

The Junction News

Newsletter of The Junction Public School



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Term 2 – Week 1

Tuesday 1 May 2018

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Welcome Back to Term 2

We hope you have had a good break with your children whatever form this took. I have had the great privilege of travelling over the last two weeks and this always gives me new perspectives for when I come home – especially as the leader of a school community.

Staffing

We have a few staffing variations this term.

- Mrs Lisa Hughes is Relieving Principal at Fern Bay PS for 4 weeks. This invitation was only made toward the conclusion of the holidays. Class 4H will receive a note today. Mrs Karen Read will relieve as class teacher and Miss Aleisha Ladkin will relieve as Assistant Principal for Stage 2.
- Mrs Claire Edwards will be taking Maternity Leave early and Ms Amy Cartwright will take Class 1C for the remainder of the year.
- We welcome Ms Julie Lamb back to Class 6L. She will return to work two days per week to begin and will be sharing with Mr Jake Gelfius.
- Mr Michael Jobson will relieve in a 'higher duties position' at the Arts Unit in Lewisham for the final 5 weeks of this term and some of Term 3. Mrs Catherine Adams will relieve in the music position.

Staff Development Day

Our staff spent a wonderfully productive day together yesterday. We met in milestone groups to track our progress from Term 1, heard from the Learning Support Team as to their role backing up classroom teachers and school wide processes as well as continuing with work on our writing project. The majority of the staff were also really brave and fronted up for their flu injections in the afternoon. Hopefully this will help us during the flu season.

Thank you to all the parent community who continue to support us in the dynamic life of a school.

Renovation Work

The space in the old hall area looks amazing in the beginning phases. I can now visualise the learning that

could take place in this area and am just a little jealous of the class teachers who will begin this journey!

Practical Issues:

- The Music Room, Technology Room and old hall are safe to use and this is backed by all clearance certificates for air quality.
- Part of the ceiling still remains in the new area due to the original possibility it may have been structural. We now know that this is not the case so we can proceed with further work in the next suitable vacation period. The asbestos sheeting currently forming this ceiling will be temporarily sealed as per building regulations until this time. Significant damage around the brickwork in the chimney area will also be rectified at the same time as the ceiling is removed.
- The DoE has just changed contractors from Broadspectrum to Spotless so there will be some handover period for larger projects such as ours.

ANZAC School Service

Our school ANZAC Service was held on Friday 13 April 2018, the last day of Term 1. A huge thank you to Jessica (FLTTL), Emily (MGHS), the Student Executive Team and Ms Emmington for making it a solemn yet inspiring service.



Please see further in this newsletter for more ANZAC service photos.

Cath Larkman, Principal

ANZAC DAY SERVICE

Hamilton - ANZAC Service

On Anzac Day at the Hamilton Dawn Service, three of our Year 6 students proudly represented The Junction Public School. Kristian and Tess read a biography of Sister Amy Matthews, a local nurse who served in WW1 and is listed on the memorial in Gregson Park. Connie very respectfully laid our floral tribute.

Thank you to those students and their parents for coming out at 5am in the holidays and serving your school. Not only did you demonstrate so many of our school values, but you showed true Anzac spirit.

Lisa Hughes



Merewether - ANZAC Service

On 25th of April, The Junction Public School leaders braved the elements to represent our school at the memorial gates for the 6:30am ANZAC Day Service. An ANZAC poem was read proudly by Lily B and Riley B. Then the wreath was laid by Aisling V and Lily B in front of the memorial gates to remember the fallen soldiers.

Leonie Phillips



CALENDAR – TERM 2 – 2018

Week 1	Event
Tuesday, May 1	P & C meeting – 6.45pm – staffroom
Friday, May 4	PAYMENT FOR GYMNASTICS DUE TODAY! (1PJ, 1S, 1C, 1/2B)
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 4	Event
Sunday, May 20	Premier Band – Sydney Opera House
Week 5	Event
Tuesday, May 29	Grandparent's Day
Week 8	Event
Friday, June 22	Athletics Carnival – Glendale Whole school
Friday, June 22	P&C Movie Night – 6.30pm

SCHOOL PHOTOS

Newcastle School Portraits delivered the school photos in the last week of Term 1. If you have any concerns with your photos please phone them directly on: 4965 4114.

