

The Junction News

Newsletter of The Junction Public School



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Term 4 – Week 3

Tuesday 29 October 2019

LEADERSHIP REPORT

Bandfest

Congratulations to all the students who participated at Bandfest last week. Everyone performed well and there were many successes. A huge thanks to our music teachers and co-ordinators who make this experience possible for our students.

A special thanks to Mrs Smoother who stayed back till 4.30pm to look after the siblings of band students after school last week.

Safety around the school

We have 2 current concerns about student safety and are seeking your help.

Many students are riding bikes and scooters to school without a helmet. As well as being very dangerous, it is against the law. Some schools do not let their students ride home without helmets. At TJPS we believe our students can take this responsibility supported by their families. We will re-visit this if there is no improvement.

Secondly we are observing parents being inattentive around the crossing area. This includes texting on phones and generally not paying attention to this high risk time of the day. We are also still observing people not using our crossing service.

Our children watch our behaviours closely and this is often how they learn. Let's do our best to teach them well.

Please prioritise our students' safety. I imagine that no-one in our community would want a student injury or fatality on their conscience for the rest of their lives.

Once again we would like to remind students and parents not to access the school via the Staff driveways in Union Street and Watkins Street. Pedestrian access is only through the pedestrian gates. Gates in Union Street are locked at approximately 3.20pm each day. For anyone wanting to exit the school after this time in Union Street you must use the After School Care gate.

Learning Support Procedures

We are very lucky at TJPS to have an experienced and pro-active Learning Support Team. This team consists of school executive, Learning and Support Teacher, School Counsellor and external providers where required. We are also in constant consultation with Learning and Wellbeing advisors as needed.

Process of Referral

1. Class Teacher is the first port of call for any emerging or identified concerns about your **child's learning needs at school**.
2. Class Teachers consult with their Stage team colleagues to collaborate on learning adjustments.
3. If needed, the Stage team may refer to the Learning Support team for further input.
4. The Learning Support team meet every week to discuss referrals and provide advice to Stage teams.
5. One of the options the Learning Support Team may suggest is School Counsellor Referral. Please note – appointments with the School Counsellor cannot be made directly by a parent. External Counsellors should be accessed if the family requires counselling services.

At every step the class teacher will keep parents informed of progress.

Have a good week, Leadership Team

2020 KINDERGARTEN ORIENTATION

Orientation sessions begin NEXT WEEK!!!

9.15am to 10.50am

Please meet us in the new hall for Visit 1.

Orientation Visit 1 – **Tuesday 5 November**

For these two visits – please meet under the COLA area.

Orientation Visit 2 – **Tuesday 19 November**

Orientation Visit 3 – **Tuesday 3 December**

Angie King, Assistant Principal Early Stage 1

MUSICA VIVA – NEXT WEEK –

Wednesday 6th November – WHOLE SCHOOL

Musica Viva has been inspiring students throughout Australia for thirty years. Over thirty groups from all genres of music tour to over 1,000 schools each year.

This year's performance at school will be by B'Tutta.

This performance is part of our school's learning program and builds on preparatory work done in the classroom.

Cost for each student is: \$9.00

A number of families have a credit amount on their school account due to various cancellations of excursions and the Athletics Carnival this year. Please check with the school office, they can let you know if this is the case and the office can apply any credit to the Musica Viva performance.

CALENDAR - TERM 4 – 2019

Week 4	Event
Tuesday, Nov 5	Kinder 2020 : 1st Orientation
Tuesday, Nov 5	Book Fair in Library
Wednesday, Nov 6	Musica Viva – Whole school
Wednesday, Nov 6	Book Fair in Library

Week 5	Event
Tuesday, Nov 12	P & C Meeting
Wednesday, Nov 13	Year 4 – Great Aussie Bush Camp
Thursday, Nov 14	Year 4 – GABC
Friday, Nov 15	Year 4 – GABC

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 4 – WEEK 2
K - 2 ASSEMBLY**

KK	Max K	Eloise W
KS	Harrm H	Charlie P
KC	Abel V-D	Patrick K
KH	Odin C	Will R
KL	Zak R	Molly B
1C	Elijah M Morgan P	Ethan W
1W	Callan N Harlow C	Bowy R
2MC	Matilda S Arlo R	Sam B
2J	Coco R Audrey B	Chance G
2S	Sam T Zoe L	Lincoln P
Values Awards	Ellie P Mika S Olivia L Frieda H Hugo L	Eden B Matisse M Juliet A Ella H Ebony Y
Student of the month	Zara S Nate D Sidney F Lachlan W Lexie R	Astrid D Levi S Charlotte W Bailey H Tane C
STEAM		

