

# The Junction News

Newsletter of The Junction Public School



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Term 2 – Week 1

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## LEADERSHIP REPORT

Welcome back to Term 2

The students are excited to continue to focus on their goals which so many of them shared with you at the end of last term. As formal interviews were in Term 1, any other interviews in 2019 will be by request. School reports will be distributed at the end of Term 2 following another whole term of learning.

### School Staff Development Day

Yesterday's professional learning saw our teachers focussing on the grammar component of the English syllabus. We delved more deeply into the research of Michael Halliday, Jim Martin, Frances Christie and Beverly Derewianka. Teachers explored how functional varieties of language move along the continuum from spoken text through to written text. Teachers then explored and worked on teaching and learning activities to use in class with students. We thank Joanne Rossbridge, our presenter, an English consultant, who works extensively supporting both primary and secondary teachers across the state through the University of Sydney and the Primary and Secondary English Teachers Association.

### TASK

We welcome the TASK team as our new Before and After School providers. They were busy in the holidays setting up and began their service today.

### School Technology

The school technology team have been relocating technology devices since our WAP upgrade last term as we carry out an audit across the school. I am working with a very capable team including: Miss Chaffey, Mrs Land, Mrs Tilse and Mrs Emmington. We are also being closely advised by DoE personnel. As well as having ten additional WAPs in use, the school will be updating cabling in B and C Block soon. With our flexible and enquiry learning dependent on efficient access to technology, this was an area for focus in our school plan during 2019.

## ANZAC Day Dawn Service

### HAMILTON SERVICE:

School Captains, Liam and Sadie laid a tribute on behalf of our School.

### MEREWETHER SERVICE:

Claudia and Lachlan delivered the tribute to RSL members, as well as laid the tribute on behalf of our school.



## ANZAC School Service

Our own very special Anzac Service was held at the end of last term. We were very privileged to have two distinguished gentlemen attend our commemoration service: Retired Squadron Leader, Mr Phil Frawley, from the Royal Australian Air Force and grandfather of Bowen in 1W and Mr Alf Carpenter O.A.M, an Aussie Digger and recipient of Australia's highest honour, the Order of Australia Medal.

Mr Carpenter who turned 102 years on the 22<sup>nd</sup> of April this year thoroughly enjoyed the Service and was thrilled at being invited. Mr Frawley spoke to the assembled students about the meaning of ANZAC day. Both men commented that it was great to have the Year 6 school leaders gather around after the service asking questions of them both. Our students were congratulated by the RSL representatives for putting together a Service which showed respect and honour to our current serving and ex-service community.

**"Thank you for inviting us to your Anzac Service today. Your staff and students really did the spirit of Anzac justice".**

Thank you from Mr Carpenter, Mr Frawley and Ms Gill



### Access Taronga

On select days throughout the year, Taronga Zoo welcomes guests with autism and their family or friends to enjoy early entry to our Zoos. Access Taronga days like this are a great opportunity for you to enjoy the peace and quiet of the Zoo before it opens to the general public.

On Access Taronga days, Taronga Zoo Sydney will open 1.5 hours early (8am) to provide exclusive access to the Sky Safari Cable Car, extra animal meet and greets and first access to the Zoo's many exhibits.

To beat the crowds and enjoy a morning at the Zoo in a safe environment, register your interest to hear about our next Access Taronga day. When you're ready, buy your tickets online and save up to 20%!

For more information, please visit:

<https://taronga.org.au/sydney-zoo/visitor-information/autism-services>

Have a great term and I hope to see many of you at the first P&C Meeting for next term on Tuesday the 7<sup>th</sup> May. Watch this newsletter and the P&C Facebook page for more details about our new venue and structure.

Thank you, The Leadership Team

### NATIONAL ASSESSMENT PROGRAM (NAPLAN 2019)

NAPLAN assesses literacy and numeracy – important skills that each child needs to succeed in school and life. The NAPLAN tests are designed to help us make sure students are on track with their literacy and numeracy development. Students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9 participate in NAPLAN tests for reading, writing, conventions of language (spelling, grammar and punctuation) and numeracy.

This year NAPLAN has moved into the online environment. Between 14<sup>th</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup> May, our Year 3 and 5 students will participate in NAPLAN Online. Students do not need to be computer experts to take the NAPLAN test online. Making sure students have computer skills is part of our school curriculum, and our teachers will ensure your child is familiar with the online format. The only exception to the online version is for all Year 3 students, who will be completing the writing component with pen and paper. To see the types of questions and interactive features of NAPLAN Online, visit [the public demonstration site](#).

If you have any questions about NAPLAN Online, please contact your child's teacher.

