

# The Junction News

Newsletter of The Junction Public School



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Term 3 – Week 10

Tuesday 25 September 2018

## LEADERSHIP REPORT

### Pink Stumps Day

Last Friday it was Pink Stumps Day! Everyone had a great time dressing up in pink for a good cause. We raised \$820 for the McGrath Foundation to assist people with breast cancer. At lunchtime multiple games of Pink Stumps cricket were set up on the oval and everyone was welcome to play. Also on that day Year 6 held a cupcake stall raising money for their gift to the school. The cupcakes were also pink or cricket themed. We raised \$683.40 and that money will go towards an amazing addition to TJPS. It was a great day but it couldn't have happened without the background work of the Year 6 fundraising committee, teachers and families.

By Astrid and Kate



### Spring Winds Concert

Last Friday night our school bands performed in the Spring Winds Concert. We all had a great time performing for family and friends on the night. Every band performed 3 to 4 pieces including our String Ensemble. Our first band on stage was the Primary Band followed by Concert Band both conducted by Mr Bell and Mrs Adams. The Premier Band, conducted by Mr Bell and Dr Cook, were the final performance for the night. We were fortunate to have Mr Jobson as our guest conductor who directed the Premier Band for King of Pop. Jazz Band had their first concert of the year and like all bands is preparing for the upcoming event called Bandfest which will occur next term. The Spring Winds Concert was a great example of our excellent program. We, on behalf of the program, would like to thank all the teachers and tutors who attended the night, we wouldn't have had this amazing opportunity without you!

By Vincent and Astrid, Premier Band Captains





### Book Week Parade – This Friday!!

This Friday 28<sup>th</sup> 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 Year 3-6 parade will begin at approximately 10am and finish by recess. There will be no assemblies held on this day.

### Stage 1 Swimming - \$52. Due Date: This Friday 28<sup>th</sup> September

Please ensure you have your Swimming permission notes and payment returned by this Friday. The swimming program starts on the second day of Term 4 (Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> October). Please use the holiday period to ensure your child has a pair of goggles for the program. (Swimming caps are optional).

Thank you, Laura Chaffey

### Holidays

Thank you to everyone for a great Term 3. We wish everyone a fantastic Spring Holiday break and look forward to seeing you all on Monday 15<sup>th</sup> October.

### SCHOOL EXECUTIVE TEAM

## CALENDAR – TERM 3 – 2018

Week 10	Event
Tuesday, Sept 25	Year 5 Excursion – Australian Pioneer Village – Return to school at 4pm
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 - Primary Band & Percussion Ensemble
Tuesday, Oct 23 to	Year 1 & 2 Swimming Program
Friday, Oct 26	Year 1 & 2 Swimming Program
Thursday, Oct 25	Bandfest – Concert & Premier Band and Jazz Ensemble
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

### 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.



## SCHOOL ASSEMBLIES

### TERM 3 WEEK 9

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

3C	Max T Zaac C	Myla W Neve F
3LJ	Evie R Tyler S	Callia V Beau O'K
3S	Zara B Atticus S	Timmy P
4H	Greta D'A Maya L	Ava B
4LW	Beth B Louis D	Billy M Isla S
4MC	Jett R Destiny S	Harry R Edie W
5A	Lan P Benjy G	Blake F
5B	Jaedyn McG Sebastiaan S Lily R Samuel B	Natalia B Kai H Zander McK Maliyah W
5F	Stanley M-L Neve O'K	Isabella S
6B	Marco B Ella W Luke P	Benjy C Zenon C Sadie B
6C	Riley B Owen D'A Lucy C Asha W Noah P	Mia J Liam C Brodhi B Molly P
6L	Lauren F Millin B	Sophie H
Student of the month	Imogen W – 6L Keely H – 4LW Sam R – 4H Nicholas B – 3S	Laila L – 5B Myer D – 3C Zoe C – 4MC

## SCHOOL ASSEMBLIES

**Kinder to Year 2** – No assembly this week. The next assembly will be in Week 2 of Term 4 (Friday 26<sup>th</sup> October) at 10am.

