

# The Junction News

Newsletter of The Junction Public School



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Term 4 – Week 8

Thursday 3 December 2020

## LEADERSHIP REPORT

Dear Families

As Term 4 draws to a close, teachers and students alike are reflecting on the year that was. It has been a year of many firsts and many changes, of some disappointments but many more satisfactions as students tick off goals achieved. Assessment tasks are finally all concluded and teachers are putting the finishing touches on reports as Mrs Larkman, myself and the executive team read through all 542 reports. When we read reports, we get to know all our students even better and we support teachers with the very important job of creating classes for next year. Reports will be released to all families next Friday 11 December following on from Presentation Day which will be held on Thursday 10 December.

### Presentation Day

Presentation Day this year will be live streamed. Over the past term we have practised with live streaming our events to connect with mums, dads, grandparents and other family members to bring you back into your child's learning space. We hope that you could reconnect with the school this term via the many online platforms we have worked very hard to bring while keeping our community safe during this pandemic. At this time last year, we would never have believed it, if we were told we would be live streaming our events this year. What a difference a year has made! Early next week the school will send a Skoolbag notification with the link to the live stream and a program with approximate times.

### Live Streaming

Over the past fortnight we have live streamed Band Presentation Day which showcased our three school bands and various ensembles and provided our dedicated musicians with a day of performance and awards. This week we live streamed the Year 5 Leadership Speeches which saw 21 students prepare and deliver speeches to the student body and community. A huge thank you to the Year 5 teachers for the excellent preparation they provided for our students. The speeches were clever, funny and to the point and everyone excelled. Voting has been extremely difficult this year. I would especially also like to thank Miss Chaffey who has

worked tirelessly in between teaching and learning to set up the live stream equipment and organise our students and classes each time so that everyone knows what to do in front of the camera.

Mrs Larkman and Miss Chaffey are currently looking at new equipment to improve our live streaming quality.



Congratulations to our 2021 Student Leaders.

**Captains:** Aleesha F and Ryder T

**Prefects:** Zadie A, Joseph B, Ashley C, Zaac C, Ollie D, Amelie D, Maya H, Angus S



## Congratulations to our 2021 Sport Captains and Vice Captains:

Ladkin: Captains: Kobe M and Felicity W  
 Ladkin: Vice Captains: Eddie L and Lily R  
 Treharne: Captains: Elijah T and Maisie H  
 Treharne: Vice Captains: Zavier B and Zara B  
 Quinlan: Captains: Harrison N and Imogen P  
 Quinlan: Vice Captains: Angus J and Coco P  
 Edmunds: Captains: Timmy P and Mia G  
 Edmunds: Vice Captains: Riley M and Kahlia F

## Our 2020 and 2021 Student Leaders



## Charity Week

Charity Week is unfolding this week as lots of fun is had from Kindergarten through to Year 6, while money is being raised for charities to support those less fortunate than ourselves. Mr Alcock is the one responsible for all the fun we are having this week!

Photos of Kindergarten enjoying their games day!



## Year 6

This has been a year like no other for this group of students. At present the Year 6 teachers are working behind the scenes to organise the events and activities that help celebrate and mark the end of primary education. This group of students has been a particularly lucky group learning how to adapt to an ever changing world. Teachers have noted that they are more resilient, more flexible, more independent and more adaptable than any other group before them. They have truly learnt to embody 21<sup>st</sup> century skills to help them succeed at whatever they turn their minds to.

One of the most remarkable learning experiences for Year 6 has been the learning which occurred during NAIDOC Week when Aboriginal colleagues supported our teachers and students to understand the power behind language, culture and traditions. Each of our Year 6 students learnt to write their own special Acknowledgement of Country and since then at every special event, big or small, one of our students has read their own Acknowledgement.

I was particularly moved by Felix D's Acknowledgement of Country which he delivered just before the Year 5 students began their Speeches. It reminds us of the importance of valuing, maintaining and understanding the links to the past, learning deeply in the present in order to impact the future positively.

I have printed it here for you to read if you missed the live stream on Monday:

*Acknowledgement of Country Written and delivered by Felix (Yr 6)*

*I would like to acknowledge that the Awabakal people are the traditional custodians of this land. I would like to acknowledge that the land I stand on, walk on, the air I breath and the water I swim in, is and always will be traditional land of the Awabakal people. I recognise that this land is historic and sacred on which the Awabakal ate from, gained shelter from and drank from. I am thankful for the way they cared for and nurtured the land that is vital for keeping the beaches, the bush, the animals and people alive and thriving.*

*Nunda koomba koomba*



**Year 6 Farewell Cooking Class**

The outgoing Year 6 cohort have experienced wonderful ‘dumpling cooking skills’ from one of our mum’s Suki since they started kindergarten. Yesterday, as a parting gift for them, Suki once again kindly guided the students and teachers through the art of making the most delicious dumplings. Another wonderful memory of TJPS for them.



