

# The Junction News

Newsletter of The Junction Public School



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Term 2 – Week 4

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## PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Greetings to our Parents and Carers,

On Saturday I joined many others at the Starlight Room at Wests to celebrate 50 years of education at Kotara High School. It was a night of great reminiscing and acknowledgement of the part teachers play in our lives. It was also evident the amount of work that had gone into this occasion by the Principal, Mr Mark Sneddon, and the organising committee. Following this wonderful evening my thoughts quickly led me to – again – recognise the hard working staff at The Junction PS and I thought I would outline for you what teams of us are currently working on in the following extra-curricular areas:

Currently we are organising and/or supervising Starstruck performances and rehearsals, Debating and Public Speaking opportunities, Band program and performances, Personal Learning Pathways meetings, NAIDOC Art project and the lead up to NAIDOC Week, PSSA Sport Teams, Grandparents' Day, Stage 3 Transition organisation and the GRIP Leadership Conference to name a few.

...Add to that, teachers have begun school report writing which happens after hours in order for teacher concentration to be optimal.

As a result of this crowded period leading into the end of term and parent/teacher interviews, we divide up these projects so we can minimise overload for individuals.

Over the next 10 days I have also found that some of my Principal responsibilities have clustered around the same dates. I have been asked to be the Principal representative on a merit selection panel (involving several days over the next 3-4 weeks and the reading of applications). I will attend the Hunter and Central Coast Principals Conference on Thursday and Friday of this week for professional learning and updates. Next Sunday and Monday I will be mentoring a team of aspiring leaders as part of the Primary Principal Association Credential Project in Sydney but will return for our Grandparent Celebrations on Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup>. Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> will see me back in Sydney to evaluate and plan forward for our credential project.

Following this cluster of dates, I am looking forward to being back on the ground at school and continuing my visits to classrooms and day to day leadership and management.

Next week's newsletter may be a little late as Mrs Emmington and Mrs Brake are hoping to get some of our grandparent celebration photos into it before we publish. Have a fantastic week. Your class teachers are on top of our organisation or will know who to point you to if you need more information.

### Grandparents Day – Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> May – 9.10am

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.

The following times are approximate:

**9.10 – 9.40** Assembly in the new hall for grandparents – welcome from student leaders, choirs and Premier band will perform.

### 9.10 – 12 noon Library – Book Fair

The Library will be open all morning for grandparents who would like to donate a book to the school

The Canteen will be open for 'ongoing morning tea' – Cakes, pies, sausage rolls, quiche and mixed sandwiches.

**9.45am** Early Stage 1 (Kinder) – Creative Play area – Song(s) and Dance Performance.

**10.10am** Stage 1 (Years 1 and 2) – COLA Area - Song(s) and Dance Performance.

**10.40am** Stage 2 (Years 3 and 4) – In classrooms – Reading Group Activities.

**11.10am** Stage 3 (Years 5 and 6) – Back Playground - J.A.G. 'Junction Active Grannies' Tabloid activities for Grandparents and students

**11.40am** Canteen Area – Morning Tea for all

**12 noon** Activities conclude – students return to class

After grandparents view performances they may visit with their grandchildren in their classrooms and look at work samples and participate in class activities.

There will be morning tea available for all during the morning and again from 11.40 am. Party pies, sausage rolls, sandwiches, cakes, coffee and tea will be available for purchase. **There will be normal lunch orders available on this day.**

**Athletics Carnival – Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> June (New date)**

Due to the wet weather cancellation of our Athletics Carnival last term, we have to give new Permission notes out to all students. Your child will bring home a new 'White Permission note' today. Most families have paid for this, in this case we just need the Permission slip signed. However, if a student had not previously paid for this event, an invoice is attached to the new note. Thank you.

