

The Junction News

Newsletter of The Junction Public School



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Term 1 – Week 11

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PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Hello to the TJPS Community,

As our school term comes to a close I would like to recognise all that has been achieved during Term 1 by students, staff and our community. There has been a lot of new class learning as well as excursions, sport, music and culture which will form highlights for our students. I'd also like to acknowledge the temporary and casual teachers who have come into our school lives – often at short notice, and quickly made themselves aware of our students' class programs to seamlessly continue the learning journey for our children.

One of our school plan goals this term was to familiarise students with learning dispositions. It is fitting that we finish the term with 'reflective'. Being a reflective learner enables us to take part in deep thought, making connections between new and current learning including the building and creating of new ideas. It is often in those quiet moments that we all make those useful breakthroughs after going over and over an issue or new information in our minds. Learning Dispositions we have worked with this term include:

I am: Open-minded, Flexible, Risk taker (learning), Resourceful, Patient and Persistent, Ubiquitous and Reflective.

Old Hall Renovation

I was notified yesterday that the contractor can start the first stage of our work on Tuesday 24th April, the last week of the school holidays. This is great news as the children won't be on site. By the time staff return on Monday 30th April it is planned the contractors will be at the painting stage. The air quality will be monitored throughout this process and a certificate will be issued at the end of this stage. For those interested we have decided to continue the colour scheme that is in the old hall for continuity of design.

Stage 2 of our work will be where the detail for storage, sound proofing, wet area etc occurs. These plans have not yet been finalised. We have accepted a quote for extra wireless access and fixed data points and Schools' infrastructure are currently managing quotes for air conditioners for the space.

I will continue to use the newsletter to communicate this information as soon as I have it. It will also be reported on at P&C Meetings as information comes to hand.

Athletics Carnival

The cancellation of last week's Athletics Carnival was not an easy decision. Unfortunately at 7am when the decision to go ahead or cancel had to be made it was raining very heavily. The early call enabled us to cancel buses and contact the school community.

We can now look forward to our postponed date of: **Friday 22nd June (Term 2 Week 8).**

The school will send out new Permission notes for the change of date next term.

State Swimming

Best of luck to our two girls' relay teams who will swim at the PSSA State Swimming on Thursday : Lara C, Niamh H, Lily B, Stella S, Alexis S, Harmony B, Lucy W and Lily W. On Wednesday Lara C and Alexis S will swim in individual events.

The school would like to congratulate many students who have represented our school and Region in many sports this term. Well done everyone!

School Holidays

Have a safe and happy holiday with your children. I will also be travelling during the break so please make note of the school security number if needed: 1300 880021.

We look forward to seeing the students back at school on **Tuesday 1st May**. Staff will be taking part in professional learning on Monday 30th April which will include the school plan milestone updates and evaluation, our school writing focus and stage planning. Our Annual Report for 2017 is now on our website and our 5P School Plan will be uploaded by mid-week.

Cath Larkman, Principal

Our ANZAC Day Service

This **Friday 13th April**, TJPS students will be holding an ANZAC Service in the school hall. The service will commence at **9:10am** and conclude at approximately 10.15am. The Student Executive and the Student Voice Team have been working very hard over the past few weeks to prepare for, and inform the rest of the students and teachers about this very important annual event on our school and our nation's calendar.

This year 2018, commemorates the final 100 year anniversary of the First World War. The students in the Year 6 Student Voice Team have been researching the three major campaigns the allies engaged in. These were the Battle of Villers-Bretonneux in April 1918, the Battle of Hamel in July 1918 and the First World War Armistice in November 1918.

Some students have also researched the ANZAC service of a local WW1 veteran nurse, Sister Amy Holloway Mathews (1883-1971). Her biography will be presented by our students at our ANZAC Service. We also have a very special guest, newly graduated Flight Lieutenant, Jessica Stone from the RAAF, coming to talk to the students about what ANZAC day means to her.

Our Student Voice Team have asked all classes to make poppies to bring to the service and have endeavoured to teach all classes the song LEST WE FORGET which will be sung during the service. You can access this song here: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=MsXN75wo02A> Our Senior Choir and Band members will also be performing at our service.

We will also have student representatives at both the local dawn services, Gregson Park (5am) and Merewether (6.30am) held on ANZAC Day, 25th April which is during the school holidays. Kristian R and Tess N, together with Connie B will be presenting the biography of Nurse Amy Holloway Mathews at the Dawn Service at Gregson Park. Harry C and Aisling V will be laying a wreath at the 6.30am service at Merewether. Other members of the Student Executive Team will also attend this service.