**Year 3 to Year 6** – No assembly this week.

## 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

## CHOIR SHIRTS

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

Thank you, Nina McLeod, Choir Co-ordinator

## STAGE 3 DESIGN CHALLENGE - TERM 3 2018 - FUTURISTIC HOUSING

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 27<sup>th</sup> September 12.15pm - 1.00pm.

Mark Alcock (for Stage 3 teachers)

## DEBATE – WEEK 10

Congratulations to our Year 5 Debating Team Black who reached the semi finals in the Newcastle Train-On Debating competition. Although not successful the students enjoyed the debate and gained a lot of valuable feedback from the adjudicators. All the students are looking forward to a big debating year in 2019!



## SELECTIVE HIGH SCHOOL – YEAR 7 : 2020

Selective High Schools cater for high achieving academically gifted students who may otherwise be without sufficient classmates at their own academic and social level. These schools help gifted and talented students to learn by grouping them with other gifted and talented students, teaching them in specialised ways and providing educational materials at the appropriate level.

Applications for selective high school placement are considered mainly on the basis of the Selective High School Placement Test results and school assessment scores. The Selective High School Placement Test will be held on **Thursday 14 March 2019**.

If you would like to have your child considered for Year 7 Selective High School entry in 2020, you need to apply on the internet using a valid email address (not the student's email address).

Detailed instructions on how to apply online will be available from mid-September 2018 at:

[https:// education.nsw.gov.au/public-schools/selective-high-schools-and-opportunity-classes/year-7](https://education.nsw.gov.au/public-schools/selective-high-schools-and-opportunity-classes/year-7).

The application website opens at that link on **9 October 2018** and closes on **12 November 2018**.

### YOU MUST APPLY BEFORE THE CLOSING DATE.

There are no paper application forms. If you do not have internet access, you could apply at a public library.

If you have a disability that prevents you from using a computer, you can contact the Unit for assistance after the 9th October 2018.

You must submit only **ONE** application for each student.

If you would like a copy of the information book please supply a valid e-mail address and we will forward one to you.

Brenda Brown, Stage 3

## STAGE 1 HISTORY TALK

On Monday, we were fortunate enough to have ex students from our school, visit and talk to Stage 1. This term we have been learning about the history of The Junction Public School. Our students were lucky enough to have their questions about the past answered first hand and to learn about how different school life used to be. They were also delighted to see original photos and hear stories from our visitors. We would like to say a big thank you to all of those who attended and were able to share their special memories to our students. We hope they can come back again next year.

Shannon Steel (Intern)

## Thank you to our visitors.....



## MUSIC AND BAND NEWS

### MUSIC RFF

Thank you to all the wonderful children at TJPS who I have taught this term. It has been a pleasure to see the enjoyment that Music can bring.

### MUSIC COUNT US IN 2018

This Thursday, 1<sup>st</sup> lunch, Mrs Harris our 'Signing' specialist, will be working with any children who are interested in practising "One Song".

### JAZZ BAND

This Thursday, 1<sup>st</sup> Lunch, there will be a rehearsal for the Drum/Bass section only.

### BAND DAYS

Last Thursday, we had our Premier Band Day. It was a productive day of quality rehearsing with Dr Cook, Mr Bell and Mrs Adams. Thank you to the Year 5's and KK for being our enthusiastic audience. Thank you also to the parents and families for being part of our audience and supporting the Premier Band.

### CONCERT BAND DAY

Today was our Concert Band Day. This group of children are a talented ensemble of musicians, who were a pleasure to work with. Thank you to the parents, grandparents, children and teachers, who came to hear us perform this afternoon.



**SPRING WINDS**

"Congratulations" to all of our brilliant ensembles who performed at the 'Spring Winds' concert. It was a lovely evening of musical variety and great entertainment. Thank you to all those involved in organising, including Mr Bell, Dr Cook, Mrs King and the Staff of TJPS.

Thank you parents and families for your great support this term.

Thanks for your support,  
Catherine Adams

**BANDFEST – Lake Macquarie Performing Arts Centre**

Bandfest notes will go out to all Band members this week! There is no cost for Bandfest but as this event is in Week 2 of next term, the prompt return of the Permission notes by the end of Week 1 will be necessary. Please note performance times below:

Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> October: Primary Band at 1pm  
Percussion ensemble at 2.20pm  
Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> October: Concert Band at 12 noon  
Jazz ensemble at 1.20pm  
Premier Band at 2.25pm

Students will be transported by bus to and from the Arts centre. Parents are welcome to join the audience at a cost of \$5 per spectator.

