

The Junction News

Newsletter of The Junction Public School



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Term 3 – Week 9

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LEADERSHIP REPORT

Hello from the leadership team,

We are almost at the end of Term 3 and I know that our teachers and students are busy with assessment tasks and forward planning for Term 4. Some of our Stage 2 and 3 teachers are involved in collaborative planning this week. They are looking at how our students are engaging with assessment tasks and planning teaching and learning activities for Term 4. Collaborative planning enables our teachers to team teach effectively and efficiently to support students to achieve their goals for the year and of course to achieve the syllabus outcomes set for each grade.

At this time of the year we often remind our students that the greatest competitor they face is themselves. We encourage them to strive for their own personal best and not to compare their learning journey with anyone else's. Everyone learns and excels at their own pace.

Student Focus Groups – Mrs Emmington

Back in Term 2, I held focus groups with students from Kindergarten to Year 6. I will be holding focus groups again early in Term 4 to ask students about their learning, the goals they achieved this year and what they are striving for in 2020 and how their teachers can help. I look forward to listening to our students and their thoughts about school and learning.

Excursions

The next two weeks sees many of our students heading out on excursions. We hope the weather holds out as many of these excursions are walking excursions. We were disappointed to have had to postpone the Kindergarten Oakvale Farm excursion today due to bad weather. It has been rescheduled for Week 3 in Term 4. Information to Kindy parents will follow early next term. Parents will be notified via our Skoolbag app whether excursions are going ahead or not.

PDHPE

Staff this week will unpack the new PDHPE syllabus. Mrs Cooper and Mrs King will be leading the discussion at our staff meeting. Parents can access the new syllabus on the NESA website:

<https://educationstandards.nsw.edu.au/wps/portal/nesa/k-10/learning-areas/pdhpe>

NAPLAN 2019

Staff will also be looking at our school's NAPLAN results which have just been released. Individual reports will be sent home to all Year 3 and 5 students towards the end of the week. Please note they have not yet arrived at our school but are due to us this week.

Our students participated in NAPLAN online this year for the first time like many other schools across the country, (56% in 2019). We observed that students overall were more engaged with the online test than with the previous pen and paper version. It is important to note that NAPLAN is a point in time test that provides a snapshot of learning. Your child's teacher is the best source of information about your child's learning and progression. Please make a time with your child's teacher if you would like to discuss this.

Creative Garden

A huge thank you to two of our Kindergarten parents, Mark who has Willow in KK and Sally who has William in KH, for beginning work on our Creative Garden. This space is currently being improved thanks to the efforts of the P&C and to our wonderful parents who volunteer their time.

Homeward Bound and the Colour Run

We are still Homeward Bound clocking up thousands of kilometres around the planet. Please support your child with sponsorship for the P&C's major fundraiser for our school, The Colour Run to be held first week back – Friday October 18.

End of Term – Book Parade

The last day of Term 3 is Friday 27th September which is also our Book Parade Day. We are all looking forward to Book Parade and seeing the many wonderful characters brought to life by our students and staff. K-2 will begin the parade at 9:10am followed by Years 3-6 at 10:10am. Don't forget the 2019 Book Parade Theme: READING IS MY SECRET POWER!

School resumes for Term 4 on Monday 14th October 2019.

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 Orientation sessions.

Angie King, Assistant Principal Early Stage 1



Education

CALENDAR - TERM 3 – 2019**Week 9****Event**

Tuesday, Sept 17	Kinder Oakvale Farm – POSTPONED DUE TO WEATHER
Wednesday, Sept 18	Year 4 students Walking Excursion-Mere/Bar Beach - 10am – NOW POSTPONED
Thursday, Sept 19	Year 1 students Walking Excursion-King Edward Park & Memorial Walk – 11am
Friday, Sept 20	'Concert Band' Day at school
Saturday, Sept 21	A 'Night of Percussion' – Newcastle Conservatorium

