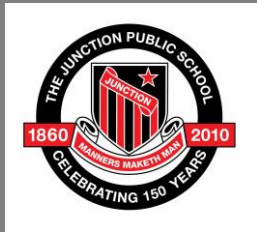


The Junction News

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Term 4 – Week 6

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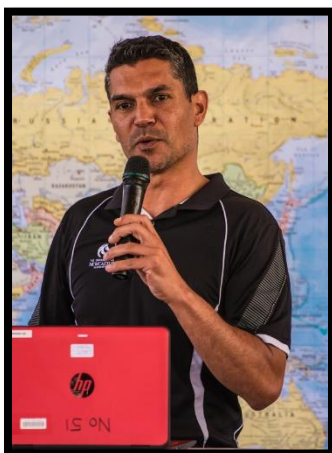
LEADERSHIP REPORT

Dear Families

We meet and learn on AWABAKAL land and last week (8-15 Nov) we celebrated NAIDOC. NAIDOC week is a time when we specifically pause to recognise, learn from and pay our respect to our First Nation people. We want to also reflect on the theme for NAIDOC in 2020:

Always Was and Always will be....

In Term 3, our NAIDOC learning began with Literacy and Art activities relating to the NAIDOC theme 'Always Was, Always Will Be'. Last Wednesday, we celebrated our annual NAIDOC Day and due to Covid-19 restrictions the assembly was live streamed within the school and to the local community. A big congratulations to Regan and Grace who did a splendid job leading the assembly. It was also a privilege to have Mr Ray Kelly from the University of Newcastle at our assembly to share his feelings about what NAIDOC means to him. A special thank you must also go to Mr Begnell, for his wonderful guidance of the Didge group performances during the assembly. Following the assembly, students participated in Indigenous games lead by students and were provided with a sausage sizzle of kangaroo and crocodile meats.



Remembrance Day

Before our NAIDOC assembly Mrs Gardoll and our School Captains, Louis and Lalita led us through our Remembrance Day Service with all students observing one minute's silence at 11am and our school captains laying a wreath at the foot of our flag. Lest we Forget.



From Mrs Gardoll

On the 11th hour on the 11th day of the 11th month the students and teachers gathered for a COVID-19 safe gathering to pay our respects and remember those who made the ultimate sacrifice serving our country. Our school captains, Louis and Lalita, ran a moving assembly by reading 'In Flanders Fields' by Josh McCrae and reciting The Ode. Talented musicians from our school band played The Last Post as well as the National Anthem with the Reveille played beautifully by Ryder L. in 5/6R. The wreath was laid under our school flag which was lowered to half mast. The wreath was then taken to the memorial at The Junction the following day.



Extended Staff Meeting – Wednesday 18 November

Each term our staff engage in an extended twilight professional learning meeting. This term staff will engage in renewing their CPR and Emergency care certificates. Being up to date and current in all areas of emergency care is extremely important to all staff in school settings. Staff will also be working on various areas of the 2021-2024 School Improvement Plan which will include a focus area on Numeracy.

Numeracy and Mathematics – 2021-2024

At this time of the year staff engage in analysing student data from various sources. Our analysis reveals that a significant area for focus for our students in the coming year will be engaging them in Working Mathematically. This is an area which is language intensive and requires the use of critical thinking skills so that students can apply mathematical knowledge and understandings when tackling STEAM based tasks. STEAM stands for: Science, Technology, Engineering, Art and Mathematics.

Our new School Improvement Plan being currently developed will include a focus on Numeracy skills for critical thinking and problem solving. If you would like to be part of the conversation for school improvement, please let me know as soon as possible. We will be holding parent focus groups in the week beginning Monday 23 November. Send an email to register your interest to participate in our focus groups at

thejunction-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au

#Maths Trains Brains - [Everyday maths](#)

Maths Trains Brains is a new resource for parents at home to support their children with the learning of mathematics. This Department of Education website featuring Eddie Woo explores how we use maths every day, with fun, practical activities for young minds.

<https://education.nsw.gov.au/campaigns/mathematics/domain>

COVID Update

We are updated regularly by the Department of Education regarding COVID. At present, we are able to hold short 15-minute whole school assemblies and as such we have re-started our whole school Monday morning assembly. Unfortunately, there is still no singing and we have to ensure that band members are distant from each other and other students and teachers. We are able to invite small groups onsite observing all COVID health protocols. We are also able to serve food ensuring that masks are worn when preparing and serving food. We are working on what a new COVID normal may look like for our school moving into 2021. The live streaming of events and the zooming of meetings may become part of the new normal as we await an end to this pandemic.

