

The Junction News

Newsletter of The Junction Public School



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Term 4 – Week 5

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LEADERSHIP REPORT

We can't believe how quickly the weeks are rolling by and wonder how everything will be finalised before Christmas. As always, it seems to get done.

GREAT AUSSIE BUSH CAMP – CANCELLED

I know the Year 4 students will be very disappointed but I have decided to cancel the Great Aussie Bush Camp. This decision has not been made lightly. All decisions have been made in consultation with the Department of Education and the school executive team.

Children are precious and irreplaceable and I would prefer to err on the side of caution.

Please be assured we are looking at alternate opportunities for this group to go on an overnight excursion.

SCHOOL ENROLMENTS 2020

It is that time of year where we begin to plan for 2020. 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.

Also, if you know your child will be moving schools next year, please advise the school office as soon as possible.

SKOOLBAG APP

At times like the present with Statewide emergencies such as damaging fires, floods or other emergencies our school may have to contact families urgently and Skoolbag messages are our main form of information to parents.

The school would like 100% of families to download this app.

You can download this app through the "App Store" for your Apple device. OR

Through the "Play Store" button on your Android Device.

Just search Skoolbag and then select The Junction Public School.

STUDENT ACHIEVEMENTS – Lucille & Felicity

Last week I had the great pleasure of seeing Lucille receive her award for the Newcastle Permanent Maths Competition. Lucille, along with several other students got 100%! What a great result. After that I returned to school to meet a reporter from the Newcastle Herald to celebrate Felicity's success in getting to the finals of the Spelling Bee held in Sydney last Friday.



NSW PREMIER'S SPELLING BEE

On Friday 8th November I went to the NSW Premier's Spelling Bee at the ABC Centre in Sydney. There were 49 students from all over NSW competing on the day. I got out in the 7th round on the word 'nuance' which placed me equal 10th. After 'round 8' there were two students left. Then it only took one more round to find the winner. It was an amazing experience and something I will always remember.

Felicity W, 4S



REMEMBRANCE DAY 2019

On 11th November the Student Executive and Mrs Emmington went to Gregson Park for the Hamilton/Merewether RSL Remembrance Day Service. Remembrance Day is observed in many parts of the world because on the 11th November 1918 the guns fell silent meaning that WWI had finally come to an end. It was known as Armistice Day.

Remembrance Day is a day for us to remember the soldiers that fought hard and lost their lives so that we can have peace. At 11am we observed a minute of silence to show our respects for those who had fallen. Sadie and Liam, our School Captains, then laid the wreath as the rest of the student executive followed to show their respect.

It was a wonderful service and afterwards we said hello to Mr Alf Carpenter, who attended our ANZAC Service at school this year as our special guest. He was alive when Armistice Day happened in 1918. He is 102 years old.

Some of our Stage 2 students went to the The Junction Soldier's Monument on Glebe Road to lay a wreath. The whole school observed one minute silence at 11am followed by Ronan B playing The Last Post.

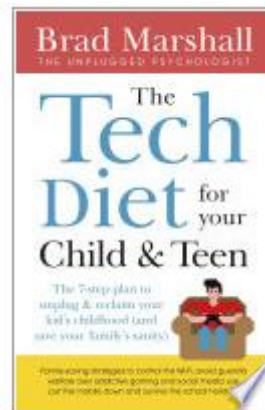
Albert, Harry and Liam (Yr 6)



TECHNOLOGY CHALLENGES

In today's world it is very difficult to work out just how much technology to expose your child to. There are currently many studies out there regarding this. At the back of this newsletter is the opportunity to be part of some ongoing research. This research has had Department of Education approval and is voluntary only.

Last week at the Principals' Conference there was a session which was very relevant to this topic. Brad Marshall, a psychologist specialising in internet addiction (yes this is a term) had some very interesting and practical ideas. If you are interested I have included his book details.



EXTENDED STAFF LEARNING : NOVEMBER 6 TWILIGHT SESSION

Wednesday evening was our fourth and final extended learning for the term. This is in place of working on the last (2) student free days at the end of Term 4. We find these sessions are more timely and relevant than the final two days of term.

