

# The Junction News

Newsletter of The Junction Public School



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Term 3 – Week 3

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## LEADERSHIP REPORT

### EDUCATION WEEK 2019

Welcome to Education Week, 2019. The theme for this year's Education Week is: **Every Student, Every Voice.**

**Student voice** enables students to share who they are, what they believe in and fresh ideas for our whole community. At The Junction Public School we continue to see students who we know will make a difference in the future based on the core values they display at school.

This week students will take part in a variety of activities, in addition to the many events they have been involved in at TJPS in recent weeks; Year 5 Debating, Newcastle Learning Community Education Week Awards, Premier Band performance at Charlestown Square and the K-2 Athletics Carnival. We thank all the teachers who have put extra time into the organisation for these events and the parents who support them.

### PERMISSION NOTES – PROMPT RETURNS

At TJPS students are given a range of opportunities to attend events off site. In order for this to happen class teachers need to prepare a comprehensive excursion/incursion application including risk assessments and variations to duties back at school.

**Imperative to this organisation is the prompt return of permission notes.**

This enables teachers to: book the correct number of buses or to arrange private transport, ensure they have the correct health care plans and medication packed, arrange the correct ratio of teachers to supervise and the teachers who will need to stay back at school to supervise those not attending, cover their playground duty back at school and arrange for school learning support officers to attend or stay back at school as needed.

If they have to 'chase' permission notes, this adds to the workload and takes them away from other jobs such as lesson preparation.

Please check your child's bag each night and return these notes asap. These issues are right across K-6. In fact the younger classes are often more prompt with note return.

Thanks for your cooperation here.

TJPS Leadership Team

### SAFETY AROUND THE SCHOOL

As another term starts, I would like to remind you of our school's expectations around a few issues regarding work, health and safety.

When entering our school grounds, kindly **enter through the pedestrian gates**. No persons should enter via the driveway. Similarly, please **exit through the pedestrian gates** and not through the driveways or staff carpark. This will help keep everyone safe.

Students in **Kindergarten-Year 6 may ride their bikes, scooters or skateboards to school**, however, once they arrive at the pedestrian gate, they must **walk their bike, scooter or skateboard** to the **designated bike storage facility** located at the front of our school. No student or parent is permitted to ride their bike, scooter or skateboard on the school grounds.

Students who arrive at school with their parent/caregiver and a dog, must leave the dog outside of the school grounds. Please refrain from tying a dog near the pedestrian gate.

The staff have noticed students arriving at school very early in the morning. **Students are welcome from 8.30am** when there is **active teacher supervision**. Please **organise alternative care arrangements** if you need to separate from your children prior to 8.30am.

Thank you all in advance for your help in keeping our students and your children safe.

Sally Swain

WHS Representative



Bike Rack Facility

## YEAR 5 DEBATING GALA DAY

Our wonderful Stage 3 teachers have organised to host our Newcastle Train-on Debaters at our school today as part of our Education Week focus.

We had a full day of debating with teams from Hamilton South PS, Hamilton PS, Newcastle East PS and of course our Junction Public School teams participating. This year we had over 30 keen and eager TJPS students in our current Year 5 group, apply to participate in the Newcastle Train-On debating competition. Our teachers were thrilled!

Debating is an important program that we will continue to grow because evidence shows us that it has positive long term impact on, not only literacy skills, but on the skills needed to work as a team collaboratively, respectfully and with confidence. All students learn the skills of speaking and writing to persuade and participation in debating, even as an audience member, teaches students the ability to argue a topic and not a person, and this is a skill that is so important in today's world.

Thank you to the parents and grand parents who attended today to support our students and thank you to Mrs Barns and Mr Lyles for organising the day.



## 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 14<sup>th</sup> 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 3 Event**

**Friday, August 9** **Kinder to Year 2 Mini Athletics Carnival at TJPS grounds**

**Week 4 Event**

**Monday, August 12** **Stage 2 Zone Public Speaking Final – Belair PS 9:30am**

**Tuesday, August 13** **Zone PSSA Athletics Carnival**

**Wednesday, August 14** **Stage 1 Zone Public Speaking Final – Adamstown PS 9:30am**

**Wednesday, August 14** **Kinder 2020 information night – 6pm – Kinder rooms**

**Thursday, August 15** **Stage 3 Zone Public Speaking Final – Kotara South PS 9am**

**Friday, August 16** **Early Stage 1 Zone Public Speaking Final – Stockton PS 9:30am**

**Week 5 Event**

**Monday, August 19** **Interrelate – Two sessions – 6pm and 7.15pm – Information home soon from P & C**

**Wednesday, August 21** **Newcastle Permanent Maths Competition Stage 2 and 3**

**Week 6 Event**

**Wednesday, August 28** **Year 6 Taster Lessons at Newcastle HS 9:15am – 11:30am**

**Friday, August 30** **Regional PSSA Athletics Carnival**

**SCHOOL ASSEMBLY AWARDS****TERM 3 WEEK 2  
K - 2 ASSEMBLY**

<b>KK</b>	Seth F Frankie B	Griffin B Eloise W
<b>KS</b>	Poppy W Noah F	Charlotte B
<b>KC</b>	Maiya L Patrick K	Kaiden E Abel V-D
<b>KH</b>	Zachary E Odin C	William R
<b>KL</b>	Bon D Quinn T	Matisse M