Enjoy the rest of your week. Cath Larkman, Principal

**CALENDAR – TERM 2 – 2018****Week 4 Event**

**Wednesday, May 23 Starstruck Rehearsal**

**Week 5 Event**

**Monday, May 28 1C, 1PJ, 1S & 1/2B Gymnastics**

**Tuesday, May 29 Grandparent's Day**

**Thursday, May 31 Beanies for Brain Cancer Day**

**Friday, June 1 Regional Cross Country**

**Week 6 Event**

**Monday, June 4 1C, 1PJ, 1S & 1/2B Gymnastics**

**Week 7 Event**

**Monday, June 11 PUBLIC HOLIDAY – No school**

**Friday, June 15 1/2B, 2C, 2J & 2R – Excursion  
Shark/Ray Centre & Dolphin  
Watch**

**Friday, June 15 Starstruck – Matinee & Evening  
Performance**

**Saturday, June 16 Starstruck – Matinee & Evening  
Performance**

**Week 8 Event**

**Monday, June 18 1C, 1PJ, 1S & 1/2B Gymnastics**

**Friday, June 22 Athletics Carnival – Glendale  
Whole school**

**Friday, June 22 P&C Movie Night – 6.30pm**

**Week 9 Event**

**Monday, June 25 1C, 1PJ, 1S & 1/2B Gymnastics**

**Week 10 Event**

**Monday, July 2 1C, 1PJ, 1S & 1/2B Gymnastics**

**SCHOOL ASSEMBLIES****TERM 2 WEEK 3****KINDERGARTEN ASSEMBLY**

<b>KK</b>	Jimmy	Eva
<b>KP</b>	Lewis	JJ
<b>KS</b>	Ethan	Bella

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

<b>3C</b>	Lucas C Joseph B	Alice W Coco P
<b>3LJ</b>	Oliver F Kahlia F	Jacob M
<b>4H</b>	Lillie S Luka K	Noah C
<b>4LW</b>	Beth B Keely H	Felix B Charlie F
<b>4MC</b>	Ryan H Dominic Mcl	Hamish B
<b>5A</b>	Millie B Ariel McM	Blake F
<b>5B</b>	Sebastian S Adisyn L	Emiel E-F
<b>5F</b>	Sadie S Brady McK	Isla H
<b>6B</b>	Yorygi F Josie H	Zenon C
<b>6C</b>	Kate McT Nicholas H	Liam C
<b>6L</b>	Jonah R Trinity M	Seren R

**Kinder to Year 2** - Assemblies are every second Friday (even weeks) at 10am in the new hall. The next assembly will be this Friday 25<sup>th</sup> May. Class 1PJ 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

### Sydney Opera House Performance – Premier Band

Congratulations Premier Band on your outstanding performance at the Sydney Opera House on Sunday night!

I've heard from many of our wonderful parents who travelled to Sydney to watch the performance, all are saying how exciting and enjoyable Premier Band's performance of Aztec Fire was. Mr Bell, Mrs King, and Mrs Emmington have also commented on the very high level of musicianship displayed by our wonderful young musicians. A personal congratulations from me! Please enjoy these pictures that capture some of the different parts of this amazing adventure.

### Grandparents Day Performance – Premier Band

Premier Band will once again perform for our grandparents at our annual Grandparents Day assembly. This performance will be on the morning of next Tuesday May 29<sup>th</sup>.

Premier Band musicians need to come to school at the normal Tuesday morning rehearsal time (8am). **Dress for the performance will be FULL BAND UNIFORM.**

A note with all the details will go home at this Thursday's Premier Band rehearsal.

### Sydney Opera House Performance – Recorder Ensemble

It's now Recorder Ensemble's turn to prepare for their performance at the Opera House. Please be sure to practise every day to make sure you have our three pieces memorised!

More details regarding this excursion will be sent home soon.

### Hunter Wind Ensemble

Last weekend I was fortunate enough to travel with the Hunter Wind Ensemble to perform at the National Eisteddfod in Canberra.

This amazing group of young musicians, which includes a number of past and present TJPS students, played amazingly and was awarded first place in the Open B Grade concert band section. Congratulations HWE!

I would encourage any musicians looking for extension opportunities to contact Hunter Wind Ensemble on Facebook or ask me for details on how to join. They also tour overseas regularly. What great opportunities!

### Mr Jobson Absence

At the start of next week (week 5) I will begin my time working at the Department of Education Arts Unit in Sydney. While I am very much looking forward to helping promote and administer music programs in schools State-wide, I'm going to miss greatly our wonderful students and ensembles while I'm away.

We have worked so hard to build a great musical family here at TJPS, with all musicians, families and staff contributing their time, expertise, resources and caring to help create outstanding ensembles and experiences for our students. We should all cherish what we've created and be very proud. I know I am.

Mrs Adams, Mrs King, and Mrs Emmington will take over the running of our program while I'm away.

**Please remember that all band rehearsals, lessons, events and performances will continue as normal.**

I'm looking forward to seeing how our amazing ensembles have progressed when I return late in Term 3. Onward and Upward!

