

The Junction News

Newsletter of The Junction Public School



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Term 2 – Week 3

Tuesday 14 May 2019

LEADERSHIP REPORT

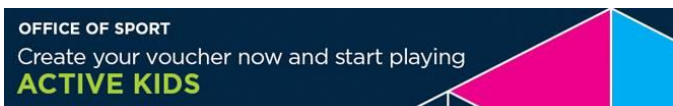
Hello to our School Community,
We hope you had a wonderful Mother's Day on Sunday. We were so lucky that it was such a pleasant day to relax with family. A huge thank you to all the volunteers who prepared for, and worked on the Mother's Day stall last week. As an interesting aside – I learned something about the apostrophe in Mother's Day this year! It's always worried me ☺

Last week saw the beginning of Starstruck rehearsals. Thanks to Mrs Griffiths and Mrs Wilson for co-ordinating. Our Year 5 debaters were also active last week under Mr Liles' co-ordination.

This week will see several changes to regular routines with Year 6 in Canberra and Years 3 and 5 taking part in NAPLAN. Thanks to the Canberra team: Mr Liles, Ms Cooper, Mrs Barns, Mr Gunter and Mr Bailey. Thanks also to Mrs Brown, Mrs Griffiths, Mrs Emmington and Mrs Land for the preparation and organisation for NAPLAN 2019. We wish all our students participating in these experiences all the best.

Due to these arrangements our Learning Support Officers will have variations to their usual timetables this week in order to best support all students with additional needs – especially those taking part in NAPLAN and those attending Canberra.

I will be at the local Principals' Conference on Thursday and Friday. I will then be in Sydney from Sunday to Tuesday in my mentoring role for the PPA (Primary Principals' Association) Leadership Credential. Mrs Emmington will relieve in my position while I'm away.



From 1 January 2019 parents across NSW can claim and redeem their next \$100 Active Kids voucher. The program runs until 2021. That means, each year, parents can access \$100 per school-enrolled child to cover registration, participation and membership costs for sport, fitness and active recreation activities.

For more information, please click on the link below:

<https://sport.nsw.gov.au/sectordevelopment/activekids>

STUDENT-LED GOAL SETTING INTERVIEWS – PARENT FEEDBACK

Thank you to those families who responded to our survey last term. We had 100 responses all up which will be used when improving the process for 2020. Thank you to those parents who provided written feedback as well. We had a fairly even representation of responses from Kindergarten through to Year 6 and the overall feeling was that it was a deeply reflective and positive learning experience for our students.

Parents indicated that students were well prepared for their interview with 61% stating that their expectations were met and 30% stating that their expectations were exceeded. Over half stated that the goals set by students were realistic and effective and that their child understood the process and purpose of goal setting. Many respondents (60%) felt that they knew how to help their child achieve their goals and set new ones.

The survey indicates that 73% of respondents are unsure of the Department's and our school's *Reporting to parents'* procedures with a further 46% of parents wanting more information on Student Self-Regulation and goal setting procedures. This is an area we will continue to work on and improve.

Our school is committed to the continual improvement of our Assessment and Reporting practices so that students, parents and teachers get the most value from every interaction.

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 on Wednesday 14th August at 6pm.

Thank you, The Leadership Team

CALENDAR - TERM 2 – 2019**Week 3 Event**

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

Week 4 Event

Monday, May 20 to	Years 3 & 5 NAPLAN
Friday, May 24	Years 3 & 5 NAPLAN
Thursday, May 23	GRIP Student Leadership Confer.

Week 5 Event

PLEASE NOTE 'SOME CLASS SCHEDULES' FOR HUNTER LIFE VISITS HAS BEEN CHANGED – Below is the new timetable.	
Tuesday, May 28	Hunter Life Ed – 5F, 5L, 5S
Wednesday, May 29	Hunter Life Ed – 3C, 5R
Wednesday, May 29	Year 4 Awabakal Excursion
Thursday, May 30	Hunter Life Ed – 3A, 3L
Friday, May 31	Hunter Life Ed – 3B
Friday, May 31	Regional Cross Country

Week 6 Event

Monday, June 3	PRIMARY Band Day
Wednesday, June 5	Year 3 Awabakal Excursion

Week 7 Event

Monday, June 10	Public Holiday-Queens Birthday
Friday, June 14	Grandparent's Day – Premier Band to perform
Friday, June 14	Starstruck

Week 8 Event

Thursday, June 20	PREMIER Band Day
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Week 9 Event

Monday, June 24	Year 3-6 Athletics Carnival
Wednesday, June 26	CONCERT Band Day
Friday, June 28	Winter Winds Concert - 5.45pm