YEARS 3, 4, 5 & 6 ASSEMBLY

3C	Claira B	Lucas M
3B	Saxon Y	Callum B

3L	Corban B Eli T	Gabi P
3/4A	Lewis M-L Lily C	Rosie James D-G Lachlan M
4L	Atticus S Alice W	Jimmy D Amelie D
4S	Charlotte W Max M	Ashley C Josh B
4/5F	Cedar B Quillon L	Zavier B
5R	Rowan L Sofie K	Louis D
5S	Sophie B Chase K	Lalita F
5/6L	Lachlan C Ruby K	Harry R Gui K
6B	Lily R	Maddy P
6C	Cameron A Phoebe L Zac C-S	Sadie S Liam S

BANDFEST

Last week all three bands, String ensemble, Percussion Ensemble and our newly formed Jazz Band went to compete in Bandfest at Warners Bay. It was fantastic to see musicians from so many other schools competing. Everyone performed brilliantly.

On Monday the Primary Band, who continue to improve, came extremely close to taking out their section. The adjudicator herself said it was very hard to separate the two top bands. They were awarded a Highly Commended.

Percussion ensemble and String ensemble competed against each other and both played well and both were awarded a Highly Commended.

On Thursday morning our Concert band opened their section, which was highly contested this year, with a stunning performance. They were also awarded a Highly Commended.

The afternoon saw our Premier Band and our Jazz Band both deliver outstanding performances resulting in winning their respective sections and also picking up a \$100 Muso's Corner voucher each. Special mention to our Jazz Band soloists Phoebe L, Edie W and Ronan B who performed exceptionally well in the Jazz Band's first ever public performance. Thank you to Tommy M and Eddie P for making the effort to join their bands even though they were unwell. Every ensemble is a team and only at our very best when everyone is present.

Well done to all our musicians!

Alison Tonkin, Music teacher

SCHOOL ASSEMBLIES

Kinder to Year 2 will have their next assembly in Week 4 of Term 4 - Friday 8th November. 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 8th November. Assemblies will be every second Friday (even weeks) at 11:20am in the New Hall.

Parents are welcome to attend these assemblies.

GREAT AUSSIE BUSH CAMP – Week 5

The Year 4 excursion to The Great Aussie Bush Camp takes place from Wednesday 13th to Friday 15th November.

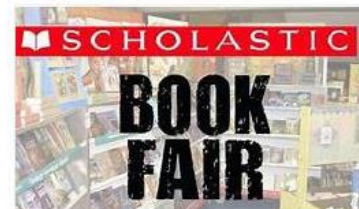
Recently, notes were sent home that needed to be returned by **Monday 28th October**. As of today, there are still a number of notes that have not been returned.

These notes were the Medical and Consent Form and the Current Medication/ Dietary Requirements Form.

It is imperative that these notes are returned to school by tomorrow, **Wednesday 30th October**. We leave for camp in just over two weeks, and information from these notes needs to be collated and forwarded to the Great Aussie Bush Camp prior to our arrival.

FULL PAYMENT IS REQUIRED BY THIS FRIDAY

Regards, Mark Alcock (for Year 4 teachers)



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!

JOIN OUR WASTE FREE WEDNESDAYS!

Every Wednesday this term we will be having Waste Free Wednesday. Please join us by packing a lunch box that is completely waste free. Here are some photos from 1A and 3B lunch boxes to give you some ideas.

In 1A we wrote some persuasive arguments to convince everyone to go waste free on Wednesdays. Read them and you might be convinced!

I believe we should have Waste Free Wednesday because it cuts down on plastic. Tully

We should have Waste Free Wednesday because if we don't rubbish will end up in the ocean. Cooper

I think we should have Waste Free Wednesday because if we don't all the trash will go in the ocean and the animals will die. Sonny

These are some ways of being waste free by 3B:

I brought a container that I can reuse everyday. It's better to use because you can't use a ziplock bag again and again. Shreyansh

I put my fruit in a container and my sandwich in a paper bag. Olivia

My lunch box is waste free with only fruit scraps that can be composted and be turned into fuel. My sandwich I can eat whole and I can reuse my lunch box. Angus



