

The Junction News

Newsletter of The Junction Public School



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Term 4 – Week 9

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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 this week on: **Thursday 13th and Friday 14th December**. 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.

END OF YEAR PARTY DAY

Next Monday will be 'End of Year Party Day' here at school.

All students except for Year 6 students may come out of school uniform. Please dress in sensible clothes, no singlet tops and no thongs or sandals.

Year 6 students are to wear their Sports Uniform.

Don't forget your school hats!

Separate Stage / Year notes are going home this week.

School uniform must be worn by all students on Tuesday and Wednesday of the last week!

Kindergarten to bring normal fruit break, recess and lunch.

A special treat will be provided by teachers after lunch.

Stage 1 are to pack fruit break and recess and bring in \$3 for class party food which will be purchased by the teachers. Board games, no Electronic games.

Stage 2 Bring Party food - ie fruit, sandwiches, rolls, cakes and snacks to share and \$2 for hot chips (purchased by teachers). Board games, no Electronic games.

Stage 3 – Year 5: Bring Party food - ie fruit, sandwiches, rolls, cakes and snacks to share. Board games, no Electronic games.

Year 6: Movies, Sausage sizzle back at school.

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.

SCHOOL GATES – UNION STREET

Between the hours of 9.30am and 2.30pm the only access to the school will be the large gates in front of the school office. The small pedestrian gates we have previously had unlocked will now be locked as the footpath at that gate has become uneven making access difficult. Please ensure that you close this gate upon entering and exiting the school.



NEW STAFF 2019

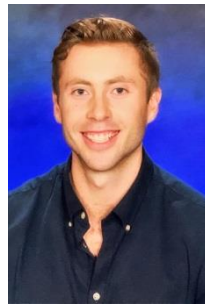
As we have quite a few new or returning staff joining us in 2019 we thought we would include them in this issue for your information. We will add any other new staff to the newsletter early in 2019.



Mr Matthew Liles
Assistant Principal



Mrs Louise Tilse
Technology Team
– Release from
Face to Face



Mr Luke Sparksman
Class Teacher



Mrs Sarah Griffiths
Class Teacher



Ms Alison Tonkin
Music Program



Mr Chris Swain
Learning Support Team



Ms Kaitlyn Spring
Class Teacher

THANK YOU

We are very fortunate to have so many wonderful parents, grandparents, family and friends who volunteer their time to assist with reading, assisting with school events and transporting students to activities.

We would especially like to recognise this week, the group of mothers who operate the school Uniform shop every Monday. The school would like to thank them all for ordering, distributing and assisting families with uniforms. Thank you to: Donna Reay, Amanda Fleming, Ali Robinson, Bec Brennan, Michelle Jackman, Lucy Merchant and anyone else who may have helped out in busy times through the year.

CALENDAR – TERM 4 – 2018**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	School Party Day – Students may come out of Uniform for today only (Year 6 must wear Sports Uniform)
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
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LIBRARY END OF YEAR REQUEST

Can all students please return all library books to the school library by this Friday. Thank you, Mrs Land

YEAR 6 END OF YEAR ACTIVITIES

There are still many students from Year 6 who have not paid for their 'End of Year' Movie Day and farewell dinner at South's. **Please pay and return notes by tomorrow.** Any unallocated credit on your account has been applied to this event. Please phone the school office and we will advise you of the amount outstanding. Permission notes must be returned. Thank you.

Enjoy the rest of your week!
The Leadership Team

SCHOOL ASSEMBLIES**TERM 4 WEEK 8****KINDER TO YEAR 2 ASSEMBLY**

KK	Jimmy B Callan N	Zac B
KS	Bella R Sam R	Cooper S Molly S
KP	Lucinda M Milos M	Bowen F
1C	Linkin B Will W Bam O'N	Kaelan M Zahara B
1PJ	Leo D Reggie R Jovi T	Poppy M Evie S Thomas B
1S	Maggie K Charlie D	Ari V Ava T
1/2B	Zali G Josh B	Anika G Sam P
2C	Anjali R Gabby T	Henry F Lucas M
2J	Luca F Hugh M Kiah B	Milla D Ashton S
2R	Oliver T-J Rafferty D	Lachlan M
Student of the month	Hannah C – KK Mayra P – KP Kiah B – 2J	Alessia Q-C – KS Bridie H – 1C

YEARS 3, 4, 5 & 6 ASSEMBLY

3C	Charlotte W Neve F Max T	Marley McK-K Cedar B
3LJ	Oliver F Ollie D	Kye V Eden N
3S	Winston K Emily G	Zara B Angus J
4H	Greta D'A Luka M	Maggie B Sophie T
4LW	Quillon L Saoirse V	Clodagh M Daisy M
4MC	Edie W	Harmony B
5A	Josh M Benjy G	Blake F
5B	Maliyah W Kai H	Boston B Jaedyn McG

5F	Mako L R Sadie S	Shai-Scott H
6B	Kristian R Brianna R	Milijana M
6C	Asha W Mia J Brodi B Jade T	Lily B-J Darby R Lilly D
6L	Connie B Isaac J	Seren R Jonah R
Student of the month	Phoebe L – 5B Campbell J – 4LW Jasper M – 3LJ Max L – 6L Neve O'K – 5F Amber B – 6B	Eddie L – 3C Abbey A – 4H Josie D – 5A Tommy P – 3S Lily B – 6C

SCHOOL ASSEMBLIES

There are no more Class assemblies this year. Please see Page 1 of this newsletter for times for the End of Year Presentation Days.

