

The Junction News

Newsletter of The Junction Public School



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Term 1 – Week 9

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PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Hello to the TJPS Community,

Welcome to Week 9. The term is going way too fast.

Easter

It is hard to accept that we are heading into the Easter weekend already, even though that Autumn feeling has been in the air for a couple of weeks now. At school we will have some celebrations on Thursday. I am looking forward to the Easter Hat parade and the Raffle looks like it will be bigger than ever. I hope to say hello to you during the morning and will leave you in the capable hands of Mrs Emmington after recess as I serve our system by being a Principal representative on a selection panel for another school.

Please stay safe over the Easter break – both on the roads and as you relax.

K-2 Easter Hat Parade – this Thursday!

The parade will start at 9.15am outside the new hall. Easter hats are made at home and brought along on the day. Only students in Kinder to Year 2 may be out of school uniform on Thursday. Students must still wear enclosed shoes and tops that protect shoulders. **This is not an 'Out of Uniform Day' for students in Years 3 to 6 – they must wear their school uniform.**

Roads and Traffic

Thank you to the many parents who take extra care around our school – especially at pick up and drop off times. The vast majority of you care for all our students the same way you would care for your own. This is one of the lovely things I have noticed about TJPS. However a few parents and carers are putting their schedules before the safety of our children. I ask that you prioritise safety to everyone above getting a bit wet in the rain or being a bit late for work. Thank you for your help here.

Staffing

We welcome Lisa Campey in a more regular capacity to our school from this week. Lisa will take Laura Chaffey's leave until the end of term.

Lisa has more recently been relieving for Mark Alcock so she is a fairly familiar face around our school already. Please introduce yourself to her.

Ms Smoother will relieve as Stage 1 Supervisor in Miss Chaffey's absence.

Building Project

There are a few things happening with our building project at this time. The demountable with the tarp has been cleared and will soon be removed. We have been able to retain the other demountable at this time for temporary storage until the hall renovation is complete. This will be used for several purposes so please see Mrs Edwards or myself if you have any questions here.

We have had our first site meeting for the old hall renovation. It is currently at tender. The renovation will take place in two stages spanning the financial year:

1. Clear the area, paint, carpet, air conditioners, extra wireless access and fixed points (Term 2)
2. Storage, soundproofing, fixtures, wet area etc (Term 3)

Classes 2R and 2C will be part of this process using a design challenge approach. I have set aside a small budget for furnishings and the students will be part of our collaboration team as the project plays out. They have already started the discussion around flexible learning spaces.

Whole School Athletics Carnival – Next Week!!!

The school Athletics Carnival is on next Wednesday 4th April! As there is a Public Holiday on this Friday and next Monday, we would appreciate all Permission notes and money by this Thursday 29th March. It is very difficult to organise bus allocations etc when students are handing in notes and money on the day of the event. If you are unsure whether you have paid (\$12.00), please phone or see the school office.

Students need to be at school by 8.45am next Wednesday as the buses will leave school for Glendale at 9am sharp.

Students are to wear sports uniform or a T-shirt in their house colour. Don't forget hats, water and sunscreen.

Stage 2 Taronga Zoo – New Dates

Unfortunately the weather last week saw the two excursions to Taronga Zoo postponed. The new dates are:

Tuesday, April 10	Classes: 4MC, 3C & 3S
Thursday, April 12	Classes: 4LW, 3LJ & 4H

Cath Larkman, Principal

CALENDAR – TERM 1 – 2018**Week 9** **Event**

Thursday, March 29	Easter Hat Parade – (K to Yr 2)
Thursday, March 29	Easter Raffle drawn
Friday, March 30	Good Friday – School closed

Week 10 **Event**

Monday, April 2	Easter Monday – School closed
Tuesday, April 3	P & C Meeting – 6.45pm
Wednesday, April 4	School Athletics Carnival – Whole School – Glendale Sports Centre STUDENTS NEED TO BE AT SCHOOL AT 8.45AM!