The school office has copies of all the Specialty groups eg. School Leaders, Sport Leaders, Band and Choir photos for you to look at. If you wish to order any of these photos you may do so through the Newcastle School Portraits website and you must use this Specialty Code: 47742CD (please use capital letters as it is case sensitive).

1C, 1PJ, 1S & 1/2B GYMNASTICS

A 'Bright Orange' note went out last term regarding gymnastics lessons run by qualified coaches from Primarily Active Group. The above classes will start next Monday 7th May here at school. Students are to wear their SPORTS UNIFORM on a Monday for the next 8 weeks.

There are still many students in these classes who have not returned their Permission Notes or sent in money. The cost of this program is \$48. If you are unsure whether you have paid, please phone the school office.

Laura Chaffey, AP Stage 1

SCHOOL ASSEMBLIES

TERM 1 – WEEK 11 YEARS 3, 4, 5 & 6 ASSEMBLY

3C	Marley M-K Cedar B	Isaac C
3LJ	Makenzie F-A	Lily C
3S	Xavier C Tommy P Zavier A	Lucy K Zara B Winston K
4H	Rosie B Roxanna B Greta D	Sofie K Amelie P
4LW	Isla S Zachary R	Quillon L Lilli W
4MC	Hamish B Boden S	Lucy W
5A	Lewis S Joshua M	Bill W
5B	Patrick J Laila L Jaedyn M Kai H	Anna S Natalia B Samuel B
5F	Lachlan L Shai-Scott H	Banjo H
6B	Ella W Benjy C	Sadie B Toby I
6C	Tayte R Natesha S	Mia J Tess N
6L	Sabine Y Max L	Reece K

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

Welcome back to Term 2!

Sydney Opera House Performance – Premier Band

Congratulations again to our amazing Premier Band for their successful audition to perform at the Sydney Opera House as part of the Festival of Instrumental Music Acacia Concert.

This performance will take place on **Sunday 20th May**. Permission notes for this excursion are due back by this **Friday 4th May**.

State Junior Music Camp – Premier Band

Applications are now open for the Department of Education State Junior Music Camp. This week long camp brings together musicians from across the state for an amazing week of rehearsals and fun! Students have the opportunity to join Symphonic Wind Ensembles, Symphony Orchestra, or Jazz Band and also participate and whole camp item.

Please visit The Arts Unit website for more details:

<https://www.artsunit.nsw.edu.au/state-junior-and-senior-music-camps>

Band Assessments – All Bands

Band assessment notifications will go home in the next few weeks. Assessments will take place in Term 4.

Mr Jobson Absence

A note has gone home today informing everyone that in Week 5 of this term, I will be taking up a position as Student Music Programs Officer at the Department of Education Arts Unit. This is an amazing opportunity for me to work to facilitate elite Metropolitan and State-wide music programs in our schools, and to bring back some excellent ideas to our outstanding program. I will be away from The Junction until Week 8 in Term 3.

Please note all rehearsals, lessons and performances will continue as normal.

I will be very much looking forward to hearing the progress our ensembles have made in my absence.

Recorder News – Cluster Rehearsal

Don't forget that our cluster rehearsal at HSPA is this Wednesday 2nd May. Please contact me ASAP if your child's permission slip is still outstanding.

Keep practising! Many Thanks, Michael Jobson

NOTES HOME LAST TERM

1PJ, 1S, 1C & 1/2B GYMNASTICS

Starts: Monday 7th May (Week 2)

Cost: \$48.00

Money and note due in this FRIDAY!

(Look out for the Bright Orange note)

STATE SWIMMING

On 11th and 12th April the NSW PSSA Swimming was held at Sydney Olympic Aquatic Centre.

