

The Junction News

Newsletter of The Junction Public School



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Term 1 – Week 6

Tuesday 5 March 2019

LEADERSHIP REPORT

Hello to our School Community,



**JOIN US ON 21 MARCH
AND CELEBRATE
AUSTRALIA'S
CULTURAL DIVERSITY
THIS HARMONY DAY AT
THE JUNCTION PUBLIC
SCHOOL**



Harmony Day is about inclusiveness, respect and a sense of belonging for everyone.

Our diversity helps make Australia a great place to live because we enjoy different cultures, foods, ideas, minds, music and art that come from all over the world.

Each year the message of Harmony Day is 'everyone belongs'.

To recognise this day and celebrate Harmony all students may come to school dressed in 'orange clothes' or 'orange accessories' like ribbons, hats, capes or masks etc. 'Orange' is the vibrant colour which represents communication through clear and respectful conversations. Students can also wear traditional costumes representative of their cultural heritage.

An assembly celebrating Harmony, Belonging and Learning will be held on 21st March at 11:30am in the Quad.

The Student leaders; Sadie, Liam, Josie, Boston, Claudia, Lachlan, Phoebe, Albert, Lucca and Harry would like to invite parents and carers to this assembly.

TERM 1 Parent/Teacher/Student Interviews

(Week 9 – 25th-29th March 2019)

(Bookings will open on: Monday 18 March 2019)

More information regarding booking these interviews online will be sent home next week.

As outlined in our 2018-2020 School Plan, we will be shifting Parent/Teacher interviews to Term 1 instead of Term 2. We will also be making these interviews 'student centred' meaning that students will play a key role in their own interview. As part of our focus on quality teaching and learning, an emphasis on student self-regulation is an important part of learning to connect, succeed and thrive - [Wellbeing Framework](#).

Self-regulation is a reflective skill taught as part of the general capabilities framework and is a skill which is enhanced through inquiry. Students learn to ask questions such as:

- What am I learning?
- Where am I up to?
- Where to next?
- How will I get there?
- Who can help me?

As a result, students learn to set goals and work towards achieving those goals. This interview format will be a first for many of our students, however they will be supported by their teachers and parents who will help them understand how to learn, grow and pursue their goals successfully.

Comprehensive written reports will be issued at the end of Semester 1 (June) and Semester 2 (December) as is usual practice. Interviews to discuss learning can be scheduled at any time throughout the year by either parents or teachers. Please contact your class teacher to make an appointment to discuss your child's learning.

Making an Appointment is Important

Formal appointments to discuss your child's learning needs are important. Teachers are extremely busy and dedicated professionals who, before and after school, are organising teaching and learning activities, discussing curriculum and learning needs with colleagues and/or engaging in professional learning. Disrupting this time without an appointment impacts the learning day of all other students and teachers. Making an appointment to discuss your child's needs assists us by enabling the smooth running of the teaching and learning day through prior planning.

Thank you, The Leadership Team

NOTES HOME TODAY**ALL YEAR 6 STUDENTS – CANBERRA**

(White Note) – Student Requirements
 (Grey Note) – Expected behaviour form
 (Purple Note) – Parent consent/Medical info

RECENT NOTES HOME

**(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 6 Event**

Tuesday, March 5	Regional Swimming Carnival
Tuesday, March 5	(TONIGHT) P & C Meeting 6.45pm - Plus AGM

Week 7 Event

Tuesday, March 12	Year 5 & 6 Information evening for Parents/Students at Newcastle High School (flyers home soon)
Thursday, March 14	Selective High Test
Friday, March 15	School Cross Country Carnival – Nesca Park (Years 3-6)

Week 8 Event

Monday, March 18	Parent/Teacher Interview online bookings open
Thursday, March 21	Harmony Day – Students may wear Orange to school

Week 9 Event

Monday, March 25 to Friday, March 29	Parent/Teacher Interviews
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SCHOOL ASSEMBLY AWARDS**TERM 1 WEEK 5****YEARS 3, 4, 5 & 6 ASSEMBLY**

2 / 3C	Mac C	Sullivan D
3B	Shreyansh S	Coco C
3L	Alex S Lily M	Liliana R
3/4A	Charlie S Finn T	Isabella B
4L	Andreas W Curtis T	Imogen P Elijah T
4S	Jacob M Eden N	Ruby B Ollie D
4/5F	Roxanna B	Maya H
5R	Rowan L Phoebe U	Abbey A
5S	Sofia G Abby R	Saoirse V
5/6L	Oliver S Emma R	Luka B
6B	James J Hamish M	Sofia M
6C	Sebastiaan S Cameron A	Eva N
Student of the month	Neve H – 6C Noah R – 4L Corban B – 3L Jarvis S – 5S Maiya Y – 5/6L Jayden B – 4/5F	Milla V – 3B Ryder T – 3/4A Keira R – 5R Jayden B – 4/5F Lucy R – 6B Eddie P – 2/3C

SCHOOL ASSEMBLIES

Kinder to Year 2 will have their next assembly this 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.

