

The Junction News

Newsletter of The Junction Public School



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Term 3 – Week 4

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DEPUTY PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Hello to all our parent community

Education Week Awards

We are very proud of our Education Week 2018 award recipients. The ceremony held at Newcastle High School showcased our students and their learning and showcased the dedication of teachers, administrative staff and community members who pursue excellence for the benefit of all our students.



Student Voice Team at TJPS celebrating our heroes: The Farmers

Recently Lily and Sadie in Year 5 wrote to Mrs Larkman of their concern for our farmers and the hardship farming families are facing due to the drought. Lily and Sadie want to be proactive in the support of our farmers and discussed what our school can do to help. In discussion with the Student Voice Team they came up with two key actions:

1. Our farmers will be key recipients of donations as part of our CHARITY DAY next term.
2. Our students would like to let our farmers know how proud we are of them and how much we admire their strength and endurance in the face of adversity. They are going to give our farmers a moral boost through writing letters of support and creating videos of hope.

This wonderful endeavor will be the Student Voice Team's Term 3 challenge. Thank you to Lily and Sadie for your vision and leadership in this important endeavor.

About the Student Voice Team

The Student Voice Team has two essential roles:

1. They are the 'contact person' for each class during play periods in the playground. If students need an advocate, or if they feel they need assistance with any issues or problems in the playground – they go to their Student Voice contacts for assistance. Each classroom has a photo of their contact team so students will be aware who to look for in the playground for assistance if needed.
2. The second and most important role is that they represent and demonstrate advocacy for the student population from K-6. All classes have been allocated two Year 6 representatives who visit their class once a fortnight to discuss school initiatives or to hear of any concerns or issues that students raise. This information is documented by the team. Following this, one designated person from each team then meets with Mrs Larkman and/or Mrs Emmington once a fortnight, to discuss matters raised. A plan of action is then agreed to and relayed back to individual classes through a further meeting with the students.

Debating

TODAY, August 14th at 10.30am Year 5 Team Black vs Hamilton PS. The teams debated that 'All Public Transport should be free' with our team debating the affirmative side and coming away with the win!



AUGUST 23 2018 – DEBATING GALA DAY

YEAR 6	YEAR 5
PREMIERS DEBATE: Red vs Black Lock down – 9:15-10:15am Debate: 10:30am Venue: New Hall Topic: Health and Fitness	NEWCASTLE TRAIN-ON TEAM RED vs Black Lock down – 9:15-10:15am Debate: 10:30am Venue: Old Hall Topic: Family
RECESS 11:00 – 11:20AM	
SCHOOL DEBATERS White A vs White B Lock down - 10:15 – 11:15 Debate – 11:30am Venue: New Hall Topic: TBA	SCHOOL DEBATERS White A vs White B Lock down - 10:15 – 11:15 Debate – 11:30am Venue: Old Hall Topic: TBA

Year 6

Team Red	Team Black	Team White A	Team White B
Vincent Oscar Hannah S Sophie H	Darby Georgina Imogen Nicholas H	Benji Jett Nicholas G Kate	Connie Marco Charlie Lily B

Year 5

Team Red	Team Black	Team White A	Team White B
Dhanya Phoebe L Sadie Albert	Lucille Isabella Lucca Liam	Claudia Millie Stanley Louis	Saffron Alex K Brady Eva

Enjoy the rest of this week!

Connie Emmington,
Deputy Principal

CALENDAR – TERM 3 – 2018

Week 4	Event
Wednesday, August 15	Stage 1 Zone Public Speaking
Friday, August 17	Stage 3 Zone Public Speaking
Week 5	Event
Monday, August 20	2C, 2R, 2J - Gymnastics
Monday, August 20	Kinder 2019 Parent information evening – 6pm
Friday, August 24	Touch Football Gala Day
Week 6	Event
Monday, August 27	2C, 2R, 2J – Gymnastics
Thursday, August 30	Father's Day breakfast – 8am
Week 7	Event
Monday, Sept 3	2C, 2R, 2J – Gymnastics
Tuesday, Sept 4	P & C Meeting – 6.45pm - Staffroom
Week 8	Event
Monday, Sept 10	2C, 2R, 2J – Gymnastics
Week 9	Event
Monday, Sept 17	2C, 2R, 2J – Gymnastics
Tuesday, Sept 18	Kindergarten Excursion – Oakvale Farm
Friday, Sept 21	Spring Winds Concert at Ncle Conservatorium – 7pm (Students to arrive at 5.45pm)
Week 10	Event
Friday, Sept 28	Book Week Parade