For more info:

- [How to support your child during NAPLAN](#)
- [Information for parents and carers](#)
- [Watch a video that explains NAPLAN Online](#)
- [Subscribe to ACARA's monthly parent newsletter, Parent Update](#)

### Newsletter Distribution from Term 2 at TJPS

This will be the final weekly publication of The Junction News. From today our newsletters will be issued on a **fortnightly** basis. Newsletters will be published in Week 1 and then each odd week thereafter.

### 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).

**THIS WEEK**

**P & C FLYER FOR MOTHER'S DAY  
STALL ON:  
Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> and Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> May**

**HUNTER LIFE EDUCATION –  
Years 3 and 5 only  
Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> to Friday 31<sup>st</sup> May  
Cost: \$10**

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

Week 1	Event
Friday, May 3	Zone Cross Country

**Week 2**

Week 2	Event
Tuesday, May 7	P&C – Q&A Parent Voice Forum 6.30pm THEN P&C Meeting at 7.30pm – At: <b>MEREWETHER BOWLING CLUB, Caldwell St, Merewether</b>

Wednesday, May 8	Mother's Day Stall
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Thursday, May 9	Mother's Day Stall (catch up)
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**Week 3**

Week 3	Event
Tuesday, May 14 to	Year 6 Canberra

Friday, May 17	Year 6 Canberra
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Tuesday, May 14 to	Years 3 & 5 NAPLAN
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Friday, May 17	Years 3 & 5 NAPLAN
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**Week 4**

Week 4	Event
Monday, May 20 to	Years 3 & 5 NAPLAN

Friday, May 24	Years 3 & 5 NAPLAN
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**Week 5**

Week 5	Event
Tuesday, May 28	Hunter Life Ed – 5F, 5L, 3L

Wednesday, May 29	Hunter Life Ed – 3C, 3A
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Thursday, May 30	Hunter Life Ed – 5R, 5S
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Friday, May 31	Hunter Life Ed – 3B
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**SCHOOL ASSEMBLY AWARDS****TERM 1 - WEEK 11****YEARS 3, 4, 5 & 6 ASSEMBLY**

3B	Zimm W Parker P	Lucas R Bella G
3L	Fox S-R Alijah T	Levi R
3/4A	Makenzie F-A Isabelle S	Tom P Oliver T-J
4L	Max M-N Tyler S	Noah R
4S	Callia V Oliver L	Isaac C
4/5F	Khair S Zavier B	Cedar B
5R	Felix D Noah G	Luka K
5S	Chase K Ava K	Ryder L
5/6L	Stanley M-L Ava T Maiya Y	Daisy M Oliver S
6B	Mako L Maliyah W	Lewis S Lucca S
6C	Amelia G Neve O	Eva N
Choir	Liliana R - 3L Sarah B - 3L	Sophie T - 4/5F

**SCHOOL ASSEMBLIES**

Kinder to Year 2 will have their next assembly next Friday 10th May. 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.

**PSSA ORGANISATION INFORMATION**

The following information is about the PRIMARY SCHOOL SPORTS ASSOCIATION (PSSA) that is part of the Department of Education which supports sporting events in public schools.

Once a student reaches the age of 8 years they are eligible to participate in PSSA competitions. The school pays a levy to the PSSA organisation for each child over 8 in their school. This forms the guideline for school participation in school sporting events.

These competitions are run by a governing body known as Primary School Sports Association (PSSA). When students



leave primary school and go to high school the governing body is Combined High Schools (CHS).

The school based competitions are Cross Country, Swimming and Athletics. Successful placement in one of these events will allow the students to continue to the next level known as ZONE. The Junction School is in the Newcastle City Zone. If students are successful at Zone level they have the opportunity to attend REGION. Our school is in the Hunter Region which extends from Lake Macquarie to Taree and as far west as Muswellbrook. If a student is selected to make a State Team then they go to School Sport Australia National Championships or Pan-Pacific Games.

In all of the Zone and Regional competitions there are guidelines for schools to follow. This will often include the number of competitors we can send and qualifying times or distances.

Separate to the above events the PSSA run a state knockout competition in a variety of sports. Historically our school has entered teams in the following sports; Cricket, Netball, Basketball, Soccer, Rugby and Rugby League.

Teams are selected predominately from our senior grades and are teacher selected/chosen sometimes with the guidance of a community body or coach. In this competition once you are defeated in a game you are no longer part of that competition.

There are a number of other sports designated for Primary students. These include Touch Football, Golf, Diving, Tennis, AFL, Softball and Hockey. In 2019 7-a-side Rugby for girls will be trialled.

Schools will pick representative students to attend Zone Trials in all of the primary sports. Selection is by teacher(s) who follow the guidelines presented to them from the Zone level. Guidelines often restrict the number of students who can be sent and the quality of the students. Selection at Zone level leads to Regional Trials which again have similar restrictions.