Week 10 Event

Tuesday, July 2	Year 5 Wilberforce Excursion
Friday, July 5	Last Day of Term 2

RECENT NOTES HOME

HUNTER LIFE EDUCATION –
Years 3 and 5 only
Tuesday 28th to Friday 31st May
Cost: \$10 (Purple note)

Awabakal Excursion Dudley
Year 4
Wednesday 29th May
Cost: \$18 (Red note)

Awabakal Excursion Dudley
Year 3
Wednesday 5th June
Cost: \$18 (Grey note)

YEAR 5 DEBATING

Last Monday, our Year 5 Junction A and Junction B teams participated in a debating gala day hosted here at The Junction Public School. Junction A first debated against Junction B with the topic 'Exercise books should be replaced by laptops for schools'. Junction B won the debate, though it was very close. After that, Junction A debated against Hamilton South Public and were victorious. Then Junction B unfortunately lost to Newcastle East. Overall, the day was an amazing experience for all debaters, as we all learnt many new skills in how to present an argument and persuade the adjudicator. We enjoyed it immensely.

Year 5 Debaters

SCHOOL ASSEMBLY AWARDS**TERM 2 WEEK 2
K - 2 ASSEMBLY**

KK	Piper S	Hala A
KS	Charlie P	Imogen G
KC	Jax A	Miguel P
KH	Ivy K	Leo J
KL	Maddox E	Maya B
1C	Jeremy X Nate K	Amelia B
1W	Lachlan D Bowen F	Lewis H
1A	Sam R Sonny S	Toby H
2MC	Jovi T Zararenya F	Emma K
2S	Lincoln P Oliver D	Ebony Y
2J	Ari V Kaelan M	Sam R
2C	William W	
Values Awards	Aurelia M Henry G Lachlan W Oscar L Tane C Ayden T	Jake C Dakota R Andrew B Mya K Riley F
Student of the month	Alex W Luka R Carter F-A Sofia G C Bridie H	Naia P River T Brooke C Poppy M

**TERM 2 - WEEK 1 & 2
YEARS 3, 4, 5 & 6 ASSEMBLY**

3C	Liam W	
3B	Evie R Dominic G Milla V	Mia E Joshua B Gabriella T
3L	Gabriela P Zack B Ruby W	Lexi A Eli T Lillian L
3/4A	Ash A Josi J	Pierre B Will B

	Thomas P	Eddie L
4L	Toby N Jimmy D Molly C	Marley M Andreas W Zavier A
4S	Amelia W Oscar I William T	Eden N Emily G Archie J
4/5F	Fabian K Max T Jake B Lucas C	Kimmika G Hunter M Campbell J Regan H
5R	Destiny S Clodagh M Rosie B	Sofie K Thomas K Thea M
5S	Ty A Chase K Ella W	Sofia G Hamish B Audrey R
5/6L	Archie M Banjo H Daisy M	Adisyn L Koby C Shai-Scott H
6B	Ariel M Jaedyn M Ariel M	Lillie C Isaac H
6C	Zac C-S Andrew F Amelia G	Saffron T Isabella S Cameron A
Values	Dylan N Noah A Lilah R	Oliver C Angus S Lachie B
Band	Ronan B Eddie P	Lachlan Eddie L
Choir	Indigo L Aleesha F Hannah L	Amelia W Anika G
Student of the month	Coco C – 3B Ashley C – 4S Cody M – 5/6L Liam S – 6C	Hannah L – 3L Aidan H – 3/4A Radhika C – 4/5F Lucca S – 6B

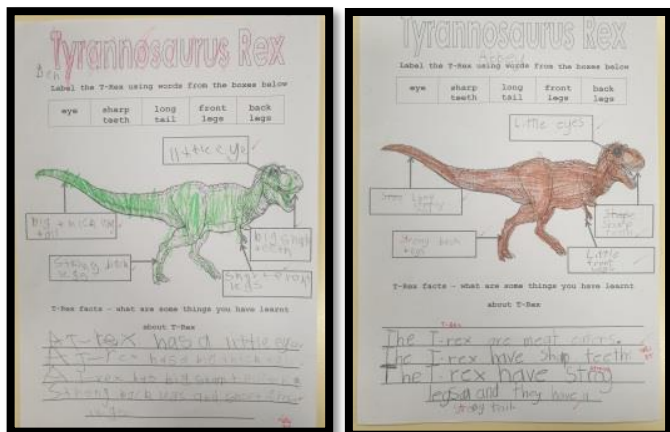
SCHOOL ASSEMBLIES

Kinder to Year 2 will have their next assembly Friday 24th 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! (Year 6 in Canberra)
Parents are welcome to attend these assemblies in the new hall.

