

The Junction News

Newsletter of The Junction Public School



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Term 4 – Week 5

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LEADERSHIP REPORT

Hello to our school community,

Charity Day

A huge thanks to everyone who took part in Charity Day 2018. The weather was ideal and everyone had so much fun. I was working on the BBQ and I noticed that all students used the most amazing manners. Well done to all. Our co-ordinator, Mr Alcock will give us all the details of the event further on in the newsletter along with some photos.

Staff Professional Learning Evening Session – Wednesday November 7th

Our staff worked from 3.15pm – 6.15pm last Wednesday. This was in lieu of the final half day of the allocated professional learning days at the end of the year. Throughout 2018 the staff have participated in one of these sessions each term as we find we can participate in more timely professional learning throughout the year than having two allocated days on 20/12 and 21/12. We explored the concept of teaching grammar through drama which supports the first of our school strategic direction in our current school plan. Mrs Emmington, who coordinated the session with a member of the Sydney Theatre Company, will report further details in this newsletter. We may even get a peak at the staff at work. There were a lot of laughs and some unexpected talent was discovered!

Teacher Professional Learning: Transforming the Curriculum through the ARTS

Here at The Junction PS we recognise that the way to engage all students is to make learning meaningful, fun and relevant. Our professional learning this year has focussed on:

- using formative data to differentiate learning to help every student reach their full potential, (Strategic Direction 1)
- enabling innovation and creativity - teaching children to have a voice and a choice in their learning (Strategic Direction 2)
- individualising learning to meet specific needs – every child known and cared for (Strategic Direction 3)

To achieve this, our emphasis on both the Performing and Creative Arts has been and is an important aspect

of the work we do. In partnering with the Sydney Theatre Company to provide professional learning in the dramatic arts for our teachers we aim to authentically embed literacy, numeracy and the digital technologies to bring not only quality literature to life but to build deep and substantive understanding about how the English language functions.

A wealth of research has shown that Drama:

- increases student academic achievement in literacy and English
- improves student confidence
- increases student engagement and motivation
- demonstrates significant improvements in class collaboration
- enables positive shifts in empathy.

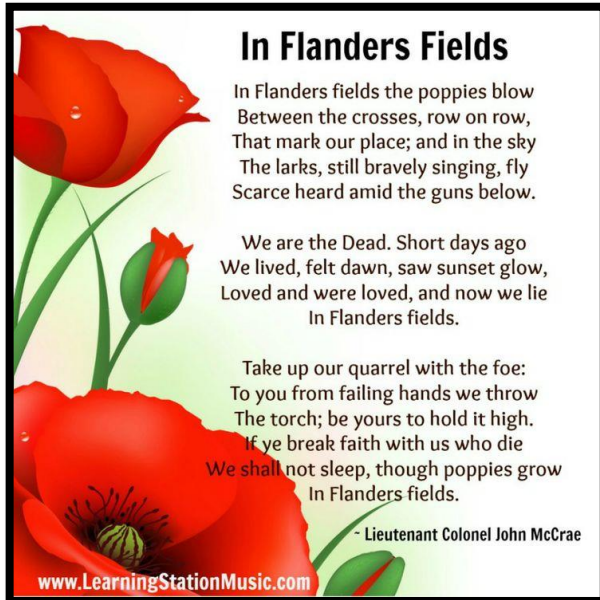
We want curiosity to drive learning because this makes learning fun and hence memorable. Teachers have already been trying some of the strategies they learnt on Wednesday with their students and we hope to make quality literature embodied through drama, music and the visual arts a big part of 2019. As you can see from the photos our teachers had a lot of fun while learning about strategies to teach grammar and punctuation, literary devices and inferential comprehension.

Mrs Emmington



Remembrance Day

A huge thank you to Mr Gelfius and members of the student leadership team who led a brief but special commemoration for our school at 11.00am on Friday to recognise the 100th Anniversary of the ending of WW1. We would also like to recognise Xavier C and Riley B who represented the school at Gregson Park on Sunday.



SCHOOL ENROLMENTS 2019

It is that time of year where we begin to plan for 2019. Forming classes is a complicated job and relies heavily on accurate numbers. If you know of any families residing in our zone who intend to come to our school next year and have not made contact with the school – please encourage them to do so. We are currently only accepting local or 'in zone' enrolments. If you know your child will be moving schools next year, please advise the school office as soon as possible.

