

The Junction News

Newsletter of The Junction Public School



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Term 2 – Week 7

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LEADERSHIP REPORT

Hello from the leadership team,

Over the last fortnight we have enjoyed the Hunter Life Van, Primary Band Day, Regional Cross Country, Debating and our Year 4/5 GATs day at Newcastle High School. In addition some students attended the MiniMe City Rover Challenge, Netball knockout, a major Starstruck Rehearsal and a Multi Sports Day.

On the teaching front our Quality Teaching Rounds team continued their teaching observations and Miss Chaffey attended the Edutech Conference in Sydney. We welcomed some teachers to our school from Canada for a visit and also some teachers from Wellington NSW. Mr Liles continues his hectic pace with the All Schools Hockey team in Europe. Further to this it's Assessment/Reporting time! I'd like to recognise all the teachers who go over and above to provide unique experiences for our students both in our school and in the wider school community.

School Resources

Invoices were sent home on Monday 3 June from the front office. It includes such things as; Reading Eggs, Maths Resources, Dictionaries, School Magazines, Stage excursions and events. Please be aware these are **not** covered by school contributions and are resources which your class teacher has requested to enhance your child's learning. The school does not budget for these resources so we would appreciate accounts being paid on time. In cases of hardship, please approach the front office for advice.

Mobile Phones and Smart Devices

TJPS draft mobile phone and device procedures was sent out on our Skoolbag app last week. Please read this draft and discuss the implications with your children.

Grandparent's Day - THIS FRIDAY!

Students and staff are looking forward to seeing Grandparent's, parents and friends here at school this Friday. The morning begins with an assembly in the new hall at 9:30am, open classrooms and book donations available in the school library followed by morning tea with the students.

NAIDOC WEEK

The Junction Public will celebrate NAIDOC Week during Week 10 of this term.

The theme for this year is 'VOICE TREATY TRUTH : Lets work together for a shared future'. The students will participate in a variety of in class activities throughout the week such as studying Indigenous poetry, literature and art.

The main events will take place on Wednesday 3rd July and will include a ceremony, BBQ and Indigenous games. Please note that the BBQ will include kangaroo sausages and crocodile meat and may not be to the liking of all students so please still pack recess and lunch. We are looking for parent helpers to help with the BBQ on the day.

Please email the school at:

thejunctio-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au

to inform of availability. More details in coming weeks.

Mr Radnidge

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.

LOST PROPERTY

Please ensure you have your child's item of clothing labelled. Not just your child's first name (Surname as well please) – sometimes there can be up to four/five students with the same first name.

It is quite concerning the number of jackets that do not have a name written in them. Please check jackets occasionally as names fade and they are difficult to read and return to students. Items with no names are subsequently passed on to the Uniform Shop for resale.

Thank you

EVACUATION DRILL

There will be an Evacuation Drill to the back playground before the end of this term. The school practices both Evacuation and Lockdown drills throughout the school year. Teachers explain to the students that this is simply a drill to reassure them.

CALENDAR - TERM 2 – 2019**Week 7****Event**

Friday, June 14 Grandparent's Day – Assembly starting at 9.30am in the new Hall

Friday, June 14 Starstruck

Week 8**Event**

Thursday, June 20 PREMIER Band Day

Friday, June 21 P & C Fundraiser – Movie Night

Week 9**Event**

Monday, June 24 Year 3-6 Athletics Carnival

Tuesday, June 25 Yr 1 & 2 Fizzics Visit to school

Wednesday, June 26 CONCERT Band Day

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Thursday, June 27 Year 4 Great Aussie Bush Camp information session-3.15pm in 3/4A room

Friday, June 28 Winter Winds Concert - 5.45pm

Week 10**Event**

Monday, July 1 Beanie for Brain Cancer + Year 6 Cake Stall fundraiser

Tuesday, July 2 Year 5 Wilberforce Excursion

Friday, July 5 Last Day of Term 2

CALENDAR - TERM 3 – 2019**Week 1****Event**

Monday, July 22 STAFF ONLY

Tuesday, July 23 Students Return – Term 3

Friday, July 26 Kinder to Year 2 Mini Athletics Carnival at TJPS grounds

RECENT NOTES HOME

YEARS 3-6 ATHLETICS CARNIVAL
Monday 24th June - \$12
(Yellow note)

YEAR 1 & 2 INCURSION
FIZZICS EDUCATION VISIT TO OUR SCHOOL

Tuesday 25th June/Wednesday 26th June
COST: \$22 (Blue Note)

YEAR 5 AUST. PIONEER VILLAGE
Tuesday 2nd July - \$36
(Green Note)

