

The Junction News

Newsletter of The Junction Public School



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Term 3 – Week 9

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LEADERSHIP REPORT

Staffing Updates

Welcome to Mr Liles

I am pleased to let you know that Mr Matthew Liles has accepted our Assistant Principal position beginning Day 1, 2019. Mr Liles has been relieving Assistant Principal at Biraban Public School for the last 2 years.

Mr Liles comes to us with a range of experience which will be beneficial to our school life and, in particular, our school plan.

For the remainder of 2018, Ms Alison Smoother will relieve as Assistant Principal Stage 2 on Monday and Ms Aleisha Ladkin will relieve Tuesday to Friday,

Farewell Mrs Lamb

We will farewell Mrs Julie Lamb at the end of Term 3. Mrs Lamb will be returning to Victoria to support her family.

We have successfully negotiated with another school in order for Mr Jake Gelfius to teach 6L students during Term 4.

Mr Gelfius has been at our school regularly over the last few months and continues to be aware of Year 6 learning and our whole school routines.

We wish Mrs Lamb all the best in the future.

Regional Public Speaking

Congratulations to Milla V and Oliver V who proudly represented the school and Zone at the Regional Public Speaking Championships at East Maitland Public School. Milla presented her speech on 'The Art of Laziness' flawlessly and Oliver kept the audience entertained with his speech '2018 Kid v 80s Kid'.

"I'm very proud of myself and it was a fun experience." - Milla

"It was an amazing experience speaking in front of lots of people. I was a little nervous but I really enjoyed it. I hope I can represent the school again next year!" - Oliver



Spelling Bee Regional Final

Last Wednesday the NSW Premier's Spelling Bee Regional Finals were held at Jesmond Public School. Winners from these finals would find themselves going to Sydney for the State Final. Stage 3 representatives were Oscar F from 6B and Phoebe L from 5B. Stage 2 representatives were Leo B from 4MC and Felix D from 4LW. Congratulations to these students for their amazing achievements in representing our school. It was reported that they did an outstanding job and were given some very difficult words. You did our school proud!



Kindergarten Oakvale Farm Excursion

Kindergarten students are VERY excited to be travelling by bus to Oakvale Farm today. The weather today is perfect and we hope they have an amazing day with all the cute and cuddly animals!



Choir Performance

Last Wednesday night we were treated to a wonderful night of singing by our Junior Choir and Senior Choral group. Thank you to all the parents, grandparents and friends who came along to support our talented performers.

Spring Winds

We are looking forward to the performances of our wonderful musicians at this year's Spring Winds Concert which will be held at the Newcastle Conservatorium on Friday 21st September. Parents please be aware that parking can be an issue.

Book Week Parade – Last Day of Term

On the last day of term, Friday 28th September, all students will participate in our annual Book Week Parade. If you haven't sorted your costume yet, it might be time to get organised. We look forward to seeing you there! The K-2 parade will start at 9:15 am and seating will be outside the New Hall, so it might be an idea to bring along a hat. The 3-6 parade will begin at approximately 10am and finish by recess. There will be no assemblies held on this day.

Spring Weather

The wonderfully warm Spring weather has finally arrived. Please ensure that your child is bringing their hat to school and that it is clearly labelled with their name. We also have a lost property box which is overflowing with jumpers so please take a moment to collect any clothing before the holidays.

Excursions

There are a number of upcoming excursions and activities across the school. Please ensure that permission notes and payment are forwarded to the school by the following dates.

Australian Pioneer Village - \$36, Due date 21st September

Stage 1 Swimming - \$52. Due Date Friday 28th September

Year 6 Farewell Dinner

The school is asking if anyone knows of a caterer who may assist with the catering for this year's Year 6 Farewell which will be held on school premises this year. Please see Jody Cooper if you know of anyone.

SCHOOL EXECUTIVE TEAM**CALENDAR – TERM 3 – 2018****Week 9****Event****Friday, Sept 21****Pink Stumps Day****Friday, Sept 21****Spring Winds Concert at Ncle Conservatorium – 7pm (Students to arrive at 5.45pm)****Week 10****Event****Tuesday, Sept 25****Year 5 Excursion – Australian Pioneer Village****Thursday, Sept 27****Stage 3 Design Challenge – Parent viewing (12.15pm – 1pm)****Friday, Sept 28****Book Week Parade - (K-Yr 2) 9.15am - (Yrs 3-6) 10am****NO ASSEMBLY****Friday, Sept 28****Last day of Term 3****CALENDAR – TERM 4 – 2018****Week 1****Event****Monday, Oct 15****STAFF & STUDENTS RETURN****Tuesday, Oct 16 to****Year 1 & 2 Swimming Program****Friday, Oct 19****Year 1 & 2 Swimming Program****Week 2****Event****Monday, Oct 22****Bandfest****Tuesday, Oct 23****Bandfest****Tuesday, Oct 23 to****Year 1 & 2 Swimming Program****Friday, Oct 26****Year 1 & 2 Swimming Program****Wednesday, Oct 24****Bandfest****Thursday, Oct 25****Bandfest****Week 3****Event****Thursday, Nov 1****State Athletics - Relay Team****Week 5****Event****Wednesday, Nov 14****Year 4 Great Aussie Bush Camp****Thursday, Nov 15****Year 4 Great Aussie Bush Camp****Friday, Nov 16****Year 4 Great Aussie Bush Camp**