BAND NEWSBand Rehearsals

The last Primary Band rehearsal will be tomorrow morning. The last Concert Band rehearsal will be Friday morning. Premier Band had their last rehearsal this morning but will be performing at the Thursday morning Presentation Day assembly at 9am.

Year 6 need to return hired instruments by this Friday 14th December after thoroughly cleaning them. Instruments will be collected from students who have outstanding 2018 band fees.

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.**

Year 2 Band Offers

Year 2 Band Offer letters should be received by families, tomorrow at the latest.

I would like to thank all students and families for their support in my first year as Band Co-ordinator. I look forward to working with you all next year.

Angie King, Band Co-ordinator

DANCE SHOWCASE

Last Wednesday night our Dance Groups performed for family and friends. We have some very talented dancers in our school and it was lovely to see their performances last week. Thank you to the teachers who helped out on the evening: Mrs Jones, Mrs Wilson, Ms Smoother, Ms Cartwright and Mrs Larkman.



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)**

VISIT TO BAR BEACH TO SEE THE FIGHTER JETS!!!

On Monday 2R, 2C and 1S all went to Bar Beach to see the new fighter jets fly past.

It took quite a while for them to come from Williamstown to Bar Beach and they weren't as loud as I thought they would be.

There were two F35A Joint Strike Fighters and four FA18 Classic Hornets. They were amazing to watch.

It was really cool to see the gigantic jets fly extremely low. Some of them left a tiny trail of white behind them.

I felt very excited and I think I was very lucky to go and see them. By Josi

Yesterday, Year 1 and Year 2 went up to Bar Beach to see the fighter jets fly past.

First we got our fruit and hats and set off for our unexpected excursion. I was excited when I heard where we were going. After we got out of our ridiculously lovely school, we walked and walked and WALKED! I was getting as tired as a koala.

When we got up to Bar Beach and had our fruit I said to myself, "Yay, food at last!"

After we ate our fruit, we waited and waited and WAITED and it seemed like an eternity but in fact it was only 5 minutes. The jets flew right in front of us! I was imagining they were saying hello to us.

On their second fly around they actually went right above us. I was waving to them screaming in my head, "HELLO!"

On their third fly past the six jets went into a cloud.

Sadly, we had to go back to school after they went past.

By Darby

On Monday 2C and 2R walked excitedly down to the magnificent Bar Beach to see six fighter jets fly past. Five fighter jets were flying at the front and two of them are new. Did you know that Newcastle hasn't had new jets in 34 years?

We brought our fruit break down to Bar Beach with us. On the walk down I walked with my friend Sarah. We were so excited.

When we finally got there we were very hungry so we gobbled down our delicious fruit break. Miss Chaffey told us that we could go over to the railing to look out at the jets but they weren't there yet. When they appeared they were late, but we didn't mind because they were awesome. They didn't fly in the formation they were meant to but we could still see that they were epic. They were as fast as a cheetah and they looked awesome too!

Afterwards we walked backed to school even though we begged our teachers to stay and have a swim, we couldn't, so we just walked back. I walked back with Sarah again and that was nice.

I can't wait for another walk outside of school with all my friends and teachers. By Milla V



STAGE 1 CAPA ENRICHMENT DAY

Last Tuesday all of Stage 1 students participated in a CAPA Day. A group of selected students worked with local artist Ellie Hannon to create a 3D Christmas Tree planted in a clay pot. Ellie recently completed a 4 week practicum on 2C and kindly volunteered to come back and work with a group of students for the day.

Our choir students practised for their first big public performance at our Stage 1 Presentation Day this week and the remaining students rotated around some Christmas art and craft activities.

Here is a photo of the artworks we created.

Laura Chaffey, Stage One AP



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

UNIFORM SHOP

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

JUST ARRIVED

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

OUT OF STOCK

- 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.

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COMMUNITY NOTICES.....



Possum Place Vacation Care

School Holiday program from Monday 7th January to Friday 25th January 2019.

At: Kotara School, Park Avenue, Kotara (opposite Kotara Bowling Club)

Enquiries: Leanne on 4921 4161 or email – leanne.wilson@hnehealth.nsw.gov.au

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 nepssoosh16@gmail.com

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

Sacramental Program 2019 A child's Catholic faith journey began with the Sacrament of Baptism and continues by the reception of the Sacraments of Initiation, Confirmation and First Eucharist. The preparations for these sacraments in the Inner Newcastle Parish run between February and June of every year and is designed for children going into Year, 4, 5 or 6 in 2019. Preparations are done as a family with online activities and volunteer work within the community. Enrolments are now open for the 2019 program. If you are interested in being a part of the program next year please visit the parish website and complete the online enrolment form.

<https://www.newcastlecatholic.org.au/sacramental-enrolment-form/>

For more information please contact Rebecca Millard at the office on 49791101 or email:

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