**Kindness Klub**

Another remarkable Year 6 initiative was brought to me by three exceptional students, who have truly made their mark on The Junction Public School. Ruby E, Rosie B and Sophie M came to me with an idea to make Kindness go viral throughout the school. They had developed a Kindness scope and sequence, resources, and lessons to



teach younger students how to choose kindness. So far they have delivered their lessons to KK, KC, and KS and are in Year 1 classes now. Well done Girls – you have great initiative!

**Environmental Warriors**

The Environmental Warriors team have been working hard! Our focus this term has been on reducing soft plastics by participating in Waste Free Wednesday. The warriors have certainly had an impact over the last 6 months, slowly but surely, changing our school’s waste practices one plastic bag at a time. They have given up every Thursday lunch time to make posters, create powerpoints, invent jingles, recycle paper and plastic, share ideas and have lots of fun to boot. I still can’t stop singing “Waste Free Wednesday tatatarara” to the tune of “Baby Shark!” Next year’s warriors will go bigger and better! A huge thank you to Miss Booth, Mrs Ladkin, Ms Smith and Mrs Brown who also give up their lunch times to save the planet alongside our warriors.



### Lions Club's Generosity

With the easing of restrictions, we were able to finally welcome three members of the Lions Club Newcastle to thank them for their very generous donation of a Soundfield amplification device which is currently in 4/5A's classroom. This device amplifies the teacher's voice so that it is more easily heard over background noise. It is a system that benefits all children in the classroom, including those with hearing loss. The students have said that it sounds as if the teacher is right there beside them talking to them. One of the members who attended our little thank you ceremony was an ex pupil who graduated in 1953. He has very fond memories of his time at the school, recalling the school song, the motto and his teachers from so long ago.



### Parent Focus Groups / Student Focus Group

Mums and Dads representing twelve of our families joined me to consult on our new school improvement plan. A further six parents connected with us over the phone. We gained some valuable insights from these families and I would like to thank them very much for the time they took to not only provide input into our school but to read the school analysis and evaluation of data and take the time to discuss possibilities for the future. Wellbeing was a huge theme discussed widely across all three groups. This week I am also meeting with a number of student representatives from each class to ask them about their learning and the year they have had and how they think school could improve. Thus far, Heidi in Kindergarten, has come up with my favourite quote:

*School is supercalifragilisticexpialidocious!*

Mrs Connie Emmington on behalf of the Executive team

### 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 8	Event
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!

### SWIMMING PROGRAM – 2021

#### Orange notes went home this week! (Year 2 – 2020)

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. The swimming program will operate from Monday 1<sup>st</sup> February to Friday 5<sup>th</sup> 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.

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

On Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> November, Year 1 students from 1B, 1G, 1J and 1S were treated to a fun filled excursion to Port Stephens. There was a spectacular 'Dolphin watch cruise' at Nelson Bay with Imagine Cruises. We had perfect weather with calm water and pods of bottlenose dolphins who were in a playful mood and made students shriek with excitement! The 'Irukandji Shark and Ray Centre' at Anna Bay was very popular, with an array of sharks and stingrays who were as playful as puppies in the water. Students could wade among the sea life with feeding sticks, patting them and letting them swim around their legs.

A fun day was had by all! Thank you to Miss Chaffey for organising such a terrific experience!

Here are some quotes from Year 1 children:

Felix G-C: *My favourite part of the day was sailing on the boat because I could see the dolphins playing right next to me!*

Alexander W: *My favourite part of the day was when we were feeding the sharks at the Shark and Ray centre. One of the stingrays named Archie had a very long tail which almost touched me on my ankle!*

Dakota R: *The excursion was fun and joyful! I liked feeding the sharks in the little beach area.*

Matisse M: *There were sharks and stingrays and they were friendly. We had to pat the sharks away from their eyes, mouth, gills to be safe.*





## BAND/STRINGS NEWS

As we wind up another year I would like to express my gratitude for the continued dedication of our music team, Miss Tonkin, Mr Michael Bell and all of our conductors and music tutors. This year has certainly thrown a few difficulties our way but with their flexibility and passion for music, our team has managed to keep our band/strings program thriving.

