

The Junction News

Newsletter of The Junction Public School



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Term 4 – Week 8

Tuesday 4 December 2018

LEADERSHIP REPORT

Hello to our school community,

IMPORTANT – DAY 1 (2019)

To assist with the formation of classes for 2019, if you are aware your child will be absent on Day 1 of next year (Wednesday 30th January) or even for the first week back – please email the school ASAP. This helps us to know your child is coming back to us in 2019. If you know your child will be moving schools next year, please advise the school office as soon as possible. Classes will not be formed for 2019 until we know numbers have settled.

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.)

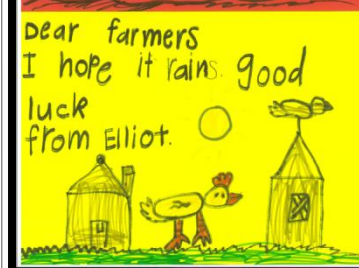
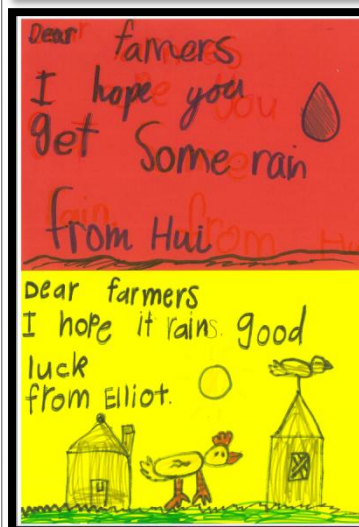
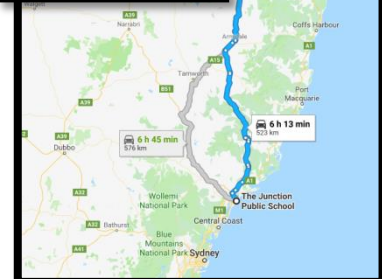
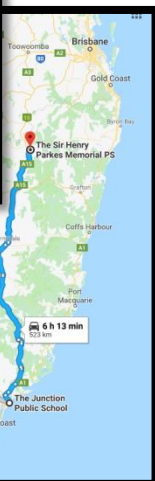
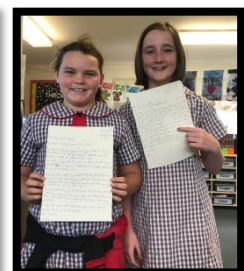
Presentation Day will be focused on celebrating the achievements of all students and recognising their efforts over the whole year.

SHOUT OUT AGAINST THE DROUGHT NEWS

Our letters were posted on Friday 30 November to The Sir Henry Parkes Memorial Public School in Tenterfield. We can't wait for them to contact us back.

We hope to stay in touch and share knowledge, learning and resources with the students and teachers of TSHPMPS. A small sample of the 200 letters written by our students across the school are included in this newsletter.

Well done to all the TJPS students who contributed to this wonderful campaign run by a team of our amazing Year 5 students who inspired so many students to write for a cause. An outstanding example of Service Learning.



Collaborative Planning for 2019

On Thursday 6 December and Wednesday 12 of December you may notice more casual teachers within the school than is usual. This is because some of our teachers will be involved in collaborative planning for 2019. Collaborative planning involves updating our whole school scope and sequence of learning and the associated units of work to reflect new syllabuses, and to create new units of work for 2019. This will include embedding the digital technologies as well as the general capabilities such as literacy and numeracy. This planning will be shared with all staff first day back in 2019. The classes whose teachers will be involved in planning on both days are: KK, KS, 1S, 1/2B, 2C, 3LJ,3S, 5B,6C and 6B. Friday 7 December will see our Assistant Principals work with Mrs Emmington and Mrs Larkman on the Annual Report and whole school planning so there will be casual teachers on KK, 1S, 2C, 3LJ and 5B.

We are quite fortunate at The Junction PS that we can call on a large group of quality casual teachers to continue the teaching and learning programs that our class teachers have programmed for the day. Our casual teachers tell us that our students are welcoming, helpful and well behaved. Well done TJPS students.

ACER Certificates

This week marks the last week of the ACER (Australian College of Educational Research) online certificates. Over the last semester, select students in Years 2-6 provided feedback to ACER for the online learning modules as they worked through them and completed certificates Level 1 and 2 in Reading and Numeracy. The results of these certificates will be made available to the school and to parents. Year 6 results will be shared with respective high schools.

These students were identified early in the year by their teachers as students who are high achievers in both literacy and numeracy. The results from the ACER certificates will provide teachers with detailed data on the levels of literacy and numeracy proficiency attained by these students. This will assist teachers in 2019 to provide targeted programs which focus on the students' proximal zone of development. Note: NAPLAN does not provide data for differentiation at the top of the bands.