Alexis S and I competed in individual events at the carnival. Alexis competed in the jnr butterfly coming 21st, jnr medley coming 19th and the jnr relay came 14th. I competed in the all age 100m coming 20th, 11yrs freestyle coming 16th, snr individual medley coming 14th, 50m backstroke coming approximately 20th, 11yrs butterfly coming 12th and the snr girls relay coming 19th. In all events I posted my personal best times except backstroke. Both Lexie and I were exhausted at the end of the two days.

All the members of our relay teams: Lara C, Niamh H, Lily B, Stella S, Alexis S, Harmony B, Lucy W and Lily W should be very proud of their efforts as we swam beautifully & both teams set new personal best times.

I was pleasantly surprised & extremely proud when I was asked to be the Hunter PSSA flag bearer for the March, what an honour!
By Lara C

.....Hunter team Captains and flag bearers (Lara on the left of photo)



PSSA SOCCER NEWS

Congratulations to Liam C and Sadie B who were successful at the Regional trials for PSSA soccer. They will now advance to the State trials. Good luck to them both and well done on your achievement. Well done to Lily D and Max B who also participated in the Zone trials. Tess Barns and Michael Radnidge

BASKETBALL TRIAL GAMES

On Friday 13th April, The Junction Public School hosted basketball trial games against Newcastle East Public School. The students played well as a team but unfortunately we narrowly lost both games on the day. The students are to be commended on their efforts and sportsmanship. The PSSA Basketball Zone Gala day will be held on the 5th July, 2018. Further details will be sent home shortly.

Rochelle Cromarty



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.

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

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.

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. 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.

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 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.

Thanks. Donna Reay, Co-ordinator

P & C NEWS

I hope all families from our school community enjoyed the school holidays, and I would like to welcome any new families that may have joined us this term or at the end of Term 1.

Thanks again to everyone from our school community who volunteered their time, donated goods or sold raffle tickets. We have had a successful start to the 2018 P&C calendar year. In addition to this we have had strong representation from parents & carers at our monthly P&C Meeting.

Term 2 is shaping up to be a quieter Term in the P&C space:

WEEK 1 - P&C Meeting

WEEK 2 - Mother's Day & Special Loved One Stall - Volunteers required

WEEK 6 - P&C Meeting

WEEK 8 - Major Fundraiser - MOVIE NIGHT - Friday 22nd June 2018

WEEK 9 - Last chance to make tax-deductible donations to our Building Fund

WEEK 10 - P&C Meeting

I would like to thank the following people - Anna Byrne, Jasmine Page and Tom Jervis for assisting with the relocation of the Uniform shop and Amanda Fleming for labelling the shelving ready for operation this morning in our new **TEMPORARY LOCATION**.

During this term we will be sending out an online survey to all TJPS families to complete for feedback on areas like - our communication, fundraising ideas for 2019 and Uniform shop items & opening days / hours. The feedback and information we receive from this survey will assist the P&C make decisions relating to our 2019 onwards fundraising events, and changes to uniform shop operational times and days. Your feedback is important, so please ensure that you participate in the survey.

P&C MEETING

Our P&C Meeting is **TONIGHT** - Tuesday 1st May 2018

TIME: 6:45PM

WHERE: Staffroom

All parents and carers from our school community are welcome to attend.

Items included on the agenda for our meeting include:

- Election of a Merit Selection Panel - representatives to be selected require gender mix
- Survey questions
- Mother's Day & Special Loved One Stall
- Building Fund donations - changes
- Update on refurbishment works to the Old Hall
- Traffic & Parking
- Fitness Park / Sensory Park proposal update

Meeting Minutes & Agenda will be distributed to all those on the P&C email list tomorrow.

UNION STREET PEDESTRIAN CROSSING UPGRADE

NCC have worked tirelessly over the school holiday period to complete all of the kerb and path modification works on Union Street side to minimise impacts to our school community.

The P&C would like to thank Dean, Matt & his team for the huge effort to achieve this.

IMPORTANT TIPS TO KEEP OUR COMMUNITY SAFE UNTIL WORKS ARE COMPLETED

- Plan drop off times to ensure your children/ child uses the crossing on Union Street ONLY when crossing supervisor is present 8:30am – 9:00am & 2:50pm – 3:10pm
- Use extreme caution when crossing the road when the crossing supervisor is NOT present
- Hold hands with your children when crossing

Thanks in advance for your co-operation.

