

The Junction News

Newsletter of The Junction Public School



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Term 3 – Week 7

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LEADERSHIP REPORT

Hello from the leadership team,

Our wonderful school is always abuzz with activity. Term 3 sees the culmination of many programs, both sporting and academic, in which our students are involved throughout the year and across the local area. Congratulations are forthcoming for many students who are representing our school not just at Zone and Regional level but at State level as well. We are very proud of all our students' efforts and their continual pursuit of excellence in both the sporting and academic fields.

In the last fortnight, all our students have been improving their fitness and learning about our world through the JAK Homeward Bound Harmony run. According to Year 6, we are at the half way point having collectively covered more than 20000kms and the exciting countdown to the P&C's Colour Run has begun. This is a wonderful learning experience for our students because it connects learning across the Key learning Areas in ways that inspires them to pursue and learn more, guided by our teachers and supported by parents. Read more from the students themselves further on in this newsletter.

Last Thursday 29th August, our two Year 6 Premiers Debating teams, Newcastle Beach and Nobbys Beach, went head to head in a very close debate. Both teams did a brilliant job, outlining many key arguments and ideas to support their side of the topic given. The adjudicator was very impressed with both teams and highly commended each debater's efforts. He was particularly impressed with the sophisticated level of rebuttal offered by both teams. Newcastle Beach was the successful team of the debate and will debate their next and final round at Newcastle East Public School, today, Tuesday 3rd September 2019. The winner of this final round will progress to the regional level. Good luck to our students.

The P&C's Father's Day breakfast last Thursday saw a huge turnout of dads, grandads and father figures enjoy breakfast with their children. A huge thank you to our P&C for all their hard work and to our many teachers who pitched in before school to help out. Well done to all. Hoping all our dads had a wonderful Father's Day.

For our Year 3 and 5 families eagerly awaiting results from the national testing conducted back in May, NAPLAN reports will be sent to schools and forwarded to families from September 16. If you have any concerns about your child's learning please make a time with your child's' teacher to discuss your concerns.

And finally it has been a big week of learning for our staff. They have engaged in professional learning delivered by teaching experts within our own school. Teachers presented sessions on Inquiry Learning, Cognitive Load Theory in Practice and Digital Technologies. Our executive staff also engaged in whole school evaluation of programs, initiatives and learning. This is an ongoing school process that enables timely focus on what works, where to next and on scrutinizing the data itself.

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. 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 7 Event**

Wednesday, Sept 4	Yr 4/5 GATS CAPA Day at Newcastle High School
Thursday, September 5	Creative Arts Showcase Merewether High School Hall

Week 8 Event

Monday, September 9	Regional Girls Cricket Trials
Tuesday, September 10	Water Safety Talks K-6
Wednesday, Sept 11	Concert Band Day
	Stage 2-3 Maths Excursion Woo vs Spencer
Thursday, September 12	Premier Band Day
	Regional Boys Cricket Trials

Week 9 Event

Monday, September 16	Primary Band Day
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Week 10 Event

Friday, September 27	Book Week Parade K-2 9:10am 3-6 10:10am
	Last Day of Term 3

Week 1 Term 3 Event

Monday, October 14	First Day of Term 4 – all students K-6 return to school
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SCHOOL ASSEMBLY AWARDS**TERM 3 WEEK 6
K - 2 ASSEMBLY**

KK		
KS	Archie T Zyan M	
KC	Sophie C Jake C	
KH	Leo J Felix G-C	
KL	Matisse M Molly B	
1A	Ariana A Dylan W	Bonnie N

1C	Rory N Nate K	Milos M
1W	Lachlan D Ngahua C	Bowy R
2MC	Aston O'B Arlo R	Linkin B
2J	Abigail C Amalia E	Zachary W
2S	Angela M Ava T	Ruben K
2C	Ayden T	
Values Awards	Patrick B KS Harriet M KC Bon D KL Charlotte W KH Quinton W 1C	Eilish F 1A Jimmy M 1W Luke B 2J Charlie B 2S
Student of the month	Charlie I 2C	
STEAM	Luke B 2J	Patrick B KS

**TERM 3 – WEEK 6
YEARS 3, 4, 5 & 6 ASSEMBLY**

3C	Mac C Maple J	
3B	Evie R Josh B	
3L	Zack B Liliana R	Reuben F
3/4A	Oliver T-J Aidan H	Blaise H Kahlia F
4L	Myer D Amelie D Molly C	Andreas W Tyler S Zara B
4S	Callia V Lily R	Archie J
4/5F	Zaac C Maya H	Oliver V
5R	Louis H Nicola D-G	Sofie K

5S	Harmony B Lalita F	Abby R Felix B
5/6L	Ruby K Maggie B	Banjo H
6B	Audrey A Lillie C	Eli C
6C	Emiel E-F Millie B	Neve H
Student of the Month	Lexie C 3B Flynn S 3L Charlie S 3/4A Alice W 4L Toby N 4L Lucas C 2/3C Roxanna B 4/5F	Amelia W 4S Jessica G 5S Clodagh M 5R Harry R 5/6L Kai H 5/6L Sadie S 6C Ronan B 6B

SCHOOL ASSEMBLIES

Kinder to Year 2 will have their next assembly Friday 30th August. Assemblies will be every second Friday (Even weeks) at 10.15am in the New Hall.