Week 10**Event**

Friday, Sept 27	Book Week Parade (K-2) 9:10am and (3-6) 10:10am LAST DAY OF TERM 3
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CALENDAR - TERM 4 – 2019**Week 1****Event**

Monday, Oct 14	FIRST DAY OF TERM 4 – ALL STUDENTS K-6 RETURN TO SCHOOL
Monday, Oct 14	Year 1 & 2 Swimming School
Tuesday, Oct 15	Year 1 & 2 Swimming School
Tuesday, Oct 15	Parents of Year 5 – 2019 – Invitation from Merewether High for information session about application process for Year 7 - 2021 - 4pm at Merewether High
Wednesday, Oct 16	Year 1 & 2 Swimming School
Thursday, Oct 17	Year 1 & 2 Swimming School
Friday, Oct 18	Colour Run – Whole School

Week 2**Event**

Monday, Oct 21	Primary Band / Percussion / Strings - Bandfest
Monday, Oct 21	Year 1 & 2 Swimming School
Tuesday, Oct 22	Year 1 & 2 Swimming School
Wednesday, Oct 23	Year 1 & 2 Swimming School
Wednesday, Oct 23	NSW - PSSA Athletics
Thursday, Oct 24	Concert / Premier / Jazz - Bandfest
Thursday, Oct 24	Year 1 & 2 Swimming School
Thursday, Oct 24	NSW – PSSA Athletics

Friday, Oct 25

Year 1 & 2 Swimming School

Week 3**Event**

Tuesday, Oct 29	Kinder Oakvale Farm excursion – (New date)
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Week 4**Event**

Tuesday, Nov 5	Kinder 2020 : 1st Orientation
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Week 5**Event**

Wednesday, Nov 13	Year 4 – Great Aussie Bush Camp
Thursday, Nov 14	Year 4 – Great Aussie Bush Camp
Friday, Nov 15	Year 4 – Great Aussie Bush Camp

Week 6**Event**

Tuesday, Nov 19	Kinder 2020 : 2nd Orientation
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Week 7**Event**

Thursday, Nov 28	Band Presentation Night at Newcastle Conservatorium
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Week 8**Event**

Tuesday, Dec 3	Kinder 2020 : 3rd Orientation
Friday, Dec 6	Charity Day – Whole School – more information to come

Week 9**Event**

Thursday, Dec 12	Presentation Day – Whole School at 9am Year 5-6 Presentation Day at 10:15am Year 3-4 Presentation Day at 11:30am
Friday, Dec 13	Kindergarten Presentation Day at 9am Year 1-2 Presentation Day at 10:15am

Week 10**Event**

Tuesday, Dec 17	Year 6 Clap-out at 2:30pm
Tuesday, Dec 17	Year 6 Farewell – South's Leagues Club
Wednesday, Dec 18	LAST DAY FOR STUDENTS

SCHOOL ASSEMBLY AWARDS**TERM 3 WEEK 8****K - 2 ASSEMBLY**

KK	Piper S Narrakai T	Griffin B
KS	Charlotte B	Luka I
KC	Naia P	Miguel P
KH	Ava McC	Alex C
KL	Finn S Newton R-F	Maya B
1A	Theo R Kai P	Alessia Q-C
1C	Eva C Wally K	Hannah C
1W	Ethan S Austin B	Bowen F
2MC	Jovi T Ella H	Annika G
2J	Henry M Will W	Edison K
2S	Zoe E Leita L	Oliver D
2C	Thomas B	
Values Awards	Lyla B Ava S Ruby P Jos B Annika G Reggie R	Eden B Oliver L Addison C Bella R Ava M
Student of the month	Harvey S Matilda M Angus B Lucia M Bob B Lincoln P	Imogen G Sidney F Madison B Thomas T Indiya K
STEAM	Hugo L Abel V-D	Theo R