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 this week. [CLICK HERE](#)

For anyone wanting to help at this event the sign up link is:

<http://bit.ly/TJPS2018MothersDayStall>

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

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

UNIFORM SHOP

Our Uniform shop has temporary relocated to the demountable building behind the New Hall. We are expecting some teething problems whilst we settle in to our new temporary space. We request that parents & carers support us by placing orders online through Flexischools where possible. Thanks for your assistance in advance.



We wish to advise that the following items are currently OUT OF STOCK in our Uniform shop

- Size 4 – Boys track pants
- Size 6 – Boys long grey pants

Size 6 – Short sleeved shirts with logo

Size 8 – Short sleeved shirts with logo

School backpacks

Apologies for any inconveniences. Watch this space and the newsletter for STOCK updates.



We wish to advise that there is **LIMITED STOCK** of the following items in our **UNIFORM SHOP**.

Size 4 – Black sports shorts

Size 8 – Sports polo shirts

Size 10 – Long sleeve shirts with logo

Size 12 – Long sleeve shirts with logo

TERM 2 – MOVIE NIGHT - MAJOR FUNDRAISER

The cinema's are booked.....the flyers are complete [CLICK HERE](#)...and tickets will go on SALE this week through Flexischools:

www.flexischools.com.au

Incredibles 2 will be screening at our **MOVIE NIGHT** in Week 8 of this Term on **Friday 22nd June 2018**. This event is our major fundraiser for 2018, and we are hoping this event will be a SELL OUT!

So purchase your tickets early to avoid disappointment. And remember all funds raised go towards providing resources and equipment for all students to benefit from.

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

SCHOOL BANKING

At our last P&C Meeting in April, we had a visit from Commonwealth Bank - School Banking Specialists to discuss how Commonwealth School Banking program can assist our P&C to raise funds.

We want to get some feedback from our school community to determine if there is any interest in re-introducing this program back at the school. If you are interested, please complete the attached flyer and return to it to the school office.

[CLICK HERE](#)

We would also need 1-2 volunteers to assist with processing banking, counting money and depositing money. The commitment would be every week of the school term for 1hr in the morning.



Facebook:
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P&C



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@TJPS_PandC

2018 P&C CALENDAR**UPCOMING P&C EVENTS:**

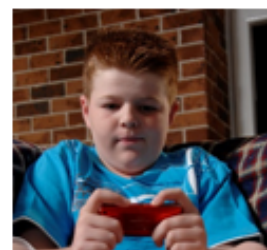
Date	Time	Event
TERM 2		
Tuesday 1 st May 2018	6:45pm	P&C Meeting Venue: Staffroom
Wednesday 9 th May 2018	9:00am-2:40pm	Mother's Day Stall
Thursday 10 th May 2018	9:00am-11:00am	
Tuesday 5 th June 2018	6:45pm	P&C Meeting Venue: TBC
Tuesday 3 rd July 2018	6:45pm	P&C Meeting Venue: TBC
Friday 22 nd June 2018	6:30pm	P & C Movie night
Saturday 30 th June 2018		Last Chance – Tax deductible donations to P&C Building Fund
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

Good for Kids good for life**7 REASONS TO LIMIT SMALL SCREENS**

Nearly half of all children aged between 5-15 years spend more than 2 hours every day on small screen entertainment such as TV, smartphones and tablets.

Children who spend more than 2 hours on screen time per day are more likely to:

- Have an unbalanced diet.
- Be less physically active.
- Have sleep problems.
- Drink more sugary drinks.
- Snack on foods high in sugar, salt and fat.
- Have fewer social interactions.
- Develop poor posture.



Setting up good habits while children are young can make all the difference to their habits and health in later life.

