

# The Junction News

Newsletter of The Junction Public School



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Term 2 – Week 2

Tuesday 8 May 2018

## PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

### NAPLAN

The National Assessment Program for Literacy and Numeracy for Years 3 and 5 students will take place next week, on Tuesday 15th, Wednesday 16th and Thursday 17th May. On Tuesday the focus will be Language, Wednesday is Reading and Thursday is the Numeracy Assessment. These give a snapshot of student achievement at this time of the year. We usually get the results in July/August.

### Grandparents Day / Open Day – 29th May

I know that all grandparents and grand-friends of our school really look forward to our annual Grandparents Day at The Junction Public School and that some people travel from afar to attend. Please save the date of Tuesday 29th May! This is a morning event with grandparents and parents invited to remain at school and share recess with their grandchildren and children. More information will be provided over the coming weeks!

### Mothers' Day Stall

Wishing all mums a Happy Mothers' Day this Sunday!

Our P & C Mothers' Day Stall is open tomorrow for all students.

- one gift each
- prices from \$2 to \$6
- students please bring a bag to take items home in and to hide them!!

On Thursday any students absent on Wednesday will get an opportunity to purchase a gift. At lunchtime on Thursday all students will have an opportunity to purchase additional gifts.

Key reminders: - Bring a bag and money in the range of \$2-\$6.

### Starstruck 2018

Some of our talented dancers have begun rehearsals for this year's Starstruck – themed 'Connect'. This is a huge commitment from the students, their families and our teachers. I would like to thank you all for the hard work you have put in so far to this wonderful experience. I believe that our performers were quite outstanding at their first rehearsal last week. Congratulations!

### Gymnastics

Yesterday, classes 1S, 1C, 1PJ and 1/2B started their gymnastics lessons for Term 2 sport.

Lessons run in the new hall during a Monday where students will get to learn new skills on the bars, balance beams, trampolines and more.

It was so much fun and we cannot wait for next Monday's lesson! Amy Cartwright – Class 1C

Here are some comments from Class 1S.....

*I really liked it, it was much better than I thought it was going to be. (Maya)*

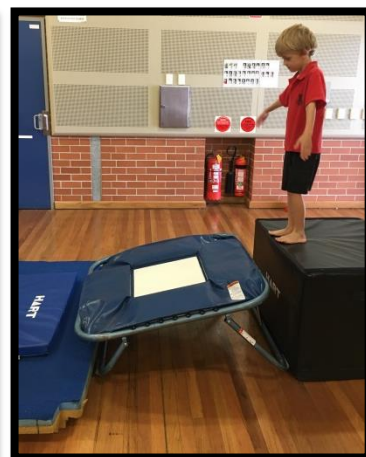
*I really liked it. I really enjoyed doing the star jump and landing in the motorcycle position - it was the best gymnastics I've ever done. (Elliana)*

*I really loved doing the tuck jump - it was a good lesson. (Angus)*

*I liked the part where you did the tuck jump and landed in the motorcycle position. I just liked it all! (Aston)*

*I liked all of the different exercises and I liked when we had to hold on to the bar and go into the tuck position. (Mya)*

*I really enjoyed walking on the bar and I thought it was really fun holding the different positions. (Coco)*



Cath Larkman, Principal

## CALENDAR – TERM 2 – 2018

### Week 2

Wednesday, May 9	P & C Mother's Day Stall
Thursday, May 10	P & C Mother's Day Stall

### Week 3

Tuesday, May 15	NAPLAN – Years 3 & 5
Wednesday, May 16	NAPLAN – Years 3 & 5
Thursday, May 17	NAPLAN – Years 3 & 5
Sunday, May 20	Premier Band – Sydney Opera House - Be at school at 11.45am – Bus departs 12 noon

### Week 5

Tuesday, May 29	Grandparent's Day
Friday, June 1	Regional Cross Country

### Week 7

Monday, June 11	PUBLIC HOLIDAY – No school
Friday, June 15	Starstruck – Matinee & Evening Performance
Saturday, June 16	Starstruck – Matinee & Evening Performance

### Week 8

Friday, June 22	Athletics Carnival – Glendale Whole school
Friday, June 22	P&C Movie Night – 6.30pm

## SCHOOL PHOTOS

If you have any concerns with your school photos please phone Newcastle School Portraits 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 – **this code is also the Password.** (please use capital letters as it is case sensitive).