BRIGHT BLUE NOTES –**Home last week to EVERY STUDENT**

Our Blue General Permissions notes went home last Tuesday. 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

FINANCIAL OVERVIEW

KINDER	School Contributions - \$50 Maths Resource Program - \$15 Reading Eggs - \$12 Handwriting Book - \$14 Red Tote Bag & Folder - \$13 Oakvale Farm Excursion – Term 3 Musica Viva – TBC – Term 3
YEAR 1	School Contributions - \$50 Maths Resource Program - \$15 Reading Eggs - \$12 Word Dictionary - \$7 Excursion – (TBA) - Term 3 Musica Viva – TBC – Term 3 Intensive Swimming - \$50 approx – Term 4
YEAR 2	School Contributions - \$50 Maths Resource Program - \$15 Reading Eggs - \$12 Excursion – (TBA) - Term 2 Musica Viva – TBC – Term 3 Intensive Swimming - \$50 approx – Term 4
YEAR 3	School Contributions - \$50 Maths Resource Program - \$15 Reading Eggs - \$12 School Magazine - \$12 Athletics Carnival - \$12 approx. – Term 2 Hunter Life Ed - \$10 approx. – Term 2 Excursion – (TBC) - Term 3 Musica Viva – TBC – Term 3
YEAR 4	School Contributions - \$50 Maths Resource Program - \$15 Reading Eggs - \$12 School Magazine - \$12 Athletics Carnival - \$12 approx. – Term 2 Hunter Life Ed - \$10 approx. – Term 2 Excursion – (TBC) - Term 3 Musica Viva – TBC – Term 3 Great Aussie Bush Camp –\$300 approx. Term 4
YEAR 5	School Contributions - \$50 Maths Resource Program - \$15 School Magazine - \$12 Athletics Carnival - \$12 approx. – Term 2 Sydney Excursion - \$50 approx. – Term 2 Musica Viva – TBC – Term 3
YEAR 6	School Contributions - \$50 Maths Resource Program - \$15 School Magazine - \$12 Year 6 T-Shirt - \$35 (DUE NOW) Canberra Balance - \$390 (Term 1) Athletics Carnival - \$12 approx. – Term 2 Musica Viva – TBC – Term 3 Year 6 Farewell - \$30 approx. – Term 4

2019 Fees / Overview

In the previous column is an overview of financial payments for 2019. Please note this is a guide only and other costs/charges may arise during the year.

The office will be sending out invoices to families in the next few weeks which will include some of these charges. These invoices will include all extra curricular charges (Band, Strings, Dance etc).

Further information and permission notes will be sent out for excursions and performances closer to when these events will take place. Some excursions have approximate costs – we will have an accurate cost closer to the excursion – please do not pay for these excursions until the note goes home.

This year only Years 3 and 5 will participate in Hunter Life Education.

There is no charge for Kinder-Year 2 Athletics Carnival as this will take place at school on a different date to the Years 3-6 Athletics Carnival, which is held at Hunter Sports Centre, Glendale.

All Years will use Mathletics and Years K-4 will use Reading Eggs. School Magazine for Years 3-6 is issued monthly and is used as a learning tool for these years.

If you have any questions, please contact the office.

Thank you.

PARKING AROUND THE SCHOOL

Our RMS Crossing Supervisors have raised concerns about the safety of our students at drop off and pick up times.

Some concerns are:

- Parents parking in the 5 minute parking zone for more than 5 minutes
- Double parking and calling children to get into the car
- Children running onto the road to get into cars
- Students not waiting behind the crossing supervisor for the traffic to be stopped.

We remind all parents and carers to obey the parking signs and to drive with caution around the school zone.

CROSS COUNTRY – Years 3-6

We are all really looking forward to the Cross Country Carnival next Friday 15th March at Nesca Park. It is always a great day and a spectacular event to watch. Parents are warmly invited to attend. Students will be walking up to Nesca Park at 9.05am and returning to school before lunch at 1pm for the P&C BBQ which will be at school under the COLA. Students are to take a water bottle, hats and sunscreen with them – and it is suggested a small towel to sit on would make their day more comfortable. The 'PINK' Information and Permission note must be sent back to school by this Friday 8th March. The 'P & C run BBQ' will be available to all students this Friday – (Kinder to Year 6). Sausage sandwiches are \$2 and drinks will be \$1.

Tess Barns, Year 6 Teacher/Organiser

SCHOOL PHOTOS

All class, individual, family and specialty photos have been taken over the last two days by Newcastle School Portraits. Photo orders (except for Family Photo orders) can still be made online for another two weeks.

To place your order, please visit.

www.newcastleschoolportraits.com

and enter the code: 194972

Family photo orders had to be placed by 9pm Sunday 3rd March. Your children may still have had their 'Family photo' taken but you must phone Newcastle School Portraits to make payment over the phone. Please phone: 4965 4114.

