

# The Junction News

Newsletter of The Junction Public School



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Term 1 – Week 11

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## LEADERSHIP REPORT

Hello to our Community,

It is so good to be back at school. My thanks to Mrs Emmington, Mrs King and Ms Cartwright for stepping up while I was away.

### Term 1 thanks

My sincere thanks to the whole school community for your work this term. We have had many successful events and achieved many goals in our School Plan. Staff return on Monday 29<sup>th</sup> April and students will return for Term 2 on Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> April. We wish you a happy, safe holiday.

### Mobiles and smart devices

Just a reminder that from December 2018, mobile phones and smart devices were banned in NSW Primary schools. I have only just become aware that there are still a lot of students carrying these devices during school hours. We will be working on a set of school procedures based on the government policy early next term.

### Work Health and Safety

**Skoolbag App** is a necessary app for you to have on your phone. Please note any important WHS announcements from the school will be communicated to families through this App in a timely manner.

### P&C Thanks

Thank you so much to the new team that have stepped up as P&C Team Leaders. They are:

*President - Angela LeRougetel*

*Vice President: Mark Duffield-Thomas*

*Vice President: Rachel Sutherland*

*Associate: Kate Case*

*Secretaries: Leigh Stefanszyn and Kate Young*

*Treasurers: Natalie Riddell and Naomi Wilkinson*

*Events team leader: Ying McKenzie*

*School uniform shop co-ordinators: Ali Robinson & Donna Reay*

## Student Led Goal Setting Interviews

Nearly all interviews have been completed and teachers are very pleased with the turn out and support by parents and the high engagement by students in this very valuable process. As this was a new process we would love to gather feedback from parents. Please follow the link below or scan the QR code below and complete our very short survey.

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/FNRMQML>



## Newsletter Distribution from Term 2 at TJPS

This will be the final weekly publication of The Junction News. Commencing in Term 2, 2019 our newsletters will be issued on a **fortnightly** basis. The first issue will be published in Week 1 and then each odd week thereafter.

## Applications for Opportunity Class placement

Applications for placement in a Year 5 Opportunity Class at various locations in Newcastle for 2020 open on Tuesday 30 April 2019 and close on Friday 17 May 2019.

Parents must apply online between Tuesday 30 April 2019 and Friday 17 May 2019 at:

<https://education.nsw.gov.au/public-schools/selective-high-schools-and-opportunity-classes/year-5>

Opportunity Class Placement Test dates

- Wednesday 31 July 2019

Enquiries to:

High Performing Students Team

Email [ssu@det.nsw.edu.au](mailto:ssu@det.nsw.edu.au)

Telephone: 1300 880 367 (for parents)

## OUR SCHOOL UNIFORM IS CHANGING

As most of you may be aware our P&C has been sourcing a new look school uniform. This has come about due to the petition started by Year 5 students in 2018. They wrote to the school executives and the P&C to request a uniform which would allow for greater comfort and fit to enable all students to engage in academic and physical learning to the best of their ability.

The same students recently presented their latest findings to staff and the P&C, reiterating the message from all of our students for a uniform which is unisex, comfortable and easy to wear every day for any activity and requested permission to make the current sports uniform an interim uniform.

**As an interim measure until the new uniform is available, the staff together with the P&C, have agreed to allow students in K-6 to wear the school sports uniform comprising of a red TJPS shirt and black shorts/skort on days when students are involved in physical activity such as JAK, dance and/or PSSA training as well as for Friday Sports Day. On all other days the current school uniform must be worn.**

Please note black bike pants, tights and skins are **NOT** part of the school sports uniform. Only black regulation shorts/skorts must be worn.



## INVOICES TO FAMILIES

The office has given invoices to students recently via their class teacher. (If you did not receive one please come into the office and we can print one off for you). These invoices will include: Resources used for learning in the classroom and all extra curricular charges (Band, Strings, Dance etc). Please note that we have invoiced Band for the whole year – we only require payment for Band Fees Term 1 now.

Thank you in advance for your payments. Payments can be made in person at the school office, over the phone with your Credit Card or an Online Payment (POP) via the school website.

