

The Junction News

Newsletter of The Junction Public School



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Term 1 – Week 5

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LEADERSHIP REPORT

Hello to our School Community,
Last week was action packed with Zone Swimming, Cricket Trials and Researchers from the University for our Quality Teaching Rounds Project. The installation of the air-conditioning in our flexible learning space as well as acoustic seals being fitted to doors will now make the old hall block a more effective teaching and learning space.

We would like to acknowledge the P&C who financed this air conditioning. We also recognise the P&C's funding of our MoCows and netbooks which will be well utilised for project based learning in our school. We need to stay on top of Technology across the school for student learning, and it can be a costly exercise without this support.

Thank you to all the parents and carers who were able to make it to our class meetings last week. Our class teachers reported positive discussions and enjoyed sharing their class plans with you. Please note that class teachers spend quite some time observing their students, completing formative assessments and getting to know their students in the first few weeks. This is the first standard we must address as teachers. Flexible stage and grade groupings will begin as teachers use their collective professional judgement around the readiness of their grade and stage teams, timetabling and student needs.

NOTES HOME TODAY

**(Bright Blue Note – Internet Agreement,
Permission to Publish, General Excursion Note)
FOR EVERY STUDENT IN THE SCHOOL
(Please fill in both sides of the note)**

**CROSS COUNTRY NOTE – Pink Note
Friday 15th March
YEARS 3-6 STUDENTS**

**Plus Year 2 students turning 8yo this year.
Year 2 students only attend if they can run 2km –
please see the note for more details.**

CALENDAR - TERM 1 – 2019

Week 5

Event

Friday, March 1

**P & C Class Contact List – Online
registration closes today**

Week 6

Event

Monday, March 4

School Photos

Tuesday, March 5

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Regional Swimming Carnival

Tuesday, March 5

P & C Meeting 6.45pm - Plus AGM

Week 7

Event

Thursday, March 14

Selective High Test

Friday, March 15

**School Cross Country Carnival –
Nesca Park (Years 3-6)**

BRIGHT BLUE NOTES – Home today to EVERY STUDENT

Our Blue General Permissions notes will be coming home today. Please take the time to read through this note with your child and discuss internet access and the responsibility they are undertaking by signing the form. Note that there are two sides that need to be filled in.

These notes are to be handed in to the Class Teacher as soon as possible. Thank you

HEADLICE

There have been a few cases of Headlice at school. Particularly in the K – 2 grades, please examine your child's hair regularly. Headlice are very contagious, but please don't be alarmed if your child is infected as treatment is easy and effective. Products to treat headlice can be purchased at chemists and supermarkets.



Education

SCHOOL ASSEMBLY AWARDS

TERM 1 WEEK 4 K - 2 ASSEMBLY

KK	Piper S Zara S	Frankie B
KS	Patrick B Archie T	Astrid D
KC	Matilda M Abel V-D	Naia P
KL	River T Matisse M	Angus B
KH	Luka R Leo J	Charlotte W
1C	Emile A Carter F-A	Lucia M JJ S
1A	Oscar L Dylan W	Eilish F Madison B
1W	Brooke C Elliot W	Frieda H Austin B
2MC	Alice G Evie S	Bob B Jovi T
2J	Amalia E Abigail C	Luke B Will W
2S	Charlie B Sam P	Leita L Leo D
2 / 3C	Ayden T	
STEAM	Bridie H – 2J	Charlotte B - KS
BRONZE	Bridie H – 2J	Coco R – 2J

YEARS 3, 4, 5 & 6 ASSEMBLY

2 / 3C	Kiah	Liam
3B	Saxon Emilia	Michael
3L	Lexi Eli	Zack
3/4A	Darby Josi	Will
4L	Zara Toby	Atticus Ava-May
4S	Angus Angus	Zadie
5R	Zaali Louis	Maya

5S	Andre Keely	Sophie Yo Han
5/6L	Koby Cody	Ryan Bill
6B	Eli Alex	Maddy Claudia
6C	Anna Andrew	Millie Kira

SCHOOL ASSEMBLIES

Kinder to Year 2 will have their next assembly next Friday - 8th March! Assemblies will be every second Friday (Even weeks) at 10am in the New Hall.

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

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

CLASS 2S NEWS

What an amazing and busy start to the year we have had! The beginning of any school year can be quite daunting with changes in classrooms, teachers and friendship groups and this year has been no exception with the added change of needing to adapt to a different learning environment and having to learn to work with twice as many children as usual. The children of 2S have taken all of this in their stride – their level of resilience and flexibility is excellent. This past week has seen us learn how to use the Jump Strategy to add and subtract two-digit numbers in maths, discuss the roles and responsibilities of women both in the past and in the present in history, write poems about friendship in writing and we have also begun to get used to literacy group structures. On top of all of this we had the pleasure of hosting the first K-2 Assembly last Friday. What a fabulous start to what will be a great year of learning in 2S.