For this session we explored the use of the latest digital resources and apps to teach film making in the classroom. We looked at how film making could be incorporated into our current teaching and learning programs. Through the workshop we reflected on the potential benefits for our students engaging in film making, benefits such as:

- improved problem solving, creative, critical and innovative thinking skills,
- effective collaboration and team building skills,

- improved communication skills, both verbal and written,
- improved research, organisational and presentation skills,
- increased student engagement because most importantly LEARNING should be FUN.



THE SENSORY WALL – PHASE 2 - THE BALL RUN IS COMPETE!

The Sensory Wall has been a long term project begun by Year 6 in 2018. Last year our Year 6 students designed and painted the beautiful murals which can be seen on one side of the wall along the covered walk way. Students in our current Year 6 have used their creative thinking skills to come up with designs to stimulate the senses and encourage interactive play. Other wonderful ideas are in production stage at present and will be added over the coming weeks.

Well done to all our senior students over the past 2 years who have been involved with this project. It will make a wonderful addition to our playground.



MUSIC COUNT US IN 2019

Last Thursday, our whole school participated in *Count Us In 2019*. This event is designed to advocate for and celebrate music in Australian Schools.

After weeks of work by individual schools Australia wide, the program culminated in a National Celebration Day streamed live from Surfers Paradise. More than half a million students sang, played and signed the same song, on the same day, at the same time. The song was written by students, for students. This year's song was called 'We Are' and involved over 745,000 students from more than 3,400 schools all around Australia celebrating the value of music education. We were also very fortunate to have 4L perform the song again for the whole school in Auslan straight after the live stream.

"On Thursday we went to the hall and the whole school sang 'We Are' for Count Us In. By Brooke and Ngahuia 1W

If you would like to re-watch the live stream, head to <https://live.musicaustralia.org.au/> or information can on the event can be found at <https://musicaustralia.org.au/program/countusin/>.



Have a good week, Leadership Team

2020 KINDERGARTEN ORIENTATION

Orientation sessions have begun **9.15am to 10.50am**.

For the next 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

CALENDAR - TERM 4 – 2019

Week 5 Event

Tuesday, Nov 12	P & C Meeting – 6.30pm – TONIGHT!!!! - Merewether Bowling Club
Wednesday, Nov 13	Year 4 – Great Aussie Bush Camp - CANCELLED
Thursday, Nov 14	Year 4 – GABC CANCELLED
Friday, Nov 15	Year 4 – GABC CANCELLED

Week 6 Event

Tuesday, Nov 19	Kinder 2020 : 2nd Orientation
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Week 7 Event

Thursday, Nov 28	Band Presentation Night at Newcastle Conservatorium
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Week 8 Event

Tuesday, Dec 3	Kinder 2020 : 3rd Orientation
Friday, Dec 6	Charity Day – Whole School – (Note to go home this week)

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

CALENDAR - TERM 1 – 2020

Week 1 Event

Tuesday, Jan 28	STAFF ONLY RETURN
Wednesday, Jan 29	YEAR 1-6 STUDENTS RETURN
Wed 29 th to Fri 31 st	Kinder 2020 Best Start Assessments

Week 2 Event

Monday, Feb 3	KINDERGARTEN START
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SCHOOL ASSEMBLY AWARDS

TERM 4 – WEEK 4

K - 2 ASSEMBLY

KK	Toby K	Griffin B
KS	Poppy W	Luka I
KC	Cali S	Nina C
KH	Shravya S Ruby P	Zachary E
KL	Remy M	London L
1A	Mayra P Hugo B	Oscar L
1C	Marlou D Viktor S	Emile A
1W	Benjamin L Molly S	Lewis H
2MC	Sofia G C Alex C	Zahara B
2C	Charlie I	
2J	Sudar G Sam R	Zali G Saachi B
2S	Bailey R	Maggie K
Values Awards	Seth F Sophie C Ava McC Toby H Brooke C Daisy B	Imogen G Newton R-F Amelia B Tully C Matilda S Leita L
STEAM	Alex C	Amelia B