NATIONAL SCHOOLS FUTSAL

During the first week of the October school holidays, Zaac and Lucas Courtman had the opportunity to play in the U9 and U10 teams in the National Schools Futsal Tournament held in Brisbane over 4 days. Both boys played exceptionally well and both of their teams made it through to the semi-finals. Zaac's U10s NSW team were undefeated until the semi-finals when they unfortunately got knocked out by a team they comfortably beat earlier. Lucas's U9 NSW team had a mixture of wins and losses and played their heart out in the semi-finals but unfortunately didn't make it through any further. In the days following the tournament we were all very excited to receive the news that both boys have been selected to represent Australia and play in an

International Futsal tournament in the USA next July in the U10 and U11s teams. Fantastic effort from both boys, what an amazing opportunity!



COLOUR RUN SPONSORSHIP MONEY

All Sponsorship money and Sponsor cards are to be returned to school by **THIS FRIDAY 1ST NOVEMBER**. Students who have returned their money by this Friday will go into the Sanbah prize draw at Monday morning assembly at 9am.

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.

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.tjpsuniform.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.

P & C NEWS

Betty Anderson Award - Nominations Now Open

Nominations are now open for the 2019 Betty Anderson Award. Betty Anderson is a former parent of The Junction Public School who ran our school canteen on a voluntary basis for over 40 years through to about 2009.

Each year the P&C awards the Betty Anderson Award to recognise significant voluntary contribution to our school community.

Full details in the link below. Nominations close Friday 1st November.

<http://bit.ly/2019BettyAndersonAward>

Building Fund Management Committee

The P&C is calling for nominations for the Building Fund Management Committee. Nominees must:

- be financial members of the P&C (ie pay \$1 annual membership fee, if they are not already a member); and
- satisfy the Australian Tax Office's definition of a "Responsible Person" in relation to the management of Public Funds.

The ATO requires that "Responsible Persons" include people who, because of their tenure of some public office or their position in the community, have a degree of responsibility to the community as a whole. Examples are:

- school principals;
- judges, solicitors, doctors and other professional people;

- councillors and members of parliament;
- recipients of awards from government for services to the community such as an Order of Australia;
- members of a professional body which has a professional code of ethics and rules of conduct.

The P&C President will be an automatic member of the Building Fund Management Committee. Further details as to the requirements of the fund are included on the below link:

https://www.ato.gov.au/Non-profit/Getting-started/In-detail/Types-of-DGRs/Public-funds/?anchor=Requirements_of_PF#committee_members

The commitment required will be potentially once or twice a year for a short meeting (less than 15 mins duration), to formally document and approve expenditure from the Building Fund, if and when requested by the P&C.

The Committee will operate with reference to the P&C Building Fund Management Guidelines
<https://drive.google.com/open?id=1acg--y52R9Uxv-2I2XRu9vvMwajnJTOi>

Nominations can be made by clicking on this link:
<http://bit.ly/2019TJPSBuildingFund>

Nominations close Friday 1st November. The committee membership will be confirmed at the next P&C meeting on 12th November 2019.

Creative Garden - New boat and ongoing works

As everyone has probably noticed by now the creative garden has a fun new boat for the K-2 students. This boat was generously donated to the school by Mark Duffield-Thomas (P&C Vice President) and his family. Not only did Mark source the boat for the students, but he also transported it all the way from the Central Coast. Thanks Mark! Tom has done an amazing job integrating the boat into the creative garden play area so a big thank you also goes out to Tom - the school's General Assistant. More improvements in TERM 4 are planned for the creative garden so watch this space!



Colour Run - Event Wrap Up

The P&C Colour Run held Friday 18th October at the school back oval was the grand finale for a whole school journey that saw students K–6 running laps around the oval throughout Term 3 as part of the JAK Homeward Bound Harmony Run. What a finale it was! The students' excitement, laughter and squeals spoke for themselves on the day as runners were sprayed with water and doused in colour powder.

Of course, this event could not have been possible without a dedicated team of volunteers who have worked relentlessly throughout the year to make the day the success it was. First and foremost, thanks goes out to the Colour Run 2019 co-ordinating team consisting of Angela Le Rougetel, Kristen Saunders, Mark Duffield-Thomas, Ying McKenzie, Leigh Kurtz, Rachel Sutherland, Kate Case, Eithne Healy and Kate Young. These guys took the idea of a school based colour run and made it into a reality.

