

The Junction News

Newsletter of The Junction Public School



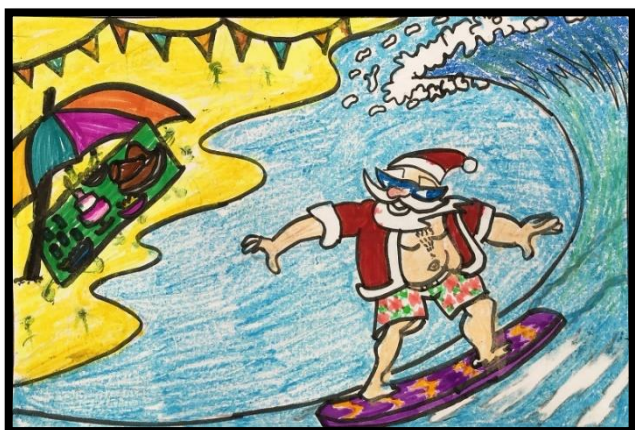
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Term 4 – Week 9

Tuesday 10 December 2019

LEADERSHIP REPORT

Hello to our Community,



One of our Year 3 students Shreyansh S has been recognised for his entry in Tim Crakanthorp's Christmas Card Design Competition for 2019. Mr Crakanthorp, the State Member for Newcastle, presented Shreyansh with his Certificate at yesterday's assembly.

Staffing News

It is with some regret we will farewell **Mrs Sue Freeman** as she retires after a long and dedicated career benefitting so many students. Sue has been highly valued on our staff as a quiet achiever with high expectations for her students. To our staff team she has been the voice of reason, a strong support for many of us during some

challenging times and always ready with a sense of humour. We thank her for her contribution to our school.

We wish Tess Barns all the best as she commences Maternity Leave next year.

We would also like to recognise and thank our large team of temporary teachers who have contributed to our school either during 2019 or for a large number of years. Thank you and all the best to: Alyssa Anstey, Charlene Blackmore, Rochelle Cromarty, Sarah Jenkins, Louise Searant, Nicole Tobin, Rachel West, Alex Rogers and Jane Gallie.

We are lucky to have had them as part of our team and hope to see them back in some capacity in the future.

We would also like to acknowledge our temporary Learning Support Officers. We will be looking at these contracts early in the new year.

A huge thank you to our P&C team for their work in 2019. Positions in the P&C will be finalised at the AGM early in the new year.

END OF YEAR PRESENTATION DAYS

A reminder that our Presentation Days will take place this week on: **Thursday 12th and Friday 13th December**. We will start on Thursday 12th 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 12th 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 12th 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 13th 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 13th 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.

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 18th December. **Notes cannot be accepted next year.**

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

The carnival is being held on:

Thursday 30th 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.

SKOOLBAG APP

At times like the present with Statewide emergencies such as damaging fires 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.

CALENDAR - TERM 4 – 2019**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 (K-YEAR 5)
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 8****K - 2 ASSEMBLY**

KK	Hala A	Frankie B
KL	Angus B Finn S	Maddox E
KC	Nate D	Harriet M
KS	Astrid D	Korban J
KH	Olivia L	Lylah P
1C	Jeremy (JJ) S Isaac B	Jeremy X
1W	Frieda H Callan N	Bailey H
1A	Rohan G Sam R	Bonnie N
2MC	Mya K Zaharenya F	Alice G
2S	Reggie R Thomas N	Zoe E
2J	Indiya K Will W	Mishelle C
Values Awards	Narrakai T Charlie P Patrick K Thomas T Rory B Francesca R	Maya B Alex C Viktor S Tully C Jett W Henry M

STEAM	Alex W	Leo J
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YEARS 3, 4, 5 & 6 ASSEMBLY