## BAND PRESENTATION DAY

The children were congratulated last week for their commitment and dedication to this extra curriculum program through our Band Presentation Day event. We were again dazzled by our musicians, they sounded amazing in the hall as the school watched via live stream. We have begun researching for equipment that produces a better-quality live stream and audio output. Thank you to Miss Chaffey, for her efforts behind the scenes. This really has been an incredible year for our staff as we continue to learn skills very quickly in response to the ever changing expectations.

## YEAR 6 SOLOS

The Year 6 musicians were acknowledged at our Monday morning assembly for their musical contributions over the last four years and presented with their medallions. This Friday our Year 6 students will be having their solos recorded and individual photos taken. A digital package

will be made for each student to keep. We wish these students all the best for a bright future and hope they continue to have music in their life.

## 2021 PRIMARY BAND & STRING ENSEMBLE

We are in the process of forming our 2021 Primary Band. It is exciting to see so many students keen to join our Band and our numbers growing in the String Ensemble.

## INSTRUMENTS OVER THE HOLIDAYS

If your Band Fees are up to date, we encourage children to take their instruments home over the holiday period. Please keep your instrument safe, do not leave them in hot cars! All students leaving the school should return their instrument to Miss Tonkin by the end of Week 9.

Enjoy your holidays,  
Angie King, Band Co-ordinator



## UNIFORM SHOP

At this stage, we have an enormous amount of second hand uniforms here at the shop. For this reason, the Uniform Shop is only accepting SECOND HAND 'SPORTS UNIFORM' ITEMS, Polo Shirts and Black Shorts. Don't forget you can email the Uniform Shop if you require second hand bomber jackets, shorts, tunics.

Email: [tjpsuniformshop@gmail.com](mailto:tjpsuniformshop@gmail.com)

## UNISEX UNIFORM UPDATE

Currently the Uniform Shop online store is out of the following sizes:

Unisex polos in sizes: 6, 8 and 10

Unisex shorts in sizes: 4 and 8

We are awaiting a delivery from S-Trend and have been advised it should arrive mid to late December. Once this order has been received and added to the store a SkoolBag message will be sent out.

Please note we are not taking pre-orders for these items.

## 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!

## PIANO ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

Tomorrow afternoon, Oliver (Year 6) and Milla (Year 4) will be guest pianists with concert pianist Fiona Joy Hawkins who will perform a live virtual concert from Newcastle which will be seen worldwide.

Oliver and Milla who train with Geri Rea (Piano for Schools) were selected for their outstanding performances this year and their performances can be watched on [www.gerirea.com](http://www.gerirea.com) from Monday 7<sup>th</sup> December.

Geri (worldwide published composer and teacher) will be starting a new lunchtime piano class at The Junction Public School in February 2021. She can be contacted on: 0404 905401 for more information or to reserve a place.

Congratulations Milla and Oliver on your upcoming performances.

## COMMUNITY NEWS

### TERM 1 GIRLS CRICKET

NEWCASTLE CITY CRICKET CLUB




COME AND TRY DAY:  
26/1/21 4.30-6.00PM  
@ LEARMONTH PARK

TERM 1 2021 GIRLS CRICKET OPTIONS:

**ALL GIRLS BLASTERS (6-10 yrs):**  
Mondays, 1 Feb to 8 March  
4.45pm-6.00pm @ Learmonth Park

**STAGE 1 GIRLS LEAGUE (7-11yrs):**  
Saturday Mornings Term 1 from 30/1/21  
8.40am-11am (approx), Locations Vary

**STAGE 2 GIRLS LEAGUE (12yrs+):\*\***  
Wednesday afternoons Term 1 from 27/1/21  
4.30pm-6.30pm (approx) Locations Vary




TO FIND OUT MORE, REGISTER YOUR EO! OR EMAIL:  
<https://bit.ly/2021NCCCTerm1GirlsCricket>  
newcastlecitygirlscricket@gmail.com




# THE JUNCTION HOLIDAY PROGRAM *(bookings close on 4 JAN)*

## JANUARY 2021 - WEEK 1

**MONDAY  
11 JAN**

### CAMP SUNNY



We've seen it in some of our favourite books and movies, TASK is recreating the summer camp experience every Monday of the January Holidays.



**Fee - \$69**

**TUESDAY  
12 JAN**

### Kaleidoscope of Colours

Let loose our inner kaleidoscope of colours!



Be messy, colourful, and active in a colour run.

Make and decorate a rainbow treat.

