b>		
Monday 5 <sup>th</sup> February 2018	9:20am- 10:30am	Kindy & New Parents / Carer's Morning Tea Venue: COLA
Monday 5 <sup>th</sup> 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

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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.**

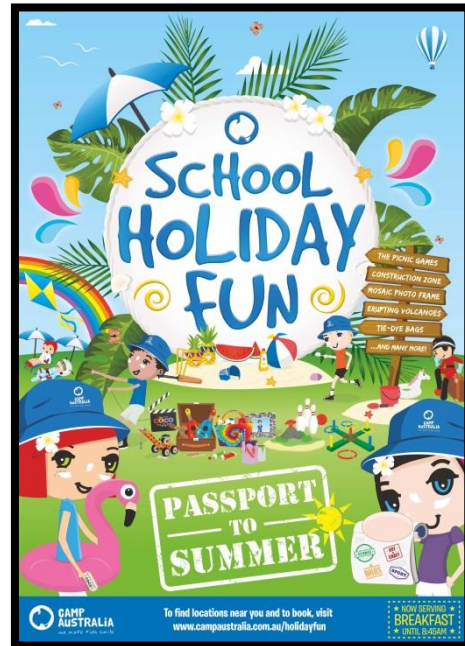
A limited number of paper copies will continue to be available for collection from the front office for families who don't have Internet access. Please click on this link –

<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



To book and enrol, please call 1300 105 343 or visit [www.campastralia.com.au](http://www.campastralia.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 APPLICATIONS

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.

**Vacation Care Booking Form–  
December 2017 / January 2018 Holidays**

**NEPS OOSH VACATION CARE AIM:** To promote a friendly community based vacation care option for parents.

**Proposed Vacation Care Program for December 2017/January 2018 School Holidays:**

- **First week of the school holidays: Monday 18 Dec- Friday 22 Dec**
- **CLOSED FROM Monday 25 December 2017 – REOPENING Monday 8 January 2018**
- **January - Weeks Jan 8th – 12th January 15th – 19th & January 22nd – 25th January**

**Bookings are essential & close on 8th December 2017 for December holidays & December 22nd for January 2018 holidays**

NEPS OOSH Vacation Care Family Information  
Operating from: Newcastle East Public School  
Operating Hours: 7.30am to 6pm Monday to Friday  
Please contact Tracey with any questions on:  
Phone: 49291550 or email: [nepsoosh16@gmail.com](mailto:nepsoosh16@gmail.com)