TERM 3 – WEEK 8**YEARS 3, 4, 5 & 6 ASSEMBLY**

3C	Eva M	
3B	Emilia Q-C	Dom G
3L	Anika G	Indigo L
3/4A	Oliver F Grace G Ryder T	Joe B Lilah R
4L	Imogen P Jasper M Maisie H	Jacob L Lucy K
4S	William T Zadie A	Winston K Oliver C
4/5F	Audrey L Ben M	Radhika C
5R	Charlie F Zaali L	Kahn W
5S	Jarvis S Ty A	Noah C Harmony B
5/6L	Ollie S Sam B	Adisyn L
6B	Eli C Mako L Ronan B	Isaac H Brady M James J
6C	Brooklyn D Lucille H	Liam S Ryland D
Values	Zimm W Sofia G	Aja P Albert F
Bronze	Saxon Y	
Silver	Kahlia F Fabian K Milla D Henry R	Indigo L Timothy P Angus P Evie R
Platinum	Maggie B	Ella W
Gold	Alice W Maya L	Zavier B Ava K

SCHOOL ASSEMBLIES

Kinder to Year 2 will have their next assembly in **Week 2 of Term 4 - Friday 25th October**. 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 27th September (Last day of Term 3)**. Assemblies will be every second Friday (even weeks) at 11:20am in the New Hall.

Parents are welcome to attend these assemblies.

NSW PSSA GIRL'S CRICKET

Last Monday, we went to Smith Park to try out for the Hunter Region Cricket Team. There was 43 girls who came from all over the Hunter Region for the trial. We started with a net session and everyone had a bat and a bowl. The selectors then had to cut it down to 17 girls and we were both selected. We then had a game and the selectors had to narrow it down to 12 girls who would go to the State carnival in Campbelltown in the last week of October. We both successfully made the team. Abby made it in for keeping and Felicity made it in for batting. By Felicity and Abby



RECENT NOTES HOME

YEAR 4 WALKING EXCURSION-BEACH

Wednesday 18th September – Now
Postponed until Term 4
(ORANGE NOTE)

YEAR 1 ANZAC MEMORIAL WALK

Thursday 19th September
(YELLOW NOTE)

YEAR 1 & 2 SWIMMING PROGRAM

Week 1 & 2 of Term 4
Cost: \$63
(PURPLE NOTE)

YEAR 3 WALKING EXCURSION

Last Wednesday Year 3 went on a walking excursion from Bar Beach to Merewether Beach, as part of our Geography unit this semester. We observed natural and human features, as well as sketching the local area. The students had a wonderful time and once again upheld all our school values. Here are what some of our students said about the day:

Year 3 went on an excursion for Geography to find human constructed and natural features. The first stop was at Bar Beach where we had fruit break. The next stop was at Yeulabah track. On Yeulabah track we completed a work sheet with a map and sketched natural and human made features. By Lucas C

Year 3 went to Merewether and Bar Beach for a geography lesson. They stopped at Bar Beach for fruit break then they started going to Merewether Beach. When they got there they did a worksheet. One page was where they had to sketch their view of Bar Beach. Then they went back to TJPS. By Henry F

Year 3 recently went on an excursion to the beach! The students walked from Bar Beach to Merewether Beach. Once we arrived at Merewether we had our recess and were given a worksheet to complete. We tried to guess the directions we walked then sketched Merewether Beach to the Anzac Walk. We wrote down human and natural features. Once we were done we explored the beautiful Merewether Beach. By Jake B

This Wednesday it is Year 4's turn, we hope they have a wonderful day too!



BOOK CLUB ORDERS

If you have not received your order by this Friday – please see Mrs Land in the library. There is an order with no name on the order sheet. Thank you.

INFORMATION FOR CHOIR GROUPS

There will be no Junior and Senior Choir during Week 10 of Term 3 and Week 1 of Term 4. Choirs will resume Week 2 of Term 4.