Sun Safety

With the warmer weather on its way, teachers are revisiting Sun Safety messages in the classroom. Please see our school procedures attached to this newsletter and be aware that we encourage parents to supply appropriate 30+ sunscreen for children. A roll-on is easiest to use and placed in the lunch box ensures that children can apply before going out to play at recess and lunchtimes.

World Kindness Day – ‘Make kindness the norm’

We celebrated World Kindness Day last Friday 13th November. Our students spread the message of: *Choosing Kindness over Meanness*

KS created ‘Kindness Cards’ to give to others to make their day. It is a little gesture that makes a big impact! It’s something we did on Friday but we are going to continue to do each day when we have a moment. It is a chance to fill up someone’s bucket and make them smile! – KS



happy world kindness day!



Connie Emmington on behalf of the
The Leadership Team

The School Motto

As a learning community, we acknowledge that the words of our motto, Manners Maketh Man, are of a different era. In the classroom, our teachers actively teach the meaning behind the motto. As teachers, we recognise the richness of connecting learning through history, language, culture and values. It is such a rich way to teach as it leads to engaging discussions about then and now and about how language changes to reflect society.

Here are just four examples of the learning conversations triggered by our “old-fashioned” 150-year old school motto:

1. Historical

Our motto goes back a century and a half so the words sound a bit old fashioned to us now. Let’s explore what is the same and what is different about then and now?

2. Language based

- Manners – What words do we use to show manners? When are they needed most? Do we use manners when we debate? How do they influence the listener?
- Maketh – What does this mean and why is it written in this way?
- Man - is a shortened version of *Mankind*. Mankind was and still is the accepted term for humankind and humankind includes everyone. Can you think of other collective nouns and their origins?

3. Poetic

Poetic devices such as alliteration add meaning to phrases. Alliteration is when words all start with the same letter. This poetic technique makes words catchy and memorable hence our motto is *Manners Maketh Man* instead of Manners Maketh Human.

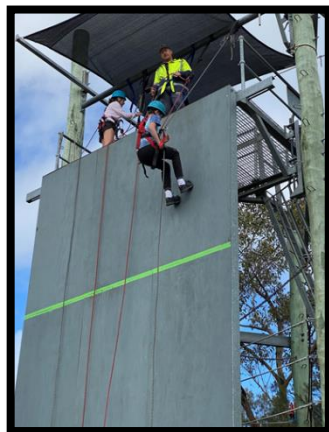
4. Values Based

Manners are the words we use to demonstrate respect for each other - we say *please, thank you and excuse me* to appreciate the efforts of others and to show that we care about each other. Using manners shows that we treat others the way we want to be treated. Using manners means choosing kindness over meanness.

From time to time interested community members explore the possibility of bringing the motto into the 21st century. Engaging the whole school community in a consultative process would need to be coordinated by our wider school community.

TJPS Staff

YEAR 6 CAMP PHOTOS!



SCHOOL ENROLMENTS 2021

It is that time of year where we begin to plan for 2021. 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.

CALENDAR - TERM 4 – 2020

Week 7	Event
Monday-Friday	Parent Focus Groups – 2021 to 2024 School Planning
Wednesday, Nov 25	Year 1 Excursion – Shark & Ray Centre
Thursday, Nov 26	Band Presentation Day – more information to come

Week 8	Event
Monday, Nov 30	Charity Day events: ES1 – Movie; S1 – Board Games; S2 – Xmas Craft; S3 – Disco
Tuesday, Dec 1	Charity Day events: ES1 – Disco; S1 – Movie; S2 – Board Games; S3 – Xmas Craft
Wednesday, Dec 2	Charity Day events: ES1 – Xmas Craft; S1 – Disco; S2 – Movie; S3 – Board Games
Thursday, Dec 3	Charity Day events: ES1 – Board Games; S1 – Xmas Craft; S2 – Disco; S3 – Movie
Thursday, Dec 3	Charity Week BBQ for: All Year 2 students & Class 1/2L
Friday, Dec 4	Year 2 + Class 1/2L Excursion – Shark & Ray Centre
Friday, Dec 4	Charity Week BBQ

Week 9	Event
Thursday, Dec 10	Presentation Day – Whole School (to be live streamed) more details to come

Week 10	Event
Tuesday, Dec 15	Class parties – more info to come
Tuesday, Dec 15	Year 6 Clap Out – 2.30pm
Tuesday, Dec 15	Year 6 Farewell Dinner – 6pm
Wednesday, Dec 16	LAST DAY FOR STUDENTS
Thursday, Dec 17	Staff Development Day
Friday, Dec 18	Staff Development Day

CALENDAR - TERM 1 – 2021

Week 1	Event
Wednesday, Jan 27	STAFF ONLY – Staff Development Day
Thursday, Jan 28	STAFF ONLY – Staff Development Day
Friday, Jan 29	YEAR 1 – 6 STUDENTS RETURN

Week 2	Event
Monday, Feb 1	Year 4 (2020) Great Aussie Bush Camp
Tuesday, Feb 2	Year 4 (2020) GABC
Wednesday, Feb 3	Year 4 (2020) GABC
Wednesday, Feb 3	Kindergarten 2021 start
Monday to Friday	Year 2 (2020) Swimming lessons

Week 4	Event
Tuesday, Feb 16	School Swimming Carnival – Years 3-6

Week 5	Event
Wednesday, Feb 24	Zone Swimming Carnival

**SCHOOL SECURITY PHONE
NUMBER: 1300 880021**

Please save this phone number on your phones! Please report any incidents you may see or if you see anyone on our school grounds after hours.