CLASS 1W NEWS

In 1W we have been learning about dinosaurs. Students have enjoyed discovering the different features of a Tyrannosaurus Rex. They came up with adjectives to describe the dinosaur and then used the words to label the T-Rex and write sentences about it.



BAND/STRINGS NEWS

BAND DAYS

Band days are planned twice a year and scheduled before our major performances. Each of our bands have their own day. On Band Day, students **do not** attend their normal rehearsal, they just need to remember their instruments. Students attend their class roll call then head to the Music Room at 9:30am for a full day of music. The musicians are treated to a pizza lunch but will require fruit and recess food. In the afternoon, parents are invited to a short concert.

Band Day Dates

Primary Band – Week 6 – Monday 3rd June

Premier Band – Week 8 – Thursday 20th June

Concert Band – Week 9 – Wednesday 26th June

Winter Winds

This year, The Junction Public School has been invited to perform at the Newcastle Conservatorium in their Winter Winds concert on **Friday 28th June**. This will involve all three of our bands and our strings group. It is an after-hours event and our musicians will need to be at the Conservatorium by 5:45pm. More detailed information will come closer to the event.

Premier Band Performance

If you are interested in seeing our wonderful Premier Band perform, you will have that opportunity in Week 7 on Friday 14th June during our Grandparent's Day celebrations.

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



EXHIBITION



Members of the Newcastle High School Community are invited to attend an exhibition of student work.

Thursday 23rd May 2019
3.30-5.30 pm
Newcastle High School
Parkway Avenue, Hamilton South.

ON DISPLAY:
Year 7 Passion Projects
Year 9 Financial Mathematics - "Market Stall Project"
Items will be on sale for this project. \$\$\$

The photograph above was taken by one of our Year 7 Photography Passion Project students.

ZONE CROSS COUNTRY

On Friday the 3rd May, 25 students from TJPS attended the Zone Cross Country Carnival. The event was held at Stevenson Park, Mayfield West. Students from many Newcastle schools came to race at the Zone carnival. The juniors (8/9 years and 10 years) ran 2 kilometres and the seniors (11 years and 12/13 years) ran 3 kilometres. All of our students ran incredibly well and put in their best effort. Our school spirit was there for all to see as parents, Ms Ladkin and the students cheered each other on. It was a pleasure to see The Junction PS students congratulating each other and students from other schools at the end of each race. A BIG thank you to our wonderful parents for coming along to the event as well as assisting and supporting Ms Ladkin throughout the day.

Congratulations to the following students who qualified for this event;

8/9yr: Corban B, Angus J, Riley M, Jacob M, Zoe K, Callia V, Luca F

10yr: Zaac C, Charlie S, Fabian K, Imogen P, Evie G, Sophie B

11yr: Charlie F, Luka K, Boston B, Harmony B, Jessica G, Alexis S

12/13yr: Harry B, Noah A, Stanley M-L, Lucca S, Neve O, Stella S

A special mention to the following students who will represent TJPS at the Regional Cross Country Carnival:

- Zoe K (5th place)
- Charli S (6th place)
- Imogen P (2nd place)
- Luka K (5th place)
- Harry B (5th place)

Well done to our runners.
Ms Ladkin, Teacher

Zone Report from Lucca S and Neve O'K

Friday, the 3rd May was the Zone Cross Country, held at Stevenson Park. The top 3 girls and boys from every year starting at 8 year olds represented The Junction Public School. The following students qualified: 8/9 years - Corban B, Angus J and Riley M for the boys and Zoe K, Callia V and Luca F for the girls. 10 years - Zaac C (unfortunately he couldn't race), Charlie S and Fabian K for the boys and Imogen P, Evie G and Sophie B for the girls. 11 years - Charlie F, Luka K and Boston B for the boys and Harmony B, Jessica G and Alexis S for the girls. 12/13 years - Harry B, Noah A, Stanley M-L for the boys and Lucca S, Neve O'K and Stella S. Congratulations to all who participated and a further congratulations to Zoe, Charlie, Imogen, Luka and Harry who will be moving on to Regionals on Friday 31st May.



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 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.



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 NEWS

THE MAY PARENT VOICE FORUM AND P&C MEETING RECEIVED GREAT FEEDBACK!



Last Tuesday 7th May we held our *New Look* monthly meeting at the *New Venue* of Merewether Bowling Club with a healthy and engaged turn out from our parent community. We would like to sincerely thank our generous and humble Guest Speaker, Danny Buderus who provided some powerful examples of where Positive Sports Culture exists and how standards of integrity can be used with our kids. Thank you to our teachers who came along and participated Matt Liles, Nick Savage, Jody Cooper, Brenda Brown and Cath Larkman.

