

# The Junction News

Newsletter of The Junction Public School



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Term 1 – Week 3

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## PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Hello to our Parents and Carers,  
It was a good to get back to routine last week.

Our P&C had their first meeting on Tuesday night and we recognised the enormous work done by this group during 2018. I would like to note the important role this group play across the school and also the support they give the school leadership team.

Our staff had their fortnightly professional learning meeting after school on Wednesday afternoon. We welcomed Nathan Towney, Principal of Newcastle High School to talk to us about the Department's Aboriginal Policy and its implications for our school planning.

We formed classes on Thursday after a lot of thought and consideration. Many students are adapting to change well and meeting new class members and teachers. Thank you for your support in this process - resilience and a growth mindset are useful characteristics to develop in our students as they deal with the ups and downs of school and life.

Cath Larkman

### Classes 2019

Last Thursday, we were able to form 23 classes for 2019. In trying to form classes we look at special needs, academic diversity, gender balance, social skills and where possible, friendships from the previous year.

#### Classes for this year are:

[KK- Angie King \(AP – Early Stage 1\) + Music Team](#)

KS – Amy Shepherd

KC – Amy Cartwright

KL – Louise Searant

KH – Hannah Smith

1C – Lisa Campey / Claire Edwards

1A – Alyssa Anstey

1W – Rachel West

2MC – Nina McLeod

[Science & Design – Laura Chaffey \(AP – Stage 1\)](#)

2J – Nicole Jones

2S – Alison Smoother

2/3C – Rochelle Cromarty / Sarah Jenkins

[3B – Brenda Brown \(AP – Stage 2\)](#)

3L – Aleisha Ladkin / Nicole Tobin

3/4A – Kaitlyn Spring / Mark Alcock

4L – Luke Sparksman

4S – Nick Savage

4/5F – Sue Freeman

5R – Michael Radnidge

5S – Sarah Griffiths / Sarah Wilson

[5/6L – Matt Liles \(AP – Stage 3\)](#)

6B – Tess Barns

6C – Jody Cooper

Music RFF – Alison Tonkin

Library/Technology – Sharelle Land

Technology RFF – Louise Tilse (Yrs 4-6)

Laura Chaffey (Kinder to Year 3 – as part of Science & Design Project)

Learning Support Teachers – Sally Swain / Chris Swain / Sarah Wilson / Alex Rogers

Quality Teaching Successful Students –

Nicole Tobin (Early Stage 1)

Sara Willoughby (Stage 2 & 3)

ESL – Laurie Hakansson

Hearing Itinerant Teacher – Lou Harris

Band Liaison – Michael Bell

Principal – Cath Larkman

Deputy Principal / Supervisor LAST – Connie Emmington

Office Admin Manager – Dianne Edwards

Admin Officers – Angela Bowen, Amanda Brake, Kathy

McInnes, Lesley Janissen

Learning Support Officers – Di Edwards, Nareen Rich,

Theresa Koitka, Andrew Bailey, Chris Hill, Jack Neenan,

Liam Begnell, Jeremy Smoother

School Counsellor – Linda Whiteside (Mon/Tues)

General Assistant – Tom Jervis

### Parent Meetings

See page two of this newsletter for information about Teacher/Parent Information Sessions happening this week and next week.

### Teaching and Learning Today

All teachers differentiate learning to meet the specific learning needs of students across the full range of abilities irrespective of class, grade or year group. Teachers together develop teaching activities that incorporate differentiated strategies to meet the specific needs of the students in their care as outlined in **The Australian Professional Standards for Teachers**. Multi-age and multi-ability classes are the norm for teachers today and

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business as usual in many schools. An education degree equips teachers with the necessary skills to fulfil the Teaching Standards.

Students are taught skills which are practised and consolidated over a period of time and it is in knowing our students and how they learn that best enables our teachers to differentiate learning successfully. Differentiation occurs through teachers collaboratively planning and teaching in teams. Children are then able to see that many teachers know them and care about them. Research and experience tells us that when teachers work together across grades and teams, student learning is enhanced significantly (John Hattie).

Connie Emmington, Deputy Principal  
NESA Accredited Lead Teacher  
Master of Education (University of Sydney)  
Leadership Team

## CALENDAR - TERM 1 – 2019

### Week 3

Event	
Thursday, Feb 14	Kinder Parent Information Session – at 2.15pm – KK Room

### Week 4

Event	
Monday, Feb 18	<u>Kinder will finish at 3pm from today onwards</u>
Tuesday, Feb 19	Zone Swimming Carnival
Wednesday, Feb 20	Parent Information Sessions – Stage 1 at: 5.30pm Stage 2 at: 5pm Stage 3 at: 4.30pm (See this page of this newsletter for more information)

### Week 6

Event	
Monday, March 4	School Photos
Tuesday, March 5	School Photos
Tuesday, March 5	Regional Swimming Carnival
Tuesday, March 5	P & C Meeting 6.45pm - Plus AGM

### Week 7

Event	
Friday, March 15	School Cross Country Carnival – Nesca Park (Years 3-6)

## PARENT MEETINGS

This is a time that class teachers have dedicated to communicating with you about their class organisation and expectations for the year. This isn't a time for parent/teacher interviews about an individual child. If you would like to chat to your class teacher about anything to do with your child's learning, please make an appointment either through your class teacher or making initial contact with the front office. Teachers have their preferred ways of communicating so these meetings are an ideal way of finding out about communication pathways.