The Student Voice Team and Mrs Emmington

Applications for Year 5 placement in an Opportunity Class 2019

If you would like to have your child considered for Year 5 opportunity class entry in 2019, you need to apply soon. You will need to apply on the internet using a valid email address (not the student's email address).

Detailed instructions on how to apply online will be available from: **Tuesday 1 May 2018** at: <https://education.nsw.gov.au/public-schools/selective-high-schools-and-opportunity-classes/year-5>

The application website opens on **Tuesday 1 May 2018** and closes on **Friday 18 May 2018**. No late applications will be accepted.

There are no paper application forms. If you do not have internet access, please see us here at school.

CALENDAR – TERM 1 – 2018

Week 11	Event
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	School Anzac Service – 9.10am in the School Hall
Friday, April 13	LAST DAY OF TERM 1

CALENDAR – TERM 2 – 2018

Week 1	Event
Monday, April 30	STAFF ONLY RETURN
Tuesday, May 1	Students return
Tuesday, May 1	P & C meeting – 6.45pm - staffroom
Week 2	Event
Monday, May 7	Gymnastics program starts for: 1PJ, 1S, 1C & 1/2B
Wednesday, May 9	P & C Mother's Day Stall
Thursday, May 10	P & C Mother's Day Stall
Week 5	Event
Tuesday, May 29	Grandparent's Day
Week 8	Event
Friday, June 22	Athletics Carnival – Glendale Whole school

LOST PROPERTY

A huge thank you to the following Year 6 girls who have been monitoring and delivering lost jackets, hats etc to their owners. Thank you: Amber B, Seren R, Trinity M, Charlotte W, Sophie H and Jasmine L.

There is still a large amount of clothing especially jackets that don't have any names on them. These obviously cannot be returned to their owner. Therefore they are sent to the Uniform Shop to be on sold. Please ensure your child's name is on EVERYTHING. Thank you.

SCHOOL ASSEMBLIES**TERM 1 – WEEK 10****KINDER TO YEAR 2 ASSEMBLY**

KK	Juliet A Brooke C	Bowy R
KS	Rohan G Oscar L	Kai P
KP	Theo R Bowen F	Rory N
1C	Kaelan M Audrey B	Zach W Nicholas R
1PJ	Tom B Saachi B	Abigail C Harry W
1S	Ava T Charlie D	Aston O'B Samuel T
1/2B	Parker P Zali G Anika G (Week 8)	Flynn S Lillian L
2C	Saxon Y Corban B	Milla V Evie R
2J	Hugh M Milla D	Zimm W Coco C
2R	Rosie James D Blaise H	Ash A Pierre B

YEARS 3, 4, 5 & 6 ASSEMBLY

3C	Eddie L Maisie H Fabian K Zavier B	Oliver C Neve F Ryder T
3LJ	Lewis B Lily R Oliver F	Kahlia F Toby N Jacob M
3S	Imogen P Timothy P Emily G	Harrison N Benjamin M Lulu C
4H	Luka M Maya L Andre P	Lillie S Kimmika G
4LW	Khair S Carmen M Keely H	Audrey R Louis D Elka D
4MC	Dominic Mc	Samantha A
5A	Cody M Blake F	Eva N

5B	Maliyah W Lucy R Hamish M Louie J	Rebecca H Andrew F Audrey A
5F	Ryland D Elyssa K	Ava F
6B	Hunter Mc Matilda A	Milijana M
6C	Maisy H Brodhi B	Emily K
6L	Lauren F Jett P	Isaac L
Student of the month	Luke P – 6B Niamh H – 6L Lily R – 5B Ruby E – 4LW Rosie B – 4H Zaac C – 3C	Ned R – 6C Lucille H – 5A Dhanya R – 5F Thomas M – 4MC Kye V – 3LJ

Kinder to Year 2 - Assemblies are every second Friday (even weeks) at 10am in the new hall. The next assembly will be Friday 11 May (Term 2/Week 2). Class 2C will host this assembly.

Year 3 to Year 6 – Assembly this Friday at 11.20am!