## KINDER ENROLMENTS 2020

We are currently taking enrolments for Kindergarten in 2020. Families who reside within our 'Enrolment Zone' may apply for enrolment at any time. Our boundary map is on our school website. Due to enrolment projections, we will not be able to accept non local students. This will now include all siblings of current students who live outside the school's intake zone (ie non local siblings). Parents need to be aware of these policy implications now and make the necessary adjustments with their children's enrolments. All you need to do is contact the school office and we will take your child's name and some other details.

There will be a Parent Information Session here at school in August (date to be confirmed).

Thank you, The Leadership Team

## EASTER HAT PARADE – (Kinder to Year 2)

Our annual Easter Hat Parade is on this **Friday 12<sup>th</sup> April at 9.15am outside the new hall.** All children in Kindergarten, Year 1 and Year 2 will parade their fabulous Easter hats, masks and bonnets for you.

Easter hats are made at home and brought along on the day. Children do not have to wear full school uniform on the day but must wear enclosed shoes and tops that protect shoulders. Don't forget your school hat, as you will still need it at playtime. You may stay and have recess with your child at 11am.

Angie King and Laura Chaffey (Assistant Principals)

## THIS WEEK

**Term 1 Band fee/Instrument Hire Invoices**

### Recent Notes Home

**KINDER TO YEAR 2**

**EASTER HAT PARADE : Friday 12<sup>th</sup> April  
YEARS 4 – 6**

**'Tell Them From Me' Survey Information**

### SCHOOL INVOICES

If you did not receive one please contact the  
School Office

**YEAR 6 CANBERRA INVOICES HOME  
LAST WEEK – Money due this Friday!**

**CALENDAR - TERM 1 – 2019****Week 11****Event**

Wednesday, April 10	Anzac Day Service school 10am
Thursday, April 11	Easter Raffle drawn 11.20am
Thursday, April 11	State Swimming
Thursday, April 11	TASK Information Session – 5.30pm-6.30pm (Old Hall rooms)
Friday, April 12	State Swimming
Friday, April 12	K – 2 Easter Hat Parade – 9.15am
Friday, April 12	Final payment Year 6 Canberra
Friday, April 12	Last day of Term 1

**CALENDAR - TERM 2 – 2019****Week 1****Event**

Monday, April 29	Staff Development Day – Staff only
Tuesday, April 30	STUDENTS RETURN
Friday, May 3	Zone Cross Country

**Week 2****Event**

Tuesday, May 7	P&C – Q&A Parent Voice Forum 6.30pm THEN P&C Meeting at 7.30pm
Wednesday, May 8	Mother's Day Stall
Thursday, May 9	Mother's Day Stall (catch up)

**Week 3****Event**

Tuesday, May 14 to Friday, May 17	Year 6 Canberra
Tuesday, May 14 to Friday, May 17	Years 3 & 5 NAPLAN

**Week 4****Event**

Monday, May 20 to Friday, May 24	Years 3 & 5 NAPLAN
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**SCHOOL ASSEMBLY AWARDS****TERM 1 WEEK 10****K - 2 ASSEMBLY**

KK	Max K	Narrakai T
KS	Harrm H	Archie T
KC	Harley X	Ava S
KL	Molly B	Zak R
KH	Charlotte W	Alex C
1C	Eva C, Juliet A	Elijah M
1A	Logan L	Kai P, Rohan G
1W	Jimmy M, Bella R	Thomas T
2MC	Ella H, Arlo R	Alice G
2J	Kale F, Chance G	Lexie R
2S	Leila B, Angela M	Joshua B
2/3C	William W	Romeo T
Values Awards	Ellie P, Alex W, Eli A, Addison C, Lucinda M, Zali G	Myles Y, Miles C, Maisie C, Emma K, Thomas N
Student of the month	Piper S – KK Sophie C – KC Mia H – KH Tully C – 1A Evie S – 2MC Thomas B – 2/3C	Poppy W – KS Oliver L – KL Emile A – 1C Callan N – 1W Leita L – 2S
STEAM	Emile A, Naia P	Angus B