Many thanks, Michael Jobson



## BEANIE FOR BRAIN CANCER- THE MARK HUGHES FOUNDATION

This year the students of The Junction Public School will again be taking part in fundraising for The Mark Hughes Foundation, supporting research into brain cancer by wearing a Beanie for Brain Cancer. We ask that all students wear a beanie to school on **Thursday 31<sup>st</sup> May** and bring along a gold coin that they can donate to this very worthy cause.

Next week our BFBC team: Ronan B, Kira H, Boston B, Lily R, Albert F and Dhanya R will be putting together a report on 'Beanie for Brain Cancer' for the following weeks newsletter, with lots of interesting facts and figures. Look out for this!

Our team will also be presenting information and reminders at morning assemblies during week 5!

Mark Alcock, Teacher

## 'DECORATE YOUR GATE'

The Boys and Girls soccer team recently participated in the Greater Banks 'Decorate your gate' competition. The Boys and Girls went all out with their supporter gear on the day. Thankfully, we have been chosen as one of the schools to host a Newcastle Jets clinic in the lead-up to the 2018-19 Hyundai A-League Season! On top of this, there is still the chance of winning the grand prize.

### How can our school win the grand prize?

- From today, you'll be able to vote for your school at [www.greater.com.au/decorateyourgate](http://www.greater.com.au/decorateyourgate). Voting will remain open until 5pm on Friday June 1<sup>st</sup>.
- To vote, simply find your school on our website above and hit the small ▲ icon below your photo. Individuals will be able to vote once per hour for the school of their choice.

Congratulations to all involved. An announcement will be made later in the year with the dates of the visit.

Michael Radnidge, PSSA Soccer co-ordinator



## NOTES HOME – TODAY

**Whole School – New (white) permission note for Athletics Carnival**

**Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> June**

**NO COST UNLESS YOU RECEIVED AN INVOICE WITH THE NOTE**

## NOTES HOME – Last Week

**1/2B, 2C, 2J & 2R**

**Shark & Ray Centre / Dolphin Watch Cruise (Bright Blue Note)**

**When: Friday 15<sup>th</sup> June**

**Cost: \$37**

**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. Following DOE's Health Care Policy - **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](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

#### TERM 2 – MOVIE NIGHT - MAJOR FUNDRAISER

Tickets for our annual movie night are selling fast....with over 200 tickets sold to date. To avoid disappointment, please purchase your tickets NOW. Tickets can be purchased online via Flexischools [www.flexischools.com.au](http://www.flexischools.com.au) Here is a sneak peak of what we will be watching [CLICK HERE](#)

#### P&C MEETING

Our next P&C Meeting will be held on Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> June 2018. Any items to be included on our agenda must be

emailed to [president@junctionpandc.org](mailto:president@junctionpandc.org) by COB this Friday 25<sup>th</sup> May 2018.



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### 2018 P&C CALENDAR

#### UPCOMING P&C EVENTS:

Date	Time	Event
<b>TERM 2</b>		
Tuesday 5 <sup>th</sup> June 2018	6:45pm	P&C Meeting Venue: Staffroom
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
Tuesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> July 2018	6:45pm	P&C Meeting Venue: Staffroom
<b>TERM 3</b>		
Tuesday 7 <sup>th</sup> August 2018	6:45pm	P&C Meeting Venue: Staffroom
Thursday 30 <sup>th</sup> August 2018		Father's Day Breakfast
Tuesday 4 <sup>th</sup> September	6:45pm	P&C Meeting Venue: Staffroom
<b>TERM 4</b>		
Tuesday 16 <sup>th</sup> October 2018	6:45pm	P&C Meeting Venue: Staffroom
TBC -		Kindy Orientation Morning Tea
Friday 9 <sup>th</sup> November		School Disco
Tuesday 13 <sup>th</sup> November	6:45pm	P&C Meeting Venue: Staffroom
TBC		Teachers / Parent Helper Morning Tea
Tuesday 4 <sup>th</sup> December	6:45pm	P&C Meeting Venue: Staffroom

### Bikes on School grounds.....

Unfortunately there have been two bikes left on the school grounds over the weekend which have now gone missing. Please be advised that anything brought onto school grounds is the responsibility of the owner.

One of the bikes is a black and brown "Diamond Back" bike, if anyone has seen this bike around the school area please see the school office.

Thank you.