<b>1A</b>	Sonny S Madison B	Toby H Mayra P
<b>1C</b>	Eva C Luca M	Carter F-A Wally K
<b>1W</b>	Lani L Bella R	Thomas T April L
<b>2MC</b>	Zahara B Jovi T	Evie S Alex G-C
<b>2J</b>	Ari V Zali G	Coco R Sam R
<b>2S</b>	Sunny L Joshua B	Francesca R Nicholas R
<b>2C</b>	Romeo T	
<b>STEAM</b>	Nicholas R Francesca R	Sonny L Joshua B

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

<b>3C</b>	Anjali R Nicolas P	
<b>3B</b>	Olivia P Faris S	Jealeah R
<b>3L</b>	Alijah T Benji L	Alex S
<b>3/4A</b>	Pierre B Rosemary E-F	Oliver F Zoe K
<b>4L</b>	Zoe B Myer D	Harrison N Toby N
<b>4S</b>	Amelia W Felicity W	Riley M
<b>4/5F</b>	Jake B Lucas C	Kimmika G
<b>5R</b>	Thomas M Thea M	Maya L
<b>5S</b>	Ryder L Edie W	Yo Han S Audrey R
<b>5/6L</b>	Ava T Sam B	
<b>6B</b>	Lewis S	Zander M

	Lucy R	Phoebe D
<b>6C</b>	Josie D Harry B	Max A Sebastiaan S
<b>Student of The Month</b>	Zac B Gabriella T Lily M Darby S Imogen P Jacob M	Samuel S Will C Jett R Ollie S Isla H Kira H

## SCHOOL ASSEMBLIES

Kinder to Year 2 will have their next assembly Friday 16<sup>th</sup> August. 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.

### RECENT NOTES HOME

**K-2 ATHLETICS CARNIVAL**  
**REVISED DATE**  
**Friday 9 August (Wk 3 Term 3)**  
**Here at school**  
**GREEN NOTE**

**CANTEEN PRICE LIST**  
**ORANGE NOTE**

## ATHLETICS CARNIVAL

Congratulations again to all students who competed in our Athletics Carnival held in Week 1. The sportsmanship and team work displayed by all students is always of the highest standard. A special mention to the teachers who worked tirelessly throughout the day to ensure the carnival ran smoothly and to schedule. A big thank you to Anna and Brent Byrne who also worked tirelessly all day. All place getters received their ribbons at last week's Year 3-6 Assembly. Congratulations to this year's winners QUINLAN! We are also very proud to report that 3 records were broken this year and 6 new 1500m records were set.

Records Broken and new School Records:

Record Breakers	
Charlie S 1500m Jnr Boys	5:48:72

Imogen P 1500m Jnr Girls	6:11:59
Alexis S 1500m 11yr Grils	6:23:90
Luka K 1500m 11yr Boys	5:40:03
Isla H 1500m Snr Girls	6:24:44
Harry B 1500m Snr Boys	5:30:47
Boston B 200m 11yr Boys	29:68
Boston B Long Jump 11yr Boys	4.40m
Senior Boys Relay Team (Quinlan)	1:00:53

### Age Champions

Junior Boy	Junior Girl
Corbin B	Imogen P
11 year boy	11 year girl
Boston B	Harmony B
Senior Boy	Senior Girl
Kai H	Miamii A

Our TJPS Team representing at Zone level will be Jett R, Corbin B, Ryder T, Charlie S, Zimm W, Imogen P, Zoe, K, Evie G, Luca F, Lily C, Boston B, Kai H, Luke K, Charlie F, Andrew F, Harmony B, Miamii A, Adisyn L, Eva N, Isla H, Lucca S, Stella S, Milla D, Milla V, Summa L, Liam W, Edison K, Charlie B, Sam N, Lily R, Alexis S, Louie J, Winston K, Albert F, Rosie B, Harry B, Noah A, Neve O'K, Oliver S, James J, Toby N.

On behalf of The Junction School community we would like to wish all representatives the best of luck in their events!! Go TJPS!!

Mr Savage

## K-2 MINI ATHLETICS CARNIVAL

**New Date: Friday 9<sup>th</sup> August**  
**(Week 3 of Term 3)**

The K-2 Athletics Carnival will take place on Friday 9<sup>th</sup> August. 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.

## HUNTER REGION GATS CAMP

Last week a group of students in Year 6 went to the Hunter Region GATS Camp at Point Wolstoncroft Sport and Recreation Centre.

During our time there we participated in a range of activities in our electives, which included kayaking, giant swing and high ropes. We also did some sessions in our electives which were based on what elective we were in. The electives were Maths, Sports Science, English, Science, Visual Arts and ICT. On the last night we had a medieval madness fair where we all dressed up in creative costumes. It was lots of fun, a great experience and fantastic opportunity as we got to meet many other like-minded people.

Thank you to all teachers who made this camp possible and gave up their time, especially Miss Chaffey.



## BAND/STRINGS NEWS

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

### String Ensemble – Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> August (evening)

Education Week Ceremony at Newcastle High School.

### Premier Band – Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> August

Education Week Celebrations at Charlestown Square. The bus will depart TJPS at 11am.

### All Bands and String Ensemble – Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> 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 25<sup>th</sup> September and Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> 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.

## Invoices

Invoices were sent home with students at the end of last week. There are a number of families who owe band fees for Term 2. Please note band fees are required to be paid each term. Thank you for your cooperation with this.

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.

## 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](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 in the new space between the Senior Girls’ and Boys’ facilities just along from Class 4L - 8.45am-9.15am.