SCHOOL ASSEMBLIES**TERM 3 WEEK 2 & 3****YEARS 3, 4, 5 & 6 ASSEMBLY**

3C	Kobe M Zoe B Cedar B	Noah R Elijah T
3LJ	Max M Oliver F	Oscar I
3S	Mia G Curtis T	Riley M
4H	Nicola D-G Luka M Maggie B	Regan H Sam R Emma R
4LW	Jarvis S Sophie M	Charlie F
4MC	Kaleb H Jarvis S Leo B	Zaali L Abby R Thea M
5A	Bill W Noah A Stella S Joshua M	Max A Gui K Ronan B
5B	Emiel E-F Saffron T Jaedyn McG	Phoebe L Anna S
5F	Phoebe D Isla H Ava T Yingshun M	Dhanya R Lucca S Shai-Scott H
6B	Josie H Maple B Amber B	Holly Du'B Toby I Charlie C
6C	Blake O'B Lara C Jade T	Astrid M Thomas Q Max B
6L	Jett P Jonah R Connie B	Luke G Sabine Y Max L
Student of the Month	Ty A - 4H Natesha S – 6C Albert F – 5F Lan P – 5A Lillie S – 4H	Hannah S – 6L Vincent M – 6B Saffron T – 5B Sophie B – 4MC

SCHOOL ASSEMBLIES

Kinder to Year 2 – Assemblies are every second Friday (even weeks) at 10am in the new hall. The next assembly will be this Friday 17th August at 10am. Class KS 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.

RECENT NOTES HOME**OAKVALE FARM - KINDERGARTEN****Tuesday 18th September****Cost: \$27**

(Parents please check with the school office as you may still have credit from the Athletics Carnival)

ZONE ATHLETICS CARNIVAL

Last Friday 10th of August, a group of students from our school participated in the Zone Athletics Carnival held at the Glendale Sports Ground. Our students competed in a range of athletic events against schools throughout Newcastle, including long jump and shot put, as well as individual and team track events. We were very proud to see our students competing to the best of their abilities and for showing great sportsmanship to fellow competitors. The students proved to be excellent representatives of The Junction Public School and should all be very proud of their achievements.

Students who have made it through to Regional will be advised in an upcoming newsletter.

We would also like to thank Mrs Brown for all the time and effort she has put into helping organise the event to make it possible for our students to attend the Zone Carnival.

Shannon Steel, Intern Class 2C





NEWS FROM 2R & 2C

Last Friday, 2R and 2C had their first two hour long STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Art, Maths) session. Students selected from a range of activities to help them investigate and learn more about light through hands on design and make activities.

Here are some of the things students learnt during the session:

"If you put water in a glass tube and look through it the picture behind it will flip around – this is caused by light refraction." Lexi A

"All the colours of the rainbow make up white light" Anjali
"I learnt how to reflect light off a disc to make a rainbow" Shreyansh

And here are some of the activities the students enjoyed most of all:

- Making a kaleidoscope – Evie L, Milla, Saxon
- Experimenting with optical illusions – Angus
- Doing the light refraction experiment – Alijah, Caleb
- Making rainbows with CDs – Sarah, Henry R, Lucas, Henry F, Sam, Saxon
- Catching a rainbow on paper – Lexie C, Gabby
- Making a Newton's Colour Wheel – Alex, Liam
- Everything! – Riley
- Being in our new learning space and working with 2R – Lily, Evie R



MUSIC AND BAND NEWS

Musica Viva In Schools - 'Mara'

Last Thursday was the most brilliant concert performance day for our students. I'm sure your children would've been talking to you about Mara and if they haven't yet, please ask them about it. The Mara performers enjoyed the day at TJPS, entertaining us with their amazing music. Our 'mini Recorder ensemble' performed for Mara and the musicians were truly inspired by their talents. Thank you to Lucille, Claudia, Isabella and Lily for your beautiful rendition of Mara's music. Thank you to all students for being such an appreciative audience and to their families for supporting this special event. A big thank you also goes to Mrs King, Mrs Searant and Staff, the Canteen for assisting me with refreshments for Mara and our School Office staff, for always doing a brilliant job with administration. At the end of the day, Mara told our Stage 3 audience that they have visited many schools throughout Australia and worldwide, doing thousands of concerts and that ours was **"the best"** they had ever done!





Band members

Morning rehearsals commence at 8am. Please arrive at 7.45am to set up your instrument and be ready to start playing. A couple of students were dropped off last week at 7.30 am. This is far too early and there is no supervision. Thank you for your co-operation with this matter.

