

The Junction News

Newsletter of The Junction Public School



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Term 3 – Week 1

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LEADERSHIP REPORT

Hello from the leadership team.

Welcome back to our school community.

We hope you had a great holiday – or at least some extra time with your children.

Naidoc Week Celebrations

We had a lovely final week of term celebrating NAIDOC Week. This year we had a whole school team working on learning experiences and the celebration itself. All the students were really engaged and we were told our ceremony was one of the best they'd seen! Thanks to; Miss Shepherd, Mrs West, Ms Ladkin, Mr Radnidge, Mrs Read and Mr Begnell. Our Newcastle High colleagues and students were also involved with a didg and dance performance. They also joined in some of our games. Quite a few children enjoyed their kangaroo sausages and taste of crocodile meat.

Staff Development Day

On Monday our staff returned to school to take part in professional learning. These days are so important as they are the only times we all get together to learn apart from one hour staff meetings. There was differentiated learning in the morning with choices between; Robots and Coding, and Prowise – an interactive programming option for interactive whiteboards. We then moved on to update our CPR and Anaphylaxis training in the afternoon.

Education Week August 5 - 9

The theme for Education Week this year is 'Every Student, Every Voice'. This is a focus in our school plan and has certainly been forwarded this year in our student led interviews.

This year the following school community members have been recognised by our school:

Contribution by a school community member – Amanda Fleming

Contribution for a non-teaching member of staff – Tom Jervis

Student Achievement – Ronan Brown

Teaching Award – Jody Cooper

Achievement in Aboriginal Education – Aleisha Ladkin
Mrs Brenda Brown has also been recognised for her contribution to the Hunter Schools Sports' Association with a Teachers Mutual Bank Award.

Our congratulations to all these award recipients.

YEAR 3-6 ATHLETICS CARNIVAL

Tomorrow is the School Athletics Carnival. All students in Yr 3 – Yr 6 will attend as well as students in Year 2 who are turning 8 this year and have already indicated that they would like to compete. There will be no supervision at school for students in Yrs 3-6. Students should be at school before 8.45am so rolls can be marked and they can leave the school to walk to the track. The carnival will be held at the Fearnley Dawes Athletic Centre, Smith Street, Newcastle West. Parents are welcome to attend. There will be no canteen facilities available on the day.

The school canteen will be open as normal for K-2 lunch orders and purchases.

The Kinder – Year 2 Mini Athletics carnival will be on Friday 9th August here on the school grounds.

JAK HOMEWARD BOUND HARMONY RUN

This term we are participating in a whole school journey. We are calling this the **JAK Homeward Bound Harmony Run**.

Our aim is:

- To bring together our students and community as we visit countries around the world from which our students and their families originate.
- To increase our levels of fitness across the school.
- To raise money to support school programs and classroom facilities for futures learning and flexible furniture.
- Students will also have the opportunity to engage in cross-curricula learning activities which encompass outcomes from the

PD/H/PE, Mathematics, Geography and English syllabi. Every student has their own passport for our journey and are completing learning activities with their classroom teachers.

We have calculated the distance to travel to 43 countries represented by our 570 students as **88208km**. To achieve this we have divided our journey into 2 sections; flying over vast oceans and seas using our imagination and running through neighbouring countries. This means that in total we will fly 47564km and run **40644km**.

To achieve this we run laps of our back playground four days a week ranging from 2 -6 laps depending on the year level. We have established teams to assist students achieve their goals. After 10 weeks and 2 days we will have run 39657.6km, leaving us to complete the last 986km with our family and friends. On the first Friday of Term 4 the P&C will hold a Colour Run to help bring us home.

Please follow our journey on the map in the COLA and throughout our newsletter. This week we have flown from Australia to New Zealand, Tonga, Philippines, Taiwan, Japan and South Korea. We are running from South Korea to Russia.



KINDERGARTEN ENROLMENTS 2020

It is that time of year again when we put the word out that our Kindergarten enrolment process has begun. If you have a child beginning school next year, now is the time to let us know. Our Kindergarten Information Session is on Wednesday 14th August at 6pm with our Orientation sessions following next term. If you know of anyone in our area who is looking to enrol please encourage them to visit our school sooner rather than later as we don't want them to miss out on our sessions.

