

The Junction News

Newsletter of The Junction Public School



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Term 4 – Week 1

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LEADERSHIP REPORT

Hello to our parents and carers. Welcome back to Term 4.

I have had many adventures while travelling through Berlin, Tallinn, Prague and Budapest and have re-visited the concept of being a traveller instead of a Principal. It's always an amazing opportunity to step back and see cultural similarities and differences as well as meeting wonderful people and seeing unique sites. One of the themes running through the trip was the focus on the environment across the world... as well as education (of course).

Along these lines I am including in this newsletter some information from Hunter Water which they have requested be included in our school newsletter. This is an opportunity for local families to engage with a water saving project should they wish to. Details will be included at the end of the newsletter.

My sincere thanks to Mrs Emmington, Mrs King and Ms Smith who stepped up while I was away. It was wonderful to have a team which can be relied on to further the education of our students and support our staff and community while I was away. Also thanks to Mrs Edwards who supports us so well when there is change across the leadership team.

Thanks to Mrs Cooper, the school staff and the P&C for their role in preparing for Friday's Colour Run. We have included the course map at the end of this week's newsletter for your information. It will be a great finale to all the cross curricula learning our students have enjoyed throughout Term 3.

KINDERGARTEN ENROLMENTS 2020

It is that time of year again when we put the word out that our Kindergarten enrolment process has begun. If you have a child beginning school next year, now is the time to let us know. If you know of anyone in our area who is looking to enrol please encourage them to visit our school sooner rather than later as we don't want them to miss out on our Orientation sessions.

Angie King, Assistant Principal Early Stage 1

CALENDAR - TERM 4 – 2019

Week 1	Event
Tuesday, Oct 15	Parents of Year 5 – 2019 – Invitation from Merewether High for information session about application process for Year 7 - 2021 - 4pm at Merewether High
Wednesday, Oct 16	Year 1 & 2 Swimming School
Thursday, Oct 17	Year 1 & 2 Swimming School
Friday, Oct 18	Colour Run – Whole School
Week 2	Event
Monday, Oct 21	Primary Band / Percussion / Strings - Bandfest
Monday, Oct 21	Year 1 & 2 Swimming School
Tuesday, Oct 22	Year 1 & 2 Swimming School
Wednesday, Oct 23	Year 1 & 2 Swimming School
Wednesday, Oct 23	NSW - PSSA Athletics
Thursday, Oct 24	Concert / Premier / Jazz - Bandfest
Thursday, Oct 24	Year 1 & 2 Swimming School
Thursday, Oct 24	NSW – PSSA Athletics
Friday, Oct 25	Year 1 & 2 Swimming School
Week 3	Event
Tuesday, Oct 29	Kinder Oakvale Farm excursion – (New date)
Week 4	Event
Tuesday, Nov 5	Kinder 2020 : 1st Orientation
Wednesday, Nov 6	Musica Viva
Week 5	Event
Wednesday, Nov 13	Year 4 – Great Aussie Bush Camp
Thursday, Nov 14	Year 4 – Great Aussie Bush Camp

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Friday, Nov 15	Year 4 – Great Aussie Bush Camp
Week 6	Event
Tuesday, Nov 19	Kinder 2020 : 2nd Orientation
Week 7	Event
Thursday, Nov 28	Band Presentation Night at Newcastle Conservatorium
Week 8	Event
Tuesday, Dec 3	Kinder 2020 : 3rd Orientation
Friday, Dec 6	Charity Day – Whole School – more information to come
Week 9	Event
Thursday, Dec 12	Presentation Day – Whole School at 9am Year 5-6 Presentation Day at 10:15am Year 3-4 Presentation Day at 11:30am
Friday, Dec 13	Kindergarten Presentation Day at 9am Year 1-2 Presentation Day at 10:15am
Week 10	Event
Tuesday, Dec 17	Year 6 Clap-out at 2:30pm
Tuesday, Dec 17	Year 6 Farewell – South's Leagues Club
Wednesday, Dec 18	LAST DAY FOR STUDENTS