I will be on Leave. I would like to thank you all for your wonderful support with our Choir Program. I am extremely proud of the children's achievement and commitment. Happy holiday break. Nina McLeod

STAGE 3 : SCIENCE


Stage 3 have been learning all about electrical circuits and different forms of energy in Science this term. Last Wednesday we were visited by Josh Marshall who shared with us how he uses electrical circuits in the real world with his job as an Electrical Engineer. We had fun watching Mr Marshall's slideshow and listening to how he used circuits to create a robot that delivers returned books in libraries to their correct places. Thanks Mr Marshall!
By Sophie M and Isaac H



YEAR 2 WALKING EXCURSION

Yesterday, Year 2 went on a walking excursion as part of our Geography unit. We walked up to King Edward Park and then back along the ANZAC Memorial Bridge to explore the different environments that surround us. Despite the warm weather and rather long distance for little legs, we all had a wonderful time observing the natural, managed and built environments. We even were lucky enough to spot some dolphins!

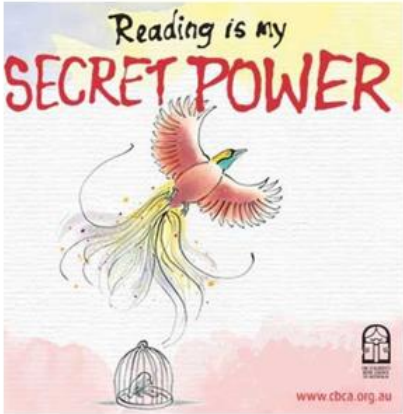




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2019 Book Week Parade

Friday 27th September



Infants Parade - 9.10am

Primary Parade - 10.10am

TOUCH FOOTBALL

A few weeks ago we played a touch gala day against schools across Newcastle. The weather was perfect and we had a fantastic day. We met new people and just had heaps of fun playing touch. All of The Junction students were happy, respectful and looked out for each other. We all managed to have a win, with some teams undefeated. We had lots of fun and everyone looks forward to playing again next year. Noah and Oliver



JAK HOMEWARD BOUND HARMONY RUN

This week sees us flying into Argentina and heading towards Chile. We now have approximately 12500km to go before we board our flight home in Term 4. We are heading into some wet weather this week but as always we will be determined to complete our laps.

Our Sponsorship cards are due to be returned next week for teachers to sign at the completion of the Colour Run. They will then be returned to the students to collect their donations in Week 2-3 of Term 4. Any student who returns their sponsorship money will receive a JAK Homeward Bound Token and go into the draw for a board donated by Sandbah. The class who raise the most money will be enjoying a class party. Our target is to beat our past fundraising run of \$10,500.

Look out for our postcard coming home next week!

STATE RUGBY

The week of the 27th to 29th August, Boston and James headed into camp to play in the PSSA State Rugby Competition. At the end of the week their team placed 6th out of 13, a commendable achievement after some very tough games against highly ranked Sydney teams. Both boys returned tired and sore but excited from their experience and opportunity. Congratulations on a wonderful achievement.



NEW TECHNOLOGY

A massive thank you to our P&C who recently contributed \$7000 towards the purchase of new technology for our students. We were able to purchase 5 new Dash robots to add to our current 5, 10 brand new iPads with super tough cases and an iPad charging box for the safe storage and efficient charging of our iPads.

As a result of these purchases our Stage 2 students are currently undertaking lessons in coding as part of the Digital Technologies strand in the Science and Technology syllabus. Stage 1 are also using the iPads on their coding adventures.

Next term we have the privilege of having access to two STEMShare kits on loan from the DoE. We will once again have the Handheld VR kit which will be utilized across the school and the Primary Robotics kit which contains EV3 robotics kits, along with Ozobots, Makey Makeys and Micro:bits. Andrew Balzer, our Region's STEM T4L Leader will be visiting the school throughout the term to work with students and teachers to help us get the most out of this experience. We can't wait!





Bandfest

Bandfest Permission notes will come home this week. These need to be returned to school by end of term – Friday 27th September.

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

FATHER'S DAY BREAKFAST PHOTOS

A reminder to all the families that had their photo taken at the Father's Day breakfast that you can receive a digital copy of your photo by emailing the school. Please include your child's name and class in your email – thejunction.p.school@det.nsw.edu.au

Thanks, Miss Chaffey

BAND/STRINGS NEWS

Important Dates for remainder of 2019.