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

BAND NEWS

Thanks to all members of our band community for a fantastic Term 1. Our bands are improving every week thanks to the hard work and practice of all involved. Keep up the great work! Here are a few reminders:

Instrument storage room

Due to the renovations in the old hall building, the instrument storage room will no longer be in use. All instruments are to be stored in students' classrooms. Please make sure that instruments are not left unattended outside classrooms before school. If classrooms are locked students are to keep their instruments with them until they can access their rooms.

Instrument hire agreements

Many thanks to all families that have returned instrument hire agreements. If you hire a school instrument and have not yet returned a green or red form, it is now overdue. Please return these as soon as possible.

Instrument Safety and Practice over the Holidays

Please make sure instruments are kept safe and secure over the holidays. Remember, little regular practice will keep those fingers and lips working over the holidays! Have a great break everyone!

Many Thanks, Michael Jobson

NOTES HOME LAST WEEK
1PJ, 1S, 1C & 1/2B GYMNASTICS
Starts: Monday 7th May (Week 2)
Cost: \$48.00
(Look out for the Bright Orange note)

NEWCASTLE WRITER'S FESTIVAL

On Friday 6th April, some students from Stage 1 attended the Newcastle Writer's Festival at Newcastle City Hall. Students participated in one of two workshops, 'Draw Along' with Leigh Hobbs where they had the opportunity to draw various colourful characters and 'Endangered Storytelling' with Gregg Dreise where they were taken on a journey to Gregg's childhood riverbank. The adventure included music, jokes and storytelling. All of the children had a fabulous time with some even attending the festival again over the weekend.



CLASS 3C PROJECT

Class 3C have been studying neighbouring countries in their Geography unit and they are excited to be involved in the 'Tongan Project'. Please see the flyer on the back page of this newsletter to see how you may be able to help out with donations.

Thank you, Class 3C
 Mrs Louise Cooper

REGIONAL PSSA AFL TRIALS

On Thursday 29th March, Nicholas G and Hunter McC tried out for the Hunter PSSA AFL team. Both boys were successful and will now play for the Hunter team at Batemans Bay in May. Good luck and congratulations boys.

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**

Keep in mind the cooler weather is approaching, you may wish to purchase jackets for your children.

The Uniform shop will open on Tuesday 1st May (first day back for Term 2) 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**NOTE FROM PRESIDENT**

Wow, what a term!!! I imagine everyone is looking forward to school holidays and a well-deserved break!!

I would like to thank everyone from our school community that has contributed by, donating goods, selling raffle tickets or donating your time to assist at our events.

We have so many wonderful people in our school community who regularly donate their time to assist the P&C.

This term there has been a few members from our school community who have gone above and beyond and as a community I feel it's important to publicly acknowledge the contribution of these quiet achievers.

Amanda Fleming

Amanda donates her time EVERY Monday to operate the Uniform Shop. She fulfils all the Flexischool orders, and some weeks she is in the Uniform Shop assisting parents & carers for over 2 hours. Amanda recently became Vice President for the 2018 P&C Committee. She attends P&C meetings regularly, assisted with the BBQ for Cross Country and is co-ordinating our Mother's / Special Loved One Stall next Term. Amanda your

contribution to our school community does not go unnoticed, thank you for everything you do!

Hetty Ralph

Hetty has recently joined our School community and has volunteered her time to assist at almost every event to date. Hetty has counted raffle ticket money and scrunched tickets on a weekly basis during March, assisted wrapping Easter Hampers, attended the Cross Country and assisted with selling drinks (even though her granddaughter was still back at school). Hetty thanks for contributing to all these events.

Julie Wharton

Julie has been an active member of the P&C team for several years working in numerous roles. Julie continues to be an active member of our social media team, with a focus on traffic & road safety, Julie regularly posts information about road safety to educate our community. In addition to this Julie has been busy co-ordinating our Movie Night in Term 2. Thanks for your continued support Julie.

Vanessa Hedges & Kath Doherty

Vanessa Hedges along with Kath Doherty have co-ordinated the Easter Raffle for the second year in a row and have committed to running this event until their youngest children finish at our school.

Thank you ladies for your contribution, your efforts do not go unnoticed.

Leigh Kurtz & Mandy Cottell

Leigh & Mandy are also members in the Social Media team and have increased our presence on Social Media and regularly posting on our Facebook page to keep our school community up to date and informed. Thank you ladies for all the hours and work you put in behind the scenes.

TERM 2 – WEEK 2 MOTHER'S DAY /SPECIAL LOVED ONE'S STALL

Our Annual Mother's Day Stalls will be held on Wednesday 9th & Thursday 10th May for all students from Kindy to Year 6 to purchase gifts for their mum or special motherly figure in their life.