## SCHOOL ASSEMBLIES

### TERM 2 – WEEK 1

#### YEARS 3, 4, 5 & 6 ASSEMBLY

3C	Mitchell P Max T	Marley M-K Isaac C
3LJ	Jacob L Andreas W	Ruby S
3S	Lulu C Winston K	Atticus S
4H	Lalita F Maya L	Luka K
4LW	Phoebe U Thomas K	Clodagh M
4MC	Harmony B	Ryder L
5A	Elle K Lan P	Sienna P
5B	Hamish M	Phoebe L
5F	Mako L Isabella S	Louis G
6B	Maraya D Ashton M	Oscar F
6C	Lara C Lily B-J	Blake O
6L	Luca W-O Sophie H	Isaac J

#### Kindergarten special mentions – Week 1

Lucinda & Thomas - KP  
Sonny & Madison - KS  
Zac & Nate - KK

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

## EVACUATION DRILL

This Thursday the whole school will be practising an 'Evacuation Drill' from the classroom to the back playground. Teachers will reinforce to the children that this is a drill only.

## STAGE 2 – TARONGA ZOO EXCURSION

At the end of Term 1 Stage 2 students experienced the wonders of Taronga Zoo.

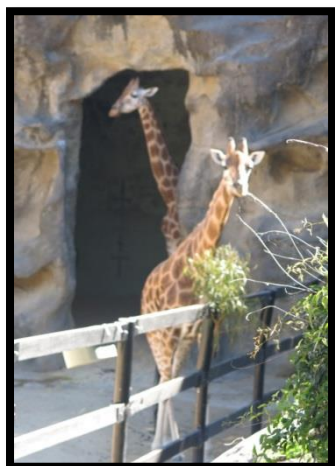
Students explored and compared the climate, natural vegetation and native animals of Australia and Indonesia.

During a workshop students observed and interacted with a range of animals.

A Zoo educator's presentation included talks about the habitat and features of individual animals which helps animals to survive in their environment.

It was a great learning experience and fun day for all. A special thanks to parents who accompanied and assisted.

Nina McLeod



## ZONE CROSS COUNTRY

On Friday 4<sup>th</sup> May, students attended the Zone Cross Country Carnival. The event was held under an overcast sky at Stevenson Park, Mayfield West.

Up to 75 students from 25 Newcastle schools came to race. The juniors (8/9 years and 10 years) ran 2 kilometres and the seniors (11 years and 12/13 years) ran 3 kilometres. All of our students ran incredibly well and put in their best effort from the starting whistle to the finishing line. Our school spirit was there for all to see as parents, Mr Gunter, and all students cheered on each other, which was lovely to see.

I was so pleased to see The Junction students congratulating each other and students from other schools at the end of each race. The cheers from the crowd at the final straight helped push our runners to some fantastic finishing positions!

Congratulations need to go to all students who qualified for this event: Charlie S, Jett R, Sophie B, Zadie A, Luka K, Harmony B, Alexis S, Lucy W, Zenon C, Noah A, Neve O'K, Lucca S, Natalia B, Max B, Lily B and Asha W.

A special mention to: Zaac C on his 2nd place finish, Imogen P on her 1st place finish, Charlie F on his 4th place finish, Albert F on his 6th place finish, Harry B on his 6th place finish, Xavier C on his 1st place finish, Timothy P on his 4th place finish and Sadie B on her 2nd place finish.

## BAND NEWS

We have a number of exciting performances coming up this term. Regular practise by all musicians will help all of our ensembles sound amazing.

Remember, a little practise often, is better than a lot occasionally!

### Sydney Opera House Performance – Premier Band

A new 'Pink note' about this performance went home last Friday 4<sup>th</sup> May. This note has information about a new departure time due to our later sound check at the Opera House. It also contained details about the cost for bus travel and dinner. Payment of the \$31 is due by Friday 18<sup>th</sup> May.

Unfortunately tickets for this concert have sold out, but they do occasionally become available. I will keep everyone posted if this is the case.

Could all Premier Band musicians please be sure to do some extra practise on *Aztec Fire*. We want to make sure it's up to our usual outstanding performance level!

### Band Assessments – All Bands

Please watch out for band assessment notifications. We are in the process of finalising them now.

Keep up the great work everyone!

Many thanks, Michael Jobson

**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.**

### PSSA ORGANISATION INFORMATION

The following information is about the: PRIMARY SCHOOL SPORTS ASSOCIATION (PSSA) that is part of the Department of Education which supports sporting events in Public schools.

Once a student reaches the age of 8 years they are eligible to participate in PSSA competitions. The school pays a levy to the PSSA organisation for each child over 8 in their school. This forms the guideline for school participation in school sporting events.

These competitions are run by a governing body known as Primary School Sports Association (PSSA). When students leave primary school and go to high school the governing body is Combined High Schools (CHS).

The school based competitions are: Cross Country, Swimming and Athletics. Successful placement in one of these events will allow the students to continue to the next level known as ZONE. The Junction School is in the Newcastle City Zone. If students are successful at Zone level they have the opportunity to attend REGIONAL. Our school is in the Hunter Region which extends from Lake Macquarie to Taree and as far west as Muswellbrook. Students attend State Carnivals if successful at Regional. If a student is selected to make a State Team then they go to School Sport Australia National Championships or Pan-Pacific Games.