**BAND FEES**

Thank you for your support this year. Band fees for Terms 2 and 3 are now overdue. Payments can be made at the school office any time. Part payments are always welcome.

Thank you, Angie King

**CONGRATULATIONS CLAUDIA**

Congratulations to Claudia W from 5A for having her story published in the October issue of the Orbit School Magazine.

Orbit Magazine received 1018 entries from 73 schools in six states and territories!

There were many excellent entries.

This is a fantastic achievement for Claudia to have her story published.

Mark Alcock

**Flight of the Dragon by Claudia**

The creature was enormous; swooping down and soaring up in a deliberate way, mesmerising the crowd as his midnight-blue scales sparkled in the fading light. The dragon let loose a mighty roar that echoed out into the sunset. Everything and everyone fell silent, listening. The air was filled with energy as the dragon returned to his chamber in the now dark sky. The show was over but the crowd refused to leave, shouting out boldly that they wanted to see more of the exuberant dragon that had flown before them moments ago. But a mischievous girl wanted to see more of the wondrous creature by herself. She snuck into its chamber where it slept, but the dragon was gone.

**SCIENCE ENRICHMENT DAY**

The Science Enrichment Day for Stage 3 was held on Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> of September. A few students from each of the Stage 3 classes participated in this experience and we all had lots of fun! We completed three experiments involving putting Styrofoam cups into acetone, testing different densities and creating colourful volcanoes.

At the end we wrote a report explaining what we did, why we thought it happened and drew a diagram of the experiments.

We would like to thank Bec, Mr Alcock, Amanda and Mrs Brown for organising this great opportunity to learn more about Science.

By Lan and Sienna


Last Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> September a Science Enrichment Day was held for some Stage 3 students. The students involved had a wonderful session of fun and learning, conducting experiments with names like Fizzy Fun, The Drop Test and The Styrofoam Acetone Mystery.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank parent, Rebecca Trowbridge for organising these fantastically, engaging activities for the students and to another parent, Amanda Fleming for agreeing to be her trusted helper on the day. Experiences like this can usually only occur for students with the generosity of our school community members. Mark Alcock (for Stage 3 teachers)



## YEAR 6 POLITICAL PARTIES


Throughout Term 3, Year 6 have been learning about Australian Government and therefore had to create their own political parties. Students had to form groups of 6-8 people and have their parties signed off by the teachers. Their parties had to include a logo, slogan and constitution with 5 points about what the party stands for. Students then had to present their parties to the rest of Year 6 and the teachers. Everyone had to go through the voting process numbering the parties 1-11 using a ballot paper.



**YEAR 6 GOVERNMENT 2018**

Number the boxes from 1 to 11 in order of your choice.

<input type="checkbox"/>	CFC - Care For Country
<input type="checkbox"/>	SSS - Student Support Society
<input type="checkbox"/>	FFA - Fairness For All
<input type="checkbox"/>	EAP - Environmental Activist Party
<input type="checkbox"/>	ERA - Equal Rights for All
<input type="checkbox"/>	ASEAA - Animals, Sport, Equality Around Australia
<input type="checkbox"/>	Litter Free Earth
<input type="checkbox"/>	JDA united - Junction Development Agency United
<input type="checkbox"/>	CHISEL - Children's Health in School Environments Locally
<input type="checkbox"/>	STEREO
<input type="checkbox"/>	DJ's - Developing Junction School



After all the votes were counted, the STEREO Party won with a total of 42 votes. STEREO is now the current government of Year 6 with Lily B being the Prime Minister and Lucy C being the Deputy Prime Minister. ERA was close behind STEREO with a total of 33 votes. This made them become the Opposition. Vincent M is currently the Opposition Leader and Imogen W is the Deputy Opposition Leader.

STEREO Party.....*Stereotypes, Together, Equality, Rights, Everyone's Opinions.*

Everyone in Year 6 had a great time learning about Australian Government and getting an experience of what an Australian Political Party feels like.

