

# The Junction News

Newsletter of The Junction Public School



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Term 2 – Week 10

Tuesday 3 July 2018

## PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Hello to TJPS Community.

### NAIDOC Celebration Assembly

We are proudly celebrating NAIDOC week at The Junction Public School this Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> July with a NAIDOC Celebration Assembly which begins after recess. We would like to invite you to attend Morning Tea with the students from 11am to 11.20am. Tea and coffee will be provided at the front of the New Hall and we ask parents to bring a picnic morning tea to share with their child. The assembly will take place in the New Hall and will celebrate the coming together of two cultures. We are very pleased to have the Newcastle High Indigenous Dance Group Perform on the day along with their wonderful Didge Group. We will also be presenting an Indigenous Artwork that has been created by students of The Junction with the help of Indigenous Artist, Auntie Michelle Earl. The story behind the Artwork will be shared by Mrs Larkman and will be proudly displayed in the front office and used as a learning tool for the students. We are looking forward to the day and wish to see you all there.

### Reporting Feedback from Staff

As I mentioned two weeks ago our current reporting process needs updating.

Please use the link below to give us feedback from a parent/carer point of view. The survey should take less than 2 minutes:

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/LDMTF8B>

If for some reason the survey doesn't work, please contact the school for assistance.

Our theory is that we would like our teachers to be able to continue their usual lesson preparation processes during the reporting period while still meeting the DoE requirements for reporting to parents.

### Kinder Enrolments 2019

We are currently taking enrolments for Kindergarten in 2019. Families who reside within our 'Enrolment Zone' may apply for enrolment at any time. Our boundary map and street names are on our school website. From 2019, due to enrolment projections, we will not be able to accept non-local students. This will now include all siblings of current students who live outside the school's intake zone (ie non-local siblings). Parents need to be

aware of these policy implications now and make the necessary adjustments with their children's enrolments.

There will be a Parent Information Session here at school on Monday 20<sup>th</sup> August at 6pm.

### School gates and school access

The school gates will be locked between 9.30am and 2.30pm each day (RMS school crossing supervisors come on duty at this time). The only access to the school will be by the pedestrian gate near the front office which will remain closed but not locked. Please ensure the gate is shut behind you each time you enter and leave the school.

A timely reminder of our procedures - all visitors including our parents and carers are to report to the front office every time you visit our school and get an 'Authorised visitor pass'. This includes short stops to drop off items to your child.

For the Parent/Teacher interviews outside school hours this week, please use the Watkins Street entrance as the Union Street gates will be locked by our cleaner at 6pm.

### Hunter Life Education – Years 1, 3 and 5

Students in Years 1, 3 and 5 received notes last week about the Hunter Life Education visit to our school in Term 3. The programs address many of the components and objectives within the NSW PDHPE curriculum.

The cost of this incursion is \$10.

**For Year 1 students** – the school will use some of the Athletics carnival credit. Therefore, Year 1 will only need to return the Permission Slip – no money required.

**For Year 3 & 5 students** – Please return the Permission Slip and payment of \$10 to the school office by Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> August. Thank you.

### Office Closure – Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> July (Staff Development Day)

The school Admin Staff will be attending a conference on Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> July. The office will be unattended at various times throughout the day.

I wish you and your families a safe and happy holiday. Remember your children grow up very fast and holidays are an opportunity for happy memories to be made.

Cath Larkman, Principal

## CALENDAR – TERM 2 – 2018

Week 10	Event
Tuesday, July 3	P & C Meeting –CANCELLED
Wednesday, July 4	Whole School Performance – Being Brave
Thursday, July 5	Naidoc Week assembly- 11.30am
Thursday, July 5	Bandlink – All Band members
Friday, July 6	Bandlink – All Band members
Friday, July 6	Last day of Term 2

## CALENDAR – TERM 3 – 2018

Week 1	Event
Monday, July 23	STAFF ONLY return
Tuesday, July 24	Students Return
Tuesday, July 24	UNIFORM SHOP CLOSED THIS WEEK!

