

# The Junction News

Newsletter of The Junction Public School



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## LEADERSHIP REPORT

Hello to our Community,

The end of the year is fast approaching and we are all picking up our pace to cover all that is required before the holidays.

Please be aware there are several notes due before the end of the year. Many events – such as the School Swimming Carnival organisation will be finalised over the holidays so no notes will be accepted in the new year. To avoid disappointment, please return this information now so the Sport Committee can go ahead and organise the swimming events.

A new camp note will soon be distributed to Year 4-2019 which will include the updated information. A Medical Note and Current Medication/Dietary Requirements Form will be sent home at the same time. These only need to be returned if the information has changed since the previous notes were sent in to the school.

Please ensure you read our newsletters and any Skoolbag alerts coming into the end of the year.

## SCHOOL ENROLMENTS 2020

It is that time of year where we begin to plan for 2020. Forming classes is a complicated job and relies heavily on accurate numbers. If you know of any families residing in our zone who intend to come to our school next year and have not made contact with the school – please encourage them to do so. We are currently only accepting local or 'in zone' enrolments.

**Also, if you know your child will be moving schools next year, please advise the school office as soon as possible.**

## IMPORTANT – DAY 1 (2020)

To assist with the formation of classes for 2020, if you are aware your child will be absent on Day 1 of next year (Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> January) or **even for the first week back** – please email the school ASAP. This helps us to confirm that your child is coming back to us in 2020. Classes will not be formed for 2020 until we know numbers have settled.

## SCHOOL SWIMMING CARNIVAL - 2020

All Permission notes and money are required to be returned to the school office by the last day of this school year being Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> December. **Notes cannot be accepted next year.**

All students in Year 2-5 (2019) received a 'Bright Orange Swimming Carnival note' last week.

The carnival is being held on:

**Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> January 2020 (Day 2 of the school year)**

All students in Year 3-6 (2020) are expected to attend the Swimming Carnival.

**If you are aware that your child will be away on the day of the Carnival – can you advise the office and they will cancel the \$12 fee for the Carnival.**

## END OF YEAR PRESENTATION DAYS

A reminder that our Presentation Days will take place this year on: **Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> and Friday 13<sup>th</sup> December**. We will start on Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> December with a 'Whole school assembly' from Kinder to Year 6 at **9.00am** in the COLA area. Major awards and prizes will be presented as well as invest and present the 2020 school captains, prefects, sports house captains and vice captains with their badges. This assembly should take approximately (1) hour.

At the following assemblies, in the new school hall, every single child in every class will be called forward to receive a certificate.

**At 10.15am on Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> December** in the new school hall we will start with the Stage 3 assembly (Years 5 and 6) – and present the class awards and some special Stage awards.

**At 11.30am on Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> December** we will continue with the Stage 2 assembly (Years 3 and 4) and present the class awards and some special Stage awards. This assembly should conclude by 1.00pm.

**At 9.00am on Friday 13<sup>th</sup> December** in the new school hall we will hold the Early Stage 1 assembly – (Kindergarten) and present the class awards and some special Stage awards. **At 10.00am (approx) on Friday 13<sup>th</sup> December** we will continue with the Stage 1 assembly (Years 1 and 2) and present the class awards and some special Stage awards. This assembly should conclude by 11.15am (approx.)

**Presentation Day will be focused on celebrating the achievements of all students and recognising their efforts over the whole year.**



## WHOLE SCHOOL TRANSITION PROGRAM

This year we have implemented a whole school transition program to run in conjunction with our Kinder Orientation program. On our Kinder orientation days all students across the school have had the opportunity to visit new classrooms, in different grade groups with different teachers to experience lessons and classroom structures experienced in that grade. During these sessions teachers have also discussed having a positive growth mindset around changing of classes for the new year and how this brings a new opportunity for them to learn from different peers and teachers.

The teachers have been most impressed with how students readily took on the challenge to mix with other students in their grade and visit new classrooms and teachers. Current Kinder and Year 1 students have participated in literacy, maths, CAPA, PE and STEAM lessons. Here are some of their comments:

*I enjoyed drawing and putting a story in order with Mrs Campey. It was fun.* Charlotte - KS

*I made goo in the big classroom. It was stretchy and it got on the floor. It was a lot of fun.* Willow - KK

*It was good to go with other boys and girls in Kinder.*

*Making goo with Miss Bell was a lot of fun.* Lylah - KH

*It was pretty fun because I got to stick the teddy bear in the right position. I liked it because one of my friends in another class was with me.* Patty - KC

*I enjoyed doing some fun activities and working with new people.* Lucinda - 1A

*I like that we got to learn with different people. The teachers were very nice.* Lani - 1W

*It was scary going with new people but I ended up making new friends.* Juliet - 1C

*I really enjoyed making drum kits with the Makey Makeys with Miss Chaffey.* Emile - 1C

*I liked learning how to get along with other people and working with other teachers.* Bowy - 1W



## YEAR 6 FAREWELL & END OF YEAR CELEBRATIONS – Tuesday 17 December

Yesterday a note went out to all Year 6 students regarding their farewell and end of year activities. The office has indicated on each student's note if they have money in credit. If so the office has applied this credit to the cost and adjusted the note accordingly. If you are still unsure please contact the office before payment is made.

