

The Junction News

Newsletter of The Junction Public School



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Term 4 – Week 8

Tuesday 28 November 2017

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Hello to our school community,

Staffing

Our staffing process continues with another new permanent appointment to our school. Amy Shepherd will begin at our school at the beginning of 2018. Amy will come in to visit us this week.

In this major staffing operation we will farewell some of our fantastic temporary teachers at the end of this year. Please understand that this is State wide and part of an agreement between the Department of Education and the Teachers' Federation.

Celebrations this week

I am very much looking forward to **Band Presentation Night** tonight and would like to recognise Michael Jobson and his team – they are certainly uniquely talented.

A huge thank you to Jacqui Russell, Alison Smoother and Nicole Jones for the organisation of our **Jingles at the Junction** on Friday evening. Come along and enjoy yourself. Please remember no alcohol or smoking on school grounds. The teachers have also been practising...watch this space!

Thank You Morning Tea

Included below is my recognition of all our wonderful Parent helpers and volunteers for 2017.

Thanks to our parents and volunteers who make such a difference to our school.

What makes the difference?

- Recognising that working with children is not a black and white skill. Working in people professions rarely is – it is more about understanding and knowing that you will see something different every day*
- It is about recognising that, even though your Classroom Teacher has a Bachelor Degree at least, that sometimes we don't know the answer (even after 20 years or more) and need to look up the latest research, chat to our colleagues or do our own action research*

- It is about just wanting to make a difference to the children's lives – not just your own child but all the others as well*
- It's about holding confidences, as privacy is so important – legally and to maintain dignity and respect for all*
- It's about understanding that a school has to make decisions based on all the children and that exceptions are only for special circumstances or needs.....and that equity is not the same as equality.*
- It's about supporting teachers and knowing that sometimes there are no immediate answers.*
- It's about understanding when a tough decision needs to be made*

If you think this type of person is too good to be true – look beside you, they are all around.

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 start 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 –

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(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.)

Presentation Day will be focussed on celebrating the achievements of all students and recognising their efforts over the whole year.

First Day back 2018

Students in Year 1-6 in 2018 will return to school on Tuesday 30th January. If you are aware you may still be away and your child/children will be absent on this day, can you please email the school or put details of absence dates in a letter and hand in to the school office. This assists us with the setting up classes for 2018.

Band, Strings, Dance and Tap Fees

Accounts were recently sent out for all outstanding extra-curricular fees e.g. Band, dance, tap and strings. These fees are due this Thursday 30th November. Thank you for your payment and support.

Cultural Day – Year 6 Fundraiser

A planned fundraiser for Year 6 which was scheduled for this week has been postponed. See next week's newsletter for the amended date.

Cath Larkman, Principal

CHARITY DAY FUN.....



CALENDAR - TERM 4 – 2017

Week 8

Event

Tuesday, Nov 28	Band Presentation Night 6pm at Newcastle Conservatorium
Thursday, Nov 30	Meal Deal Day – <u>(No regular lunch orders will be available today)</u>
Thursday, Nov 30	Jazz ensemble – Newcastle Town Hall – 5.30pm
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
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VALUES MESSAGE

Values – 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.

There are so many extra events for us to participate in this week, including: Band Presentation night, Student Executive speeches and voting, Make A Noise and our Jingles at The Junction on Friday night.

Let's all think about the way we can be a good participant. There are 3 easy steps:

Step 1: Listen. Participants need to listen to instructions and listen to their group. An audience needs to show respect by listening.

Step 2: Be confident. Do your best and strive for a quality performance.

Step 3: Recognise the achievements of others and congratulate them for their efforts.

We look forward to seeing you all participate in an exciting week at The Junction Public School.

2018 Student Executive Process

Over the past four weeks it has been my pleasure to work with Year 5 teachers and Mrs Cooper to lead the Year 5 students through a leadership readiness course. The students were involved in activities to help develop their confidence and communication skills and discussions around the qualities of an effective leader. All Year 5 students were given the opportunity to accept or decline a nomination to be part of the 2018 Student Executive team. After this, the Year 5 students voted to narrow the field of candidates down to 22 students. Today these 22 students prepared speeches at school and presented these to Years 2-6. The school voted for their new leaders for 2018 and the results will be announced at next week's Monday morning assembly. I am very proud of the efforts of all the students throughout this process and wish our 22 candidates the best of luck.