Within our School Plan, 2018 has been marked as the year to establish baseline data for our Gifted and Talented and High Performing students. Teachers support the needs of these students by pinpointing where they are up to in their learning and planning where to next. By establishing a baseline we aim to measure the real growth of these students over time to ensure that they thrive academically and flourish emotionally and socially. The use of accurate data and the focus on growth enables teachers to select the programs, strategies and resources that impact learning best.

At The Junction Public School every child is known, cared for and championed by a dedicated team of

quality teachers who make use of data to drive teaching and learning.

TEACHER & VOLUNTEER THANK YOU MORNING TEA

Staff and parents enjoyed sharing morning tea yesterday. Thanks to all who donated food for this celebration. We recognised the importance of our volunteers to the education of our children. Everyone in The Junction Public School community share valuable relationships with our students and staff.

We look forward to doing this all again in 2019!

Enjoy the rest of your week!

School Leadership Team

CALENDAR – TERM 4 – 2018

Week 8

Day	Event
Tuesday, Dec 4	P & C Meeting – 6.45pm in the OLD HALL – TONIGHT!
Wednesday, Dec 5	Dance showcase night – 6.30pm

Week 9

Day	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

Day	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

Day	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

Day	Event
Monday, Feb 4	Kindergarten 2019 start

SCHOOL ASSEMBLIES

TERM 4 WEEK 7

YEARS 3, 4, 5 & 6 ASSEMBLY

3C	Elijah T Neve F Zaac C	Audrey L F Jake B
3LJ	Aidan H Lewis B Mia H	Radhika C Oscar I
3S	Amelia W Jimmy D	Evie G Archie J
4LW	Will C Zachary R	Lilli W Louis D
5B	Sebastiaan S Natalia B	Miamii A
5F	Stanley M-L Maiya Y	Neve O'K
6B	Charlie C Vincent M	Toby I Hollie D
6C	Jade T Blake O'B	Lara C Thomas Q
6L	Sophie H Reece K	Ella B
Student of the month	Ryder T – 3C Ruby K – 5F Ciara F – 6B Aja P – 3S	Rebecca H – 5B Livinia C – 6L Andreas W – 3LJ Elka D'A – 4LW

SCHOOL ASSEMBLIES

Kinder to Year 2 – The next assembly will be this 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! (This will be the last assembly of the year)
Parents are welcome to attend these assemblies in the new hall.

YEAR 6 END OF YEAR ACTIVITIES

A note went home yesterday to all Year 6 students about their End of Year Celebrations and the Year 6 Farewell dinner on **Monday 17th December**. The cost for these celebrations is \$30. Some families have money in credit and if this is the case the correct amount to be paid will be on your child's note. If you need clarification on the amount owing just phone the school office. Please complete the Permission Slip and payment by: Wednesday 12th December.

BAND NEWS

Presentation Night

How proud was I to be on stage with all of our wonderful musicians last Thursday evening at our Band Presentation Night! Congratulations to ALL of our Band, Strings and Ensemble members on your amazing performances. Your hard work and dedication certainly showed on the evening. I apologise to the Concert Band Members for my error with the awards on the night, which we won't say any more about other than a Concert Band Member of the Year has been chosen and will be announced at our Presentation Day Assembly on Thursday 13th December.

String Ensemble

Our String Ensemble will be representing our school this coming Friday at The Junction Shopping Fair. Six of our students will be spreading the Christmas spirit and playing carols for the customers between 11:30am and 12 noon. Thank you to Mrs Bevan and Ms Griffiths for your continued support of our Strings ensemble. I know Mrs Bevan is looking for interested strings students next year. If you are interested please see Mrs King, we have a few places available.

Instrument Checks

Today all band members had their instruments checked by our professional repairer. If you have left your instrument at home today please bring it in to Mrs King by the end of this week.

2019 Primary Band Offers

Mr Bell and I have been working hard to organise our Primary Band for 2019. The Year 2 students went through their screening process last Friday and hopefully I can have letters to you by the end of this week. I would like to forewarn families that with a large number of children opting for drums, bass or keyboards and only a few places available, many students will not get their first choice. The screening process allows Mr Bell to choose an appropriate instrument for your child and sometimes it's about the instrument choosing you and not you choosing your instrument.

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 2018 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.

Angie King, Band co-ordinator

DANCE SHOWCASE - WEEK 8

* Tomorrow night, Wednesday 5th December

* Performance starts at 6:30pm - Students to meet Mrs Wilson and Mrs Jones at **6:15pm at the demountable behind the hall** dressed in their costume.