YEAR 4 – Great Aussie Bush Camp
Deposit \$50 – (Due 5/7/19)
(White note)

WINTER WINDS – NOTES
Friday 28th June
(All Bands + Strings Group)

SCHOOL ASSEMBLY AWARDS**TERM 2 WEEK 6****K - 2 ASSEMBLY**

KK	Narrakai T Lyla B	Easton B
KS	Noah F Knox V	Zyan McC
KC	Eli A Sophie C	Patrick K
KH	Felix G C Lylah P	Odin C
KL	Zak R River T	Molly B
1C	Addison C Rory N	Nate K Hannah C
1W	Bowen F Austin B	Ngahuia C Bailey H
1A	Mia C Tully C	Hugo B Kai P
2MC	Jett W Linkin B	Mya K Evie S
2S	Charlie B Leo D	Reggie R Chelsea M
2J	Will W Saachi B	Audrey B Zachary W
2C	Charlie I	

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

3C	Summa L	
3B	Shreyansh S, Luca F, Milla D, Saxon Y	Michael G, Olivia P
3L	Levi R, Anika G, Fox S-R, Zac C	Liliana R, Gabriela P, Caleb R, Lily M
3/4A	Joseph B, Oliver T-J, Lewis M-L	Charlie S, Hugo H
4L	Myer D, Harrison N, Zara B, Max M-N	Lucy K, Tracey E,
4S	Ted F, Jacob M, Felicity W, Aja P	Evie G, Kobe M, Ashley C, Max M
4/5F	Maya H, Ben M, Nicholas B	Sam R, Roxanna B, Tim P
5R	Will C, Zachary R, Felix D	Rowan L, Leo B
5S	Keely H, Sophie B,	Andre P
5/6L	Emma R, Oliver S, Shai-Scott H, Banjo H	Natalia B, Maiya Y, Patrick J
6B	Sienna P, Maliyah W, Ronan B, Claudia W, Sienna P	Alex K, Phoebe D, Lucca S, Joshua M,
6C	Sadie S, Dhanya R, Neve H, Saffron T	Boston B, Albert F, Phoebe L, Emiel E-F
Student of the month	Jimmy D, Phoebe U, Ash A, Lucas M, Oliver V	Liliana R, Harry B, Noah G, Ryan H
Values	Ruby S, Lachlan C	Kira H

SCHOOL ASSEMBLIES

Kinder to Year 2 will have their next assembly Friday 21st June. Assemblies will be every second Friday (Even weeks) at 10.15am in the New Hall.

Year 3 to Year 6 – There will be no assembly this Friday due to Grandparent's Day!

Parents are welcome to attend assemblies in the new hall.

YEAR 6 DEBATING

During Week 6, our two debating teams had the opportunity to participate in Round 2 the Premier's Debating Challenge.

On Monday 3rd June, our Nobbys Beach team comprising of Claudia W, Rebecca H, Saffron T and Lily R competed off site against Islington PS. Their topic was 'That all ads promoting unhealthy things should be banned.' It was a close debate with two different styles of debating used. Both schools put forward great ideas

and fortunately our debating team was able to win. By Claudia W

On Tuesday 5th June, our Newcastle Beach team comprising of Sadie S, Dhanya R, Phoebe L and Isabella S competed at school against Hamilton South. Their topic was 'That all schoolwork should be done on computers'. Both teams tried their hardest. Hamilton South had some great ideas which were well presented. In the end, our team was able to achieve another win. By Dhanya R

REGIONAL CROSS COUNTRY

On Friday 31st May some of our students competed at Regional Cross Country at Cessnock. Congratulations to the following students: Zoe K (8/9 yrs) - 11th, Imogen P (10 yrs) - 11th, Charlie S (10 yrs) - 16th, Luka K (11 yrs) - 9th and Harry B (12/13 yrs) - 8th. Harry is 2nd reserve for State. Well done to all our runners!

Recount of the day by Zoe K

On Friday, 31st May I went to the Regional Cross Country Championships at Cessnock Racecourse. I was representing the Newcastle City Zone. Everyone had to do a walk through their age groups course and I did my walk through with my friend Imogen and we planned our run. There was a pole about 100m from the finish line and we said we should start speeding up there. Then there was a sandstone block about 50m from the finish and that's where I started sprinting and I came 11th.

If you are in Primary school they pick the first 6 to go to State but in High school they take the first 10. That means if I was in high school I would have just missed out!

I had butterflies all through my tummy but when it was over I felt happy that I did it on such a beautiful sunny day.

