

The Junction News

Newsletter of The Junction Public School



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Term 4 – Week 3

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LEADERSHIP REPORT

Hello to our school community,

GOOD LUCK

The Junction Public School Junior Boys 4 x 100 metre Relay team (Charlie F, Luka K, Luka B and Boston B) have been gearing up for the State Championships at Homebush on Thursday 1st November following their victory at Regional level. Boston is also in two other events: long jump and shot-put, and is also a reserve for the 200 and 100 metres events. Congratulations boys on your wonderful achievement, we wish you all the very best. Good Luck!

BANDFEST

Last week all three of our bands, our Percussion and Jazz Ensembles performed at Bandfest, a Regional competition for primary and secondary school bands. As previously mentioned our Primary and Percussion Ensemble won their sections. On Thursday our Concert, Premier and Jazz Ensemble all received Highly Commended awards. We are very proud of our musicians and every year I can't help but think, these are primary school children and they sound just amazing!



6Q TOUR

On Saturday afternoon, a group of past students from 1968 gathered to take a trip down memory lane. Quite a number had travelled considerable distance, two from Interstate. Whilst they were a little sad to see old buildings gone, they were amazed at the facilities that we now have. It was very interesting to hear their stories of the old hall and how the spaces were used to hold sewing lessons and a library, far different to the

Technology lab, Music Room and Futures Learning space of today.

SCHOOL ENROLMENTS 2019

It is that time of year where we begin to plan for 2019. Forming classes is a complicated job and relies heavily on accurate numbers. 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 encourage them to do so. 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.



SWEET MUSIC: The Junction Public's Connie, Lillie, Miami, Hannah and Neve were among the students who competed in the premier section of Bandfest. Picture: Max Mason-Hubers

Junior musicians hit the right notes

HUNTER students are getting a glimpse into life as a professional musician, by playing in front of a paying audience as part of Bandfest. More than 2000 students from 80 bands across 60 schools are descending on Lake Macquarie Performing Arts Centre this week to participate in the event's novice, preliminary, developing, intermediate, premier, jazz or open sections. Co-ordinator Elizabeth Allanson said the standard had improved significantly since she started the event in 2001. "Particularly towards the premier section, the competition is hot. For a lot of schools Bandfest is what they work towards throughout the year. Many delighted screams are heard when the winners are announced." Compere Susan Johnson said the "friendly, inclusive, encouraging" event allowed students to perform in front of an audience, learn from other bands and provided a competitive environment to hone their skills. "It lets them know they're not the only ones doing this. In society we see rock bands front and centre. This encourages diversity beyond guitar and drums."

— HELEN GREGORY

THANK YOU

We wish to thank our wonderful P&C for their generous donation, providing the funds to buy 26 laptops. This will allow Stage 1 greater access to mobile technologies and assist with Future Focused learning.

Two MoCows, (mobile interactive boards) for use across the school will arrive later in the term.

2019 KINDERGARTEN ORIENTATION

We look forward to the start of our Kinder 2019 Orientation visits next Tuesday 6th November at 9.30am. Our Year 5 students are getting excited to meet their Kinder buddies.

Thank you
School Executive team

CALENDAR – TERM 4 – 2018**Week 3**

Thursday, Nov 1	State Athletics - Relay Team
Friday, Nov 2	Year 1 & 1/2B to Museum
Friday, Nov 2	No Senior Choir rehearsals

Week 4

Tuesday, Nov 6	Kinder 2019 – First Orientation visit (9.30am – 10.50am)
Tuesday, Nov 6	P & C Meeting – 6.45pm
Friday, Nov 9	Charity Day – Whole School
Friday, Nov 9	No Senior Choir rehearsals

Week 5

Tuesday, Nov 13	Kinder 2019 – 2 nd Orientation visit (9.30am – 10.50am)
Wednesday, Nov 14	Year 4 Great Aussie Bush Camp
Thursday, Nov 15	Year 4 Great Aussie Bush Camp
Friday, Nov 16	Year 4 Great Aussie Bush Camp
Friday, Nov 16	No Senior Choir rehearsals

Week 6

Monday, Nov 19	Year 6 Canberra – 6am
Tuesday, Nov 20	Year 6 Canberra
Tuesday, Nov 20	Kinder 2019 – Last Orientation visit (9.30 – 10.50am)
Wednesday, Nov 21	Year 6 Canberra
Thursday, Nov 22	Year 6 Canberra – 6.30pm

Week 7

Thursday, Nov 29	Band Presentation Night-Ncle Conservatorium of Music
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Week 9

Thursday, Dec 13	Whole School Presentation Day – plus Year 3-6 Presentation Day
Friday, Dec 14	K – 2 Presentation Day