In all of the Zone and Regional competitions there are guidelines for schools to follow. This will often include the number of competitors we can send and qualifying times or distances.

Separate to the above events the PSSA run a State knockout competition in a variety of sports. Historically our school has entered teams in the following sports: Cricket, Netball, Basketball, Soccer, Rugby and Rugby League.

Teams are selected predominately from our senior grades and are teacher selected/chosen sometimes with the guidance of a community body or coach.

In this competition once you are defeated in a game you are no longer part of that competition.

There are a number of other sports designated for Primary students. These include Touch Football, Golf, Diving, Tennis, AFL, Softball and Hockey.

Schools will pick representative students to attend Zone Trials in all of the Primary sports. Selection is by teacher(s) who follow the guidelines presented to them from the Zone level. Guidelines often restrict the number of students who can be sent and the quality of the students. Selection at Zone level leads to Regional Trials which again have similar restrictions.

If a student is successful at a Regional trial they are selected for a Hunter Regional Sporting team to attend a State Carnival.

In the past The Junction Public School has had a great deal of success with individuals representing at State level and National level. Some of our ex-students have continued to represent Australia at Olympic level and play in competitions overseas.

We have been NSW State Team Champions in Boys Basketball, Cricket and Rugby.

This has been a tremendous effort from our young athletes.


Brenda Brown, Sports Co-ordinator




# TECHNOLOGY NEWS

Over the past few weeks students in Stage 3 have continued to utilise Minecraft Education Edition for their Technology studies. Students were given the task of choosing a country and then accurately recreating their style of housing, working collaboratively with others. Groups used the internet to research features, and then decided which materials would be used. The following work samples are from Brodhi and Darby in 6C.

The roof in particular has a lot of detail in it and the shape of it is what you see in many traditional Japanese buildings.



This is our entrance to the Japanese build. The entrance is made of mainly red. This gives it a traditional and clean look.



We used red terracotta and spruce stairs and slabs for the entrance. For the roof we use stone brick slabs and stairs. The walls are made of spruce logs and white wool to make it look like paper or bamboo. Our door is a birch door, and that makes it look like a bamboo door. We used gravel to surround the pool and for our path. We used pink wool and spruce planks to make the cherry blossom trees.

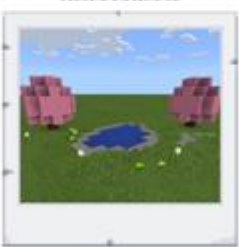
### Japanese Build

-By Brodhi and Darby-

This is a traditional Japanese style house that I made with Darby.



The nature in this build is one of the key features to make the Japanese build look traditional and authentic.



The house has a lot of attention to detail to make it look very traditional.

Overall we are very proud of this build that Darby and I have done. And we hope you like it as well.




We didn't allocate roles, we just did a bit of everything. And that helped us make everything look better by having second opinions.

### My Minecraft World -By Darby

Darby's and Brodhi's Japanese House using Minecraft. This is a house I created with [Brodhi](#) using Minecraft education edition. It is a house from Japan.



This is the back of the house



This is the front with a bit of the archway



This is a 90 degree photo.



This is the front of the house

**Description**

Our Minecraft Japanese house is a traditional house with bamboo paper walls and a spruce patio with a spruce fence. We used wool to imitate the illusion of bamboo walls. There is a pond and 2 blossom trees. We have a traditional roof and a traditional archway. There is a classic gravel path to the pond.

We all did a bit of everything and collaborated together on everything.

## CHOIR CAPTAINS

Congratulations to Ruby E and Dominic Mc who are the Term 2 Junior Choir captains.

Nina McLeod

### ONLINE UNIFORM SHOP ORDERING!

Want to place your uniform shop order online? Simply go to [www.flexischools.com.au](http://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 here, 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

### NOTE FROM PRESIDENT

We are working on a survey that will be sent out early this term for feedback from our school community on key areas like Communication, Uniform shop and Fundraising activities.

Information gathered from this survey will be used to prepare our 3 year strategic plan, and assist in decision making for fundraising activities and changes to Uniform shop operational hours & stock we sell.

Movie Night tickets are selling fast, with over 120 tickets sold. Please get online and purchase your tickets ASAP to avoid disappointment. Remember all funds raised go towards purchasing resources and equipment for the students.

I'm looking forward to the annual Mother's Day / Special Loved One's Stall this week, and would like to take this opportunity to wish all the Mother's / Motherly figures / Grandmother's a Happy Mother's Day for this Sunday.