YEARS 3, 4, 5 & 6 ASSEMBLY

3C	Jake B	Evie L
3B	Violet W Zimm W	Hugh M
3L	Lily M Hannah L	Riley T
3/4A	Darby S Charlie S	Rosemary E-F Makenzie F-A
4L	Elijah T Atticus S	Mia G Tracy E
4S	Thomas M Eden N	Ollie D
4/5F	Tom L Sam R	Rosie B Campbell J
5R	Maya L Zoe C	Zachary R
5S	Ella W Saoirse V	Amelie P
5/6L	Natalia B Noah A	Sam B
6B	Hamish M Louis G	Daniel B Joshua M
6C	Liam S Louie J	Neve O Stella S
Values	Maggie B – 5/6L Boston B – 6C	Lexi A – 3L Zoe B – 2/3C
Bronze	Jules W-M – 3L	
Gold	Jake B – 4/5F Lewis M-L – 3/4A Max M – 4S	Sam B – 5/6L Emiel E-F – 6C
Student of the month	Ruby K – 5/6L Caleb R – 3L Thomas P – 3/4A Noah C – 5S Anna S – 6C Sophie T – 4/5F	Sam N – 2/3C Luka K – 5R Zadie A – 4S Lucy R – 6B Milla D – 3B

SCHOOL ASSEMBLIES

Kinder to Year 2 will have their next assembly in **Week 6 of Term 4 - Friday 22nd 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 22nd November. Assemblies will be every second Friday (even weeks) at 11:20am in the New Hall.

Parents are welcome to attend these assemblies.

JAK HOMEWARD BOUND HARMONY RUN

WOW WOW WOW !!!!!

What an amazing achievement by the students at our school. We began our journey at the start of Term 3 with some very worried faces as to how we could run so far but we did it. At The Junction we can achieve anything we put our minds to in all aspects of school life. Every day we went out to complete our laps, despite the weather working against us on occasions. We learnt more about the people that make up our school, where we come from and a new appreciation of our diversity. Our final day culminated in the Colour Run and what a day it was. It was filled with cultural arts and crafts, games and our final run. The sun was shining, the birds were chirping and we were fortunate to share the day with our family and friends. We were coloured from head to toe and it was a day we will never forget.

Over the following weeks students began to bring in their sponsorship money. Every day our hard working ladies in the office counted the sponsorship money and the tally grew to a huge \$24,600. This combined with the hard work from the P&C with corporate sponsorships of \$15,000 gives us a total over \$39,600. What an absolutely amazing effort by our school and community. We want to thank everyone who has been involved in this journey with us and we look forward to our students sharing their ideas on future focused classroom furniture.

Congratulations to Rohan and Jacob for winning the Sanbah prizes and KH for achieving the highest average sponsorship money and winning the class party.



MATHS OLYMPIAD

Over the last few months we have had students participate in the Maths Olympiad (Years 5-6) and Maths Games (Years 3-4) Competition. The APSMO Maths Olympiad is a competition for students in Years 5 and 6 of Primary schools and Years 7 and 8 of Secondary schools from around Australia and New Zealand. It is aimed at challenging participants' maths problem solving abilities. Both our school teams achieved wonderful results with several students being recognised for their outstanding performances.

Lucille achieved the highest score for The Junction Public School Team and her results placed her in the top 10% of all students in the competition. Lucille also placed equal 1st in the Hunter for the Newcastle Permanent Maths Competition. We congratulate her on her outstanding achievements.

Claudia achieved excellent results placing in the top 30% for the competition.

Cameron, Louis and Louie all placed in the top 40% for the competition.

Congratulations to all members of the team for their efforts throughout last term.