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 7

YEARS 3, 4 & 5 ASSEMBLY

3C	Abby R Campbell J Hamish B	Rosie B Ella W
3MC	Felix B	Noah G
3/4LW	Alexis S Yo Han S Ronan B	Zoe C Josh M
4B	Harry B Emiel E-F Elyssa K	Lan P Max A Mason C
4/5ST	Louis G Lucille H Matilda A Xavier C	Phoebe L Nicola D-G Ciara F
5B	Jessica P Thomas Q Livinia C	Emily K Alexis D
5F	Connie B Benjy C	Noah P
6C	Michael M Charli T	Chelsea B
6S	Alfie F Lily F	Jazir O Joshua S

ASSEMBLIES

The next Kinder to Year 2 assembly will be this Thursday (Week 8 - Term 4) at 2pm. Kindergarten are presenting this assembly. This is the last K-2 assembly for the year.

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

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

RECENT NOTES HOME

Flyers for: Jingles at The Junction concert

Year 3-6 students & parents : Interrelate Evening –
Monday 4th December

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

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

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"

THIS FRIDAY!!! 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 went home last week!

TAP INFORMATION

The girls and boys tap groups will perform at this week's Kinder to Year 2 assembly this Thursday. The boys are reminded to bring their tap shoes to school on Thursday. Tap lessons will finish for the year next week (Week 9). Boys last lesson will be Monday 4th December and girls finish Thursday 7th December. Congratulations on your fantastic efforts this year! Lindsay Miller

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.**

Office Hours - **8.30AM TO 3.15PM**

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

BAND NEWS

Band Presentation Night is here! I'm sure you're as excited about tonight as I am. Remember students are asked to arrive at the Conservatorium at 5:30pm dressed in 'Full band uniform'.

Don't forget your instrument and music! Look forward to seeing you there!

Band Fees

A reminder to please ensure that you've paid your 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 this Thursday - November 30th.**

Please make sure you are up to date.

School Christmas Concert – Premier Band

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 – Jazz Ensemble

This performance will take place on the night of Thursday the 30th November. All Jazz Ensemble musicians will be required to be at the Newcastle City Hall at 5:30pm.

A yellow note has gone home today with more details about the night time performance as well as the sound check we have to attend on Thursday morning. Please look out for this note.

See you tonight! Michael Jobson

CANTEEN NEWS

Our Meal Deal day is on this Thursday 30th November. These meals had to be pre-ordered by last Friday. **There will be NO other regular lunch orders on this day.**

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.



INTERRELATE – Years 3-6

Interrelate will be having two presentations at our school on Monday 4th 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 last week.

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.

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P&C NEWS

2017 THANK YOU MORNING TEA

Thank you to all the members from the school community who attended the 'Thank You Morning Tea' yesterday. It was a lovely way to thank all the TJPS staff members and members from our school community who assist in numerous ways i.e. helping with reading groups, sporting events, assisting in classrooms or volunteering with P&C events.

Special thanks to Eithne Healy & Kristen Saunders for co-ordinating the event. Thanks to all those who assisted on the day and donated baked goods including:

Tracy King, Lou Bowe, Nikki Paton, Rachel Sutherland, Yolande White, Ying McKenzie, Kate Young, Belinda Parkes, Nat Patterson, Jenny Gentle, Suki Kwon and apologies to anyone I may have missed.

NEXT P&C MEETING

The next P&C Meeting will be held **NEXT Tuesday 5th December 2017.**

Items on the agenda for discussion next week include; Update on proposal for changes to girls uniform to include shorts, Band Scholarship, New Parent Buddy Program, Sports Shack, School communication policy for Extra Activities, fundraisers for 2018, appointment of an auditor for 2018 accounts and recycling fundraiser.

Also 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

UNIFORM SHOP

Boy's white shirts are now back in stock.

OUT OF STOCK ITEMS: Girls summer tunics – Delivery expected mid December!

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

NOTE FROM THE ACTING P&C PRESIDENT:

Thanks to all the Parents & Carers who attended the Community Consultation Meeting last Wednesday.