By The Year 6 Government STEREO – Lily B-J, Lily B, Lara C, Lucy C, Jasmine L, Astrid M, Kate McT and Jade T.



## FIRE SAFETY TALK

Last Friday my dad and his friend Sam came to my class to give a Fire Safety talk. My dad is a Fire fighter. He often works in Sydney. He taught 2C how to escape a fire and he showed us fire fighting equipment. Thanks dad and Sam for helping us stay safe. By Henry F



## KINDERGARTEN TO OAKVALE FARM

Last Tuesday our Kindergarten students went on their first excursion to Oakvale Farm. The weather was perfect and the children had a fun, exciting day!



## 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.**

## THANKS TOM

Thank you to our General Assistant Tom who ensures our school grounds look in tip top shape. He does many jobs around our school and we can always count on him to repair many of the minor things that can break or go wrong! The school community appreciates all the little things you do! Enjoy your quiet time here at the school on the holiday break – we are sure you will get many chores done with the peace and quiet!!!



## UNIFORM SHOP

The Uniform shop is open on Mondays from 8.45am to about 9.15am **in the demountable behind the New School Hall.**

**'Medium School Hats' have arrived!**

**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

As the P&C President

- I'm responsible for ensuring that the P&C Association takes part in the decision making processes in the school
- Setting up lines of communication with the School Principal

I would like to take this opportunity to encourage respectful communication with our Principal and school staff and remind our school community that P&C Meetings are the forum in which parents & carers can raise concerns with our Principal that impact more than one student.

Thank you in advance for your co-operation.

### P&C MEETING

Our next meeting will be held on **Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> October 2018.**

The P&C Association's role is to promote the interest of the school by bringing parents, citizens, pupils and teaching staff into close co-operation.

The P&C Committee have been actively involved in discussions and consultation with the school Executive over the past few months regarding several ongoing and current matters. TJPS P&C Association has always and will continue to be a strong voice for our school community. We understand that everyone is busy with other commitments, and I know the majority of our committee juggle numerous other commitments, some even pay babysitters to mind their children to attend these meetings. If you have important matters to include on the agenda or have concerns to be discussed at meetings, we strongly encourage you to attend and become an active member of our P&C Committee.

Membership is \$1.00.

If you have items to be included on the agenda email [president@junctionpandc.org](mailto:president@junctionpandc.org)

### ROAD SAFETY

The P&C engaged the services of our school leadership team to work on a road safety campaign.

The students were asked to produce artworks to encourage our school community to adhere to road rules around our school at ALL times.

I would like to thank all of the students involved in this project along with Mrs Emmington.

The students road safety campaigns will be posted on our Facebook page over Term 3 and Term 4.

We are also in process seeking out a signage company to print the artworks onto corflute which will be installed on boundary fences around the school. If anyone in our school community has a signage company we would love to hear from you.

Please email [president@junctionpandc.org](mailto:president@junctionpandc.org)

### 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 KINDY ORIENTATION MORNING TEA**

We are looking for a Kindy parent to co-ordinate the Kindy Morning Tea which will be held on Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> November. Please email [president@junctionpandc.org](mailto:president@junctionpandc.org) if you are able to assist.



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

**P&C CALENDAR**

Date	Time	Event
<b>TERM 4</b>		
Tuesday 16 <sup>th</sup> October 2018	6:45pm	P&C Meeting Venue: Staffroom
Tuesday 6 <sup>th</sup> November 2018	10am	2019 Kindy Orientation Morning Tea (Kindy Event)
Tuesday 13 <sup>th</sup> November 2018	6:45pm	P&C Meeting Venue: Staffroom
TBC		Teachers / Parent Helper Morning Tea
Tuesday 4 <sup>th</sup> 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 10<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> 2018**  
8:30am – 3:00pm

**THE JUNCTION PUBLIC SCHOOL**  
Union St, Merewether, 2201, NSW

**3 days of Multi-Sports activities and games!**

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

**Expert coaching by top-grade players/primary teachers**

**Safe, supportive and fun environment**

**SPECIAL BOOKING OFFERS**  
-\$10 saving for any extra day booked  
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## Fun and Inspiring Kids' Creative Writing Workshops in Newcastle

### 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

For information and enrolments

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