The highlights from the P&C Meeting which followed the Parent Voice Forum was;

1. The purchase of NEW Representative Sport shirts for students who participate in PSSA Zone events have been approved to the value of \$2500
2. The purchase of NEW Soccer goals for the back playground have been approved to the value of \$3000
3. Samples of the NEW 5-day active Sports uniform which will accompany our current uniform were finalised and a plan on how to best engage the student, school and parent vote was actioned.

Our Next MONTHLY MEETING

WHEN: Tuesday 4th June

WHERE: Merewether Bowling Club (Library Room) 23 Caldwell st Merewether

REFRESHMENTS can be purchased

The new format will run as below;

6:30pm – 7:30pm: Parent Voice Forum with Guest Speaker TBC – *Can you help!*

From 7:30pm: P&C Meeting for June

If you have an idea or a suggested agenda item, please email it to president@junctionpandc.org

NEXT Parent Voice Topic: Teaching Kids to be smart about Social Media and when online

It's Topical! Politicians on both sides of the political table are vowing to act against the social media giants who fail to protect users from privacy breaches and from online bullying or hatred. As parents we need to be aware of these issues both good and bad. Did you know many newer apps automatically reveal the poster's location when they're used? This can tell anyone exactly where to find the person using the app...

Are you a parent or carer who has expertise or skills in cyber security or social media wisdom? Can you help provide education on the technical aspects that are handy to know? Do you have a real-life scenario or a past experience that you can share? This may help other parents to learn how to keep kids safe or smarter when online. If so, please contact us by email - president@junctionpandc.org. We are looking forward to the next Parent Voice Forum. See you there!

MOTHERS DAY STALL THANK YOU:

Last week's Mother's Day stall was a great success and the children enjoyed finding a special gift for their mums and mother figures. Thank you to everyone who volunteered to help run the stall over the two days, as well as anyone who donated the very popular plants! This includes: Hetty Ralph, Anna Byrne, Jasmine Page, Tracy King, Michelle Jackman, Ying McKenzie, Moira Duewell, Melanie Lowe, Belinda Parker, Olga Kovacev, Sheila Marquett, Rachael Vogelzang, Jessica Blacklow, Rose Erba and Mark Duffield-Thomas. We cannot provide this service to the school community without the help of many hands, so we are very grateful. A special thank you goes to the event organisers Nikki Paton and Amanda Fleming for your leadership and coordination throughout.

Please see the 'working link' below to sign up to the Election Day BBQ and Cake Stall roster.

ELECTION BBQ

Can you help please? This is a fundraising event being held at our school and a helpful community service to the Junction voters on our National Election Day. Come vote and flip a snag!

**** CAKE STALL DONATIONS FRIDAY 17TH MAY –** please bring to front office
(Individual slices/cakes sell better and please label ingredients)

**** HELPERS SATURDAY 18TH MAY 8AM-2PM ON THE BBQ & AT THE CAKE STALL**
(some dads for pack up would be great)

Sign up to the roster:

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

FAMILY MOVIE NIGHT - Tickets On-Sale!

We are excited to announce TJPS P&C Family Movie Night for 2019! Bring the family to Event Cinema Kotara on Friday 21 June and enjoy two hugely popular family blockbusters. We'll be screening two movies, in two different cinemas, at the same time. Choose from either Toy Story 4 or The Secret Life of Pets 2 and enjoy a night at the movies with your friends and our school community.

This is an important fundraiser for our School and a great family night out. We hope to see you there and recommend you secure your tickets early. Tickets now on sale! Go to Flexischools.com.au (website and app) with tickets priced at \$12.50 for adults and \$9.50 for children 5-17.

Event Details:

Friday 21 June 2019

Event Cinemas Kotara, Westfield Kotara

Doors Open: 6:15pm

Movie Starts: 6:30pm

TICKET TYPE	COST
Adult Ticket (18yrs +)	\$12.50
Child Ticket (5-17 yrs)	\$9.50
Child Under 5 (who requires a seat)	\$6.00
Optional: Small Popcorn/Soft Drink Combo	\$10.00*

*Order by Fri 14 June

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



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Date	Event	Time	Help Needed	Roster Link
Saturday 18 th May	Election BBQ	8:00am to 2:00pm	Set up, sell cakes, cook BBQ, pack away	http://bit.ly/2019TJPSFederalElectionBBQ
Tuesday 4 th June	Parent Voice Forum & PC Meeting	6:30pm then 7:30pm	Everyone welcome	AT MEREWETHER BOWLING CLUB *Refreshments can be purchased
Friday 21 st June	Family Movie Night	6:30pm	Save the Date	Tickets on Sale via Flexischools.com.au (website and app)