### Thursday 14 February – Kindergarten – 2.15pm

This information session will be held in the KK Classroom. Kindergarten students will go to the KC classroom with a teacher while the Parent meeting is on.

### Wednesday 20 February (Week 4)

Stage 3 (Years 5 & 6) – 4.30pm to 5pm

4/5F will be in this session (4.30pm)

(Starting in Class 5/6L room – then breaking out into Classrooms)

Stage 2 (Years 3 & 4) – 5pm to 5.30pm (In each Classroom)

Class: 2/3C will be in this session (5pm)

Stage 1 – (Years 1 & 2) – 5.30pm (Starting in the new hall and then moving to classrooms)

Parents of Year 2 students in Class: 2/3C are welcome to attend the whole Stage One group session.

## ZONE SWIMMING CARNIVAL

Congratulations to all of our ribbon winners last week. All students were outstanding competitors at our school Swimming Carnival, collecting points for their house through participation and sportsmanship. Our Age Champions are calculated from the results and this year are as follows: Junior Girls: Amelie, Mia and Evie. Junior Boys: Angus. 11 year Girls: Alexis. 11 year Boys: Albert. Senior Girls: Stella and Senior Boys: Daniel. We wish our talented swimmers great success at the upcoming Zone Carnival. Below is a list of names attending the Zone Carnival next Tuesday, including our school relay teams.

Stella, Alexis, Zali, Hannah, Evie, Luca, Mia, Coco, Harmony, Sienna, Amelie, Imogen, Sophie, Keely, Felicity, Lilli, Lily, Madeline, James, Daniel, Ari, Edison, Angus, Rafferty, Jett, Kobe, Albert, Boston, Noah, Eddie, Tyler, Corban.

Junior girls relay: Evie, Coco, Mia, Imogen

Junior boys relay: Angus, Rafferty, Jett, Corban

Senior girls relay: Stella, Alexis, Harmony, Sienna

Senior boys relay: James, Daniel, Albert, Boston

Nick Savage, Co-ordinator

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
String Ensemble 8:00am				
		Primary Band 3:10pm - 4:10pm		

## BAND/STRINGS NEWS

Have you made contact with your music tutor yet? By now all band members should have organised their private lessons through their tutors. Several tutors did not return to school this year and Mr Bell has worked hard through the holidays to find new tutors to continue the wonderful work of our musicians. If you are unsure of who you are being tutored by, please contact me ASAP via email: [angela.king@det.nsw.edu.au](mailto:angela.king@det.nsw.edu.au).

This week, please look out for our **Hire Agreement** note. I would like you to check the serial number on your instrument when completing this document so that I can update our Instrument Register.

Our conductors are excited about **Primary Band beginning rehearsals next Monday (Week 4 – 18<sup>th</sup> February)**.

**Skoolbag Alerts/Newsletters** – As newsletters are now electronic, it is important that parents check for information. The Skoolbag App is another way that I relay messages for Band students and I highly recommend that you turn your Skoolbag notifications on.

I am currently working on a calendar of our performance dates. More to come on this in the near future.

A reminder that **Term 1 Band Fees are due by week 8**. This year they remain at \$110 per term plus an instrument hire fee of \$10 per term. We welcome part payments and are only too happy to help facilitate a payment plan if required.

## CHOIR INVITATION

Today an invitation was sent home to students in Years 3 to 6, inviting them to join the Choir. Mrs McLeod will be running choir before school as an extra curricula activity. Those interested should return your acceptance to the front office.

**Junior Choir** – Tuesdays 8:00am – 8:45am in Mrs McLeod's room – 2Mc

**Senior Choral Group** – Wednesdays 8:00am – 8:45am again in Mrs McLeod's room.

Angie King, Band Co-ordinator

## SAFETY AROUND OUR SCHOOL

As another year starts, I would like to remind you of our school's expectations around a few issues regarding work, health and safety.

When entering our school grounds, kindly **enter through the pedestrian gates**. No persons should enter via the driveways. Similarly, please **exit through the pedestrian gates** and not through the driveways or staff carpark. This will help keep everyone safe. If you are leaving the school after 3.30pm, the only exit from the school will be the gate near OOSH at the new school hall as all other gates will be locked.



Students in **Kindergarten-Year 6 may ride their bikes or scooters to school**, however, once they arrive at the pedestrian gate, they must **walk their bike or scooter** to the **designated bike storage facility** located at the front of our school. No students/parents are permitted to ride their bike or scooter on the school grounds.

Bike Rack Facility

Students who arrive at school with their parent/caregiver and a dog/s, must leave the dog outside of the school grounds. Please refrain from tying a dog near the pedestrian gate.