Week 10

Monday, Dec 17	Year 6 Party Day & Clap Out at 2.30pm
Monday, Dec 17	Year 6 Farewell-South's Leagues Club – (6pm-9pm)
Wed, December 19	LAST DAY FOR STUDENTS

SCHOOL ASSEMBLIES**TERM 4 WEEK 2****KINDER TO YEAR 2 ASSEMBLY**

KK	Tully C Elliot W	Ngahua C Hannah C
KS	Rohan G Bonnie N Jos B	Ethan W Kai P
KP	Theo R Logan L	Lachlan W Milos M
1C	Henry M Edison K Taehyeon K	Chance G Linkin B Charlie I (Bronze)
1PJ	Riley F Zoe E	William W Jett W
1S	Maggie K Coco R	Alex C Ari V
1/2B	Charlie B Lucas R Lillian L	Joshua B Daisy B Lexie R (Silver)
2C	Liliana R Alex S Henry R (Bronze)	Allirah C Sarah B
2J	Nicolas P Reuben F	Coco C Summa L
2R	Emily G Pierre B	Josi J Maddie W

YEARS 3, 4, 5 & 6 ASSEMBLY

3C	Jack W Zoe B	Oliver C Isaac C
3LJ	Makenzie F-A Toby N	Lily R Jacob M
3S	Nicholas B Winston K	Maya H Isabella B
4H	Sophie T Louis H	Sam R
4LW	Rosie B Khair S	Campbell J
4MC	Ava K	Oliver V
5A	Eva N Stella S	Joshua M
5B	Samuel B Laila L	Adisyn L
5F	Albert F Ava F	Ava T
6B	Aisling V Oscar F	Rayshai H Yorygi F
6C	Natesha S Timothy P	Mia V
6L	Luke G Jada N	Lachlan G
Student of the month	Harry C Emiel E-F Thomas P Harry B Ella W	Yo Han S Lachlan C Zaali L Evie R

SCHOOL ASSEMBLIES

Kinder to Year 2 – There next assembly will be (Friday 9th November) at 10am. Class 1PJ will be hosting this assembly.

Year 3 to Year 6 – Assembly this Friday at 11.20am!
Parents are welcome to attend these assemblies in the new hall.

KINDERGARTEN 2019

The office are wanting to start enrolling our new Kinders for 2019. We ask if parents could complete and return your Enrolment forms to the office as soon as possible. This is a very time consuming process, so your assistance in returning the forms along with the Birth Certificate, Immunisation and Proof of Residential address would be greatly appreciated. Please note that more than one form of proof of address is required.

RECENT NOTES HOME**YEAR 1 & 1/2B MUSEUM EXCURSION**

Friday: 2/11 THIS WEEK! (Blue note)

Cost: \$10

WHOLE SCHOOL – CHARITY DAY NOTE

(White Note)

YEAR 5 – 2018

Note for Canberra 2019

Requiring \$50 Deposit (Red note)

YEAR 6 – 2018 – CANBERRA

Parent Consent form-including Medical information (Yellow note)

STAGE 2 GARDEN

During Term 3, Stage 2 researched and investigated native plants and native bees during Science. We wanted to create a native bee friendly garden at The Junction Public School to support bee populations since they are declining. Students from Stage 2 brought in native plants and cuttings and have planted them alongside the new hall with the assistance of Tom. The students will continue to look after this garden by watering the plants and weeding when required. Make sure you have a look at the lovely garden on your way past! Thank you to the families that kindly donated plants to the project.

Stage 2 Teachers



SENIOR CHOIR REHEARSALS

There will be no Friday rehearsals for Senior choir on Friday 2nd, 9th and 16th November. Rehearsals will resume on Friday 23rd November.

Thank you, Mrs McLeod

CHARITY DAY 2018

Charity Day 2018 takes place on Friday 9th November. Below are listed the stalls and activities taking place on the day. If you are able to donate items, where specified, it would be greatly appreciated.

Items should be taken directly to the classes mentioned – (Not the school office)

A detailed note about this exciting event went home to all families last week!

Thank you!

CLASS	STALL/ ACTIVITIES	DONATIONS Yes/No
Kinder	Lolly Stall	Yes
1S / 1C	Lucky Dips	Yes- LD items
1PJ	Drink stall	Yes-Cans of drink
1/2B	Plant Stall	Yes- Plants/ Cuttings
2J	Lollies	Yes
2C	Key Rings	No
3C	Tattoos (temporary)	Yes
3LJ	Book Stall	Yes
3S	Games and Challenges	No
4H	Face Painting	No
4Mc	Cake Stall	Yes- On the day only
5B / 2R	White Elephant Stall	Yes
5A / 4LW	Toy Stall/ CD's/ DVD's	Yes
5F	Zooper Doopers	Yes
Year 6	Haunted House	No
Mr Hector	Computer Games	No
Admin / Tom	Sausage Sizzle	No

Office Hours - 8.30AM TO 3.15PM

Late Arrivals / Early Leavers

School hours are from 9am to 3pm. If children arrive later than 9am, parents are requested to accompany them to the office to provide late arrivals information to office staff. A 'Purple Partial Slip' is then taken to the class teacher. Similarly, if children leave early for the day, parents are required to go to the office first and a 'Purple Partial slip' is then given to the class teacher when children are collected from the classroom.