SCHOOL ASSEMBLY AWARDS

TERM 3 – WEEK 10

YEARS 3, 4, 5 & 6 ASSEMBLY

3C	Dylan N Kiah B	Eddie P
3B	Luca F	Angus P
3L	Lily M	Levi R
3/4A	Oliver F Lachlan M Will B	Eddie L Makenzie F-A
4L	Noah R	Jacob L

	Ruby S Ava-May H	Kye V
4S	Angus J Kobe M	Ruby B
4/5F	Aleesha F Tim P	Nicholas B
5R	Rosie B Abbey A	Leo B Zaali L
5S	Lachlan F Keely H	Luka M Kaleb H
5/6L	Ava T Patrick J	Ryan H
6B	James J Claudia W	Isaac H Jaedyn M
6C	Isabella S Boston B	Andrew F
Values	Lachlan C Ruby K Samuel N Ben G	Khair S Dominic G Sadie S
Special Mentions	Ava K (20) Anjali (15) Lilah R (15)	Sophie B (20) Rafferty D (15)
Band	Olivia P Tommy M	Leo B
Student of the month	Felix D Gui K Fox S-R Amelie D Lucas C Evie R	Sofia G Rafferty D Alex K Lucille H Jasper M Finn T

SCHOOL ASSEMBLIES

Kinder to Year 2 will have their next assembly in **Week 2 of Term 4 - Friday 25th October**. Assemblies will be every second Friday (Even weeks) at 10.15am in the New Hall.

Year 3 to Year 6 will have their next assembly on **Friday 25th October**. Assemblies will be every second Friday (even weeks) at 11:20am in the New Hall. Parents are welcome to attend these assemblies.

INFORMATION FOR CHOIR GROUPS

There will be no Junior and Senior Choir in Week 1 of Term 4. Choir will resume Week 2 of Term 4.
Nina McLeod

NEWCASTLE PERMANENT MATHEMATICS COMPETITION SUCCESS LUCILLE H - YEAR 6

We are pleased to share with the community that Lucille received equal first place in the Newcastle Permanent Mathematics Competition. This competition has always been seen as quite a challenge by all who have participated in the past.

Lucille will receive her award on Wednesday 6th November along with all other major winners at McDonald Jones Stadium.

The Junction Public School would like to recognise Lucille's tireless attention to her learning. We also recognise the teachers who have so ably extended her learning, and her family for their wonderful support of her talent.

We look forward to hearing of Lucille's ongoing journey as she takes on her secondary learning challenges. Congratulations Lucille.

BOOK WEEK PARADE

I loved dressing up as "Olivia the Pig" with a friend.

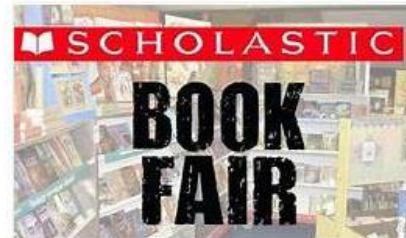
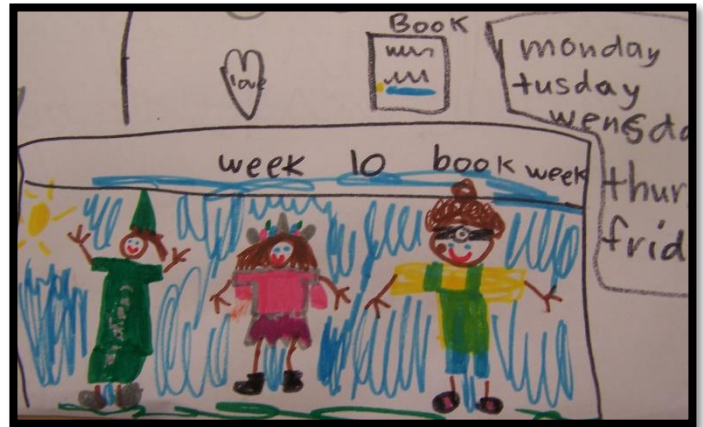
Charlotte W & Ashley C



I liked this Book Parade because I got to walk in front of a lot of people and that made me brave. I also loved that we got to dress up. By Abbey – 1W



The Book Parade was cool because we got to dress up as our favourite characters from a book. Brooke – 1W



Scholastic Book Fair is on its way!