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

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

All students will have an opportunity to purchase **ONE** gift on Wednesday 9th May.

The P&C are mindful of all the family arrangements that exist at our school and want to ensure that all students can purchase a gift for their Mother's or Motherly figures tomorrow. **Please notify your child's class teacher if your child needs to purchase more than one gift, as the P&C helpers will be guided by teachers.**

Any students absent on the Wednesday will have an opportunity to purchase a gift on Thursday before lunch, and then ALL students will have any opportunity to purchase additional gifts for their Mother's and Grandparents on Thursday 10th May during **LUNCHTIME** until sold out. We need to ensure that every student is able to purchase a gift before letting students purchase a second gift!!

Our Mother's Day Stall flyer went home last week to all families. [CLICK HERE](#)

Sincere apologies to any families that have been upset by the flyers – we have so many family arrangements at our school with carers/grandmothers, step-mothers, aunties – we wanted to ensure you that ALL mothers / motherly figures in students' lives receive a gift and are NOT limited to ONE gift. We didn't intend to upset anyone, or any students.

Check out our facebook page later today for a sneak peak of gifts available. Prices start from \$2.00 up to \$6.00

Thanks to everyone who has already volunteered to assist at this week's stall. We are still calling on volunteers to assist with selling gifts to students.

For anyone wanting to help at this event the sign up link is <http://bit.ly/TJPS2018MothersDayStall>

We have set up the stall, and will only require volunteers from 8:30am onwards tomorrow.

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!

This year the stall will be held in the **DEMOUNTABLE** building behind the New Hall.

**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 is booked.....the flyers are complete [CLICK HERE](#)...and tickets have gone on SALE last week through Flexischools: So far 120 tickets have been purchased!

[www.flexischools.com.au](http://www.flexischools.com.au)

Incredibles 2 will be screening at our **MOVIE NIGHT** in Week 8 of this Term on **Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> 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.



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

Date	Time	Event
<b>TERM 2</b>		
Wednesday 9 <sup>th</sup> May 2018		Mother's Day Stall
Thursday 10 <sup>th</sup> May 2018		
Tuesday 5 <sup>th</sup> June 2018	6:45pm	P&C Meeting Venue: TBC
Tuesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> July 2018	6:45pm	P&C Meeting Venue: TBC
Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> June 2018	6:30pm	P & C Movie night
Saturday 30 <sup>th</sup> June 2018		Last Chance – Tax deductible donations to P&C Building Fund
<b>TERM 3</b>		
Tuesday 7 <sup>th</sup> August 2018	6:45pm	P&C Meeting Venue: TBC
Thursday 30 <sup>th</sup> August 2018		Father's Day Breakfast
Tuesday 4 <sup>th</sup> September	6:45pm	P&C Meeting Venue: TBC
<b>TERM 4</b>		
Tuesday 16 <sup>th</sup> October 2018	6:45pm	P&C Meeting Venue: TBC
<b>TBC -</b>		Kindy Orientation Morning Tea
Friday 9 <sup>th</sup> November		School Disco
Tuesday 13 <sup>th</sup> November	6:45pm	P&C Meeting Venue: TBC
TBC		Teachers / Parent Helper Morning Tea
Tuesday 4 <sup>th</sup> December	6:45pm	P&C Meeting Venue: TBC



## Piano Lessons



Geri Rea (Composer and teacher, published with the AMEB and London Trinity College) will be running piano lessons for beginners during lunchtimes at our school. Lessons are 50 minutes per week for \$25. For further details about this fantastic opportunity, please contact Geri on: 0404 905401.

## Good for Kids good for life

### USING PHYSICAL ACTIVITY AS A REWARD

We all like to treat our kids with rewards when they have completed a task at home or have performed well in school.

Here are some ideas on how to incorporate physical activity into your rewards:

- Visit a park that your child loves to go to.
- Instead of buying a food reward why not get some new sports equipment for home, such as a skipping rope or basketball?
- Plan a special trip to an indoor park.
- Go on a family bike ride and pack a special morning tea.
- Invite their friends over for a play in the backyard.



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## Come to our FREE Fruit & Veg Sense Workshop



**Date: Wednesday 30th May 2018**

**Time: 9.30am-10.30am**

**Venue: Cancer Council NSW Charlestown Office**

Did you know that eating enough fruit and vegetables all their lives can help protect children against diseases, including some forms of cancer?

This **free workshop** run by Cancer Council NSW will show you how you can easily:

- Save time and money making healthy meals
- Learn clever ways to entice fussy eaters
- Get a free recipe book simply by attending

Don't miss out – registration is essential. To book your place please register no later than **Monday 28<sup>th</sup> May 2018** by:

Visiting [eatittobeatit.com.au](http://eatittobeatit.com.au) or ringing 02 4923 0704