## SRE CHRISTMAS ASSEMBLY

On Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> November there will be a Christmas Assembly in the New Hall for all Kinder to Year 6 students who attend Scripture sessions at the school.

At the conclusion of the assembly, a booklet titled: 'Who, What, Why, How Christmas' will be distributed by the SRE teachers. This booklet will be provided to students from Year 3 to Year 6 only.

## SKOOLBAG APP

At times like the present with Statewide emergencies such as damaging fires, floods or other emergencies, our school may have to contact families urgently and Skoolbag messages are our main form of information to parents.

The school would like 100% of families to download this app. You can download this app through the "App Store" for your Apple device. OR

Through the "Play Store" button on your Android Device. Just search Skoolbag and then select The Junction Public School.

## 2020 KINDERGARTEN ORIENTATION

Orientation sessions have begun **9.15am to 10.50am.**

There is one more visit to go – please meet under the COLA area.

Orientation Visit 3 – **Tuesday 3 December**

Angie King, Assistant Principal Early Stage 1

**CALENDAR - TERM 4 – 2019****Week 7****Event**

Thursday, Nov 28      **Band Presentation Night at Newcastle Conservatorium – 6pm (Band members need to arrive at 5.40pm)**

**Week 8****Event**

Tuesday, Dec 3      **Kinder 2020 : 3rd Orientation**  
 Tuesday, Dec 3      **Parent Voice Forum 6.30pm and P & C Meeting – 7pm**  
 Wednesday, Dec 4      **All Band Instruments to Old Hall for annual check**  
 Friday, Dec 6      **Charity Day – Whole School**

**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 10:00am**

**Week 10****Event**

Tuesday, Dec 17      **Party day for Kinder-Year 5 (Notes home soon)**  
 Tuesday, Dec 17      **Year 6 to Hoyts Movies**  
 Tuesday, Dec 17      **Year 6 Clap-out at 2:30pm**  
 Tuesday, Dec 17      **Year 6 Farewell – South's Leagues Club – 6pm**  
 Wednesday, Dec 18      **LAST DAY FOR STUDENTS**

**CALENDAR - TERM 1 – 2020****Week 1****Event**

Tuesday, Jan 28      **STAFF ONLY RETURN**  
 Wednesday, Jan 29      **YEAR 1-6 STUDENTS RETURN**  
 Wed 29 to Fri 31      **Kinder 2020 Best Start Assessments**  
 Thursday, Jan 30      **YEAR 3-6 SWIMMING CARNIVAL**

**Week 2****Event**

Monday, Feb 3      **KINDERGARTEN START**  
 Monday, Feb 3      **NEW DATE FOR 2019 GREAT AUSSIE BUSH CAMP – YR 4 (2019)**  
 Tuesday, Feb 4      **GREAT AUSSIE BUSH CAMP**  
 Wednesday, Feb 5      **GREAT AUSSIE BUSH CAMP**

**SCHOOL ASSEMBLY AWARDS****TERM 4 – WEEK 6****K - 2 ASSEMBLY**

<b>KK</b>	Alby R	Lila B
<b>KS</b>	Charlotte B	Max D
<b>KC</b>	Jake C	Ava S
<b>KH</b>	Leo J	Ivy K
<b>KL</b>	Lola T Oliver L	Levi S
<b>1A</b>	Rory B Logan L	Arianna A
<b>1C</b>	Mikel B Jack B	Marlou D
<b>1W</b>	Elliot W April L	Abbey B
<b>2MC</b>	Aston O Ethan G	Evie S
<b>2J</b>	Ari V Bridie H	Riley F
<b>2S</b>	Leo D Oliver D	Chelsea M
<b>Values Awards</b>	Zyan McC Quinn T Emile A Lani L Kaelan M Willow D-T	Harley X Luca R Cooper S Elkie B Sonny L
<b>STEAM</b>	Maddox E	Logan L
<b>Student of the Month</b>	Lyla B Naia P Ethan W Bowen F Arielle H	Archie T Henry G Angus S Maya C Charlie B