Unfortunately, the time did not suit all members of the school community for various reasons like work commitments and after school activities. This is something we will work with in consultation with the school to ensure more parents/carers can attend future meetings. I would also like thank Mrs Hughes and all the teaching staff including: Tess Barns, Charlene Blackmore, Sara Willoughby, Nick Savage, Iain Gunter, Amy Brown, Leonie Phillips, Nicole Jones (apologies for anyone I may have missed) for giving up their time last week to present and

discuss various topics relating to the External Validation & 2018-2020 School Improvement Plan.

Special thanks to Laura Chaffey for entertaining/minding current students and siblings whilst some of the parents attended the Community Consultation Meeting.

Below are some of the items discussed during the meeting:

- how the school performed overall in the External Validation and is currently **meeting** the requirements of the Excellence Framework
- they identified improvements in maths & spelling results across some stages where there has previously been a tendency for results to decline (Y3-Y5)
- provided details of the strategies they implemented in classrooms to improve results from previous NAPLAN assessments during the current School Plan
- identified writing as an area to target in Y3-Y5 for 2018-2020 School Plan
- gave an insight of internal programs teaching staff have implemented – i.e.) buddy program – watch & evaluate others teaching methods & strategies and give feedback on how to improve, professional development workshops and working together on different teaching strategies.
- discussed growth mindset / student feedback and how they are continually working on the best methods to deliver feedback to students as methods in Stage 1 are not suitable for Stage 3.
- aim for 2018-2020 School Plan is to improve communication with parents / carers, and discussed how class blogs and dojo has been a positive and well received method of communication with parents and carers from Stage 1. The aim will be to implement it across all Stages.
- focus will be placed on futures & flexible learning spaces and that they are excited to implement this at TJPS.
- advised that the school will also be working on strengthening Aboriginal and Multi-cultural education and reviewing the wellbeing policy.
- the staff also discussed differentiation – detailing how the teachers manage and cater for students needing support and extension.

For further details on the External Validation process see:

<https://education.nsw.gov.au/teaching-and-learning/school-excellence-and-accountability/self-assessment>

These Community Consultant Meetings are a great way



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to stay informed about what is happening at the school, and give more insight on what happens in the classrooms.

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
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
Tuesday 6th February 2018	6:45pm	P&C Meeting Venue: TBC
Friday 2nd March 2018	5:30pm-7:45pm	School Disco K-2 5:30pm-6:30pm 3-6 6:45pm-7:45pm
Tuesday 6th March 2018	6:45pm	P&C Meeting & AGM Venue: TBC
Thursday 29th March 2018	9:00am-11:30am	Easter Raffle Wrapping & Prizes Announced
Tuesday 3rd April 2018	6:45pm	P&C Meeting Venue: TBC

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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.

At present there are many hats/jackets in the lost property box outside the staffroom under the COLA area. If your child is missing items of clothing please come and have a look!



HOLIDAY FUN
PASSPORT TO SUMMER
COME FOR A DAY, EVERY DAY OR ANYTHING IN BETWEEN

Passport to school holiday fun!

Bookings are now open for our summer Holiday Club program – 'Passport to Summer'.

Join in the summertime fun these school holidays; incursion days include:

BACK TO COOL

Bags and Pencil Cases With A Splash Of Colour
We're getting ready for the new school year with a splash of colour. Using vibrant colours, we'll get creative by tie-dyeing calico bags and pencil cases. It'll be to dye for!

At the end of the day you'll be able to take home your new bag and pencil case to use at home or school.

HAVE A BLAST!

Make An Erupting Volcano
We'll be building our very own volcanoes and making them erupt. At the end of the day you'll be able to take your volcano home so you can make it erupt again and again – in true volcanic fashion!

Book into a Holiday Club program
For more information on a Holiday Club program near you and to book visit:
www.campaustralia.com.au/holidayclubs, and use the 'Holiday Fun finder' on our homepage.
We hope to see you and your family at a Holiday Club program near you soon.
From the Team at Camp Australia.

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To find locations near you and to book, visit:
www.campaustralia.com.au/holidayfun

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



ACTIVATE SPORTS CAMPS
Activate your sporty self

WHEN
January 17th–19th 2017
8:30am - 3:00pm

WHERE
The Junction Public School
Union St, Merewether

WHAT
A 3-day summer camp where children play a variety of modified sports with the guidance of expert coaches in a safe, positive and supportive environment

BOYS AND GIRLS WELCOME FROM AGES 6 TO 12

PRICES
3 days: \$190pp
2 days: \$130pp
1 day: \$70pp
See website for details

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