

The Junction News

Newsletter of The Junction Public School



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Term 4 – Week 7

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LEADERSHIP REPORT

Hello to our school community,

The end of the year is fast approaching with a lot of work happening behind the scenes with staffing, budgets, reporting, integration meetings, organisation for annual celebrations and much more. I would just like to acknowledge all the staff who support each other at this time of year. It always seems impossible that we will get everything done – but inevitably it happens.

STAFFING 2019

As usual our student numbers are borderline for 2019. My staffing calculator indicates we have an entitlement of 22.9 classes at the moment. This will fluctuate every time someone leaves or arrives between now and the final day. For this reason students will most likely line up with their 2018 class on day 1, 2019. We are currently planning for a 22 and 23 class model. Assistant Principals are already playing with possible class scenarios in our class creator tool.

I would like to welcome:

Mr Luke Sparksman to our team of permanent teaching staff. Mr Sparksman was successful at our recent merit selection process. He is currently a class teacher at Cammeray Public School.

Miss Alison Tonkin to our team of temporary teachers. Miss Tonkin was successful in our Expression of Interest process to lead our Music program in 2019. Alison is currently working at Swansea Public School.

Mrs Sarah Griffiths who has transferred from Redhead Public School. Sarah has swapped duties with Mrs Erin Smith so both teachers can work closer to their homes. Welcome back to **Mrs Louise Tilse and Ms Sara Willoughby** who will both work two days a week in 2019. We farewell Mrs Phillipa Campbell who commences her Maternity Leave today. We wish her and her family all the best on their addition to the family.

THINK TANK RESULTS

A huge thanks to Mrs Brenda Brown for co-ordinating this process. The results for 2019 are below:

Extra-curricula Outcomes

A huge thank you to the Think-Tank team and the school community, through the P&C, for all their time and input into this process of accountability for our extra-curricular activities.

Please find below the outcomes as they stand for 2019. Issues around timing and teacher supervision will be an area for further staff discussion early in 2019.

Dance Festival - Student celebration will be incorporated into a MADD (Music, Art, Drama Dance) concert at school.

Gymnastics - Will not be continued as it is no longer part of the required teaching curriculum.

Hunter Life - Will continue for Years 3 and 5.

Choir - Will continue and further planning around times is being undertaken.

NCC Water Safety - Will continue due to the location of our school.

Musica Viva – Still under investigation by the Music Team and awaiting finalisation of staffing.

Enrichment and Design Days – Will continue as part of the Creative and Critical Thinking, STEAM and our existing GAT policy.

Debating - Year 6 to participate in Regional Competition. Year 5 will participate in an in-school competition. When Year 6 have a home debate Year 5 teams will be the audience.

Lunchtime Activities Program (LAP) – The activities will continue at lunchtimes as part of the Year 6 Leadership Roles and structured play opportunities for students.

Newcastle Permanent Maths - Will continue

Non-PSSA Sport – To be considered as opportunities become available.

PSSA Knockout – Will continue.

Starstruck - Year 6 Students only.

NHS GAT Days - Will be considered as they arise as part of the Stage 2 Enrichment sessions.

Band – Will continue with modification to rehearsals and tutoring times.

An evaluation of these decisions will take place in 2019.

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.

END OF YEAR PRESENTATION DAYS

A reminder that our Presentation Days will take place on **Thursday 13th and Friday 14th December** this year. We will start on Thursday 13th December with a 'Whole school assembly' from Kinder to Year 6 at 9.00am in the COLA area. Major awards and prizes will be presented as well as invest and present the 2019 school captains, prefects, sports house captains and vice captains with their badges. This assembly should take approximately (1) hour.

At the following assemblies, in the new school hall, every single child in every class will be called forward to receive a certificate.

At 10.15am on Thursday 13th December in the new school hall we will start with the Stage 3 assembly (Years 5 and 6) – and present the class awards and some special Stage awards.

At 11.30am on Thursday 13th December we will continue with the Stage 2 assembly (Years 3 and 4) and present the class awards and some special Stage awards. This assembly should conclude by 1.00pm.