**YEARS 3, 4, 5 & 6 ASSEMBLY**

2 / 3C	Zoe B, Henry F	Eva M
3B	Dominic G	Farris S
3L	Caleb R, Zac C	Hassnain H
3/4A	Lilah R, Alicia D	Hugo H
4L	Jacob L, Lewis B	Ruby S, Kye V
4S	Thomas M, Aidan H	Charlotte W, Ted F
4/5F	Aleesha F, Billy M	Quillon L
5S	Lexie S, Harmony B	Luka M, Lachlan F
5/6L	Patrick J, Maggie B	Adisyn L
6B	Phoebe D, Lillie C	Isaac H
6C	Amelia L, Max A	Emiel E-F

## SCHOOL ASSEMBLIES

Kinder to Year 2 will have their next assembly Week 2 – Term 2. Assemblies will be every second Friday (Even weeks) at 10.15am in the New Hall.

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

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

## CLASS 2J NEWS

In 2J we love to be colourful and creative. We have been getting egg-cited with Easter coming up and decided that some art was in order. Students followed instructions to complete a directed drawing of a cute bunny and then added it to a watercolour background. Here are a few of the egg-cellent designs for you to enjoy.



## BAND/STRINGS NEWS

### ENTERTAINMENT BOOK FUNDRAISER

Have you thought about buying the Entertainment Book? The Entertainment Fundraiser is a yearly event here at The Junction Public School. We receive 20% from every membership sold, with all monies going to the Band/Strings Program. The memberships are available as a book or as a Digital Membership App. Both are full of great value!

You can purchase either your Digital or Book Membership online today at:

<https://www.entbook.com.au/3427k1>

### HOLIDAYS

With holidays fast approaching, just a friendly reminder not to keep instruments in cars. Please take care of your instrument over the holiday period and keep practising.

## TERM 2 REHEARSALS

Rehearsals will resume in Week 1 with the exception of Primary Band on the Monday morning as it is a 'Student Free' day.

## TERM 1 BAND FEES

Term 1 Band Fees are due! Invoices will go home this week for any Term 1 fees not paid.

## BAND FOLDERS

Band folders are back in stock! All concert band members are encouraged to purchase a folder from the office for \$15. Thank you.

Angie King, Band Co-ordinator

## THE AFTER SCHOOL KLUB – TASK

TASK is your new provider of before and after school care at The Junction Public School. We will begin at The Junction on Tuesday 30 April (first school day of Term 2). Come along this Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> April – 5.30pm to 6.30pm for a meet and greet information session in the Old Hall (Class 2J & 2S rooms).

We understand that a change in carers can be an anxious time for children, families and everyone involved. We wanted to share our story and the plans for the start of our service at The Junction.

### BEFORE AND AFTER SCHOOL CARE SESSIONS

- Camp Australia will continue operating until the last day of Term 1: Friday 12 April
- TASK will start before and after school care on Tuesday 30 April
- Families can enrol at : <https://thejunction-task.hubworks.com.au>

### HOLIDAY CARE OPTIONS

- TASK operates at Merewether Public School during the term and school holidays.
- ALL children from The Junction (actually any primary school) are welcome to attend TASK Holiday Program at Merewether Public School.
- We have planned a "TASK The Junction Connection" picnic day for Monday 29 April. Children from TASK Ourimbah and TASK Merewether will join together for a picnic day at Speers Point.
- To attend holiday care, children need to be enrolled at TASK Merewether. To enrol, go to: <https://www.task-kids.com.au/holiday-care>

Madi, Suzanne and the TASK Team

**Please be aware that TASK is a new provider of 'Out of School Hours Care' and even though you may be registered with Camp Australia – YOU STILL NEED TO REGISTER WITH TASK.**



## 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 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.**

### 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"**. Once registered, you can start placing orders immediately.

The Uniform Shop will still open Monday mornings from the new space between the Senior Girls' and Boys' facilities just along from Class 4L - 8.45am-9.15am.