**YEARS 3, 4, 5 & 6 ASSEMBLY**

<b>3C</b>	Dylan N	Henry F
<b>3B</b>	Henry R	Emily G
<b>3/4A</b>	Pierre B Hugo H	Zoe K Kiedis A
<b>4L</b>	Curtis T	Molly C
<b>4S</b>	Evie R Corbin B	Aja P Kobe M
<b>4/5F</b>	Lucas C Jake B	Regan H
<b>5R</b>	Lillie S Carmen M	Thomas M
<b>5S</b>	Lilli W Alexis S	Jett R
<b>5/6L</b>	Adisyn L Miami A	Maiya Y
<b>6B</b>	Brady McK Sofia M	Ariel McM
<b>6C</b>	Brooklyn D Amelia L	Albert F Sebastian S
<b>Values</b>	Mackenzie C Maliyah E	Blake F Oliver H
<b>Bronze</b>	Eddie P – 3C	
<b>Gold</b>	Milla V – 3B	Mackenzie C – 3C
<b>50 Special Mentions</b>	Saffron T – 6C	

**SCHOOL ASSEMBLIES : 6/12 Charity Day**  
**(These will be the last Friday assemblies for this year)**

Kinder to Year 2 will have their next assembly in Week 8 of Term 4 - Friday 6<sup>th</sup> December. This assembly will start at **10am** in the New Hall.

Year 3 to Year 6 will have their next assembly on Friday 6<sup>th</sup> December at 9am in the New Hall. There is a time alteration due to Charity Day events. Parents are welcome to attend these assemblies.

**MATHS OLYMPIAD GAMES**

Over the last few months we have had students participate in the Maths Olympiad (Years 5-6) and Maths Games (Years 3-4) Competition. The APSMO Maths Olympiad Games is a competition for students in Year 4 of Primary schools from around Australia and New Zealand. It is aimed at challenging participants' maths problem solving abilities. The students met each week with Mrs Wilson where they were able to strengthen their mathematical problem solving skills and strategies. Students worked through lots of different maths challenges and questions where they were able to apply their mathematical problem solving strategies and techniques and also participated in 5 Olympiad Games Test Papers. Our Year 4 team achieved wonderful results, with several students being recognised for their outstanding performances. Amelie's results placed her in the top 10% of all students in the competition. Felicity achieved excellent results pacing in the top 20%. Jake also received excellent results placing in the top 25%. Aleesha, Evie G, Angus, Maya, Jacob, Max and Evie R all placed in the top 40% for the competition. Congratulations to all members of the team for their effort and enthusiasm each week! Team members: Amelie, Felicity, Jake, Aleesha, Evie G, Angus, Maya, Jacob, Max, Evie R, Zaac, Kobe, Benjamin, Tom, Nicholas, Audrey, Eddie, Radhika, and Timothy.

**BAND/STRINGS NEWS**

Presentation Night is almost upon us. This Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> November, musicians need to be at the Newcastle Conservatorium by 5:40pm. Please ensure your child is marked off the roll in the foyer upon arrival. Please remind your child to take their instrument and music home with them on Thursday afternoon. Musicians will go to their respective holding rooms to prepare for their performances. Students will stay under the direct supervision of teachers until after the final combined item, which involves everyone. We will attempt to have students in the audience and request that parents do not separate children from the group. I look forward to seeing you there.

**ALL BAND FEES FOR 2019 ARE DUE!****2020 Band/Strings Rehearsals**

At this point I expect Band rehearsal days to remain the same as this year. See following table. All students proceed to the next Band unless otherwise informed.

	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thurs	Fri
8am 9am	Primary Band String Ensemble	Premier	Concert	Premier	Concert
3pm 4pm			Primary		

### Primary Band 2020

So that we can begin organising music tutors please have your Primary Band and String Ensemble acceptances in by Friday 6<sup>th</sup> December.

### Instrument Repair Day (Not violins) – Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> December

All band instruments need to come in to school on Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> December for their annual clean and check by our certified repairer. Please take your instruments to the old hall and ensure your name tag is on the instrument.

### CHARITY DAY 2019

Charity Day 2019 takes place on Friday 6<sup>th</sup> December. Your child brought home a separate note with details about this very special day recently.

Below are listed the stalls and activities taking place on the day. If you are able to donate items, where specified, it would be greatly appreciated.

Items should be taken directly to the classes mentioned.

Please do not take items to the School office. Thank you!

CLASS	STALL/ ACTIVITIES	DONATIONS?
Kinder	Lolly Bags	Yes
1W	Chocolate Walk	Yes
1A / 2Mc	Cake Stall	Yes
1C & 2/3C	Drinks	Yes – cans of soft drink
2S / 2J	Lucky Dips	Yes
3/4A & 3L	Toy Stall	Yes
4S	Face Painting	Yes
4L / 5S	Book Stall	Yes
3B / 5R	White Elephant Stall	Yes – no electrical items
4/5F	Zooper Doopers	Yes
Year 6 & 5/6L	Haunted House	No
Maker Space	Beaded Key Chains	No
Admin / Tom	Sausage Sizzle	No

### REMINDER FROM THE CANTEEN

The canteen sometimes supplies recess/lunches for students who have don't have lunch, due to their FlexiSchools order not being processed properly or they have forgotten to bring their lunch to school.