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 – this Friday 20th September (Week 9)

Night of Percussion

Mrs King is looking forward to joining the Percussion Ensemble at the Conservatorium this Saturday 21st September. All notes should have now been returned for this event.





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

ONLINE UNIFORM SHOP ORDERING HAS CHANGED!

HERE IS AN UPDATE ON THE NEW UNIFORM OPTION FOR 2020

Pre-Orders have now closed.

All Pre-Orders have now been placed with S-Trend.

Pre-Orders will be delivered to your child's classroom when they arrive late November.

New Uniform supplies are expected at the same time. **When this new stock arrives** it will be available to buy at the Uniform Shop here at school on a Monday morning OR ONLINE AT: www.tipsuniform.com You will be able to order the new unisex uniform and all other uniform items. You will be advised when orders re-open online again.

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

Office Hours - 8.30AM TO 3.15PM

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.

P&C NEWS



Harmony Colour Run - Friday 18th October

TJPS COLOUR RUN is the major school community and P&C fundraising event for 2019 and the conclusion to the end of Term 3 **Homeward Bound Harmony Run**. This event has seen our kids run multiple laps around the school oval equivalent to a trip around the world, visiting each of the countries represented by families at our school.

OUR GOAL is to raise enough funds to provide at least one type of future focused, flexible use furniture to all classrooms at the school.

TJPS COLOUR RUN will be a great opportunity for the school community to come together in a fun, physically active event which celebrates the cultural diversity of the TJPS. Parents, carers and siblings of students at TJPS are invited to join in with the kids to participate in the **TJPS COLOUR RUN**.

When: Friday 18th October – at TJPS back oval

How it works: Join in with your child/ren and run or walk around the oval while you all get sprayed with water and doused in coloured powder (yes it washes out). This is a non competitive FUN event, where the name of the game is to finish with a smile on your face and as colourful as possible!

Bring - A white shirt to wear while running.

Time: The **COLOUR RUN** day will start with a full school assembly in the morning then move to the back oval where the **COLOUR RUN** fun will begin. Parents are invited to join in and walk/run with their kids or are

welcome to observe. Further details and run schedule will be confirmed in early Term 4.

Cost: FREE for TJPS children and a gold coin donation for everyone else.

Lunch: Harry's Schnitzel Food Truck and Sukimama Dumplings will be at the school and TJPS canteen will be open as usual - offering easy and affordable lunch options for all. Pre-ordering will be available via Flexischools from Monday 14th October. We will also be selling juice poppers and tattoos during the day so bring some small money.

Remember Kids: keep chasing sponsorship for your run - *Sponsorship cards are due back by the end of term*. Every child who returns their card in time will be eligible for a ticket in the raffle to win an awesome surf pack donated by Sandbah. The class with the most sponsorship money raised will also be in for a treat! More details to follow.

Volunteer sign up: To ensure this event is a success we are looking for parent helpers on the day. Please sign up using this link.

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/70a044aaca92fa2fb6-harmony>

Thanks to our sponsors for your generous support of **TJPS COLOUR RUN**.

Thank you to our first Gold Sponsor, **Home Care Assistance**, one of the Hunter's leading providers of aged care who help older adults live happier, healthier lives at home.



We're also pleased to welcome the following Bronze Sponsors:

Lorn Rose Farm - A boutique wedding and retreat venue, heritage cottage and rose farm opening in Lorn in mid-2020.

Buildcert - The industry leading building approval and certification service provider.



Lingard Private Hospital - Newcastle's premier private health facility with more than 37 years' experience providing high quality surgical and medical services.



Thanks also to The After School Klub, The Mary Ellen Hotel, The Oriental Hotel and Grill'd who have all supported **TJPS COLOUR RUN**.

If you would like to sponsor this event, please email junctionpandc@gmail.com and we will be happy to speak to you.

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.

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