Recount of the day by Charlie S

On the day of Regionals we went to Cessnock Racecourse. When we got there I got my name signed off at the Newcastle City area and got a singlet and a tracking device. After that I walked the course with other Regional kids. Then I did my race, but I got a stitch three quarters of the way through, but I kept on running. I finished the race and came 16th which I was proud of. All of the other students from the Junction also did very well.

BEANIE FOR BRAIN CANCER + YEAR 6 CUPCAKE STALL

On Monday 1st July, The Junction Public School will participate in 'Beanie for Brain Cancer'. Children are to wear beanies on the day and bring along a 'Gold coin donation' to support the Mark Hughes Foundation. Mark will be speaking at our Monday morning assembly on the day in Week 10.

The day will also coincide with Year 6's fundraiser. The girls and boys will be holding a cake stall to raise money for the Year 6 gift to the school. Separate money is to be brought in for the purchase of cakes. Additional information will be sent home with Year 6 shortly. Thank you, Mr Radnidge

MINIME ROVER CHALLENGE

Last Thursday, a few students from each school were selected to participate in a challenge where they had to code a STARLab Rover to navigate a course. The course was a simplified model of Newcastle. Students had to code the Rover to detect changes in humidity and sense different coloured light panels which affected the way the Rover navigated the course. The challenge opened up a world of coding for new students.

Eli and Dhanya



BASKETBALL GALA DAY

Yesterday The Junction Public School was represented by both a Girl's and Boy's team at a Basketball Gala Day.

The girls played three games, they won the first two games and played in the Semi-final. The girls lost this game in a close competitive game to Hamilton South PS. Everyone had a fun day! The team was: Lucille H, Lucca S, Clodagh M, Sadie S, Phoebe L, Lily R, Eva N, Brooklyn D, Isabella S and Josie D.

The boys also played three games. They lost the first game but won the next two games against Shortland PS and Lambton PS. The team was: Will C, Jervis S, Felix D, Oliver S, James J, Bostyn B, Louie J, Albert F, Sam B and Sebastiaan S.



STATE HOCKEY CHAMPIONSHIPS

Last week on the 4th to the 7th we went to the PSSA State Hockey champs in Goonellabah. We were representing the Hunter Region and in our pool of seven we came 4th then we went on to play 4th in the other pool for 7th and 8th. It was a very close game but unfortunately we lost two nil, so overall we came 8th in the State. In our pool games we won our first game (4-1) then lost the next two (2-1 and 3-0). The next day we lost the first game (4-0) then tied our last two games both 1-1.

We had a great time and really enjoyed ourselves. If you are thinking of trying out for any sporting team always give it a go because you will definitely have a great time and we highly recommend it. By Liam and Albert



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.

YEAR 3-6 ATHLETICS CARNIVAL

All Year 3-6 students received a 'Bright Yellow Note' two weeks ago to attend the Athletics Carnival on Monday 24th June. Students in Year 2 (who turn 8 years old this year) may attend the Carnival if they are competitive and will compete in more than one event or are members of an Athletics Club. Notes are available for these students in the school office. There will be a **Kinder to Year 2** mini Athletics Carnival here at school on Friday 26th July (Term 3 - Week 1).

BAND/STRINGS NEWS

BAND DAYS

Congratulations to our Primary Band for their efforts during their first Band Day last week. They are sounding great and we are looking forward to their first major performance at **Winter Winds on Friday 28th June**.

Premier Band have their Band Day next week on Thursday 20th June.

Concert Band follow in Week 9 on Wednesday 26th June.

Normal 8am rehearsal will be cancelled on those Band Days, a free pizza lunch is provided and a short concert held at 2:30pm for any parents who wish to attend. Band Uniform may be worn on your Band Day.

GRANDPARENTS' DAY

Premier Band will be performing at our official assembly in the morning. That is: this Friday 14th June. Please wear your Band Uniform.

WINTER WINDS

Friday 28th June at the Newcastle Conservatorium

I hope you have marked it on your calendar, it is going to be a lovely event. Students need to be at the venue at 5:45pm for rehearsal. Families can arrive for a 7pm start. Please be aware that there is a door charge as this is a Conservatorium event. Notes about the Winter Winds concert have been sent home and also out through the SkoolBag App. Please return your permission to attend directly to Miss Tonkin in the Music room.

BAND SHIRTS

Now that our performance dates are fast approaching, it is important that we look our best. Band shirts are available through our Uniform Shop and are required for the Winter Winds concert. Children in the String ensemble are also required to wear the Band Uniform, (Band shirt, black pants, black socks, black shoes, hair accessories should be red, black or white only).

BAND FEES

A reminder that Term 1 fees are well overdue and Term 2 fees are due now. Thank you for your ongoing financial support.