The staff have noticed students arriving at school very early in the morning. **Students are welcome from 8.30am** when there is **active teacher supervision**. Please **organise alternative care arrangements (Camp Australia - OOSH)** if you need to separate from your child/ren prior to 8.30am.

Thank you all in advance for your help in keeping our students and your child/ren safe.

Sally Swain

WHS Representative

## SCHOOL GATES & VISITING OUR SCHOOL

All gates to the school need to be kept closed at all times. If you need to come into the school, please ensure that you close the gate behind you. This is for the safety and security of our students. If you enter the school grounds you must report to the school office first.

## NO DOGS ON THE SCHOOL SITE

We ask that dogs not be brought into the school grounds. When dropping off or picking up your child, dogs must be tied up outside the school fence. Please do not tie dogs up near the pedestrian gates. Thank you.

## SCHOOL ASSEMBLIES

Kinder to Year 2 to will start their assembly in Week 4!  
Assemblies will be every second Friday (Even weeks)

Year 3 to Year 6 – This Friday at 11.20am - every week!

Parents are welcome to attend these assemblies in the new hall.

## BAND/STRINGS NEWS

Welcome back to all our musicians! Below is a table for this year's rehearsals.

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
String Ensemble 8:00am				
		Primary Band 3:10pm - 4:10pm		

Concert, Premier Bands and the Strings ensemble have begun rehearsals this week. Primary Band will have their first rehearsal on Monday 18<sup>th</sup> February.

All Primary Band students are asked to attend whether they have had their first lesson or not. We will be organising band seating, as well as going over band expectations and procedures. We can't wait to see all of our new musicians!

All Band/String members should receive a 'Green note' this week with information regarding rehearsals.

We are finalising Primary Band members this week. All Primary Band members should receive their tutor information this week. If you are still unsure of who your tutor is, please contact me via email: [angela.king@det.nsw.edu.au](mailto:angela.king@det.nsw.edu.au)

Primary Band members will receive their instrument at their first tutorial.

Concert and Premier Bands will be electing their Captains and Vice-captains during rehearsals in Week 3. Primary Band will elect their Captains and Vice-captains in Week 6. Captains and Vice-captains will be presented with their badges at a Monday morning assembly soon after elections - parents will be advised.

### Band Fees

Term 1 band fees have now been invoiced, (Except for Primary Band and Strings - these will be invoiced when we finalise these ensembles). Please pay fees by Week 8 of Term 1. We accept part payments – payment plans can be organised if required.

Many Thanks, Angie King

## 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. 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 a 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 Panadol or non-prescription medications.**



**Change of address/phone numbers**

If you have moved house recently or have a new mobile phone number or perhaps a new work phone number – please call in to the office and we can update the details.

**RECENT NOTES HOME****Last Week**

**NEW SUMMER CANTEEN MENU**  
(Grey Note) to all students

**Year 6 T-Shirt (White Note) - \$35**

**ONLINE UNIFORM SHOP ORDERING!**

Want to place your uniform shop order online? Simply go to [www.flexischools.com.au](http://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 Old Hall from 8.45am-9.15am.

**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.

Thanks. Donna Reay, Co-ordinator

**P & C NEWS**

**Please see separate Skoolbag notification with all the news and important dates from the P & C.**

**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>



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**COMMUNITY NEWS.....**

Geri Rea (Composer and teacher, published with the AMEB and London Trinity College) will be running piano lessons for beginners during lunchtimes at our school. Lessons are 50 minutes per week for only \$25.45. For further details about this fantastic opportunity, please contact Geri on: Mobile: 0404 905401 or email: [pianoforschools@gmail.com](mailto:pianoforschools@gmail.com)

We are now registered for Creative Kids Vouchers for \$100 discount.

Email Geri for further information regarding these vouchers.

**MEREWETHER UNITED FOOTBALL CLUB**

Registrations are open now and close on Friday February 15<sup>th</sup>.

Enquiries: Luke Queenan Mobile: 0418 962 615

**SOUTH NEWCASTLE JRLFC** Come and try! Learn some drills, interact with club coaches and ask questions regarding junior rugby league. There will be a Free Sausage sizzle and a drink for all children.

Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> February – 4.30pm to 6.30pm at Learmonth Park, Hamilton South.  
Enquiries: Renae Carey at [southjrlfc@gmail.com](mailto:southjrlfc@gmail.com) or Graeme Fitzgerald on: 0407 093662

**Merewether Carlton Junior Rugby Club**

Registrations to play Rugby Union with Merewether Carlton Junior Rugby Club are now open for players from 7 to 17 years.

More detail can be found on our club website <https://www.merewethercarltonjuniorrugbyclub.com.au/> or

Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/MerewetherCarltonJuniorRugbyClub/>

A Registration day will be held at Gibbs Brothers Park, Rowan Crescent, Merewether on Sunday 10th February 4:30 – 6:00 PM.

If you have any questions please contact our Club Registrar, Darrell Sherry Mob: 0427 047 110 or [e-mail: darrell.sherry1@bigpond.com](mailto:darrell.sherry1@bigpond.com) or Matt Jackson President 0402 085 683.



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