Angie King

Assistant Principal Early Stage 1

CALENDAR - TERM 3 – 2019

Week 1

Event

Friday, July 26

School Athletics Carnival @ Fearnley Dawes Athletic Centre

Year 3 – Year 6 + competing Year 2 students

Week 2

Event

Tuesday, July 30

Parent information evening at Ncle High School for Year 7-2020 – Information sent by NHS

Week 3

Event

Friday, August 9

Kinder to Year 2 Mini Athletics Carnival at TJPS grounds

Week 4

Event

Tuesday, August 13

Zone PSSA Athletics Carnival

Wednesday, August 14

Kinder 2020 information night – 6pm – Kinder rooms

Week 5

Event

Monday, August 19

Interrelate – Two sessions – 6pm and 7.15pm – Information home soon from P & C

SCHOOL ASSEMBLY AWARDS

TERM 2 WEEK 10 K - 2 ASSEMBLY

KK	Hala A	Seth F
KS	Knox V	Luka I
KC	Harley X	Nina C
KH	Mia H	Joban A
KL	River T	Maya B
1A	Eilish F	Rohan G
1C	Morgan P	Isaac B
1W	Jimmy M	Callan N
2MC	Ethan G	Alex G
2J	Daisy B	Lexie R
2S	Samuel T	Nicholas R

2C	Romeo T	
STEAM	Archie T – KS Thomas B – 2/3C	Madison B – 1A
Values Awards	Piper S, Max D, Cali S, Alex C, Angus B, Alessia Q-C,	Juliet A, Benjamin L, Angus S, Chance G, Angela M
Student of the Month	Lila B, Patrick B Zak R, Atiksh P Matilda S, Chelsea M	Miguel P, Olivia L JJ S, Frieda H, Abigail C, Charlie I

TERM 2 - WEEK 9 & 10 YEARS 3, 4, 5 & 6 ASSEMBLY

3C		Mac C, Henry T, Lachie B, Eddie P
3B	Emily G, Emilia Q-C, Angus B	Zimm W, Lucas R, Parker P, Hugh M
3L	Corban B, Flynn S, Alex M, Reuben F	Riley T, Sarah B Hassnain H
3/4A	Lily C, Aidan H, Lilah R	Grace G, Hugo H Rosie James D
4L	Ruby S, Ava-May H Noah R, Imogen P	Curtis T, tyler S Elijah T
4S	Lily R, Calia V Winston K	Riley M, Isaac C
4/5F	Cedar B, Xavier B Khair S	Regan H, Sophie T Campbell J, Tom L
5R	Sophie M, Ruby E Thomas K	Clodagh M, Zoe C, Kahn W
5S	Luka M, Lily W Ava K	Jessica G, Ryder L
5/6L	Miamii A, Gui K Noah A	Stanley M-L, Natalia B, Ava F
6B		Rebecca H, Audrey A, Louis G, Daniel B
6C	Max A, Ameila L Seb S	
Values	Hannah L, Eva N Jasper M, Amelie D Josie D, Xavier, Beau O, Eddie L, Anjai R, Curtis T	Zoe B, Bella G, Benji L, Ava T, Lucca S
Student of The Month	Rosie B, Benjamin G Edie W, Kiah B	Isabella B, Ryan H Lillie S, Eddie L Angus S

BEANIE FOR BRAIN CANCER DAY

Monday 1st July was the school's Mark Hughes Foundation Beanie for Brain Cancer fundraising day. This year the weather was ideal for wearing our beanies. Mark Hughes addressed our assembly about the foundation and the development of his beanie designs over the years. Thank you to The Junction Public School students who raised \$661.10 for this worthy cause. This money went directly to the Foundation to assist in Brain Cancer research.

SCHOOL ASSEMBLIES

Kinder to Year 2 will have their next assembly Friday 2nd August. 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 week due to the School Athletics Carnival.

The next assembly will be Friday 2nd August at 11.20am!

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

The Premier's Spelling Bee by Felicity W

On Tuesday 25th June we had the Stage 2 Spelling Bee finals. 14 kids participated in it. All 14 did very well and deserved to make it to this level.

Two people were nominated from each Stage 2 class (Year 3 and 4) to go through to the Stage final. We were given words like: pineapple, quarrel, shepherd and bushranger. However only two could make it the through to the Regional Finals and after 7 rounds we found the two people who will go to the Regional final are Milla V and Felicity W.