### UNIFORM SHOP

The Uniform shop will open on Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> April (first day back of Term 2) from 8.45am to about 9.15am **from 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 UNIFORM SHOP HAS MOVED – and now operates out of a new space located between the Senior girls and boys facilities, down the steps from the COLA.**

### P & C elections

A larger supporting platform and renewed strength has been the focus of the P&C last month. To keep up positive parent engagement we need to move with new ways to be involved and form fresh working partnerships.

Therefore, we are recruiting! Recruiting new people, new roles and new ideas. And at last week's meeting we are finally pleased to ANNOUNCE the following positions:

- President – Angela Le Rougetel
- Vice President – Rachel Sutherland
- Vice President – Mark Duffield-Thomas
- Associate – Kate Case
- Secretaries – Leigh Stefanszyn and Kate Young
- Treasurers – Naomi Wilkinson and Nat Riddell
- Events team leader – Ying McKenzie
- School Uniform Shop co-ordinators – Alison Robinson and Donna Reay

We have also had interest and support for Event

Co-ordinator roles, Graphic Co-ordinator roles, Fundraising Co-ordinators and would welcome more skills or those interested in these areas to join in.

Still vacant is a Communication team leader, Flexischools Co-ordinator and Social Media Co-ordinator, Anyone ?? Anyone?? ....

At NEXT MONTH'S meeting we will welcome an exciting parent GUEST SPEAKER! The new format will include a Q&A Parent Voice Forum from 6:30 to 7:30 then the P&C meeting 7:30 to 8:30. More details to come. Book it in Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> May.

#### EASTER RAFFLE:

- Have any children missed receiving a raffle book? Please come to the office ASAP to collect a booklet while they are still available
- Thank you for everyone's generous donations of Easter Eggs / chocolates so far and for those who helped on Monday wrap prizes and hampers
- A special big thanks to Vanessa Hedges and Kath Doherty for making this Easter Raffle happen.
- Volunteers still needed to count / sort tickets in the staff room Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> April 9am
- The raffle will be drawn at school Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> April

**MOTHER'S DAY STALL:** Mother's Day will be here before we know it and our team's involvement is not for fundraising but to host a community stall to help students show gratitude and celebrate. The annual Mother's Day stall is being run on Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> May and Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> May. If you can help, our sign up roster is here: <http://bit.ly/2019TJPSMothersDay>. More details to come.

**We will be looking for plants to sell so hopefully over the school holidays you can start to arrange some cuttings.**

**PLEASE DON'T SEND THESE PLANT DONATIONS IN TO THE SCHOOL UNTIL (Week 1 of Term 2).**

#### Q&A Session with new OOSH PROVIDER

**This Thursday 11 April 5:30pm-6:30pm**

There will be a meet & greet information session with the new OOSH provider at the school, exact location to be announced. Don't forget if you haven't yet enrolled with our incoming new provider TASK, you will need to do so as per the information sent out on Skoolbag a few weeks back. Or go to the link:

<https://thejunction-task.hubworks.com.au/>

#### Upcoming Events and Roster Links

Date	Event	Time	Help Needed	Roster Link
Wed 10 <sup>th</sup> April	Easter Raffle	2:00pm – 3:00pm	Count and Collate Returned Raffle Tickets	<a href="http://bit.ly/TJPS2019EasterRaffle">http://bit.ly/TJPS2019EasterRaffle</a>
Wed 8 May	Mother's Day Stall	8:00am – 3pm	Set up stall, sell gifts, pack away	<a href="http://bit.ly/2019TJPSMothersDay">http://bit.ly/2019TJPSMothersDay</a>
Thur 9 May	Mother's Day Stall	12pm-2pm	Set up, sell gifts, pack away	<a href="http://bit.ly/2019TJPSMothersDay">http://bit.ly/2019TJPSMothersDay</a>
Fri 21 June	Family Movie Night	6:30pm	Save the Date	Tickets on Sale Term 2

#### 2019 CALENDAR OF EVENTS – TERM 1

DATE	EVENT
<b>TERM 1</b>	
Thursday 11 <sup>th</sup> April 2019	Easter Raffle – 11.20am

**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>

**P & C email: [president@junctionpandc.org](mailto:president@junctionpandc.org)**



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