3C	Lachie B Henry F	Liam W
3B	Shreyansh S Lucas R	Bella G
3L	Lexi A Sarah B Zac C Indigo L Gabi P	Lily M Riley T Alijah T Anika G
3/4A	Josi J Blaise H	Joe B
4L	Jacob L Lewis B	Max M-N
4S	Felicity W Corbin B	William T
4/5F	Oliver V Audrey L	Ben M
5R	Clodagh M Leo B	Thomas K
5S	Edie W Andre P	Felix B Keely H
5/6L	Oliver S Lachlan C	Patrick J Maggie B
6B	Hamish M Brady M Lillie C	Zander M Lewis S Claudia W
6C	Harry B Amelia G	Millie B Emiel E-F
Silver	Eddie P – 2/3C	
Gold	Ava F – 5/6L Amelia W – 4S Eden N – 4S Luca F – 3B	Lucca S – 6B Coco P – 4S Lachlan M – 3/4A
Student of the month	Dhanya R – 6C Lachlan C – 5/6L Elyssa K – 5/6L	Audrey A – 6B Ruby K – 5/6L
15 Special Mentions	Eddie P – 2/3C	
20 Special Mentions	Lucca F – 3B Ava F – 5/6L Amelia W – 4S	Lachlan M – 3/4A Coco P – 4S Eden N – 4S

30 Special Mentions	Sam R – 4/5F Jayden B – 4/5F	Saoirse V – 5S Harry R – 5/6L
40 Special Mentions	Lucca S – 6B	Ronan B – 6B

SCHOOL ASSEMBLIES :**(There are no more Friday assemblies for this year)****BAND/STRINGS NEWS**

Congratulations to all of our musicians for your performances on Band Presentation night. I'm sure I speak for all of the parents when I say how proud of you we all are. The night ran very smoothly thanks to our volunteer helpers in the background, Mrs Cooper, Ms Smoother, Mrs Jones, Mrs Blackmore, Mrs Edwards, Emily King & Nicholas King. My thanks also to our wonderful office ladies, Mrs Edwards, Mrs Brake and Mrs Bowen who greeted us and helped prepare awards, certificates and programs.



This is the last week for band rehearsals. If you have paid your fees in full, you may keep your instruments over the holidays. I remind you that hot cars are not a good place for instruments. Please take care over the summer break and by all means keep practising.

Please be aware that unless Miss Tonkin or Mr Bell has organised for you to stay in your current band, all children will progress to the next band. Primary Band members move into Concert Band. Concert Band members move into Premier Band.

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		

New Year 2 Band Members

If you have accepted your place in the 2020 Primary Band congratulations! The next step will happen very early in Term 1. Once we have organised music tutors we will inform you who you have so that you can arrange for your first

lesson and sign the 'Instrument Hire Agreement'. At your first lesson you will receive your instrument and be shown how to assemble, care and clean it. Then it's all systems go!

If you have not already, I strongly recommend that you download and log in to the **SkoolBag app**. It is our main form of communication with you. I regularly post notices, let you know of upcoming events and send 'permission notes' out through this app.

Looking forward to making more music in 2020!

Angie King Band Co-ordinator

STAGE 3 TRANSITION

This term, students from Years 4, 5 and 6 have all been involved in various forms of transition in readiness for next year.

Year 4 have been up in Year 5 rooms participating in a variety of different lessons utilising an open classroom approach to their learning. Teachers have provided whole group explicit instruction and then students have separated off into smaller group based activities to explore content together. Student and teacher feedback suggests that this was an enjoyable and valuable process.

Year 5 have been engaged in helping to orientate their new buddies ready for Kindergarten 2020. They have been working closely with Mrs King and have shown leadership and maturity during this exciting time for our new Kindergarten students. Year 5 teachers have also been steering students through the JAK program and how they will be leading this school wide initiative next year.

Year 6 have been involved in High School Transition. Students have all attended their destination High schools and participated in Orientation Days or Taster Lessons ready for the big leap next year. Year 6 teachers have also delivered a PDH unit of work addressing change and transition in order to address some key themes and skills needed to transition successfully into a different environment.

2020 STUDENT LEADERSHIP PROCESS

Over the past 5 weeks, Year 5 students have been involved in the Student Leadership Process in preparation for next year. We have listened to the finalists present their speeches to students in Years 2-6, teachers and parents. Students and teachers voted, and last Thursday ten students were announced as the Student Executive Team for 2020. This Thursday at the whole school Presentation Day Assembly, the final positions of Captains and Prefects will be confirmed. We would like to thank the expert guidance of Mrs Cooper throughout this process who delivered engaging and meaningful lessons to all of Year 5 in the lead up to speeches and elections. Congratulations to all students who nominated and put themselves forward, all students who made the final speeches in the hall and to all students selected in the Student Executive Team for 2020. The quality of students nominated was exceptional and showcases the depth and strength of TJPS students.