Year 6 – Ronan, Alex, Isabella, Eli, Lucca, Millie, Saffron, Albert

Year 5 – Saoirse, Ruby, Ryan, Oliver, Louis, Sofia, Quillon, Sam, Jarvis, Yo Han

PSSA GIRLS CRICKET

From 28th - 31st October, Abby and Felicity went to Campbelltown, Sydney for the PSSA Girls Cricket State Carnival. We played for the Hunter Region against 14 other Regional teams. We played 7 games over the four days, winning four of the games. It was extremely fun and extremely hot. We played against some good cricketers and learnt a lot throughout the carnival. In the end we came 6th out of 14 teams. By Abby and Felicity



PSSA STATE ATHLETICS CHAMPIONSHIPS

On 6th and 7th November, the PSSA State Athletics Championship was held at Homebush Sydney. There were (7) students from The Junction who represented the Hunter Region. Imogen P competed in the (8-10 girls) 1500m and came 24th out of 40, in the State. Harry B competed in the (12-13 boys) 1500m and came 28th out of 40, in the State. Boston B competed in the (11yo boys) 200m, 100m and long jump. In the 200m he came 19th, in the 100m he came 26th and in long jump he came 27th. Corban B competed in the (9yo boys) 100m and came 27th. The (8-10) Junior boys relay came 6th in their heat which included Zimm W, Corban B, Charlie S and Jett R. Everyone had an amazing experience and they did a fabulous job! Well Done!

By Boston B and Harry B



CHARITY DAY 2019

Charity Day 2019 takes place on Friday 6th December. Your child will be bringing home a separate note with details about this very special day during the week. Below are listed the stalls and activities taking place on the day. If you are able to donate items, where specified, it would be greatly appreciated. Items should be taken directly to the classes mentioned. Please do not take items to the School office. Thank you!

CLASS	STALL/ ACTIVITIES	DONATIONS?
Kinder	Lolly Bags	Yes
1W	Chocolate Walk	Yes
1A / 2Mc	Cake Stall	Yes
1C & 2/3C	Drinks	Yes – cans of soft drink
2S / 2J	Lucky Dips	Yes
3/4A & 3L	Toy Stall	Yes
4S	Face Painting	Yes
4L / 5S	Book Stall	Yes
3B / 5R	White Elephant Stall	Yes
4/5F	Zooper Doopers	Yes
Year 6 & 5/6L	Haunted House	No
Maker Space	Beaded Key Chains	No
Admin / Tom	Sausage Sizzle	No

REMINDER FROM THE CANTEEN

The canteen sometimes supplies recess/lunches for students who don't have lunch, due to their FlexiSchools order not being processed properly or they have forgotten to bring their lunch to school.

It would be appreciated if your child receives recess or lunch from the canteen that the account be paid promptly.

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.

P & C NEWS

The P & C meeting will start at 6.30pm sharp tonight at Merewether Bowling Club, Caldwell Street, Merewether. There will be no Parent Forum prior to the meeting. All nominations are in for the Betty Anderson Award which will be announced on Presentation Day. The P & C will vote on the winner of the Betty Anderson Award tonight!

UNIFORM SHOP SALE – Red Polo Shirts

The P & C have reduced the price of the current Red Sports Polo Shirts to \$15 until sold out. These shirts are still part of the current school uniform. The updated shirts are still expected to arrive at the end of November. There were a large amount of orders, these will be sorted and distributed in December.

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.

IS YOUR CHILD USING A HANDHELD DEVICE ?

This research will involve a two-part online survey that is expected to be completed in 2019 and in 2020. Each survey will take approximately 30 minutes.

If your child is born between 30/10/2013 to 28/02/2015 and engages in handheld device use, we would like to hear from you!

Screen time is a popular pastime activity in children today. We are interested in exploring the effects of parental wellbeing and handheld devices (e.g. iPads, tablets, mobile phones) on development.

YOU WILL GO INTO THE DRAW TO WIN 1 OF 4 \$100 COLES/MYER GIFT CARDS!!!

HOW TO PARTICIPATE

SCAN THE QR CODE



OR

https://bit.ly/st_survey19

ON THE WEB AND ENTER PASSWORD SCREEN19

This proposal has been approved by the UTS Human Research Ethics Committee (HREC#: ETH18-2354)

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