Week 4

Tuesday 5th & Wednesday 6th

November

School Library - 8.15am to 4.00pm

Both Days

Hope to see you there!

CAR SAFETY AROUND THE SCHOOL

Our RMS Crossing Supervisors have noticed that some parents are dropping students off right on the crossing in Railway Street. This is a very dangerous practice and can result in the loss of 3 demerit points and a \$345 fine. We remind all parents to take care around the school to ensure the safety of our students. Thank you.

ONLINE UNIFORM SHOP ORDERING HAS CHANGED!
HERE IS AN UPDATE ON THE NEW UNIFORM OPTION FOR 2020

Pre-Orders have now closed.
All Pre-Orders have now been placed with S-Trend.

Pre-Orders will be delivered to your child's classroom when they arrive late November.
 New Uniform supplies are expected at the same time. **When this new stock arrives** it will be available to buy at the Uniform Shop here at school on a Monday morning OR ONLINE AT: www.tipsuniform.com You will be able to order the new unisex uniform and all other uniform items. You will be advised when orders re-open online again.

Please note that you can no longer purchase uniforms through Flexischools.

Office Hours - 8.30AM TO 3.15PM

Money collection for excursions & events

All money will come straight to the office, this includes:- Dance fees, Band fees, School books, Excursion money etc.

There is a "Payments" slot at the front counter in the school office – please post payments in this slot.

For this to work successfully, we ask that any money that is sent into school be in a sealed envelope with your "**Child's name and class**" on the front and details of what event you are paying for. Plastic lunch bags that seal are ideal. The school accepts cash (**exact amount is appreciated - we do not have a float - 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.

Absences

Any absence from school must be explained. The Skoolbag App is a great 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 an SMS alert to parents

of anyone who has an unexplained absence for that day. Please refrain from using the Class Dojo to explain absences as the teacher may not be at school or they are on class and unable to read the Dojo message before 10am.

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.

Late Arrivals / Early Leavers

School hours are from 9am to 3pm. First assembly is at 8.55am. 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. The 'Purple Partial Slip' indicates to the teacher you have been to the office to have the partial leave processed on the computer.