At 9.00am on Friday 14th December in the new school hall we will hold the Early Stage 1 assembly – (Kindergarten) and present the class awards and some special Stage awards. **At 9.45am (approx) on Friday 14th December** we will continue with the Stage 1 assembly (Years 1 and 2) and present the class awards and some special Stage awards. This assembly should conclude by 11.15am (approx.)

Presentation Day will be focused on celebrating the achievements of all students and recognising their efforts over the whole year.

Year 6 Canberra

Year 6 students had a wonderful visit to Canberra last week! We look forward to the student reports and photos in next week's newsletter. Thank you once again to Mrs Cooper, Ms Barns, Mr Gelfius, Mr Gunter and Mrs Edwards who accompanied this group.

Enjoy the rest of your week!

CALENDAR – TERM 4 – 2018

Week 7	Event
Wednesday, Nov 28	Book Fair in school library : 8.30am-3.45pm
Thursday, Nov 29	Band Presentation Night-Ncle Conservatorium of Music (6pm)
Week 8	Event
Wednesday, Dec 5	Dance showcase night – 6.30pm – New Hall
Week 9	Event
Thursday, Dec 13	Whole School Presentation 9am
Thursday, Dec 13	Stage 3 : Yrs 5-6 Presentation 10.15am
Thursday, Dec 13	Stage 2 : Yrs 3-4 Presentation – 11.30am
Friday, Dec 14	Kinder Presentation - 9am
Friday, Dec 14	Stage 1 : Yrs 1-2 Presentation – 9.45am
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

CALENDAR – TERM 1 – 2019

Week 1	Event
Tuesday, Jan 29	Staff only return
Wednesday, Jan 30	Years 1-6 STUDENTS return
Thursday, Jan 31	Years 3-6 Swimming Carnival
Week 2	Event
Monday, Feb 4	Kindergarten 2019 start

SCHOOL ASSEMBLIES**TERM 4 WEEK 6****KINDER TO YEAR 2 ASSEMBLY**

KK	Bowy R Emile A	Maisie C Nate K
KS	Isaac B Jimin K	Madison B
KP	Thomas T Lachlan W	Quinton W
1C	Charlie I Zoe L Sam R	Angela M Romeo T
1PJ	Abigail C Ayden T	Leita L Annika G
1S	Tane C Zaharenya F Arlo R	Angus S Emma K
1/2B	Matilda S Callum B Jules W-M	Hussein H Indigo L Emilia Q-C
2C	Olivia P Angus B Lexi A	Evie L Benji L
2J	Eddie P Lucas C	Eva McK Dylan N
2R	Maple J Lilah R Ash A	Darby S Hugo H

YEARS 3, 4, 5 & 6 ASSEMBLY

3C	Noah R Myer D	Tracey E Myla W
3LJ	Evie R Lily C Beau O'K	William T Ted F
3S	Riley M Charlie S	Zavier A Zoe K
4H	Kahn W Rosie B	Ty A
4LW	Khair S Keely H	Sophie M Zachary R
4MC	Zaali L	Sophie B
5A	Madeline P Claudia W	Lillie C
5B	Amelia L Zander McK	Louie J
5F	Alex K Lucca S	Brady McK

SCHOOL ASSEMBLIES

Kinder to Year 2 –The next assembly will be Friday 7th December at 10am. All of Kindergarten will be hosting this assembly. (This will be the last assembly of the year)

Year 3 to Year 6 – Assembly this Friday at 11.20am!
Parents are welcome to attend these assemblies in the new hall.

BAND NEWS

Presentation night is this Thursday, 29th November! All band and ensemble members are to be at the Conservatorium at 5:30pm. Our Program begins at 6pm. A note will come home today with final instructions.

Year 2 Band auditions will begin this Friday. Notes will be sent home soon to let you know the outcome of our auditions. While we make every effort to satisfy your child's wants, we do need to make sure we have a balanced band.