BOOK FAIR

The Junction PS will be having their Scholastic Book Fair in the Library on Tuesday 27th November and Wednesday 28th November.

The fair will be opened from 8.30am to 3.45pm on both days. Students will have an opportunity to see the books that are for sale on Monday 26th November. This may be a good opportunity to buy some presents. There will be no other Book club this term. Thank you, Mrs Land



CALENDAR – TERM 4 – 2018

Week 5

Event

Wednesday, Nov 14	Year 4 Great Aussie Bush Camp – Bus leaves 9.15am – Students to be at school by 8.45am
Thursday, Nov 15	Year 4 Great Aussie Bush Camp
Friday, Nov 16	Year 4 Great Aussie Bush Camp – Students return by 3pm
Friday, Nov 16	No Senior Choir rehearsals
Friday, Nov 16	Year 6 Musicians - extra rehearsal at 8am

Week 6

Event

Monday, Nov 19	Year 6 Canberra – 6am departure
Tuesday, Nov 20	Year 6 Canberra
Tuesday, Nov 20	Kinder 2019 – Last Orientation visit (9.30 – 10.50am)
Wednesday, Nov 21	Year 6 Canberra
Thursday, Nov 22	Year 6 Canberra – Return 6.30pm

Week 7

Event

Tuesday, Nov 27	Book Fair at school
Wednesday, Nov 28	Book Fair at school
Thursday, Nov 29	Band Presentation Night-Ncle Conservatorium of Music (6pm)

Week 8

Event

Wednesday, Dec 5	Dance showcase night – 6.30pm – New Hall
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Week 9

Event

Thursday, Dec 13	Whole School Presentation Day + Year 3-6 Presentation Day
Friday, Dec 14	K – 2 Presentation Day

Week 10

Event

Monday, Dec 17	Year 6 Party Day & Clap Out at 2.30pm
Monday, Dec 17	Yr 6 Farewell-Souths (6pm-9pm)
Wed, December 19	LAST DAY FOR STUDENTS

SENIOR CHOIR REHEARSALS

There will be no Friday rehearsals for Senior choir on Friday 16th November. Rehearsals will resume on Friday 23rd November. Thank you, Mrs McLeod

DANCE SHOWCASE- WEEK 8

To highlight the talent and achievements of all our dance groups, we will be holding a 'Dance Showcase evening' at our school in the New Hall on Wednesday 5th December – beginning at 6.30pm. It will run for approximately 40 minutes. Notes are going home today. Thank you, Nicole Jones

BAND NEWS

Expression of interest notes went home today to Year 2 students interested in joining the Primary Band in 2019. Please return these notes directly to the office.

Band Presentation Night is coming up very soon. Please mark Thursday 29th November on your calendar. Musicians will need to be at the Conservatorium from 5:30pm and our performances begin at 6pm. This is a big night in our music calendar and the students will be receiving their band certificates.

An **EXTRA YEAR 6 Rehearsal at 8am this Friday 16th November**. Year 6 are rehearsing for their performance at the Conservatorium later this month. As there are few opportunities to do this as a group, we are slipping into the Friday morning rehearsal slot while Year 4 are away at camp.

Congratulations to Hannah S and Owen D who bravely began our Year 6 solo performances at last week's K-2 Assembly. This has been a new initiative this year to recognise the achievements of our Year 6 Band members. The children were mesmerised by your performances and we look forward to more from our Year 6 musicians in the coming weeks.
Angie King, Band Co-ordinator

PSSA STATE GIRLS CRICKET CARNIVAL

Last week Lilly D and Kate M went to Maitland to play cricket in the PSSA State Girls Cricket Carnival to represent the Hunter Region. The girls played seven games and won four of them and lost three very close games. Kate captained the team to an overall outcome of fifth in the State out of thirteen teams. Lilly and Kate mostly enjoyed playing cricket with people they knew and people that they had never met before. Even though Hunter didn't win the carnival, it sure was a win to all the girls. Kate was selected to represent the NSW State team in Western Australia in December this year. We wish her all the best. By Kate and Lilly

To assist with costs involved with representing at this level and travelling interstate, the school office has Raffle Tickets provided by: NSW Primary Schools Sports Association – Tickets are \$5 each.