These procedures are in line with the Department's Attendance policy.

Money collection for excursions & events

All money will come straight to the office, this includes:- Dance fees, Band fees, School resources, Excursion money etc.

The school accepts cash (exact amount is appreciated - we do not have a float as money is banked every day), cheque or we have Eftpos facilities in the office. Please note that the school Eftpos facility is only available for school payments and **not P & C – such as the Uniform Shop.**

Payments can also be made through the "Make a Payment" tab on the **school website**.

If you use this online option, please make sure you still return your permission note to school.

Please be aware that the Parent Online Payments may take 24-48 hours to show up on our Banking site.

The school welcomes part payments towards any costs for fees, excursions or incursions. Thank you

Absences

The Skoolbag App is the best way to advise the school of student absences, or alternatively phone the school, send an email or write a note. Each day at around 10am, the school sends out a SMS alert to parents of anyone who has an unexplained absence for that day.

If you are going away and the leave is over (5) school days, you must complete an "Extended Leave Form" from the office prior to your leave.

PLEASE REFRAIN FROM USING A CLASS DOJO MESSAGE TO ADVISE OF SICK LEAVE ETC.

The teacher might not see this message before the Office send the SMS alert around 10am to parents.

Medication at School

The office is only able to administer 'prescribed medication' to students. This means medication that has been prescribed by a doctor. This medication must be left in the package provided, clearly labelled with the child's name and dosage. If medication is required, a parent will need to come to the office and complete a Medical Deed of Indemnity form. Following DoE's Health Care Policy - **We are not able to administer Panadol or non-prescription medications.**

UNIFORM SHOP

The Uniform shop is open on Mondays from 8.45am to about 9.15am **in the demountable behind the New School Hall.**

Payment for Uniform Orders here at the school shop on a Monday is by Cash, Cheque or EFTPOS. Please be aware when you are purchasing hats at the office, you are only able to pay by cash or cheque. The P & C Eftpos cannot be used by the office.

Cheques payable to: The Junction School P & C.

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 demountable behind the new Hall from 8.45am-9.15am.



P & C NEWS

EXTRA CURRICULA ACTIVITIES SURVEY

Thank you to all the parents and carers who provided feedback on the school's extra curricula activities. The committee met yesterday to collate and discuss responses. Further information will be provided at next week's P&C meeting.

OOSH SERVICE

Our service provider Camp Australia, has been in touch and is looking to organise a meeting with our parents who use the OOSH service to explain the new accounts system.

Further information will be provided via email in due course. We encourage all users to sign up to the email list - <http://eepurl.com/dELGtb>

P&C EXPENDITURE

At our last P&C meeting last Tuesday, we approved the expenditure of \$31,000.00 to purchase all the future focused learning IT equipment including HP notebooks and MoCows.

The notebooks have arrived at school and should be ready to use in class this week.

KINDY ORIENTATION MORNING TEA – Tuesday 6th November

Our next event for 2018 is our Kindy Orientation Morning Tea. We are looking for a co-ordinator from our Kindy parents to organise our Morning Tea for all the 2019 Kindy Parents & Carers.

This involves - designing flyers, purchasing coffee & tea supplies, setting up and packing up on the day and more importantly..... talking to parents & carers and making all our 2019 Kindy parents feel welcome.

If you're interested in hosting this event, please email: president@junctionpandc.org

BETTY ANDERSON AWARD NOMINATIONS

Thank you to everyone who submitted nominations for our 2018 Betty Anderson Award.

We will be voting for the award recipient at our P&C meeting next Tuesday 6th November.

P&C MEETING

Our P&C meeting will be held next Tuesday 6th November – venue TBC.

Some of the items on our agenda for discussion include: Betty Anderson nominations, an update on extra curricula activities, approve changes to by-laws and planning for fundraising activities in 2019.



Facebook:
[The Junction Public School P&C](#)

P&C CALENDAR

Date	Time	Event
TERM 4		
Tuesday 6 th November 2018	10am	2019 Kindy Orientation Morning Tea (Kindy Event)
Tuesday 6 th November 2018	6:45pm	P&C Meeting Venue: TBC
Monday 3 rd December		Teachers / Parent Helper Morning Tea
Tuesday 4 th December 2018	6:45pm	P&C Meeting Venue: TBC

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>