It would be appreciated if your child receives recess or lunch from the canteen that the account be paid promptly.

**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.**

## P & C NEWS

### UNIFORM SHOP SALE – Red Polo Shirts

The P & C have reduced the price of the current Red Sports Polo Shirts to \$15 until sold out. These shirts are still part of the current school uniform. The updated shirts are now expected to arrive mid December. There were a large amount of orders, these will be sorted and distributed when they arrive.

**Betty Anderson Award Nominees:** Each year the P&C presents the Betty Anderson Award to a member of our school community who has given generously of their time, over an extended period, for the benefit of our school. Betty Anderson is a former parent of our school who ran the canteen on a volunteer basis for over 40 years. She was loved by all the children – she knew them all by name – and is fondly remembered for her caring and kindness, and her famous "health biscuits". Betty passed away in 2018. At the last P&C meeting, voting took place for this year's Betty Anderson Award. We would like to take this opportunity to acknowledge the very deserving nominees:

- Amanda Fleming – for her quiet and tireless work around our school over a number of years, including the uniform shop, BBQs, discos, cake stalls and other events;
- Angela Le Rougetel – for stepping up to the P&C President role this year and providing valuable leadership, inclusivity and management of various demands on her time;
- Hetty Ralph – for valued contribution assisting with numerous activities such as BBQs, reading groups, counting money, Mothers' Day stalls and many others;
- Mark Duffield-Thomas – as Ethics teacher and contribution to the P&C as Vice President;
- Kristen Saunders – for generously giving of her time over at least the last five years, including the colour run and many other P&C led events; for stepping in as the TJPS Primary Ethics co-ordinator and for her instrumental role in the school uniform review – including navigating consultation with parents, teachers and students at key times along the way;
- Ali Robinson – for her leadership with the school uniform shop, including her welcoming, friendly demeanour and no stress attitude in a role where she is often the first contact that new families have with our school, and which results in a positive first impression for new parents and carers; and for her valuable guidance with the new school uniform;
- Jackie Brown – Before she was the school crossing supervisor on Union Street, Jackie was a volunteer at our school for a number of years. She became a fond friend and helper to many children, and spent hours ensuring that children and families felt safe and welcome at our school. Jackie passed away earlier this year, and she will be missed by all. (The P&C is looking at ways to honour Jackie outside of her nomination).

### 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 in December.**

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.tjpsuniform.com](http://www.tjpsuniform.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.**

We congratulate all of the nominees and thank them for their contribution to our school. The recipient of the 2019 Betty Anderson Award will be announced at Presentation Day.

### **OUR CREATIVE GARDEN CLEAN UP CONTINUES**

You may have seen some improvements, cleanliness, gardening and new equipment in the Creative Garden outside the Kindy rooms? The parent community have been co-ordinating with our General Assistant Tom some helpful working bees. The P&C have a small budget and are aiming to make this space more vibrant for our younger students. This **Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> November between 11am – 1pm** we are looking for more volunteers to help with painting the pencils, painting the inside of the surf boat and assisting with some gardening. Are you free? Sign Up here

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/70a044aaca92fa2fb6-creative1>

### **ROAD SAFETY SIGNS**

Finally, our student created safety traffic signs have been displayed on the fences around the school drop off zones. This is such an important safety and mindfulness message we all must absorb and hold our community accountable for. We particularly would like to thank again our wonderful General Assistant Tom for getting these installed and a huge thank you to **Liz Geddes** for her persistence in completing this task and co-ordinating the printing.

### **KINDY ORIENTATION MORNING TEA**

On Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> November we had the delightful experience of hosting a morning tea in the COLA for many 2020 Kindy parents who were exploring the school, meeting their children's buddies and getting to know our warm school community. For many it was their first time at TJPS and for some it was the return to Kindy experience. The P&C would like to thank Angela Le Rougetel and Eithne Healey for co-ordinating and Ali Robinson, Donna Reay, Anna Ward and Justine Bell for specially opening the uniform shop and helping these kindy parents. The donated morning tea refreshments were certainly enjoyed by all (including the Year 5 buddies who seemed even more excited than the new kindy starters).

### **Upcoming Events and Roster Links**

Creative Garden Clean UP  
Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> November - 11:15am to 1:00pm  
SignUpGenius.com  
<https://signupgenius.com/go/70a044aaca92fa2fb6-creative1>

Parent Voice Forum and P & C Meeting  
Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> December  
6:30pm (Parent Voice) then 7pm P & C Meeting  
AT MEREWETHER BOWLING CLUB  
\*Refreshments can be purchased