DEBATING WORKSHOP

On Friday 15th February a debating workshop was held at our school for debating students in Year 6 from schools in the Hunter Region.

The Workshop was held by Tony Davies and two of his colleagues, Tony specialises in adjudicating debates. He works with the DoE Arts Unit in Sydney.

At the workshop we learnt many great tips on how to structure and perform a debate. After we split off into groups and presented a debate of our own, we then received some helpful feedback.

We would like to thank Miss Barns for organising this event and Tony and his colleagues for coming to our school to help us become better debaters.

BAND/STRINGS NEWS

If your child is hiring an instrument from the school, a Hire Agreement form went home last week. These agreements should be returned to the Office by the end of this 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.

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

STEAM News

Yet another exciting fortnight of activities across Kinder-Year 2! Stage 1 students have continued learning how ingredients can be mixed and combined by following recipes for making playdoh and also testing and comparing bubble mixture recipes to see which one makes the strongest bubbles. They also constructed their own '3 dimensional' bubble wand and tested it to see what type of bubbles they could make.

Kindergarten have been learning about the sun and how it provides us with heat and light. They learnt to Slip, Slop, Slap, Seek and Slide and then made a sun print using special paper that reacted when exposed to the sun. You can see their lovely prints in their classroom windows.



NEW OOSH PROVIDER

Before and After School Care at The Junction PS will now be run by The After School Klub (TASK). We expect them to take over the OOSH some time in Term 2.

The provider for before and after school care was selected through a tender process run by our Assets Management Unit.

We are looking forward to TASK joining our school community.

WHAT HAVE KINDERGARTEN BEEN UP TO?

Kindergarten have settled into school so beautifully you would think they were in Year 1.

Fine Motor Activities in KK are really getting our hands ready for controlling pencils.



Apple slinkies are popular in KK for fruit break.



KK are working hard on their Jolly Phonics.



STEAM activities led by Miss Chaffey are so much fun.

Office Hours - 8.30AM TO 3.15PM

NO DOGS ON THE SCHOOL SITE

Once again 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.

HEADLICE

There have been a few cases of Headlice at school. 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.

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 any medication without this indemnity form being completed. **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

Our AGM & P&C Meeting is **TONIGHT!** Tuesday 5th March 2019.

TIME: 6:45PM

WHERE: Old Hall Classroom

All parents and carers from our school community are welcome to attend.

We URGENTLY need nominations for the role of President. Without this role filled our P&C will not be able to operate. This will impact our Uniform shop, Fundraising events such as Easter Raffle, Election Day BBQ & Cake Stall and our Cross Country BBQ.

Only financial members can vote at the AGM. Membership is \$1.00.

If you are interested, please email:

president@junctionpandc.org

To view February Meeting Minutes [CLICK HERE](#)

To view March P&C Agenda [CLICK HERE](#)

To view 2018 P&C AGM Minutes [CLICK HERE](#)

To view 2019 P&C AGM Agenda [CLICK HERE](#)

Motion to approve final draft of Building Fund [CLICK HERE](#)

Motion to approval final clause for Management Committee of Building Fund [CLICK HERE](#)

CROSS COUNTRY BBQ

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

This BBQ is for ALL students from Kindy to Year 6 - sausages will be \$2.00 each and we will also be selling drinks from \$1.00.

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!!

To assist at this event, please use the below link <http://bit.ly/TJPS2019CrossCountry>

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

ELECTION DAY BBQ & CAKE STALL

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

CLASS LIST / VOLUNTEER LIST

Thanks to everyone who volunteered to assist with an event for 2019. We will be in contact with you closer to these events.

Class Lists for 2019 have been emailed out this week for all the families that signed up on the link. Unfortunately if you missed out, we are unable to re-do the lists!!

If you haven't received the Class List, please check your spam folder!

UNIFORM SHOP

All second-hand uniform shop items will be **ON SALE** until stock is sold out. Everything is \$1.00. We have also discounted discontinued stock - including black sports shorts / skorts, socks and parachute trackpants.

Our uniform shop will be moving this Term, as a result, we will need to possibly change the times we operate so we don't impact morning assemblies. Watch this space for more details!!

IRON ON LOGOS - We are waiting for the stock to arrive - will advise on our facebook page when it arrives.

BOMBER JACKETS - Have you purchased a bomber jacket ready for the cold change in Term 2? We are low in stock in Size 4. So jump online to purchase one before they are all sold out! www.flexischool.com.au

P&C MEETING CALENDAR – TERM 1

P&C Meetings are held in the Old Hall in 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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COMMUNITY NEWS.....

ACTIVATE SPORTS CAMPS
Keep active with Activate!

2019 APRIL CAMP

APRIL
16th – 18th 2019
8:30am – 3:00pm

THE JUNCTION PUBLIC SCHOOL
Union St, Merewether, 2291, NSW

3 days of Multi-Sports activities and games!

Expert coaching by top-grade players/primary teachers

All-inclusive activities for boys and girls aged 6 – 12 years!

Safe, supportive and fun environment

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