Angie King, Band Co-ordinator

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>

There are some books available in the school office.

PRIMARY SCHOOL ETHICS @ TJPS

'Doing harm without meaning to', 'When is it fair?'. 'Persuading - or getting someone to do something' and 'Being vain' - these are some of the topics our kids have been discussing in Ethics classes this term.

If you are interested in finding out more about what is being discussed in Ethics and how to continue conversations at home, please see here: [Primary School Ethics - Term 2 2019](#)

Thanks, Kristen Saunders, TJPS Ethics Co-ordinator

<https://mailchi.mp/primaryethics/home-term-2-2019>

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 an 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 in 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 in the new space between the Senior Girls' and Boys' facilities just along from Class 4L - 8.45am-9.15am.



P & C NEWS

FAMILY MOVIE NIGHT

MOVIE NIGHT DEADLINE: Book now to secure Popcorn Combo

Our P&C Family Movie Night is fast approaching and both movies, The Secret Life of Pets 2 and Toy Story 4, are selling well! We're expecting this to be the best ever attended movie night and highly recommend you get your tickets today.

The DEADLINE to order the special priced popcorn and soft drinks combo with your tickets is: this Friday, 14 June.

We will continue to sell tickets via FlexiSchools up until the day of the event, Friday 21 June, but if you want to get a snacks combo at a great price, you'll need to book your movie tickets this week.

Remember, all children **MUST** be accompanied by a paying adult. This is not a supervised event and children are reminded of the importance of behaving in a way consistent with TJPS School Values.

Movie tickets and the popcorn combo are available now via Flexischools.com.au and the Flexischools app. 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

THE JUNCTION PUBLIC SCHOOL P&C FAMILY MOVIE NIGHT

Friday 21 June 2019
Doors Open: 6:15pm
Movie Starts: 6:30pm

Tickets are sold on a first in basis. To secure tickets for your preferred movie we recommend you purchase early.

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)

Please note:

- You need to select which of the two available movies you want to watch when purchasing your tickets
- Children must be under the direct supervision of a designated adult at all times
- Children must remain in their seats during the movie and behave in a manner reflective of school values.
- If you're considering eating at The Westfield Kotara Rooftop before the movie, bookings are recommended.
- You will not be able to switch between movies/cinemas.
- Both cinemas are wheelchair accessible.

TICKETS NOW ON SALE VIA FLEXISCHOOLS USE THE APP OR WWW.FLEXISCHOOLS.COM.AU
(Please print tickets and bring them on the night)

We will be screening two movies in two separate cinemas.

Event Cinemas Level 3, Westfield Kotara, Park Avenue, Kotara

NEW LOOK & VENUE FOR P&C MEETING

Our Next MONTHLY MEETING

WHEN: Tuesday 2ND July

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

REFRESHMENTS can be purchased

The new format will continue to run as below;

6:30pm – 7:30pm: Parent Voice Forum with Guest Speakers!

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

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 (Note this has been rescheduled from May monthly parent voice forum due to inclement weather)

A healthy media diet balances three things: what kids do online, how much time they spend doing it, and whether their content choices are age appropriate. Mixing media and tech time with other non-screen activities is that happy medium most families are trying to find. And then there is the extent of their online social lives. Kids -- social creatures that they are -- will almost always find a way to connect with others through virtual worlds, chatting on sites and in apps or via video or even learning games. so discussing [how to deal with icky behaviour](#) ahead of time can be helpful for kids and parents. What are the effects, both good and bad?

Introducing our next Guest Speaker local school Mum and clinical psychologist Dr Catherine Dinneen who works with children and their families, will join our discussion on social media, the internet and factors to consider in relation to children.

AND Guest Speaker Number#2 Youth Liaison Officer from Newcastle City Police Senior Constable Darren Fleming is going to share some insights on the need for cyber security with parents and discuss the talks in high school they are having with teenagers.

We are looking forward to this next Parent Voice Forum. Hope to see you there on the 2nd July!

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



Facebook:
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Upcoming Events and Roster Links

Date	Event	Time	Help Needed	Roster Link
Tuesday 2 nd July	Parent Voice Forum & P&C 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	Everyone welcome	Tickets on Sale via Flexischools.com.au (website and app)

COMMUNITY NEWS.....

ACTIVATE SPORTS CAMPS
Keep active with Activate!

NEWCASTLE 2019 JULY CAMP

JULY 17th – 19th 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

Save up to \$30 per child when booking online for 1 or 2 extra days!

EASY ONLINE BOOKINGS
Simply visit our website to book and pay safely via PayPal or contact us to find out about other payment options!

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