Week 11 **Event**

Tuesday, April 10	Classes: 4MC, 3C & 3S – Sydney Taronga Zoo
Wednesday, April 11	State Swimming – Sydney
Thursday, April 12	State Swimming – Sydney
Thursday, April 12	Classes: 4LW, 3LJ & 4H – Sydney Taronga Zoo
Friday, April 13	LAST DAY OF TERM 1

CALENDAR – TERM 2 – 2018**Week 1** **Event**

Monday, 30 April	STAFF ONLY RETURN
Tuesday, 1 May	Students return

Week 5 **Event**

Tuesday, 29 May	Grandparent's Day
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RECENT NOTES HOME**SCHOOL ATHLETICS CARNIVAL**

Kinder to Year 6
Wednesday 4th April
Cost: \$12.00

SCHOOL ASSEMBLIES**TERM 1 – WEEK 8****KINDER TO YEAR 2 ASSEMBLY**

KK	April L Callan N	Mikel B
KS	Bonnie N Jos B	Cooper S
KP	Eilish F Jeremy S	Mayra P
1C	Zahara B Edison K	Bam O'N Charlie I
1PJ	Riley F Evie S	Jett W Hunter T
1S	Indiya K Taj H	Emma K Coco R
1/2B	Indigo L Ethan G	Levi R Daisy B
2C	Riley T Lily R	Corban B Lexie C
2J	Nicholas P Blade C	Lily M Vegas B
2R	Mackenzie C Angus P	Bella G Lachlan M
Student of the month	Emile A Milos M Alice G Alijah T Josi J	Molly S Francesca R Joshua B Eli T

YEARS 3, 4, 5 & 6 ASSEMBLY

3C	Myla W Angus S	Zeric S Aleesha F
3LJ	Radhika C Ollie D	Callia V
4H	Shaykiel J Sam R	Noah C Ava B
4LW	Sophie M Charlie F Saoirse V	Koby C Archie M
4MC	Zoe C	Ryan H
5A	Sienna P Ariel McM	Gui K
5B	Adisyn L Saffron T	Sebastiaan S Miami A

5F	Lachlan C Amelia G	Alex K
6B	Xavier C Marco B	Brianna R Charlie C
6C	Astrid M Timothy P	Jade T
6L	Livinia C Manning G	Loki D'A
Gold Award	Jarvis S	

Kinder to Year 2 - Assemblies are every second Friday (even weeks) at 10am in the new hall. The next assembly will be Friday 6 April. Class 1C will host this assembly.

Year 3 to Year 6 – There will be no assembly this week due to the Public Holiday.

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

BAND NEWS

Morning Rehearsals

Students are required to arrive from 7.45am ready for the 8am morning rehearsal. Please note there is no supervision available at school for students arriving before this time.

Entertainment Books

This year we will again be selling the Newcastle Entertainment Books to raise funds for our amazing Band program. These books are a bargain at \$65 and contain great savings. Be sure to purchase yours early for some extra discounts!

Keep practising! Onward and upward!

Many Thanks, Michael Jobson

YEAR 6 CANBERRA – Change of dates!

The Year 6 Canberra excursion has been rescheduled due to a clash with Bandfest.

The new dates are:

Monday 19th November to Thursday 22nd November (Term 4 Week 6).

YEAR 4 GREAT AUSSIE BUSH CAMP

Please mark your calendars for the 2018 Year 4 Great Aussie Bush Camp.

Wednesday 14th November to Friday 16th November (Term 4 Week 5)

Headlice

We have had several reported cases of headlice recently. We ask if you could regularly examine your child's hair as headlice is very contagious. Treatment is easy and effective, such as products purchased from your chemist or supermarket. It is important to remove all the eggs and lice and only when this is done your child may return to school. Bed linen, combs and brushes should be washed to avoid re-infection. A second treatment 8-10 days later helps to ensure complete eradication of the problem.