Thank you for keeping our school safe!

STAGE 1 EXCURSION – SHARK AND RAY CENTRE AND DOLPHIN WATCH CRUISE

Permission notes have been sent home to students in Stage 1 two weeks ago.

Classes 1B, 1J, 1S and 1G will visit on Wednesday 25th November, 2020 and classes 1/2L, 2C, 2Mc and Year 2 students from 2/3A will visit on Friday 4th December, 2020. Students who are attending this excursion on the Friday will have their Charity Day BBQ on Thursday 3rd December.

Money for the Wednesday 25/11 excursion is due this Friday 20th November.

Money for the Friday 4/12 excursion is due on Friday 27th November.

SWIMMING PROGRAM – notes will go home next week!

Due to COVID-19 restrictions the decision was made to cancel the Stage 1 swimming program scheduled for the first two weeks of Term 4 this year. In light of a current easing of restrictions we have been able to book in for a '5 day' program for our current Year 2 students (Year 3 - 2021) at the beginning of next year. Arnold's Swim centre have provided us with a Covid Safe Plan which ensures our students will not be sharing facilities with the community at any time during the program and that intensive cleaning of the change rooms will take place before and after each group. The swimming program will operate from Monday 1st February to Friday 5th February, 2021. This is the perfect opportunity for students to have some intensive instruction just prior to our School Swimming Carnival in Week 4.

Year 1 and 2 students (2021) remain scheduled to attend their regular 9 day program in the first two weeks of Term 4, 2021.

BAND NEWS

There is some footage from our recent Band Days on the 'Band Google classroom' if students would like to show their parents or grandparents. Band Presentation will happen during school hours on Thursday 26th November and we are hoping to live stream the event including presentation of major awards. Year 6 solos are going ahead in Week 8, we will advise you with the date and time details very soon.

SEEKING ETHICS TEACHERS AT TJPS FOR 2021

Could you be an ethics teacher at TJPS?

We are losing a couple of ethics teachers for next year and are in need of some new, enthusiastic volunteers in order to continue to provide ethics classes for all the families who have requested it for their children.

Ethics teachers receive full training by Primary Ethics, the not-for-profit organisation approved to design curriculum and training for the ethics program. Training consists of a two-day workshop and short online modules. All lesson materials are provided.

Suitable volunteers have an interest in children's education and development of critical thinking skills and must be available at Tuesday, Wednesday or Thursday afternoons for up to an hour each week.

In ethics classes, children learn how to think logically, disagree respectfully and support their arguments with evidence, rather than act according to blind habit or peer pressure.

Children discuss topic such as:

- imagining how others feel
- how do we treat living things?
- what is laziness?
- how do we disagree in a respectful way?
- fairness

If you are looking for an opportunity to make a valuable contribution to our school and at the same time learn some interesting new skills and engage in the school community, please visit www.primaryethics.com.au and/or contact TJPS Ethics Co-Ordinator Kristen Saunders at: tjpsethics@gmail.com

UNIFORM SHOP

At this stage there is an enormous amount of second hand uniforms here at the shop. For this reason we have no space for any more second hand clothing items. Don't forget you can email the Uniform Shop if you require second hand bomber jackets, shorts, tunics.

Email: tjpsuniformshop@gmail.com

There are no second hand items in the new 'everyday uniform'. **YOU MAY STILL HAND IN ANY SECOND HAND 'SPORTS UNIFORM' ITEMS – Polo Shirts, Black Shorts.**

ENVIRONMENTAL WARRIORS:

**HEAR YE! HEAR YE!
'WASTE FREE WEDNESDAYS' ARE BACK!**

**WHAT IS A WASTE FREE LUNCH?**

A waste-free lunch contains no throwaway packaging. Food and drinks are packed in reusable containers within a reusable lunch bag or box. All containers are resealable so that leftover food and drink can be consumed (or composted) later.

Tools of the trade:

Reusable lunch bag or container
Reusable drink bottle

Simple!!!!!!

Jump on board and help the Environmental Warriors at our school cut the waste.

Wednesday is the big target day for all students!
Why not every day?