SCHOOL ASSEMBLIES**TERM 3 WEEK 8****KINDER TO YEAR 2 ASSEMBLY**

KK	Jimmy M Toby H	
KS	Kai P Isaac B	Madison B
KP	Quinton W Addison C	Lachlan W
1C	Bridie H Audrey B	Taehyeon K Henry M
1PJ	Evie S Jett W	Zoe E Abigail C
1S	Hugo L Elliana H	Mya K Bailey R
1/2B	Gabriela P Emilia Q-C	Elkie B Flynn S
2C	Lucas M Henry F	Allirah C Lexie C
2J	Milla D Blade	Vegas B Coco C
2R	Lachlan B Mackenzie C	Izaac C Finn T

YEARS 3, 4, 5 & 6 ASSEMBLY

3C	Tom L Zavier B	Alice W Aleesha F
3LJ	Evie R Callia V Felicity	Jasper M Ted F Oscar I
3S	Emily G Harrison N	Amelie D
4H	Noah C Yo Han S	Abbey A
4LW	Campbell J Elka D	Felix D
4MC	Lucy W	Rowan L
5A	Millie B Lillie C	Sofia M
5B	James J Audrey A	Louie J
6B	Milijana M Oscar F	Ciara F

6C	Darby R Kate McT Ned R	Maisy H Tess N Nicholas G
6L	Ella B Harry C	Georgina M
Student of the month	Eden N	

SCHOOL ASSEMBLIES

Kinder to Year 2 – The next assembly for Kinder to Year 2 will be held on **THURSDAY 27th SEPTEMBER** at 2pm in the new hall. Please note the change of day. This is because of the book parade being held on Friday 28th September. 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.

KINDERGARTEN 2019

The office are wanting to start enrolling our new Kinders for 2019. We ask if parents could complete and return your Enrolment forms to the office as soon as possible. This is a very time consuming process, so your assistance in returning the forms along with the Birth Certificate, Immunisation and Proof of Residential address would be greatly appreciated. Please note that more than one form of proof of address is required.

RECENT NOTES HOME**YEAR 1 & 2 SWIMMING PROGRAM**

Tues 16/10 to Fri 19/10 (Term 4 Week 1)

Tues 23/10 to Fri 26/10 (Term 4 Week 2)

Cost: \$52

YEAR 5 SYDNEY EXCURSION

Tuesday 25th September

Cost: \$36

CHOIR SHIRTS

Please return all washed choir t-shirts to Mrs McLeod by the end of term.

Thank you.

Nina McLeod

Choir Coordinator

PSSA STATE CRICKET

Congratulations to Jonah R who has been selected to represent the Hunter Region in the PSSA State Boys Cricket Championship in Barooga in Term 4. We wish him the best of luck.

PINK STUMPS DAY – FRIDAY 21 SEPTEMBER

The Junction Public School is turning PINK to celebrate! The event has been a huge success in previous years! Pink Stumps Day is a nationwide initiative of Cricket Australia and the McGrath Foundation to raise money to support and to place BreastCare nurses in communities right around Australia. We want to turn our school PINK to support such a good cause!

The staff and students are asked to come out of uniform and colour our school PINK. The students can wear PINK from head to toe, top, bottom or in their hair. There will be a game of "Pink Stumps" cricket in the back playground at lunch time where some of the teachers will try and out run, out smart and out catch our students!

We ask that a gold coin donation be "donated" on the day and we have set ourselves an \$800 donation goal. Last year we raised \$1,000. We are looking forward to a pink day of cricket fun!

We will also have some "pink stumps" containers at our morning assembly, on the day, for any parents who wish to donate.

Year 6 is working together with the Pink Stumps Team and they will be running their second fundraiser for the year. They will be running a **PINK STUMPS DAY CAKE STALL** with all cakes decorated maintaining the pink cricket theme. Cakes on the day will range between 20 cents and \$2.

Thank you.

Pink Stumps Day Official Coordinators

STAGE 3 DESIGN CHALLENGE - TERM 3 2018 - FUTURISTIC HOUSING

This term our 'Design Challenge' will be to plan, design and create a model of a family home of the future, with consideration taken to environmental issues, economic constraints, energy efficiency and use of best building practices and materials. The students will also need to provide a model name and written guide to their house, and its many and varied features to accompany their model.

Students will be working in pairs, and will be asked to carefully consider exactly what they would like to achieve, their vision for the finished product and the unique materials they will be using to bring their vision to reality.

Students will be expected to work collaboratively with their partner, developing shared ideas, in order to achieve their goals.

This Design Challenge will take place entirely in the classroom, though materials for the activity will need to be sent in to classrooms by Friday 21st September.

Please discuss the Design Challenge with your child and assist them in gathering their required materials together before bringing them to school.