If a student is successful at a Regional trial they are selected for a Hunter Regional Sporting team to attend a State Carnival.

In the past The Junction Public School has had a great deal of success with individuals representing at State level and National level. Some of our ex-students have continued to represent Australia at Olympic level and play in competitions overseas. We have been NSW State Team Champions in Boys Basketball, Cricket and Rugby. The PSSA is a voluntary run organisation by teachers in each zone. At our school the following teachers have given their own time to take on duties with the PSSA. Nick Savage, Matt Liles, Louise Cooper and Brenda Brown.

## SCHOOL PHOTOS

All photos were handed out in the last week of term. If you have any issues at all with the photos, please contact: Newcastle School Portraits on: Phone: 4965 4114.

### **Specialty Photos – School Leaders, Sport Leaders, Band/Strings Group and Choir**

If your child is in any of these groups, you may view the photo at the school office. To place an order for any of these photos you must use this Specialty code: 57646CV through the Newcastle School Portraits website.

## 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>

### **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

**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.**

## UNIFORM SHOP

The Uniform shop is open on Mondays 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.**

## 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.



## P & C NEWS

### New look P&C

To keep up positive parent engagement we need to move with new ways to be involved with the P&C and support working partnerships. We want to make it easier for parents, citizens or carers to engage with other parents and share ideas with our teachers and learn more about what is happening around your child's school and in their classroom.

### SO, THE MONTHLY P&C MEETINGS ARE TRYING SOMETHING NEW!? = NEW LOCATION + NEW FORMAT.

THIS MONTH'S meeting will be held off site from the school, consisting of '2' segments and starts with an exciting parent GUEST SPEAKER: DANNY BUDERUS! - Australian NRL former professional footballer, coach and commentator, who was ecstatic with the Newcastle Knights win on Sunday.

**WHEN: Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> May**

**WHERE: Merewether Bowling Club (Library Room)**  
**23 Caldwell Street, Merewether**

REFRESHMENTS can be purchased

The new format will run as below:

**6:30pm – 7:30pm:** Parent Voice Forum with Danny Buderus. Topic of discussion – 'Creating A Positive Sports Culture'. Sport provides ample active and social opportunities for children, families and communities, therefore how do you as a parent/carer influence a strong and positive culture at your club, game or sideline to ensure children have an encouraging and pleasant experience?

What kind of sports culture do we have at TJPS? How is sport played in our school playground?

\*\* More information on the new format and parent voice forum will be shared during the week, so look out for this. We are keen for future topics of interest.

**7:30pm onwards:** P&C Meeting for May

Come along and sit in after the Parent Voice Forum or join the P&C email list to be sent updates from the minutes and topics covered. If you have an idea or a suggested agenda item please email it to:

[president@junctionpandc.org](mailto:president@junctionpandc.org)

### P & C Elections

We are still recruiting! Recruiting new people, new roles and new ideas. Last month we announced the Team Leader roles and are trying to share responsibilities across a larger support network. We are grateful to numerous event co-ordinators who focus on supporting a particular event, like Vanessa Hedges and Kath Doherty with the Easter Raffle which was another fun successful event. The roster link is a great way to work with these event co-ordinators.

We would like to welcome more skills, or anyone interested in some specialised roles. Still vacant for recruiting is a Communication team leader, Flexischools Co-ordinator, Social Media Co-ordinator, and a new work group to help review school procedures and policies. Anyone? Anyone? ....

### MOTHERS DAY STALL:

'Mother's Day is around the corner!

Our Mother's Day Stall will be held next **Wednesday 8th and Thursday 9th of May**. All students will come with their class groups over these two days. Gifts will range from \$2 to \$6 and children should bring a shopping bag to carry home their purchase.

We are needing more helpers to run the Mother's Day Stall, especially for the Wednesday: 8am-9am and 2pm-3pm shifts. If you are available to help out on either day, it will be greatly appreciated! The signup link is here:

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

Thank you very much if you have cuttings or plants to donate! We are looking especially for plants this year, clippings in small pots or seedlings. These can be delivered to the grassed area between Classes KK & KL near the Staff carpark on the Watkins Street side of the school.

**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.**

### Upcoming Events and Roster Links

Date	Event	Time	Help Needed	Roster Link
Tues 7 <sup>th</sup> May	Parent voice forum and P&C Meeting	6.30pm	Always ☺	Venue: Merewether Bowling Club (Library Room) 23 Caldwell St, Merewether
Wed 8 <sup>th</sup> 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 <sup>th</sup> 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 <sup>st</sup> June	Family Movie Night	6:30pm	Save the Date	Tickets on Sale Term 2

**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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