Ms Smoother



REGIONAL SWIMMING

Congratulations to all the students who represented our school at our Zone Swimming Carnival. We have eight students who have qualified for the Newcastle City Zone team to attend the Regional Swimming Carnival at Lambton Pool on Tuesday 5th March. Alexis, Stella, Albert and Daniel will be competing in individual events. Our girls and boys Senior Relay teams will also be competing on the day. The senior girl team consists of: Alexis, Stella, Harmony and Sienna. The senior boy team consists of: James, Daniel, Albert and Boston. Good Luck everyone! Mr Savage

PSSA ZONE CRICKET TRIALS

Last Thursday, Jett and Andrew attended the Newcastle City Zone Boys Cricket Trials at Empire Park. The standard of cricket was high with over 40 boys competing for only six spots. Well done to both boys and a special mention to Andrew who was selected to attend the Hunter trials in Maitland Next week. Good Luck!

BAND/STRINGS NEWS

If your child is hiring an instrument from the school, a Hire Agreement form will be coming home this week. Notes are being given out at rehearsals and should be returned to the Office by the end of Week 6 (next week). If you have trouble locating the Serial Number on your instrument, please ask Miss Tonkin or your music tutor to have a look for you.

A reminder that instruments should not be kept in cars for long periods of time. The temperature inside your car can become very hot and high temperatures are detrimental to your instrument, causing shrinkage and warping of internal parts and cases.

Rehearsals are well under way with all bands now and it's exciting times for our Primary band as they begin to play together. Remember that regular practise at home only helps you to improve.

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		

If your child is sick and cannot attend their Rehearsal you must advise the Band Conductor. Band Conductor's names and mobile phone numbers were on the 'Green Band note' which went out on February 4.

Band Fees

All Term 1 Band fees have now been invoiced. 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.

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 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

CROSS COUNTRY BBQ – 2.5 WEEKS AWAY

We will be holding our annual Cross Country BBQ in the COLA on Friday 15th March 2019.

We need an army of helpers to cook and serve almost 600 students / teachers at lunchtime.

If you can spare 30 mins – 1hr, please use the link to volunteer and sign up to this event.

Volunteering for P&C events is also a great way to meet other parents within the school community!!

<http://bit.ly/TJPS2019CrossCountry>

Thanks to everyone that has already signed up to assist on the day.

ELECTION DAY BBQ & CAKE STALL – OVER 3 WEEKS AWAY

We will be holding a cake stall and #DemocracySausage BBQ on Saturday 23rd March and will need your help.

Please use the below link to volunteer – even if it's just for 30mins. Every bit helps!!

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

Thanks to everyone that has already signed up to assist on the day.



CLASS LISTS

LAST CHANCE to sign up to the 2019 Class Lists. **This link closes this Friday 1st March 2019**, please use the below link:

<http://bit.ly/TJPS2019ClassLists>

VOLUNTEER SURVEY

We are seeking help for a number of P&C fundraising events for 2019. If anyone is interested in assisting with an event this year, can you please complete the short online form/survey.

<http://bit.ly/TJPS2019VolunteerList>

Thanks for your assistance in advance, this will assist in planning for 2019 events.

P&C MEETING & AGM

Our AGM and next P&C Meeting will be held in the Old Hall Classroom at 6:45pm NEXT Tuesday 5th March 2019.

ROLES INCLUDE (but not limited to)

President
Vice-President 1
Vice-President 2
Secretary
Treasurer
Social Media Co-ordinators

For all nominations or to express interest in a role please contact me at president@junctionpandc.org

Everyone is welcome at these meetings. Annual membership is \$1.00.

Only current financial members will be eligible to vote at the meeting.

We need someone from our school community to volunteer to fill the role of President.

Expressions of interest have been received for Treasurer, Vice President & Secretary roles, however no volunteers for the role of President.

All nominations or expressions of interest are to be emailed to president@junctionpandc.org

FAMILY MOVIE NIGHT – SAVE THE DATE

WHEN: Friday 21st June 2019

What movie will we be watching???? Watch this space for future details...

UNIFORM SHOP



SCHOOL TIES

- School Ties are on SALE again next Monday for \$5.00 each.
- All SECOND HAND uniforms and discontinued stock are on sale for \$1.00 this includes – new black sports shorts / skorts, black parachute, pants, socks & bootleg pants

IRON-ON LOGOS

We are still waiting for our iron-on logos – We will send out a Skoolbag alert / and post on facebook if they arrive this week before school photos.

SECOND HAND UNIFORM GROUP

A closed Facebook group has been set up by the P&C to facilitate families from our school buying, selling and swapping school uniforms.

Members from our school community wishing to join this group should search The Junction Public School Second Hand Uniform Group on Facebook, and familiarise themselves with the guidelines posted to the page.

You **MUST** also answer the validation questions before you will be granted access to the page.

THANK YOU

Thank you to all the wonderful members from our school community that have lent a helping hand at the Uniform Shop this week for our SALE– Donna, Ali, Vicki, Anna, Justine and Jen.

P&C MEETING CALENDAR – TERM 1

P&C Meetings are held in the Old Hall in the new future focus classrooms

DATE	EVENT
Tuesday 5 th March 2019	P&C Meeting & AGM
Tuesday 2 nd April 2019	P&C Meeting

2019 CALENDAR OF EVENTS – TERM 1

DATE	EVENT
TERM 1	
Friday 15 th March 2019	Cross Country BBQ
Saturday 23 rd March 2019	Election BBQ & Cake Stall
Thursday 11 th April 2019	Easter Raffle

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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SOUTHS NEWCASTLE JUNIOR RUGBY LEAGUE