Source: Murrumbidgee Local Health District Quick Bites



PHONE 49246299



Mother's & Special Loved One Stall

Wednesday 9th May 2018 &
Thursday 10th May 2018

PRICES FROM \$2.00-\$6.00

GIFT OPTIONS INCLUDE

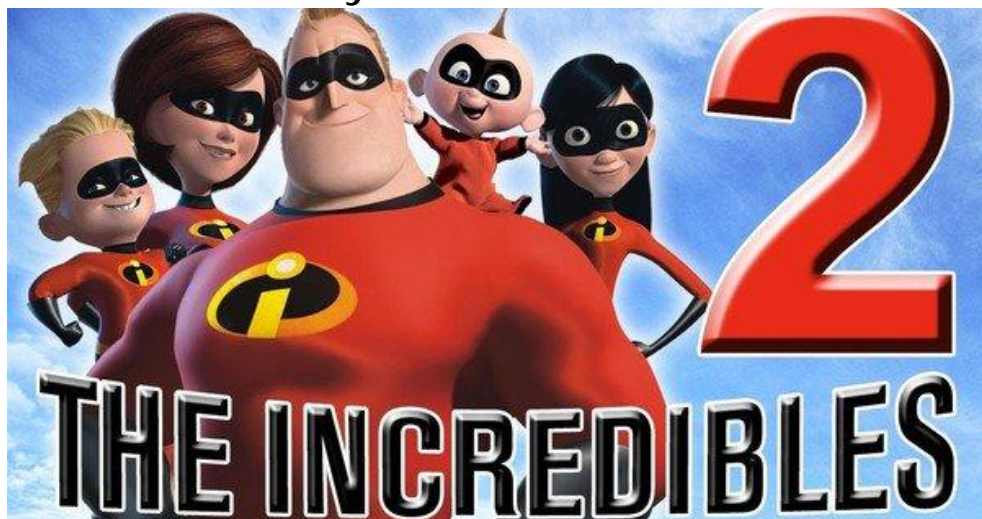
Travel mugs, notebooks, heart keyrings, coffee cups, scented candles, head massagers, plant holders and much much more

- One gift per child (unless special circumstances)
- Parents helpers welcomed
- ALL students will be offered another opportunity to purchase an additional gift

Donations of potted succulents
welcomed



The Junction Public School P&C Family Movie Night Friday 22nd June 2018



Official movie trailer: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZJDMWVZta3M>

This year, we will be using the downstairs wheelchair accessible cinema, as well as an upstairs cinema. It doesn't matter which of the two cinemas you sit in, but once one is full on the night, overflow will be directed to the other. Priority will of course be given in the downstairs cinema to those requiring wheelchair access.

Please allow plenty of time for parking. We suggest trying the Council car park off Queen Street (behind the library / art gallery). Alternatively, consider catching the 14 bus, which runs along Glebe Rd, up Darby Street, and passed Tower Cinema on King St.

Movie starts: 6.30pm
Doors open: 6.15pm

Tower Cinemas
183-185 King Street
Newcastle NSW

PLEASE PURCHASE TICKETS VIA

www.flexischools.com.au

Please print off your tickets and bring on the night.

Tickets are sold on a "first in" basis.

Please note, in the interests of safety:

- All children must be in the care of a designated adult.
- All children are requested to remain in their seats during the movie.

Cut off for orders for the Movie plus Popcorn/Soft Drink Combo is Friday 15th June.

TICKET PRICING

(Please purchase tickets through www.flexischools.com.au)

TICKET TYPE	COST
Adult – Ticket Only (18+)	\$12.50
Child – Ticket only (5-17yrs)	\$9.50
Child Under 5 who will occupy a seat ¹	\$6.00
Optional Add-on: Small Popcorn/Soft Drink Combo ²	\$9.50 each

Notes: 1. Children aged 4 and under require a ticket if they will be occupying a seat. Please consider whether your child will be more comfortable in a seat, and if so, purchase the \$6 ticket. 2. Cut off for Popcorn / Drink Combos is Friday 15th June



Enquiries: president@junctionpandc.org



If you plan to have dinner near the cinema prior to the movie, bookings are strongly recommended, if not essential. Please allow plenty of time.

Please ensure your children are supervised at all times, and behave in a manner reflective of school values before, during and after the movie, including if you are dining out beforehand.