Week 2	Event
Monday, July 30	2C, 2R, 2J – Gymnastics start
Monday, July 30	Senior Dance to Hunter Dance Festival
Tuesday, July 31	Possible P & C Meeting
Thursday, August 2	Ensemble Group to Hunter Dance Festival
July 31 to August 3	GATS CAMP

Week 3	Event
Monday, August 6	2C, 2R, 2J – Gymnastics
Wednesday, Aug 8	3LJ & 5B - Hunter Life Educ
Thursday, Aug 9	3S, 5A & 1PJ - Hunter Life Educ
Friday, Aug 10	3C, 1C, 1B, 1S - Hunter Life Ed
Friday, August 10	Zone Athletics Carnival

Week 4	Event
Monday, August 13	5F – Hunter Life Education
Monday, August 13	2C, 2R, 2J – Gymnastics
Tuesday, August 14	Possible P & C Meeting

Week 5	Event
Monday, August 20	2C, 2R, 2J - Gymnastics
Monday, August 20	Kinder 2019 Parent information evening – 6pm

## SCHOOL ASSEMBLIES

### TERM 2 WEEK 9

#### KINDER ASSEMBLY

KK	Nami L	Maisie C
KP	Ben L	Thomas T
KS	Sam R	Isaac B

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

3C	Eddie L Fabian K	Elijah T
3LJ	Zadie A Radhika C	Felicity W
3S	Jimmy D Aja P	Zavier A Harrison N
4H	Tyler M Kahn W	Ava B Greta D
4LW	Lilli W Zachary R	Quillon L Chloe G
4MC	Sophie B	Leo B
5B	Rebecca H Miami A	Kai H Boston B
5F	Ava F Amelia G	Stanley M-L
6B	Benjy C Matilda A	Kip O
6C	Lily B Mia J	Nicholas G
6L	Charlie T Jett P	Isaac L
Student of the Month	Anna S – 5B Emma R – 4H Callia V – 3LJ Sophie M – 4LW Lilly D – 6C	Jonah R – 6L Amelie D – 3S Liam S – 5A Isabella S – 5F Noah R – 3C

**Kinder to Year 2** – Assemblies are every second Friday (even weeks) at 10am in the new hall. The next assembly will be this Friday 6<sup>th</sup> July at 10am. Class KP 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.

## CANTEEN UPDATE

All families would have received a new 'Bright Yellow' Winter menu recently. Please be aware that the Winter menu is in the process of being updated on the Flexischools app. Flexischools have advised the canteen that any current recurring orders will cancel out once the new Winter menu is uploaded. Once this has occurred you will have to re-do your recurring orders. Thank you, Jenny

## HUNTER REGION GAT CAMP - 2018

The Hunter Region GAT Committee are running their annual Gifted and Talented Camp. The camp runs from Tuesday, 31<sup>st</sup> July to Friday, 3<sup>rd</sup> August. Students selected will travel to the Point Wolstoncroft Sport and Recreation camp in order to participate. Activities at this year's camp include the electives of English, Maths, Science, Tournament of the Minds, Visual Arts and Technology.

The Junction School nominated a total of 24 students. With all schools in the Hunter Region able to nominate, we were very fortunate to have 16 students offered positions at the camp. These students are: Imogen W, Kate McT, Ned R, Oscar F, Marco B, Harry C, Millin B, Darby R, Brodhi B, Ella W, Mia V, Lily B-J, Sadie B, Lucy C and Nicholas G.

Brenda Brown, Co-ordinator

### RECENT NOTES HOME

#### HUNTER LIFE EDUCATION

Years 1, 3 and 5

#### (Year 1 – Purple Note) –

No cost – school will use Athletics Carnival money

#### (Year 3 & 5 – Grey Note) - \$10

#### CLASS 2C, 2R & 2J GYMNASTICS

Term 2 – Cost: \$48.00

#### NEW CANTEEN WINTER MENU

Bright Yellow Note

(Please destroy your old pale blue Canteen list)

#### BANDLINK – 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> July (THIS WEEK)

All Band Members

Cost: \$70

#### WHOLE SCHOOL PERFORMANCE

(Brainstorm Productions)

**TOMORROW!** Wednesday – 4<sup>th</sup> July

Cost: \$5

## ATHLETICS CARNIVAL

Congratulations again to all students who competed in our Athletics Carnival held in Week 8. The sportsmanship and team work displayed by all students is always of the highest standard. All place getters received their ribbons at last week's Year 3-6 Assembly. Congratulations to this year's winners QUINLAN! We are also very proud to report that 4 records were broken this year and there were many more close calls!

### Records Broken and new School Records:

Junior Girls 200m	
Amelia L (2010) 33:37	Harmony B (2018) 33:13
Senior Boys 200m	
Finn C (2012) 29:33	Timothy P(2018) 29:28
Junior Girls 800m	
Chiara V (2012) 3:06:20	Imogen P (2018) 3:05:14
Senior Boys 800m	
Saxon C (2015) 2.39.04	Timothy P (2018) 2:33:37

### Congratulations to the following Age Champions:

Jnr Girls Athletics Champion	
Adisyn L	
Jnr Boys Athletics Champion	
Boston B	
**JOINT 11 Years Girls Athletics Champion	
Neve O'K	Elle K
11 Years Boys Athletics Champion	
Stanley M-L	
Snr Girls Athletics Champion	
Lily B	
Snr Boys Athletics Champion	
Timothy P	

Our TJPS Team representing at Zone level will be announced shortly.