Thank you to the teaching staff for helping make the day extra fun with games and activities and of course a big thank you to the one and only Jody Cooper who had a hand in everything from putting the course together, supporting the Year 6 helpers, organising the games, and creating the Term 3 JAK Homeward Bound cultural awareness run. The event could not have happened without her input and we are all extremely grateful.

Thanks to the guys at Merewether Fire Brigade (Craig Prentis) for contributing to our colour run course with a huge hose off the back of the fire truck lightly spraying the runners. I think we all agree that the refreshing spray of water was a highlight of the colour run lap.

Rosie (Craig Resevear) was outstanding as our energetic MC on the day, ensuring everyone was in the running mood with music and energy like no other. Rosie also lent the school the PA system at no cost which we are very grateful for.

The environment was not forgotten at the colour run with Louise Crosskill and her mini helpers ensuring that poppers and other recyclables were not thrown out with general rubbish but were collected and taken to a 'Return and Earn scheme'. This added to the P&C profits on the day but most importantly, encourages children to take responsibility for their rubbish and helps create awareness for the environment and sustainability.

Thank you to Big Kiss Creative (Snezana and David Bennell) who used a drone on the day to capture video photography of the event. This imagery will be very valuable and used in accordance with the school's photography and social media regulations.

A big thank you to Jenni Whitehead and the canteen ladies for sharing their space with the food providers on the day and as always being so amenable and flexible with the food demands of hungry students and families.

Appreciation and a big thanks to Suki Kwon from Sukimama catering for her delicious dumplings and hosting her food stand. A shout out to Harry and the boys from the Harry Schnitzel food truck for their support and efforts on the day. To our corporate sponsors: Home Care Assistance (Gold), Junction Fair and Plus Fitness (Silver) BuildCert, Lorn Rose

Farm, Lingard Hospital and NAC Services (Bronze) and minor sponsors The Oriental Hotel, TASK and Mary Ellen Hotel, we thank you for your generosity and support of TJPS.

Finally, a huge thank you goes out to ALL THE PARENTS, carers and extended family members for putting their hand up to help on the day, whether it was setting up, supervising the course (squirting colour!), manning the popper stall, giving out ice blocks, helping with the pre-ordered food, or the clean-up efforts – it was a team effort and there was no shortage of willing volunteers 😊

Please keep your eye out for updates on the future-focused, flexible furniture for our classrooms as we work with the teaching team and management to bring this to fruition with the sponsorship money raised. **In the meantime, please ensure that your child brings back their sponsorship card and cash by this Friday 1st November as this will make up the other half of our Fundraising goals. Only students who have returned their Sponsorship money by Friday go into the Monday morning draw.**

THE WINNER OF THE SANBAH BODYBOARD PRIZE AND SURFPACK WILL BE ANNOUNCED AT MONDAY MORNING ASSEMBLY 4TH NOVEMBER.



BE CONNECTED

Certificate III in Mentoring Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander People (BLOCK RELEASE)

Course Code 10650NAT



COURSE INFORMATION

This Certificate III in Mentoring Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander People course has been designed specifically for Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander learners.

The course aims to prepare learners to mentor Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander peoples in order to support employment outcomes. The course content would be of benefit to existing workers, school leavers and/or community workers and those interested in mentoring in an Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander context.

The course delivery consists of 4 Core Units along with 5 Elective Units, including:

- **AHCILM306** Follow Aboriginal cultural protocols
- **CHCCCS009** Facilitate responsible behaviour
- **CHCCOM002** Use communication to build relationships
- **CHCDIV002** Promote Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander cultural safety
- **FBPPPL3001** Support and mentor individuals and groups
- **MATMNT301** Develop knowledge of Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander identity
- **MATMNT302** Prepare to mentor Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander people
- **MATMNT303** Mentor Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander people
- **MATMNT304** Access support systems as a mentor of Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander people

READY TO BE DEADLY?

HOW DOES THE AWAY FROM BASE PROGRAM WORK

Expressions of Interests (EOI) are open to Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander people who:

- live in NSW
- meet ABSTUDY eligibility
- available for the following block deliveries:

- ❖ Block 1: 10 Feb-14 Feb
- ❖ Block 2: 09 Mar-13 Mar
- ❖ Block 3: 04 May-08 May
- ❖ Block 4: 01 Jun- 05 Jun

ACCOMMODATION, TRAVEL and MEALS

If learners are ABSTUDY eligible accommodation, travel & meals will be funded.

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