Impetigo - School Sores

School sores look like small red spots which change into blisters that fill up with pus and become crusted; they usually appear on the face, hands or scalp. Students can return to school once antibiotic treatment has started and the sores are to be covered with watertight dressings.

Office Hours - 8.30AM TO 3.15PM

Money collection for excursions & events

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

There is a "Payments" slot at the front counter in the school office – please post payments in this slot.

For this to work successfully, we ask that any money sent into school be in a sealed envelope with your **"Child's name and class"** on the front and details of what event you are paying. Plastic lunch bags that seal are ideal. 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.

Absences

Any absence from school must be explained. The Skoolbag App is a great 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. Please refrain from using the Class Dojo or emailing the teacher directly to explain absences as the teacher may not be at school or unable to read the message before 10am.

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.

Late Arrivals / Early Leavers

School hours are from 9am to 3pm. First assembly is at 8.55am. 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. The 'Purple Partial Slip' indicates to the teacher you have been to the office to have the partial leave processed on the computer.

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. **We are not able to administer Panadol or non-prescription medications.**

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.



UNIFORM SHOP

Thank you to the wonderful mothers who give up their time for families to purchase uniforms. If you have a spare half hour on a Monday morning they would love some extra help. Don't forget they volunteer their time... you may like to thank them if you see them in the shop. Keep in mind the cooler weather is approaching, you may wish to purchase jackets for your children.

The Uniform shop is open on Mondays from 8.45am to about 9.15am in the Old 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.

Thanks. Donna Reay, Co-ordinator

P & C NEWS

I'm pleading with all members of our school community that are responsible for dropping off and picking up students from our school to **IMMEDIATELY** improve behaviours when driving around the school.

We have had THREE near misses / incidents at THREE different pedestrian crossings last Friday.

We have also had numerous people witness reckless behaviour with members of our school community performing U-turns over double lines, pulling in on the incorrect side of the road, parking longer than parking limits in certain areas.

Road rules around Schools have been implemented for a reason, to ensure the SAFETY of students and the school community.

We as a community need to:

- adhere to road rules
- adhere to parking rules
- and make correct choices when driving around the school, as we are all individually responsible as drivers for the choices we make
- be good driving role models for our children – Every time NO excuses
- plan to leave home earlier to avoid stress of being late and making poor decisions

The Police and Council WILL be targeting our School, but this should not be your incentive to follow road rules.

We thank the parents and carers who continue to do the right thing when driving around the school, and to those who have adapted to the changing conditions in recent weeks with the roadworks.

I would like to remind our School community that 5 minute parking zones start from 2:30pm around our School are intended for a stay no longer THAN 5 minutes. Every time, no excuses. The only exception is if you hold a special parking permit issued by Service NSW.

There has been discussion and requests from members from our School community asking if '5 minute parking zones' around the school could be changed to "Kiss and Drop Off Zones" to ease parking issues.

I have been advised that NCC have previously approached the School to implement this on Union Street, however after weighing up all the pros / cons it was previously decided that 5 minute parking zones were of greater benefit & safer for our school community.

Some of the impacts Kiss & Drop Off Zones would create included:

- Community members holding special parking permits could not park vehicle in these zones

- Case studies of other schools and gridlock of traffic would bring Union Street and surrounding streets to a stand still
- Possibility of traffic blocking existing Union St crossing which would put pedestrians at risk Whilst our P&C did make other recommendations to Council for Kiss and Drop Zones to other places it was not approved.

We will re-visit all options and investigate solutions to improve traffic flow and parking issues around our school, in consultation with the school, our community, our crossing supervisors and the Council. However, we plead with the school community to firstly, adhere to road rules, drive around the block if you can't legally park the first time, slow down and be patient while waiting at crossings, and not drop off students in no stopping zones, as illegal behaviour is putting your child and others at risk. The risks are not worth it. Let's do it for your children, our students and our community! **Make ROAD SAFETY A PRIORITY!**

If you have any issues you want to raise in relation to parking / traffic & pedestrian safety – please email president@junctionpandc.org

Parking is a regular item on the P&C agenda, and the above issues will be discussed at our April meeting.