2019 Rehearsal Times

2019 will see all band rehearsal times move out of school hours. This allows all teachers to effectively accommodate our Key Learning Areas. Private tutorial lessons will still be available from 12 noon and will be rotated on a term by term basis, again in an effort to allow students to access their curriculum needs.

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Primary Band 8:00 am	Premier Band 8:00am	Concert Band 8:00am	Premier Band 8:00am	Concert Band 8:00am
		Primary Band 3:10pm - 4:10pm		

Please be aware that your child's place in the band program in 2019 will not be guaranteed unless all outstanding band fees are paid in full. This is an extra curriculum activity that relies on your financial support in order to run. If you wish to take your instrument home over the Christmas holiday period you will need to have your **2018 band fees paid in full to the end of term 4**. Otherwise, instruments will be collected during week 9.

CAPA ROTATIONS— DIGITAL ART

This year students in Stage 1 have had a choice of what Creative and Performing Arts activities they wished to participate in.

In last week's Digital Art lesson students responded to a short quality text called 'The Black Hat'. Students learnt how to create their own digital artwork based on a scene or descriptive sentence they heard in the text.

Students experimented with:

- * Outlining
- * Shading
- * Bold colour choices
- * Foreground
- * Background



Students enjoyed using the Ipad to create their digital artwork and they were very keen to project their artwork onto the Interactive Whiteboard to receive peer feedback. Students gave each other a rating out of five based on the five elements we were experimenting with. Here are some examples of students work.



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 went home last week. Thank you, Nicole Jones

Raffle Tickets to support Kate McTaggart at the PSSA State girls cricket carnival

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)

RECENT NOTES HOME

YEAR 5 – 2018

Note for Canberra 2019

Requiring \$50 Deposit (Red note)

2019 SWIMMING CARNIVAL-Years 3-6

Thursday 31st January 2019

(Please note: this is the second day of the 2019 school year – payment must be made by the end of this school year)

\$12.00

(Pale blue note)

SWIMMING CARNIVAL 2019

All students in Year 2-5 (2018) received a 'Blue' Swimming Carnival note for our 2019 Swimming Carnival which is on Thursday 31st January (Week 1) next year! Students who are currently in Year 1 and will be turning 8 years old in 2019 will also receive a note. These students should only attend and compete at the Carnival if they can swim 50m with confidence. Students in Year 2 (2019) who cannot swim 50m or are not turning 8 years old in 2019 will stay here at school with their teacher.

As the Carnival is the second day back at school for 2019 we ask that parents be prompt with the Permission note and payment.

Payment is due by Friday 14th December 2018.

BOOK FAIR

The Scholastic Book Fair is in the Library today and tomorrow - Wednesday 28th November.

The fair will be open from 8.30am to 3.45pm. This may be a good opportunity to buy some presents. There will be no other Book club this term. Payments on the day by cash or Eftpos only - in the library. Thank you, Mrs Land



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

TEACHERS & PARENTS/CARERS MORNING TEA

Our Teachers, Parent & Carer Helper Morning Tea will be held NEXT **Monday 3rd December.**

We will be seeking donations of baked goods and food to share for our annual Morning Tea.

The morning tea will be held in the Old Hall from 11:00am - 11:30am.

P&C MEETING

Our next P&C Meeting is NEXT week **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

Thanks to everyone that completed our recent survey, we had over 90 families provide feedback. Details from the survey will be discussed at our next P&C Meeting.

UNIFORM SHOP

Our summer tunics and short sleeve shirts are due to arrive in the next week or two. Please keep an eye out on our Facebook page as we will advise when new stock arrives in our Uniform Shop.

We are out of stock of Size 4 sports shirts, but don't worry 2019 Kindy parents, we will have them ready for when the students start back next year.

At present there are no Medium size hats available in the school, we will advise when they do arrive.

Thanks for your patience.

P&C CALENDAR

Date	Time	Event
TERM 4		
Monday 3 rd December	11:00am- 11:30am	Teachers / Parent Helper Morning Tea
Tuesday 4 th December	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>



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COMMUNITY NOTICES.....

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