Tutor lessons

If a student cannot make their tutor lesson, it is the responsibility of parents/students to advise your tutor and where possible, organise an alternative time for a make-up lesson.

Assembly Ensemble

Every Monday morning and on Fridays for the Year 3-6 assembly, this group accompany our students for our National anthem and School Song. I'm very proud of their great musicianship and commitment to our school.

Jazz Ensemble

This Thursday, August 16th will be our second rehearsal @ 1st half lunch, with Paul Isaacs and myself.

UPCOMING EVENTS.....

SPRING WINDS

Spring Winds is fast approaching. Please save the date in your calendars: **Friday 21st September**. Our Bands/Ensembles will be performing at the Conservatorium of Music. Bands will be rehearsing from 5:45pm and the Concert will begin at **7pm**. This is a Newcastle Conservatorium event that The Junction Public School has been invited to be a part of. It is a wonderful opportunity for our musicians to play in the concert hall and a comfortable venue for our families in the audience.

More information is to come, closer to the event.

Thanks for supporting Music Education,
Catherine Adams

More Band information.....

As our band members continue to work towards their future performances under the guidance of Michael Bell and Catherine Adams, I have been working in the background picking up the organisational requirements needed for the Band to continue as it has always done.

If there are any questions, queries or concerns please do not hesitate to contact me via email:

angela.king@det.nsw.edu.au

Thank you for your continued support,

Angie King

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.

Please be aware that the Parent Online Payments may take 24-48 hours to show up on our Banking site.

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

Absences

The Skoolbag App is the best 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.

PLEASE REFRAIN FROM USING A CLASS DOJO MESSAGE TO ADVISE OF SICK LEAVE ETC.

The teacher might not see this message before the Office send the SMS alert around 10am to parents.

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 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

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



P & C NEWS

FATHER'S DAY / SIGNIFICANT OTHERS BREAKFAST

Our annual Father's Day /Significant Others Breakfast is just over two weeks away! Please assist by jumping online and placing your orders now.

WHEN: Thursday 30th August 2018

WHERE: Outside the school canteen.

TIME: 8:00am-8:50am

Breakfast orders can be placed NOW online at www.flexischools.com.au. Orders need to be placed by Monday 27th August 2018, as this will assist us with catering.

There is a huge selection of delicious breakfast options to choose from:

ITEM	PRICE
Bacon & Egg Roll	\$4.00
Sausage Sandwich	\$2.00
Gluten Free Bacon and Egg Roll	\$4.00
Gluten Free Sausage Sandwich	\$2.00
Croissant with Jam & Butter	\$3.00
Bagel with smoked salmon and cream cheese	\$4.00
Banana Muffin	\$4.00
Yoghurt Cup with berries and granola	\$4.00
Fruit Juice Popper	\$0.50

We can confirm 'Happy Café coffee cart' will be available to purchase your morning coffee. Prices range from \$4.00 small - \$6.00 large (choices of Dairy Choice full cream milk, lite milk, extra 50 cents for Soy milk, lactose free, almond milk, flavourings, mocha, decaf or chai. The Happy Café will be donating a percentage of total sales on the day back to the school P&C. They will be accepting payments via CASH and EFTPOS on the day. You can support the war on waste and bring your own cup to save 50c.

Thanks also to Kendall Long for agreeing to co-ordinate this event once again. We require an army of **VOLUNTEERS** to assist with this event, as we need to serve 500+ people in less than an hour. If you can spare 30 mins – 1 hour to help out, please sign up by using the below link.

<http://bit.ly/FathersDayBreakfast2018>

P&C MEETING

Our next P&C meeting will be held in the staffroom on Tuesday 4th September 2018 at 6.45pm. If you have any items to include on the agenda, please send an email to president@junctionpandc.org



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P&C CALENDAR

Date	Time	Event
TERM 3		
Thursday 30 th August 2018	8:30am till 9:00am	Father's Day Breakfast
Tuesday 4 th September 2018	6:45pm	P&C Meeting Venue: TBC
TERM 4		
Tuesday 16 th October 2018	6:45pm	P&C Meeting Venue: TBC
TBC - School needs to confirm dates		2019 Kindy Orientation Morning Tea Kindy Event
Friday 9 th November 2018	Kindy – Year 2 5:30pm till 6:30pm Year 3 – Year 6 6:45pm till 7:45pm	School Disco
Tuesday 13 th November 2018	6:45pm	P&C Meeting Venue: TBC
TBC	Teachers / Parent Helper Morning Tea	
Tuesday 4 th December 2018	6:45pm	P&C Meeting Venue: TBC

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>