Year 3 to Year 6 will have their next assembly Friday 30th August. Assemblies will be every second Friday (even weeks) at 11:20am in the New Hall.

Parents are welcome to attend these assemblies.

RECENT NOTES HOME

**OAKVALE FARM EXCURSION
KINDERGARTEN
(GREEN NOTE)**

**CREATIVE ARTS SHOWCASE
MEREWETHER HIGH SCHOOL
(PINK NOTE)**

**YEAR 1 ANZAC MEMORIAL WALK
(YELLOW NOTE)**

**YEAR 2 ANZAC MEMORIAL WALK
(GREY NOTE)**

**BANDLINK NOTE FOR PRIMARY BAND
ONLY
(YELLOW NOTE)**

**CANTEEN PRICE LIST
(ORANGE NOTE)**

REMINDER - NO HOT BEVERAGES

After much discussion, our WHS committee has decided that we will no longer be serving hot beverages (tea and coffee) at school during special days, such as Father's Day breakfast, Grandparent's Day and Charity Day, to name a few. This decision was made to ensure the safety of the students at our school at all times.

We would appreciate your support in this decision by not bringing hot beverages onto the school site at all times.

Thank you.

JAK HOMEWARD BOUND HARMONY RUN

The best way to find out the impact of the JAK Homeward Bound Harmony Run is to ask the students themselves:

We are now over the halfway point of our run, covering more than 20000kms. We are running further and faster than ever. Every day we come to school there are groups of students studying the map to find out what countries we have passed through and where we are up to now. In class, students have been working on their passports learning about different cultures along the way. On the COLA wall we have our new countdown to the Colour Run and it is getting very exciting. Don't forget that all sponsorship cards need to be returned Week 10 of this term. Year 6 students have been studying future focused classrooms and furniture to design their perfect room.

I like the exercise and you get strong. **Charlie Kindergarten**

We like to do lots of laps and get muscles. **Max and Sunny Kindergarten**

We get to raise money for new furniture. **Evie Year 2**
It's good for the school and you get healthy. **Charlie Year 2**

I like getting fitter, getting stronger and doing more things. **Bob Year 2**

The Homeward Bound Harmony Run is a good way to get children to exercise more and we are still doing school work because we find out the population, the currency, the capital city, the language and the national symbols of the different countries that we come from. We are getting fitter, faster and stronger. We get to talk to our friends while we run or walk. We are visiting 43 countries and our school is half way into the run. If some kids don't get 2 or 5 or 6 laps some of the other kids do more than the number that they have to do so they can give them to the other kids. **Imogen Year 4**

Our fitness levels have improved. **Josie Year 6** I didn't realise that so many students come from so many countries at our school. **Saffron Year 6** Sponsors allow us to get better equipment. **Noah Year 6**

WASTE FREE WEDNESDAY

On Wednesday 21st August Year 1 had their first Waste Free Wednesday. We are looking after the environment by trying to have no waste in our lunch boxes. This is what some of our children wrote:


Today is Waste Free Wednesday. I brought in a completely waste free lunch. I had a banana, cheese and crackers and a sandwich. You are only allowed to bring in a little bit of rubbish. **By Madi**

Today is Waste Free Wednesday! I have got a waste free lunch that has no plastic. In my lunchbox I have sandwich and a mandarin. Also I have bees wax wrapping around my sandwich. You can do it too! **By Tully**

Today is Waste Free Wednesday. In my lunch box I have 3 crackers, an apple and a sandwich. My lunch box is really waste free. You can do this at school. **By Bonnie**

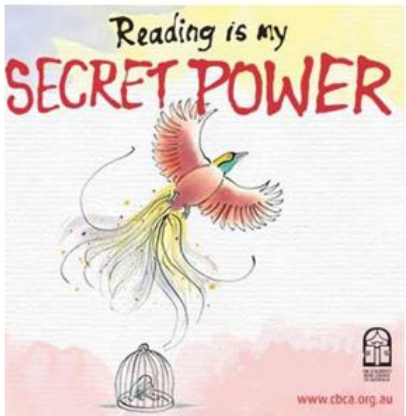
In my lunchbox I had a container. In my container I had a vegemite and cheese wrap. I had an apple as well. My lunch box was waste free! **By Sonny**