Our reserve for the Regional Final is Darby S.

The Premier's Spelling Bee by Milla V

When I first walked up the front I was very nervous as Mr Alcock put us in our seats. I was lucky because I was sitting next to my best friend Sarah. Then once everyone was comfortable it began.

The first person spelt their word, they spelt it correctly. Then the next person spelt their word and they got it right. It was my best friends turn, she had a hard word but she spelt it right! Suddenly it was my turn. I was half excited and half nervous. I crossed my fingers and then Mr Alcock called my name. I walked to the front and I saw that I was not just looking at fellow Year 3's, I was also looking at Year 4's and I saw a few Year 5's. I spotted my brother in the crowd so I knew it must be a 4/5 class. Suddenly the teacher gave me my word. I had only been staring at the crowd for around five seconds, I said the word, then I spelt the word and then I said the word again.

Correct, said Mr Alcock. Yes! I said. Each time I spelled my word correctly until after eight long rounds

there were three of us left. I was given the word 'salmon' and that's the only word I can remember because that was the word that caused me to win! I had a great time and had so much fun!

BAND/STRINGS NEWS

Several events are fast approaching so grab your diary and please note the following dates.

String Ensemble – Tuesday 6th August (evening)

Education Week Ceremony at Newcastle High School. A note came home recently about this.

Premier Band – Wednesday 7th August

Education Week Celebrations at Charlestown Square. I am in the process of organising this excursion.

All bands and String Ensemble – Thursday 5th September (evening)

Creative Arts Showcase

This year we are joining with our dance and choir partners to celebrate our school's Creative Arts programs all on one night. We are heading to Merewether High School as our own hall is not big enough to hold us all. Stay tuned for further details.

Primary Band - Wednesday 25th September and Thursday 26th September

BandLink - A note will come home soon with further details and costs.

Band Membership

Once again I remind our band families that we have a process we go through when a student is feeling like they want to drop out of band. Band is a team event and relies on all of the parts in order to be successful. Students have made a year long commitment when they sign up to band. I know that issues arise and sometimes it may feel like a drag but there are very few problems that the music team cannot resolve.

Angie King, Band Co-ordinator

YEAR 6 CUPCAKE STALL

Thank you to our Year 6 students and their parents and carers for providing delicious cakes and treats for a cake stall at the end of last term. The monies raised from the sale of these treats are going towards the Year 6 gift to the school. Each year the Year 6 students purchase a gift for the school as a thank you for their years of learning here. The cake stall raised \$841.95. What a fantastic effort!

K-2 MINI ATHLETICS CARNIVAL

New Date: Friday 9th August

(Week 3 of Term 3)

The K-2 Athletics Carnival has been changed to Friday 9th August due to the Primary Carnival now being held on Friday 26th July. All K-2 students will be participating in a range of fun athletics events including running races, relays, long jump and a variety of novelty events here in the back playground. Students will be rotating around the activities in mixed classes rather than age groups. The games and activities will run from 9:00am to 1:00pm and parents and caregivers are more than welcome to attend. A new 'Green note' went home the last week of Term 2.

RECENT NOTES HOME

**K-2 ATHLETICS CARNIVAL
REVISED DATE**

**Friday 9 August (Wk 3 Term 3)
Here at school**

GREEN NOTE

The Nationally Consistent Collection of Data

What is the National Data Collection?

The Nationally Consistent Collection of Data on School Students with Disability (the national data collection) is an annual collection that counts the number of school students receiving an adjustment due to disability and the level of reasonable adjustment they are receiving. The national data collection counts students who have been identified by a school team as receiving an adjustment to address a disability as defined under the *Disability Discrimination Act 1992* (the DDA). The DDA can be accessed from the ComLaw website at www.comlaw.gov.au.

What is the Benefit for my Child?

The aim of the national data collection is to collect quality information about school students receiving an adjustment due to disability in Australia.

This information will help teachers, principals, education authorities and families to better support students with disability to take part in school on the same basis as other students.

The national data collection provides an opportunity for schools to review their learning and support systems and processes to continually improve education outcomes for their students with disability.

Further Information

Please contact the school if you have further questions about the Nationally Consistent Collection of Data on School Students with Disability.

You can also visit www.education.gov.au/nationally-consistent-collection-data-school-students-disability.

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.

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.