END OF YEAR – PARTY DAY

Each Stage will receive separate notes regarding the whole school 'Party Day' next Tuesday 17th December.

Each Stage may do something different in regard to food and activities so please ensure you check your child's bag for a note.

Students in Kinder to Year 5 are allowed to be 'Out of Uniform' next Tuesday. Students may come dressed in Christmas colours. Please wear appropriate footwear (no thongs or sandals) and no singlet tops.

Year 6 students will attend the movies and have their own party back at school. Year 6 students must wear their Sports Uniform on Tuesday.

CHARITY DAY 2019

Charity Day was held on Friday 6th December this year. We started our day a little later in the day than previous years, but I think it's pretty safe to say that the level of support from the students and the community as a whole was amazing. The amount of donations that came in for the various stalls, in the weeks leading up to Charity Day, was incredible!

Stalls such as the Book Stall, Toys Stall and Cake stall were a great success. The Haunted House was exciting and a little scary! The line to get in there never shortened the entire time Charity Day was running. The White Elephant Stall had loads of interesting and unusual objects and what child could resist the lolly stalls and lucky dips? There were a great many other stalls and activities going on during the one and half hours that also brought smiles to student's faces. Thank you to the parents who assisted with the stalls on Friday, especially the BBQ which was very popular.

Charity Day this year raised \$4600.00! An amazing achievement and a credit to our generous community and the students of our school.

This year we will be supporting:

- Vinnies Bushfire Appeal - \$1,500
- Drought Angels - \$1,500
- Cerebral Palsy Alliance - \$1,000
- Sponsorship of our World Vision Sponsor Child Saravut - \$600.

Thanks also to our Year 6 student executive for coming up with the ideas of charities that they would like to support this year.





Office Hours - 8.30AM TO 3.15PM

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!

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.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.

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.

Share Our Space 2019-2020 Summer Holidays

We are placing schools at the heart of our communities by sharing our space.

It is now Department of Education policy to allow general public access to quality spaces during holiday periods. Share Our Space is designed to support the Premier's objective of opening high-quality outdoor space to communities across NSW. Share Our Space allows schools to make their facilities available to the community during school holidays.

What are the benefits?

- Placing schools at the heart of communities by providing access to additional quality space over the holiday period
- Providing quiet time out of school hours for adults and children with things like anxiety or other mental health issues to acclimatise to the school environment.

How will it work?

- Facilities would be open from 8am-5pm, 7 days a week, from 23 December 2019 to 24 January 2020
- AMU will work with school Principals to agree solutions as required to address asset or safety concerns
- Signage will be placed at the nominated entrance gate to notify non-permitted activities and emergency contact details
- Patrolling security guards will open the gates in the morning and close them at night. As part of the business as usual transition, there will not be static guard services
- Cleaners will visit the site twice a week during the holidays

- Final cleaning will be undertaken to ready the school for Day 1 Term 1. Any remediation works will be covered by School Infrastructure NSW.

How will this be communicated?

School Infrastructure NSW will:

- Prepare communications collateral about Share Our Space, and provide to participating schools
- Organise **website posts**, and sponsored Facebook posts
- Prepare a media release to the general public.

What do Principals need to do?

- Distribute information so that your school community and wider community are aware of Share Our Space
- Encourage participation via your P&C, school community, local sporting groups, parents, carers and students
- Communicate with the AMU to find solutions if required and confirm desired gate for installation of signage
- Arrange any additional grass cutting, as required
- Work with the AMU to review the property at the conclusion of the holidays
- Contribute to the lessons learned discussion at the conclusion of the holidays.

MEREWETHER - HENRY ST. HOLIDAY PROGRAM

JANUARY 2020

**MONDAY
13 JAN**

SUGAR & SPICE

Cupcake decorating & plaster painting.



Daily fee + \$18

**TUESDAY
14 JAN**

PICNIC BY THE LAKE

Bring your swimmers and towel as we go to Swansea for a swim in the lake and a BBQ in the park.



Daily fee + \$25

**WEDNESDAY
15 JAN**

MOVIE DAY

We're going to the moives at Kotara, Westfield.



Daily fee + \$20

**THURSDAY
16 JAN**

STOP MOTION ANIMATION

Lights, camera, action!