Louise Cooper & Hannah Byrne

## SENIOR & JUNIOR CHOIR

Last Friday, the Senior and Junior choirs performed for the "Coffee Pot" group at St Augustines. It is wonderful to witness the joy and happiness of the elderly citizens. The children performed beautifully.

Could all washed Choir T-shirts please be returned this week? It would be great to have clean and ready for the next performance.

Thank you, Nina McLeod

## YEAR 5 DEBATING

Congratulations to both Year 5 teams who have spoken well and maturely at recent debates. Below is a photo of the Year 5 team who debated successfully against Merewether Public School last week. Congratulations Liam, Isabella, Lucille and Lucca.



Our other Year 5 team below were narrowly beaten by Newcastle East PS yesterday. They were given great feedback by the adjudicator and should be commended. Congratulations to: Albert, Marco (Mentor), Dhanya, Phoebe and Sadie.



## PSSA SOCCER

Last Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> June, the Boys' soccer team played a very intense game of soccer against Hamilton South PS, our unbeaten rival. After 50 minutes of game time The Junction suffered an unfortunate loss, the score 7-1 to Hamilton South. The boys are now knocked out but they should hold their heads up high for the great game they played. Written by: Marco B

On Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> June, our Girls' school soccer team played in the PSSA soccer competition. We played Hamilton South Public School. We played 25 (very intense) minute halves. We unfortunately lost 6 to 1. It was very fun and I would do it again without a doubt!

Written by: Sadie B



## BAND NEWS

UPCOMING EVENTS.....

### BAND LINK

**This Thursday, 5<sup>th</sup> July and Friday, 6<sup>th</sup> July.**

All students, from all three bands will be attending BandLink. This is a compulsory part of our Band program and a wonderful musical experience for the children. Thanks to everyone for bringing in your permission notes. There are still a couple of notes to be brought in and this must be done by tomorrow, Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> July.

Students are to arrive at 8.30am both days. Finish time is 3pm on Thursday & 2.45pm on Friday. On Friday there will be a Concert for parents and family at 1pm.

Students are to bring their instrument and lunch, snacks and water bottle for each day. They do not need any music as this will be provided on the day. If they have their own music stand to bring, that'd be great. Please make sure everything they own has their name (and school) on it.

A reminder to parents they are to drop off and pick up their children from McDonald Jones Stadium, Turton Road, Broadmeadow (Newcastle Knights ground). All students must get signed in and signed out by their parents/guardian with a teacher. **FULL BAND UNIFORM TO BE WORN.**

### Term 2 Band Fees

Just a reminder that as Term 2 is just about over, Term 2 Band Fees need to be paid by Friday 6<sup>th</sup> July.

### MUSICA VIVA IN SCHOOLS

'Mara' will be visiting our school in early Term 3. They are a world class group of musicians, who will perform at our school, presenting a wonderful selection of Multicultural Music. More information next term.

It has been a busy term, full of many exciting opportunities for the children. We have had great rehearsals, performed at Grandparents Day, Band Days and our two wonderful Opera House performances.

Thanks to all students, staff, parents and TJPS community for a brilliant Term 2. Enjoy the holidays!

Catherine Adams

### The Nationally Consistent Collection of Data

#### What is the National Data Collection?

The Nationally Consistent Collection of Data on School Students with Disability (the national data collection) is an annual collection that counts the number of school students receiving an adjustment due to disability and the level of reasonable adjustment they are receiving.

The national data collection counts students who have been identified by a school team as receiving an adjustment to address a disability as defined under the *Disability Discrimination Act 1992* (the DDA). The DDA can be accessed from the ComLaw website at [www.comlaw.gov.au](http://www.comlaw.gov.au).



### What is the Benefit for my Child?

The aim of the national data collection is to collect quality information about school students receiving an adjustment due to disability in Australia.

This information will help teachers, principals, education authorities and families to better support students with disability to take part in school on the same basis as other students.

The national data collection provides an opportunity for schools to review their learning and support systems and processes to continually improve education outcomes for their students with disability.

### Further Information

Contact your child's teacher if you have further questions about the Nationally Consistent Collection of Data on School Students with Disability.