-Simple stage makeup is to be worn (mascara, brown or bronze eye shadow and red lipstick). Hair is to be in a high bun.

Thank you, Nicole Jones

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)

YEAR 6 END OF YEAR ACTIVITIES

Monday 17th December

\$30 (Unless you have money in credit)

(White note went home yesterday)

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.

YEAR 6 CANBERRA EXCURSION

DAY 1

Year 6 arrived at school at 6am, on Monday 19th November, 2018. Upon arrival Neil and Doug were waiting with our coaches. The bus journey to Canberra was long but we got to see lots of different places along the way including Lake George. We finally arrived in the Australian Capital Territory (ACT) by 1pm; we counted down until we reached the border. We drove to the edge of Lake Burley-Griffin and had lunch. We watched the Captain Cook fountain shoot water 140m into the air. After lunch, we went to the National Capital Exhibition and discovered the planning and design behind our Nation's capital. Next, we visited the National Art Gallery. Year 6 were divided into small groups and were given a tour around the Gallery where we observed priceless art works, models of graves for the Indigenous Australians and a walk-through sculpture. Finally, drove to our accommodation at Camp Cottermouth. Later that evening we headed off to Questacon which was a real highlight of the trip.

DAY 2

After an early start and a delicious hot breakfast comprising of bacon and eggs, Year 6 headed in two different directions. Bus 1 headed to Old Parliament House and participated in a mock voting role play whereas Bus 2 headed to the CSIRO Discovery Centre and played a scavenger hunt game using QR codes and i-pads. Both buses then swapped activities. Next we drove to Mount Ainslie which looked over the whole of Canberra. After lunch we went on a self-guided tour of the War Memorial. We saw a Centurion 5B next to two armoured cars, the main battery gun and the control tower of the HMAS Brisbane. Inside we saw guns of soldiers who died and their uniforms. A highlight of the War Memorial was discovering relatives who had participated in World War 2. For example, Vincent found a plane whose model name was Messerschmitt BF 109 and could have been flown by his great grandfather in World War 2. After the War Memorial, we drove back to camp, had dinner and then headed off to the Australian Institute of Sport (AIS). We had a tour of the facilities and watched the National volleyball team train. After our tour, we went to Sportex and played virtual sports games such as cycling, skiing and soccer penalty shooting.

DAY 3

On Wednesday, we travelled up to the Telstra Tower. It was really high but it didn't take long to get to the top as the elevator was super-fast. Next we visited Parliament House and had the opportunity to tour the House of Representatives and the Senate. We also participated in a role-play where we passed a bill in the House of Representatives. We discovered that the longest time someone has spoken there were 12 ½ hours, a time limit has now been enforced due to this. Our bus drivers took us on a tour of Embassy drive where various countries are represented there. We then headed back to camp for dinner and then had a 'trivia night'. There were lots of laughs, onesies and chocolate to be had that night.

DAY 4

Our last day! By this stage of the trip, most of us were extremely tired but still having a great time. We only one last place to visit until we headed home, The National Museum. We saw lots of cool things there including Phar Lap's heart. After lunch, we began our journey back to Newcastle arriving here around 6pm. Year 6 had a fabulous time and really appreciated the opportunity we had to see our Nation's capital and deepen our understanding of what we learnt in class. Thank you to our parents and teachers for this wonderful opportunity.

Written by Vincent, Xavier and Oscar.



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

Thank you to all our members from the school community that donated baked goods/ flowers & goodies as a small token to the teaching & support staff at TJPS. Thanks to Eithne Healy for coordinating this event.

P&C MEETING

Our next P&C Meeting is TONIGHT **Tuesday 4th December at 6:45pm** in the OLD HALL.

We will be presenting the results from the Community Consultation survey.

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

UNIFORM SHOP

Please see below for an update on stock available in the Uniform Shop.



- Hats – Medium & Large
- Short sleeved boy’s shirts – Sizes 6, 8 & 10 ONLY



- Sports Uniform - Red Sports Polos – Size 4, Size 6 & Size 8 – Supplier out of stock – waiting on estimated delivery time
- Boys short sleeve size 4 – 15 week lead time
- Red socks
- Iron on logos
- Boys grey shorts – Size 4, Size 6 & Size 8

We are still waiting on the delivery of the girl’s summer tunics to arrive, and will notify parents in the newsletter & on our Facebook page.

Thanks for your patience.

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>

P&C CALENDAR

Date	Time	Event
TERM 4		
Tuesday 4th December	6:45pm	P&C Meeting Venue: Old Hall

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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