Create your own stop motion animation movie.

Build Lego characters and record your masterpiece.



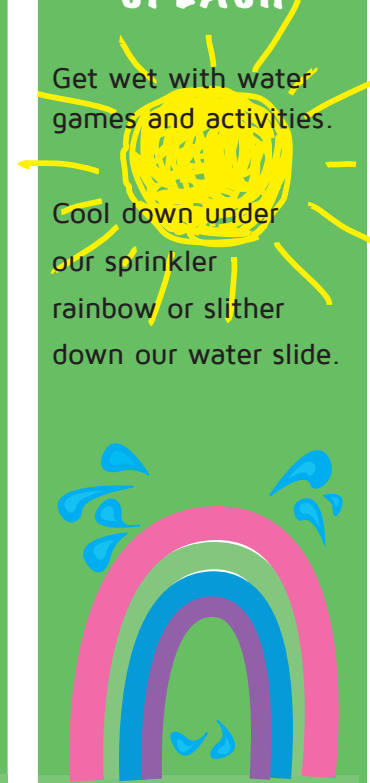
Daily fee + \$12

**FRIDAY
17 JAN**

SUMMER SPLASH*

Get wet with water games and activities.

Cool down under our sprinkler rainbow or slither down our water slide.



Daily fee + \$12



THE AFTER SCHOOL KLUB

HOURS:
Mon - Fri
7am - 6pm


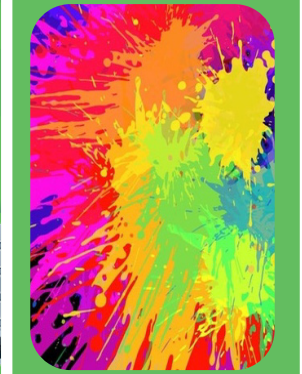

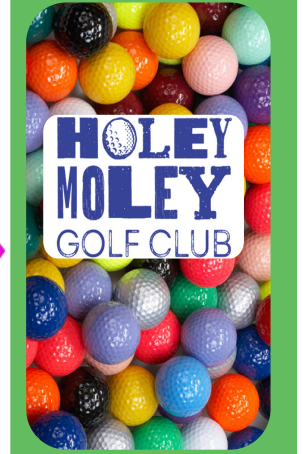
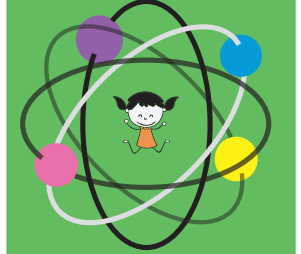



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• Charter bus for excursions • Afternoon tea provided • Daily fee: \$51 plus incursion or excursion cost • Each day please bring labelled: recess, lunch, water bottle, hat, raincoat, socks, covered shoes, jumper.

*Water play subject to water restrictions.

MEREWETHER - HENRY ST. HOLIDAY PROGRAM

JANUARY 2020

MONDAY 20 JAN	TUESDAY 21 JAN	WEDNESDAY 22 JAN	THURSDAY 23 JAN	FRIDAY 24 JAN	MONDAY 27 JAN	TUESDAY 28 JAN
<p>TASK CINEMA</p> <p>Escape the heat and enjoy an inside day of movies and popcorn at school.</p>  <p><i>Daily fee + \$10</i></p>	<p>MESSY PARTY</p> <p>Think all things fun & messy. Activities to delight all TASKers.</p>  <p><i>Daily fee + \$12</i></p>	<p>POOL PARTY</p> <p>Cool down and join us at Lambton Swimming Pool for a day of splashtastic fun.</p>  <p><i>Daily fee + \$18</i></p>	<p>HOLEY MOLEY</p> <p>Show off your putt putt skills in Charlestown's mini golf venue.</p>  <p><i>Daily fee + \$30</i></p>	<p>SCIENCE FAIR</p> <p>Cool Science experiments and fun STEAM activities.</p>  <p><i>Daily fee + \$15</i></p>	<p>PUBLIC HOLIDAY</p> <p>THE AFTER SCHOOL KLUB</p>  	<p>RAP REVOLUTION</p> <p>Rap with rhyming games and play some beats. Perform your very own rap song.</p>  <p><i>Daily fee + \$15</i></p>

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