Finally, wishing all members from our school community a safe break for the Easter long weekend.

UNION STREET PEDESTRIAN CROSSING UPGRADE

IMPORTANT UPDATE

NCC made changes to the road works to improve safety of our students last week.

There will be other changes this week, with detours for pedestrians using Railway street.

Pedestrians will need to use a temporary crossing at the start of NCC worksite on Railway Street, with qualified traffic controllers from the Council to assist with crossing the street.

Traffic controllers will be present from 8:30am-8:50am and again at 3:00pm till 3:20pm.

Pedestrians can then walk on the park side of Railway Street and use the existing pedestrian crossing at the end of Railway Street.

The Council are working hard to make our existing pedestrian crossings safer. They will be continuing to work over the school holidays and are intending to commence works outside school gates on Union Street during the holidays (weather permitting) to minimise impacts to our school community.

Start a discussion with your children about road safety and awareness around road works.

We also need ALL members from our community to **DRIVE SLOWLY**

Allow EXTRA travel time

Be patient

Obey traffic rules & parking at all times

EASTER RAFFLE

Firstly, thanks to everyone that has returned Easter Raffle ticket books to date, donated Easter eggs, baskets and has volunteered to count raffle ticket money each week or wrap Easter prizes on Monday.

Thanks to Darby R and Anambah Constructions for the generous donation of 1st Prize for our Easter Raffle.....



We have 58 Easter Hamper prizes wrapped and ready for Thursday.....



This year we are also introducing a student incentive prize and all students that have sold tickets will be included in this draw.....



Our Easter Raffle has over raised \$2,500, thanks to everyone who has contributed.

LAST OPPORTUNITY TO RETURN RAFFLE TICKETS
TOMORROW MORNING Wednesday 27th March 2018
BY 9AM to School Office.

TERM 2 – MOVIE NIGHT

Please SAVE THE DATE for our Movie Night. The NEW date is: Friday 22nd June 2018.

Here is a sneak peak of what we will be watching [CLICK HERE](#)

2018 P&C CALENDAR

UPCOMING P&C EVENTS:

Date	Time	Event
TERM 1		
Thursday 29 th March 2018		Prizes Drawn Event By: Year 4
Tuesday 3 rd April 2018	6:45pm	P&C Meeting Venue: TBC
TERM 2		
Tuesday 1 st May 2018	6:45pm	P&C Meeting Venue: TBC
Wednesday 9 th May 2018	9:00am-2:40pm	Mother's Day Stall
Thursday 10 th May 2018	9:00am-11:00am	
Tuesday 5 th June 2018	6:45pm	P&C Meeting Venue: TBC
Tuesday 3 rd July 2018	6:45pm	P&C Meeting Venue: TBC
Friday 22 nd June 2018		P & C Movie night
TERM 3		
Tuesday 7 th August 2018	6:45pm	P&C Meeting Venue: TBC
Thursday 30 th August 2018		Father's Day Breakfast
Tuesday 4 th September	6:45pm	P&C Meeting Venue: TBC
TERM 4		
Tuesday 16 th October 2018	6:45pm	P&C Meeting Venue: TBC
TBC -		Kindy Orientation Morning Tea
Friday 9 th November		School Disco
Tuesday 13 th November	6:45pm	P&C Meeting Venue: TBC
TBC		Teachers / Parent Helper Morning Tea
Tuesday 4 th December	6:45pm	P&C Meeting Venue: TBC

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WHEN
APRIL 18th–20^h 2018
8:30am - 3:00pm

WHERE
The Junction Public School
Union St, Morowather

WHAT
A 3-day Multi-Sport 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

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