The students will be working on their design challenge over the next 2 weeks before putting together a display of the finished models in Week 10.

Parents are invited to come to the school to view displays on Thursday 27th September 12.15pm - 1.00pm.

Mark Alcock (for Stage 3 teachers)

MUSIC AND BAND NEWS

Morning rehearsals

Thank you to families for getting your children to school for our 8am starts. There are just a couple of students arriving late, so please be mindful of the disruption this causes to our rehearsals.

Reed players (Clarinets and Saxophones)

Thank you to those parents who have provided their child with a good supply of reeds. Reed players need to be playing with a reed that is in good condition and have at least 2 spares kept in their instrument case.

Care of instruments

Just a reminder- **musicians are responsible for their instrument.**

Jazz Ensemble

We will meet **this Thursday, 20th September** (Week 9) in the Music Room, 1st half lunch, so that we can have a final rehearsal before our Spring Winds concert.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Band Days

Last Friday we had our **Primary Band Day**. It was a very productive day of rehearsing and the children worked beautifully together. Thank you to 2R, 3C and 4H for supporting your peers and attending our concert. Thank you also to the parents and families for being part of our audience and supporting our Band program.

Premier Band Day

This Thursday, 20th September is our Premier Band Day. Please wear your full Band uniform and be organised with your instrument, music and a pencil. Please bring your water bottle and recess. A Pizza lunch will be provided. Parents and Grandparents are invited to our mini concert at 2.30pm.

- Premier- **this Thursday, 20th September**
- Concert- Tuesday 25th September (a note went home today)

Spring Winds

This Friday 21st, September (Week 9) our Bands and Ensembles will be performing at the Conservatorium of Music, as part of the Spring Winds Concert. The concert starts at 7pm however, students have been asked to **arrive at 5.45pm**. There are still a couple of students who have not brought back their permission note, so please do so ASAP. **Students are to be dressed in full band uniform. Students in the String Ensemble who are not performing in a Band, will wear all black (black long pants and a black shirt).** Reminder - tickets at the door. Cost is \$12 for an Adult, \$8 Concession, \$5 per child or \$25 for a family.

Bandfest

BandFest is on in Week 2, Term 4. An information note will be going home soon.

Thanks for your support,
Catherine Adams

LOST PROPERTY ITEMS

Several items such as watches and wallets have been handed to the front office recently. If they are not claimed by the end of term they will be thrown out. Thank you.

Office Hours - 8.30AM TO 3.15PM

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.

These procedures are in line with the Department's Attendance policy.

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.

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.**

At the moment there are no 'Medium School Hats' in the school shop. These are on order – we will notify you when they arrive.

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****OOSH SERVICE**

If you are a current (2018) parent / carer who uses the Before and After School Care Service at The Junction Public School, either on a casual or regular basis, we invite you to sign up to this email list, so that the P&C can directly communicate to families if required. <http://eepurl.com/dELGtb>

TERM 4 DISCO

The disco planned for Term 4 has been cancelled.

ATTENDANCE AT P&C MEETINGS

There is a lot of information provided at our regular meetings and we encourage parents/carers to attend. Our next meeting will be Tuesday 16th October in the staffroom at 6:45pm. We hope to see you there.



Facebook:
[The Junction Public School P&C](#)

P&C CALENDAR

Date	Time	Event
TERM 4		
Tuesday 16 th October 2018	6:45pm	P&C Meeting Venue: Staffroom
Tuesday 6 th November 2018	10am	2019 Kindy Orientation Morning Tea (Kindy Event)
Tuesday 13 th November 2018	6:45pm	P&C Meeting Venue: Staffroom
TBC		Teachers / Parent Helper Morning Tea
Tuesday 4 th December 2018	6:45pm	P&C Meeting Venue: Staffroom

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>

COMMUNITY NEWS.....

ACTIVATE SPORTS CAMPS
Activate your sporting self

2018 SPRING CAMP

OCTOBER 10th – 12th 2018
 8:30am – 3:00pm

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3 days of Multi-Sports activities and games!

All-inclusive activities for boys and girls aged 6 – 12 years!

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OCTOBER HOLIDAYS NOW ENROLLING

Drawing Maps To Tell A Tale (7-13 yrs) Tues, 2 Oct, 10am-1pm, Liz Anelli
 Invent a place by drawing a map. What does it look like? Who lives there? Write a Wikipedia entry and make up a story about what happened when you were there on holiday.

Welcome to the Jungle (7-13 yrs) Tues, 9 Oct, 10am-1pm: Jess Black

You can't just be in the jungle, you have to survive it! In this version of jungle living, it's not a game, and you only get one life – so choose well.

Create Your Dream Dwelling (6-12 yrs) Thurs, 11 Oct, 10am-1pm: Jess Black

We all love Andy and Terry's Treehouse series. Now you can create your own unique home! Will you live in a cave, a teepee, a burrow or a bus? How many levels will your abode have?

Cost \$80 each; \$140 for two
 (bring a friend or sibling or do two)

Earlybird (before 22 Sept)

\$65 each or \$120 for two

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