The Junction P S 

2019 Book Week Parade

Friday 27th September



Infants Parade - 9.10am

Primary Parade - 10.10am

SPELLING BEE FINALS

On Tuesday 2nd September, Milla V and I went to the Regional Spelling Bee at Mayfield West Public School. Everyone there was an extremely good speller. Congratulations to Milla who did a fantastic job. She got out on the word linear. If it was me who got that word I would have definitely got it wrong. I managed to get pretty good words and most of them I knew luckily. There were words like megafauna, dissimilar and affluent. I was lucky enough to come first and I am now going to the State Spelling Bee in November.
By Felicity W



HUNTER REGIONAL ATHLETICS CARNIVAL

On Friday 30th August, the following students went to the Regional Athletics Carnival at Hunter Sports Centre Glendale. Boston B, Corban B, Jett R, Imogen P, Harry B, Rosie B, Miamii A and Toby N along with the Senior Girls Relay team of: Miamii A, Eva N, Adisyn L, Harmony B, and Junior Boys relay team of: Corban B, Jett R, Charlie S and Ryder T and Junior Girls relay team of: Imogen P, Evie G, Zoe K and Luca F. All students showed great character to deal with the wet and cold conditions and still perform at an elite level. Boson B had an impressive day qualifying for the State carnival after winning the 200m and Long Jump and coming second in the 100m. An outstanding effort. Harry B and Imogen P are also heading to the State Carnival for the 1500m both finishing second. The Junior Boys Relay team (4 x 100 metre) were successful in qualifying for State and coming in third overall on the day. Well done to all our regional competitors and a big congratulations to our State athletes.

Mr Savage

NEW SOCCER GOALS

The school now has two new sets of soccer goals thanks to a very persuasive letter written to the P&C from Luka K.

Luka identified the need for new goals after all of the previous ones had been broken over time.

With the help of Mrs Cooper, Luka was given the opportunity to choose the schools new goals.

By Week 5 of Term 2 the new goals arrived at school. In Week 6, Luka, Louis, Charlie and Tom, the General Assistant, began to assemble them. By Week 8, all goals were ready for use.

We would like to give out a huge thanks to the P&C for funding the new goals, Mrs Larkman for approving them and Mrs Cooper for all her help with sizing, pricing, ordering and organising.

We would also like to thank all of the Year 5 boys who helped put these goals together and would like to remind the school to use these goals respectfully so that they are here to for all enjoy for a long time to come.

Luka K, Charlie F, Louis H.



ILLNESS AT SCHOOL

We are currently experiencing high levels of illness throughout the school, with confirmed cases of influenza, whooping cough and chicken pox during this term.

If your child shows signs of illness, please keep them at home and seek medical attention if needed as some of these illnesses can become very serious if left untreated.

Information on illnesses and how long to keep your child at home if necessary is at the back of the newsletter.

Thank you.

BAND/STRINGS NEWS

Important Dates for remainder of 2019.

Thursday 5th September – Performing Arts Showcase at Merewether High

Students need to arrive by 5:45pm, concert begins at 6:00pm

This involves **all** band members, the String Ensemble, Junior and Senior Dance Groups and Junior and Senior Choirs.

Band Days

Band members do NOT need to attend their normal morning rehearsal. Please attend morning assembly with your class, once your name is marked off the roll, they are to meet Miss Tonkin in the Music Room. A free pizza lunch will be provided. Please provide recess food and a water bottle. Parents are warmly invited to attend a short concert will commence at 2:30pm in the Music Room.

Concert Band Day - **Wednesday 11th September (Week 8)**

Premier Band Day - **Thursday 12th September (Week 9)**

Primary Band Day - **Monday 16th September (Week 9)**

Band Link

This event is for **Primary Band ONLY**
Wednesday and Thursday 25th -26th September at MacDonald Jones Stadium, Broadmeadow.

Please see recent note that was sent home for further details. Permission note and payment should be returned by 20th September.

Bandfest

This year we have entered all of our musicians in this regional competition that takes place at the Arts Centre at Warners Bay in Week 2 of Term 4.

Please read carefully to see when your child is performing. They may be in more than one performance. Further details will come home in the next few weeks on a separate note.

Monday 21st October

Primary Band 1:30pm

Percussion Ensemble 2:30pm

String Ensemble 3:15pm

Thursday 24th October

Concert Band 11:00am

Premier Band 2:00pm

Jazz Ensemble 2:50pm

Musica Viva Event – Wednesday 6th November

Band Presentation Night – Thursday 28th November at the Newcastle Conservatorium

Presentation Day, Premier Band performance – Thursday 12th December

A reminder that all Term 1, 2 and 3 fees are now overdue.

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 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 HAS CHANGED!

Want to place your uniform shop order online?

Order now at www.tipsuniform.com to order the new unisex uniform and all other uniform items.