First prize: Apple iPad WiFi (32Gb)

SCHOOL ASSEMBLIES

TERM 4 WEEK 4

KINDER TO YEAR 2 ASSEMBLY

KK	Brooke C Jack B	Jimmy M
KS	Marlou D Bonnie N	Oscar L
KP	Rory N Mia C	Amelia B
1C	Audrey B Lincoln P	Nicholas R Zach W
1PJ	Thomas N Saachi B	Meysa W Leila B
1S	Taj H Elliana H	Samuel T Aston O'B
1/2B	Faris S Emmett S	Sam P
2C	Saxon Y Sam N	Alex S Caleb R
2J	Zimm W Piala Rose C	Zac C Nicholas P
2R	Rosie E-F Alex M	Lewis M-L Isabelle S
Student of the month	Toby H Milos M Alice G Evie R Ash A	Jos B Ava M Zaharenya F Fox S-R

SCHOOL ASSEMBLIES

Kinder to Year 2 – The next assembly will be (Friday 23rd November) at 10am. Class 1S will be hosting 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 5 – 2018

Note for Canberra 2019
Requiring \$50 Deposit (Red note)

YEAR 6 – 2018 – CANBERRA

Parent Consent form-including Medical
information (Yellow note)

Expression of Interest PRIMARY BAND 2019

Given to interested YEAR 2 Students
today! (Bright Yellow Note)

CHARITY DAY

Charity Day was held last Friday 9th November at The Junction Public School and what a fantastic day it was. The weather was perfect and the support from our community was amazing.

To support our farmers the students of the school came dressed as farmers and donated a variety of items to the many classes in the school to support their stalls. The stalls included: Toys, Books, White Elephant, Plants, Drinks, Sausage Sizzle, Lollies and Face painting to name a few.

As in previous years, our event started after recess and continued up until lunch, with many students buying special things throughout the morning and afternoon to take home.

This year we will be donating a large portion of money raised to drought relief and the farming community as well as to World Vision and Jenny's Place.

The final figure raised will be announced next week, along with the names of the charities and the amounts allocated to them.

Regards, Mark Alcock (organiser)



SHOUT OUT AGAINST THE DROUGHT



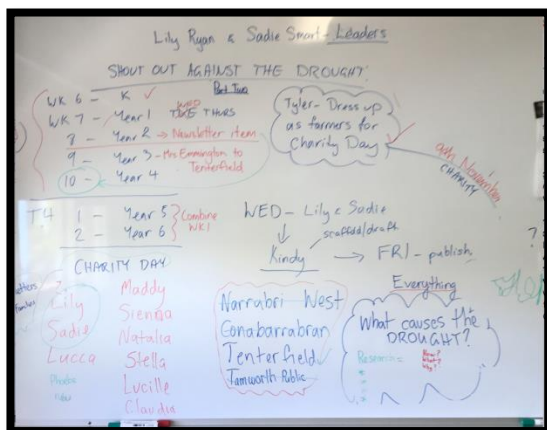
Last term Sadie and Lily in Year 5 wrote to Mrs Larkman and Mrs Emmington concerned about the farmers suffering on the land because of the drought. They both wanted to do something proactive.

They were invited to come and pitch their ideas to Mrs Emmington and for a whole afternoon they brainstormed together to come up with ideas to support farmers. They knew that money would be raised for our farmers at Charity Day, but what could they do in the meantime?

They decided that our hard-working farmers deserved more than just financial support. The farmers deserved to know that we cared about them too. And how best to show that care, they thought, but through old fashioned letter writing. These Year 5 students were going to help students from Kindergarten to Year 6 to handwrite letters of hope and support to send to farming families and so SHOUT OUT AGAINST THE DROUGHT was born. Sadie and Lily willingly gave up their lunch times to set up a space with letter writing tools and campaigned during assembly to encourage students to attend their lunch time letter writing sessions.

They soon brought all their friends along to help them inspire students to write letters of hope for our farmers and so two caring students turned into 11: Saffron, Luca, Phoebe, Dhanya, Anna, Isabella, Lucille, Audrey, Claudia, Sadie and Lily. A big shout out to these caring Year 5 students who have inspired and supported our K-6 students to write over 200 letters of support for our farmers. These letters will be sent to Sir Henry Parkes Memorial School in Tenterfield who will distribute these letters to the farming families within their school and community. Part of the money raised at Charity Day will also go to the Tenterfield School Community to help all families affected by the drought.