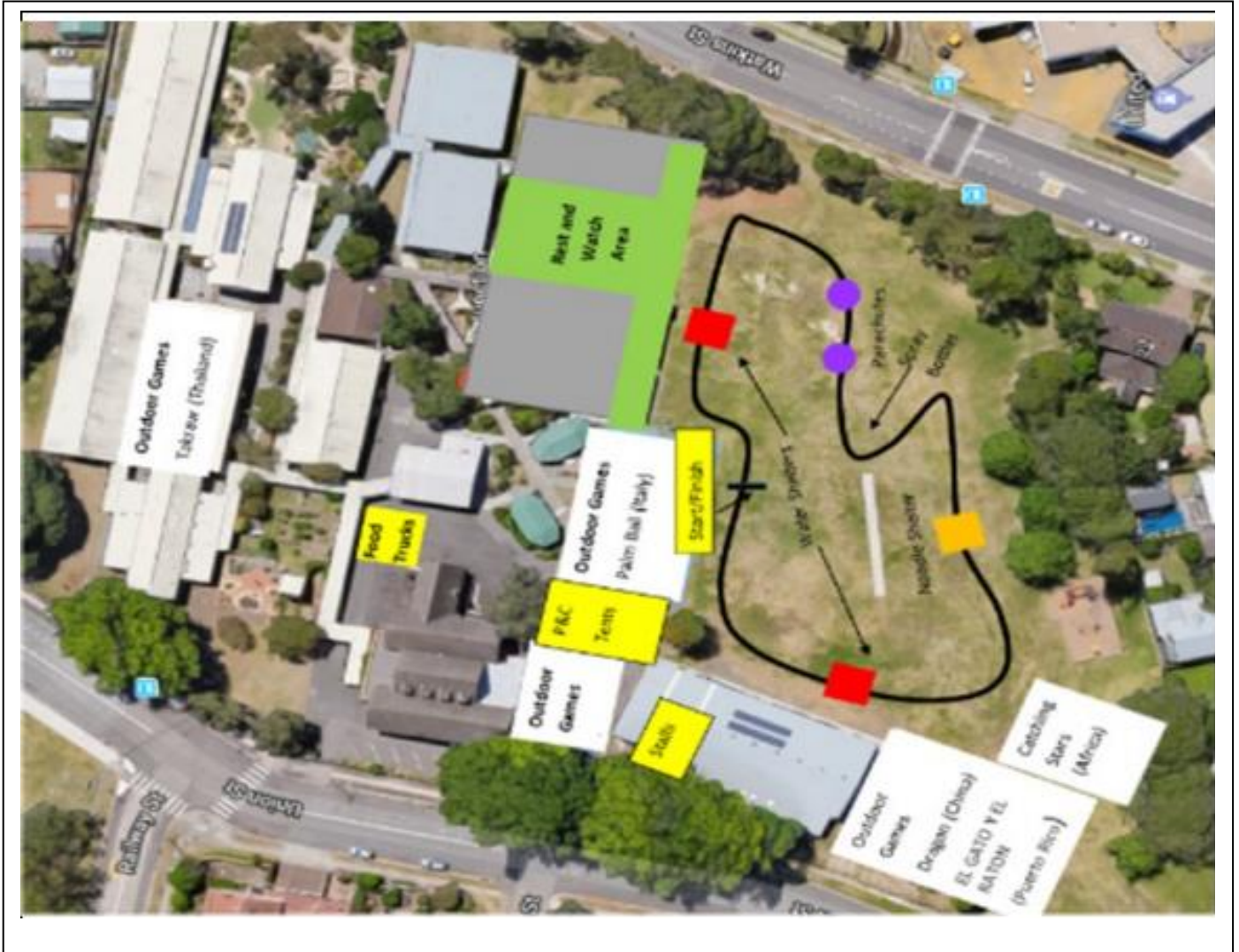
Medication at School

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. We are not able to administer any medication without this indemnity form being completed. **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 new space between the Senior Girls and Boys facilities just along from Class 4L.**

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.





ABC Newcastle and Hunter Water are Water Warriors

ABC Newcastle and Hunter Water have partnered in a water conservation campaign called 'Water Warriors' to help save our precious resource, following the start of water restrictions across the Lower Hunter for the first time in 25 years.

The campaign will see local families competing in challenges to lower their weekly water usage, with the winning Water Warrior taking home a water tank valued at \$10,000. Second prize is a water efficiency kit (valued at \$5,000), third prize is a \$500 gift card and fourth prize, a tour of The Reservoir and an ABC Pack.

Each ABC Newcastle program (Breakfast with Dan and Jenny, Mornings with Kia Handley and Drive with Paul Turton) will partner with one of the families to explore issues around water saving techniques as well as discuss some commonly asked questions:

- What do water restrictions mean for residents?
- Should you report a neighbour if you see them breaching water restrictions?
- Are water restrictions enforceable?
- What is a waterless car wash?

Hunter Water will monitor the water meters of the families' homes to determine how much water they saved, and the family that saves the most will win the competition.

ABC Newcastle Chief of Staff Lucia Hill said the campaign would include lots of water-saving tips and welcomed participants from all corners of the Hunter region.

'We've a very dry summer ahead so conserving water is vital,' Ms Hill said.

Hunter Water Acting Executive Manager Customer Strategy and Retail, Glen Robinson, said we need to be doing everything we could as a community to use water wisely.

'Like most areas across our state, our region is feeling the impact of drought, with Level 1 water restrictions starting for the first time in 25 years.

'We're thrilled to partner with ABC Newcastle for this campaign to spread the importance and value of our precious resource and find ways to conserve it together.

A panel consisting of ABC Newcastle management and Hunter Water representatives will determine the winning family.

Entries open on Monday 21 October and the competition will run for four weeks from Monday 11 November, with the winners being announced in early December.

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