Please note that you can no longer purchase uniforms through Flexischools.

P&C NEWS

FATHERS DAY BREAKFAST

Thank you to all our wonderful teachers and parent volunteers for your help in creating another successful Father’s Day BBQ breakfast last Thursday. We dished up over 500 serves of food in one hour. Thank you to all the dads, children and families who bought breakfast and participated in the morning, as busy as it was!

TONIGHT P&C MONTHLY MEETING

WHEN: Tuesday 3rd September

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

REFRESHMENTS can be purchased

EARLIER START P&C Meeting From 7:00PM - 9:00PM

6:30pm – 7:00pm: P&C Parent Voice Forum | Q&A Panel

PARENT VOICE TOPIC: New School Uniform Options Q&A

Thanks to everyone in the school community who voted and provided feedback regarding the new 5 day a week school uniform option. The double black stripe design was the winning style and our new online store has been flooded with new orders which is exciting to see. However, there are lots of questions and enquiries coming in regarding the new school policy and how the transition period works. If you have any questions or concerns about the school uniform and would like more information on what options your child has in 2020, then come along to this 30min Q&A session

Samples and sizes will be made available for those parents who would like to bring children down to try these on.

THIS WEEK IS THE LAST CHANCE TO ORDER AT THE DISCOUNTED RATE AND TO SECURE EARLY ARRIVAL OF the new 5 day a week school uniform option. Orders and payment must be made through the

new online uniform shop by Friday 6th September.
www.tipsuniform.com

COLOUR RUN

SAVE THE DATE ON FRIDAY 18TH OCTOBER

The whole school will take part with children, families and teachers coming together to celebrate our cultural diversity, in a run splattered with coloured chalk. This will be the final laps of the JAK Homeward Bound Harmony Run, and a date to place in your calendar!

The 2019 COLOUR RUN is the major fundraising event for the Junction P&C this year and will include lots of fun, food, music and sponsorships. If you own a business, have a suitable employer or a connection that would be interested in financially contributing to this fundraiser then please email junctionpandc@gmail.com or contact the school. Copies of the sponsorship brochure are at the front office or we can supply an electronic version for those interested. **WE NEED MORE SPONSORS!!**

CREATIVE GARDEN CLEAN UP

You may have seen some parents last week participating in a working bee?! The P&C are looking to clean up and improve the Creative Garden space outside the front of the Kindy class rooms. We have a small budget for this and are working with Tom and Graeme, the schools General Assistants to oversee this work. It will include new paint, plants, resurfacing paths, tidying the sand pits plus a new surf boat for the kids to play in.

P&C UPCOMING EVENTS AND ROSTER LINKS

Date	Event	Time	Help Needed	Contact
Tuesday 3 rd September	Parent Voice Forum & PC Meeting	6:30pm then 7:00pm	Everyone welcome	AT MEREWETHER BOWLING CLUB *Refreshments can be purchased
Thursday 12 th September	Creative Garden Clean UP	11:15am to 1:00pm	Everyone welcome	https://www.signupgenius.com/go/70a044aaca92fa2fb6-creative
Friday 18 th October	Colour Run	TBC	Yes Please!	president@junctionpandc.org helpers link to come.

Next gardening bee Thursday 12th September, Can you help? Happens during school hours when kids are in class.

COMMUNITY NEWS



Geri Rea (Teacher and Composer, published with the AMEB and London Trinity College) will be running piano lessons for beginners during lunch times at our school. Lessons are 50 minutes per week for only \$25.45. Students learn to read music for classical and modern piano including chords, in a fun environment. Please see our website www.gerirea.com for further details about this fantastic opportunity or contact Geri on 0404 905401 for a free trial lesson.

Geri Rea

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NEWCASTLE CITY CRICKET CLUB BOYS AND GIRLS WANTED FOR JUNIOR CRICKET

Juniors interested in playing one of the many different formats of cricket available have until this Friday to register for Newcastle City Cricket Club.

<https://www.playcricket.com.au/> (type "Newcastle City Cricket Club" into the search field).

Newcastle City Cricket Club is a leader in the increase in girls participation in cricket, and we are looking for:

- Girls interested in playing U10 / U11s in Stage 1 format (Saturday mornings, mixed format)
- Girls interested in playing Friday Twilight Spring Competition (girls only comp).

No experience necessary.

Other comps for all players include:

- Junior Blasters (Monday afternoon) for kids to new to cricket to build skills.
- Master Blasters (Monday afternoon) for boys and girls aged 7 to 10. This is a shorter program to traditional cricket.
- Junior Cricket (Saturday morning) – Stage 1 format (U10 & U11), and Stage 2 format (U12 & U13).

Any enquiries to Usuf Badat on 0400 883 719

Girls cricket enquiries to Julie Wharton –

Julie.wharton@outlook.com.