A Big Shout Out to our Year 5 Girls!

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.**

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.

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.



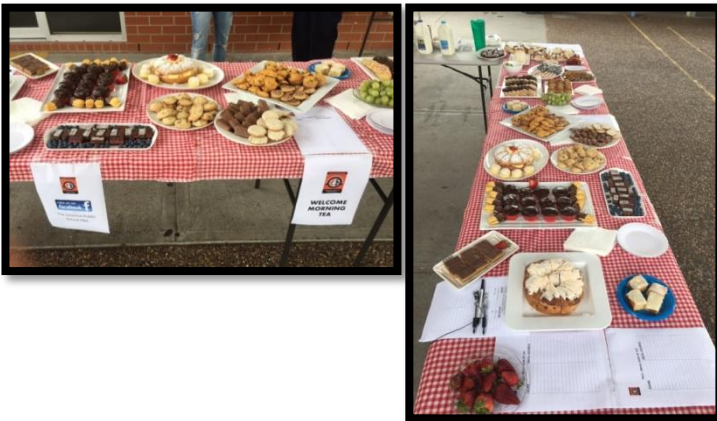
P & C NEWS

KINDY MORNING TEA

Huge THANK YOU to all the families from our school community who provided a plate of food to share at our Kindy Morning Tea last Tuesday. (Our Teachers also enjoyed a lovely Morning Tea with all the leftovers!!!!)

Thanks to everyone who assisted with setting up and serving food, coffee and tea on the day.

Our 2019 Kindy Parents & Carers **really** appreciated the effort our school community made to welcome them.



TEACHERS & PARENTS/CARERS MORNING TEA

Our Teachers, Parent & Carer Helper Morning Tea will be held in **Week 8 on Monday 3rd December.**

We will be seeking donations of baked goods and food to share for our annual Morning Tea. Look out for the link in next weeks newsletter to sign up and assist with this event.

P&C MEETING

Our next P&C Meeting is in **Week 8 on Tuesday 4th December** at 6:45pm in the NEW HALL

All parents & carers are welcome to attend. Membership is \$1.00

P&C CONSULTATION – UNIFORM / COMMUNICATION / FUNDRAISING SURVEY CLOSING THIS FRIDAY

[CLICK HERE](#) to begin the survey

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 Junction Public School P&C team are preparing a strategic plan for the next 3 years. We are seeking your involvement and valuable feedback regarding a number of issues and proposals regarding:

- * Proposed changes to TJPS school uniform
- * P&C Communication
- * P&C Fundraising
- * P&C Uniform shop

This survey should take 5-10 minutes to complete and thanks to all the parents and carers from our community who have already completed our online survey.

Thanks for your involvement in decision making for our school community.

SURVEY CLOSING THIS FRIDAY 16th NOVEMBER 2018 3PM



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

P&C CALENDAR

Date	Time	Event
TERM 4		
Monday 3 rd December		Teachers / Parent Helper Morning Tea
Tuesday 4 th December 2018	6:45pm	P&C Meeting Venue: New Hall

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 NOTICES.....


ACTIVATE SPORTS CAMPS
Keep active with Activate!

**SPECIAL
END OF YEAR
CAMP**

**DECEMBER
20th – 21st 2018
8:30am – 3:00pm**

**THE JUNCTION
PUBLIC SCHOOL**
Union St, Merewether,
2291, NSW

2 days of Multi-Sports activities and games!

Expert coaching by top-grade players/primary teachers

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

Safe, supportive and fun environment

NEW PRICES!
Booking prices reduced + save \$10 when booking for 2 days!

EASY ONLINE BOOKINGS
Simply visit our website to book and pay safely via PayPal

activatesportscamps.com

Newcastle East Public School Vacation Care

The program is packed with water play and animal encounters. There is craft every day and some cooking fun.

We are open from 7.30am to 6pm each day of the school holidays plus the cost includes all activities and meals for the day.

Please contact for the full program and booking form. Contact details below:

For more information phone Tracey on 49291550 or email nepsoosh16@gmail.com

We look forward to welcoming your children to our centre!
Cheers Tracey, Coordinator, NEPS OOSH