A flyer will go home to all students Week 1 of Term 2, along with a sign up genius link for all parents wanting to assist with this event.

If you haven't been able to assist at an event this year, this is one to help at. Watching the students carefully choose the “perfect” gift from their special loved one and hearing stories why is priceless!!

And don't worry, if your child needs to choose a gift whilst you're assisting on the stall, you can disappear from the room whilst they chose your gift so it's a surprise!

And for all the green thumbs....we will be asking for donations of small potted succulents, this might even be a great project for the school holidays!!

TERM 2 – MOVIE NIGHT

Please SAVE THE DATE for our Movie Night Friday 22nd June 2018.

Tickets will be on sale EARLY Term 2! More details to follow shortly!

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

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>



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@TJPS_PandC

2018 P&C CALENDAR

UPCOMING P&C EVENTS:

Date	Time	Event
TERM 2		
Tuesday 1 st May 2018	6:45pm	P&C Meeting Venue: Staffroom
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



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

WHERE
The Junction Public School
Union St, Morwell

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

BOOKING OFFER: 20% OFF when enrolling more than 1 child!
See website for details

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Fun and Inspiring Kids' Creative Writing Workshops in Newcastle

APRIL HOLIDAYS NOW ENROLLING

Picture Book Making (3-8 yrs) Thurs 19 April, 10am-1pm: Jess Black.
Create a visual story using collage, charcoal, crayon and coloured pencils with characters based in 2D shapes.

The Magic Door (8-13yrs) Friday 20 April, 10am-1pm: Jess Black
Explore your own portal into a magic world through the device of a magic door. Work on the world, the setting, characters, magical creatures and devices.


Spy Stories (8-14yrs) Thursday 26 April, 10am-1pm: Ed Wright
Write stories of ingenious spies, undercover agents, double-crossers, secret devices and devious villains.

Pet Tales (6-13) Friday 27 April, 10am-1pm: Ed Wright
How do you persuade your parents to add a member to the family. What kind of pet are you going to get? And what kind of havoc is your new pet going to cause?

Cost \$80 each; \$140 for two (bring a friend or sibling or do two)

Earlybird (before 18 Sept)
\$65 each or \$120 for two

For information and enrolments
www.creativewordshop.com.au
info@creativewordshop.com.au
or phone Ed 0408788765



SIONE'S ACADEMY

Do you have last years netball shoes, soccer boots, rugby boots, AFL boots or joggers that you no longer wear.....

Do you have any sporting equipment at your local sporting clubs, on a shelf, not being used????

Do you have any good quality clothes or school supplies you would like to donate? The Tongan community would love to have them.

We are collecting for the Kids of Tonga.....We are collecting for a community devastated by the recent cyclone..

50 volunteers are embarking on a journey in October, to rebuild a school in a small community. They have nothing. No windows, doors, flooring or furniture. Everything they have, has been donated. We are also sending over specialist coaching staff to help rebuild their sporting programs. This year Netball is the focus sport. We are focussing on developing and providing quality skills and drills session to the kids of Tonga. The aim is to improve their skills and teach the educators how to deliver quality sporting programs to kids.

I will be taking our JAK – Junction Active Kids as a model of an active kids sporting program used in schools.

I am holding a raffle and also collecting donations, starting Term 2.

Please place it into the Sione's Academy 'recycle' bin provided at the 3C classroom and we will send it on a shipping container to Tonga. 3C have been studying neighbouring countries in their geography unit and they are excited to be involved in this project. They would love the school to get involved as well.

Would you like to be a sponsor or donate building materials for the rebuilding of the school? Please come and see me and I will give you the details you need. Thank You, Mrs Louise Cooper

MRS COOPER IS HEADING TO TONGA

I will be selling raffle tickets to help buy sporting resources for a small Tongan Community called Kalonga.

Raffle prizes:
Australian Diamonds
Signed merchandise
-
Nettyheads
Coaching clinic for your club/team
-
Bliss facial voucher
-
Man and lady shake packages
-
Donations are also needed
There will be a recycle bin located out the front of 3C classroom all Term 2
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Look out for the Sione's Academy sign

- ❖ Sporting Shoes
- ❖ Clothes
- ❖ Sporting equipment
- ❖ Toys
- ❖ Balls
- ❖ School supplies