You can also visit: [www.education.gov.au/nationally-consistent-collection-data-school-students-disability](http://www.education.gov.au/nationally-consistent-collection-data-school-students-disability).

Thank you, Sally Swain, Learning and Support Teacher

**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.

The school welcomes part payments towards any costs for fees, excursions or incursions. Thank you

### 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.**

### UNIFORM SHOP

The Uniform shop will not be open in WEEK 1 OF NEXT TERM. It will re-open on Monday 30<sup>th</sup> July (Week 2)

**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

### 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 demountable behind the new Hall from 8.45am-9.15am.



### P & C NEWS

#### **P&C MEETING: MEETING CANCELLED TONIGHT**

Due to unforeseen circumstances, tonight's P&C meeting has been cancelled. All items which were going to be discussed will be held over to the next meeting, which will be either 31 July or 14 August; date to be confirmed after the school holidays.

**CAMP AUSTRALIA:** The P&C has been actively advocating on behalf of our school community over the last few weeks, and has been given an undertaking from Camp Australia that the proposed fee increase will not be coming into effect this week. This will be discussed in more detail at the August P&C Meeting.

**UNIFORM SHOP:** At this stage, the first opening day for the Uniform shop next term will be Monday 30 July (ie WEEK 2). Our Uniform shop volunteers will attempt to fill Flexischools orders during the second part of Week 1. If anything changes in regards to the Uniform shop being able to open in Week 1, please keep an eye on the P&C Facebook page over the holidays.

**FATHERS DAY BREAKFAST - Thurs 30th August:**

Early next term we will be calling for volunteers for our Fathers' Day Breakfast. Please put this date in your diary, and keep an eye out for more information early next term.

We hope everyone has a safe holiday break.

Many thanks, The Junction P & C Committee



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## 2018 P&C CALENDAR

### UPCOMING P&C EVENTS:

Date	Time	Event
<b>TERM 3</b>		
Tuesday 31 <sup>st</sup> July 2018	6.45pm	(Possible) P & C Meeting Staffroom
Tuesday 14 <sup>th</sup> August 2018	6.45pm	(Possible) P&C Meeting Staffroom
Thursday 30 <sup>th</sup> August 2018		Father's Day Breakfast
Tuesday 4 <sup>th</sup> September	6.45pm	P&C Meeting Staffroom
<b>TERM 4</b>		
Tuesday 16 <sup>th</sup> October 2018	6.45pm	P&C Meeting 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 Staffroom
TBC		Teachers / Parent Helper Morning Tea



**WHEN**  
JULY 18<sup>th</sup>—20<sup>th</sup> 2018  
8:30am - 3:00pm

**WHERE**  
The Junction Public School  
Union St, Merewether, 2291, NSW

**WHAT**  
3-day Multi-Sport Camp with professional coaching by primary school teachers in a safe and supportive environment!

Program: Activate Sports modified games + specialised coaching events (netball, cricket and F45 fitness)!

**BOYS AND GIRLS**  
WELCOME FROM  
AGES 6 TO 12!

#### BOOKING OFFERS

- Book for more than one day and save \$10 per extra day booked!  
- 20% OFF when enrolling more than 1 child!

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(Child Care Benefit Available)

Monday, 9 July <b>HOLLYWOOD PARTY</b> IN-HOUSE	Tuesday, 10 July <b>DUCK DUCK GOOSE</b> EXCURSION	Wednesday, 11 July <b>MAGIC &amp; JUGGLING</b> EXCURSION	Thursday, 12 July <b>LIKE MOM LIKE ME - AN EGYPTIAN</b> IN-HOUSE	Friday, 13 July <b>KAVON</b> EXCURSION
Monday, 16 July <b>NAIDOC DAY</b> EXCURSION	Tuesday, 17 July <b>INFLATABLE WORLD</b> EXCURSION	Wednesday, 18 July <b>GAMES galore</b> EXCURSION	Thursday, 19 July <b>Pyjama Day</b> IN-HOUSE	Friday, 20 July <b>WHEEL TRANSFORMERS</b> EXCURSION



Venue: YWCA Hunter Region Inc, 24 Dawson Street, Cooks Hill 2300  
Opening Hours: 7.30am-6.00pm  
Ph: 4929 2954 Email: [yncle@bigpond.com](mailto:yncle@bigpond.com)  
Cost: \$50 per day (plus additional excursion/incursion costs)  
Child Care Subsidy available to eligible families.  
**PLACES ARE LIMITED, DON'T MISS OUT!**  
To book visit [www.ywcahunterregion.org.au/vacation-care](http://www.ywcahunterregion.org.au/vacation-care)