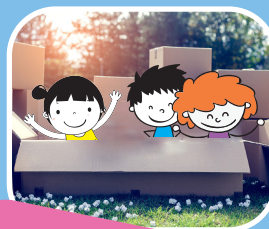
**Fee - \$69**

**WEDNESDAY  
13 JAN**

### ADVENTURE PLAY

Using loose parts and your imagination. Design an adventure world.

Then build it!



Featuring  
*'Bricks for Kids'*  
Workshop

**Fee - \$77**

**THURSDAY  
14 JAN**

### Excursion to Revolution Sports Park



Take your shoes off and get your bounce on for 2 hours of fun sliding, bouncing, and running up walls.



**Fee - \$90**

**FRIDAY  
15 JAN**

### SPLASH PICNIC



Celebrate summer's simple delights.

- Water splash games
- Outdoor picnic lunch.

And fun with friends.



**Fee - \$69**

# THE AFTER SCHOOL KLUB

Hours: Mon - Fri  
7am - 6pm

**BOOKING:**  
[enrol@task-kids.com.au](mailto:enrol@task-kids.com.au)  
[task-kids.com.au](http://task-kids.com.au)  
1300 827 500

• Excursion Days: places limited, movie title and rating to be confirmed • Afternoon tea provided • All HP subject to change dependent on Government advice / direction. • Each day please bring: recess, lunch and water bottle, hat, raincoat, socks, covered shoes and jumper - all labeled.



# THE JUNCTION HOLIDAY PROGRAM *(bookings close on 11 JAN)*

## JANUARY 2021 - WEEK 2

**MONDAY  
18 JAN**

### CAMP SUNNY



Camp Sunny continued...

tug-o-war, camp craft, fort building and more.



**Fee - \$69**

**TUESDAY  
19 JAN**

### Magician's Apprentice

Roll up your sleeves for a day of illusions and tricks!



Learn, practice, and showcase a new skill or trick at the talent show finale.

Performance by the Magical 'Rock Sloth'

**Fee - \$77**

**WEDNESDAY  
20 JAN**

### IN THE TROPICS

A tropical escape to explore the colours and culture of our South Pacific neighbours.

Cooking • Music • Art



**Fee - \$69**

**THURSDAY  
21 JAN**

### BACK TO NATURE

Bringing the outside in with art works, crafts and experiments using all things natural.



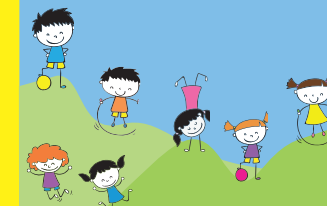
**Fee - \$69**

**FRIDAY  
22 JAN**

### SUMMER BIG BASH



A day of sports, tournaments, and games. End with a water filled 'Cool Down Ceremony'.



**Fee - \$69**

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# THE JUNCTION HOLIDAY PROGRAM *(bookings close on 11 JAN)*

## JANUARY 2021 - WEEK 3

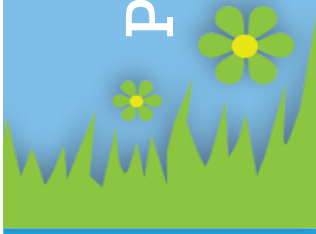
MONDAY  
25 JAN

NO TASK TODAY



TUESDAY  
26 JAN

PUBLIC HOLIDAY



WEDNESDAY  
27 JAN

### OUR BACKYARD

Bring your  
adventure shoes  
to take a journey  
through our own  
Australian backyard.



Sausage sizzle lunch

Fee - \$69

THURSDAY  
28 JAN

### CINEMA EXCURSION

It's Movie Day.

Escape reality today  
at our local cinema.



Fee - \$90

FRIDAY  
29 JAN

BACK TO SCHOOL



# THE— AFTER SCHOOL KLUB—

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7am - 6pm

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# Fun and Inspiring Kids' Creative Writing Workshops in Newcastle

## JAN HOLIDAYS NOW ENROLLING

- Animal Tales: Tues 5 Jan, 10am-1pm, Ed Wright (6-10 yo)**
- The Quest: Thurs 7 Jan, 10am-3.30pm, Ed Wright (High School)**
- Immortal Beings: Fri 8 Jan, 10am-1pm, Ed Wright (8-14 yo)**
- The Places You'll Go: Tues 12 Jan, 10am-1pm, Bess Kenway (5-9 yo)**
- Wonderland: Thurs 14 Jan, 10am-3.30pm, Jess Black (8-14 yo)**
- Fortune Cookie: Fri 15 Jan, 10am-1pm, Jess Black (7-12 yo)**
- Selective Test Prep: Mon 18 Jan, 10am-1pm, Ed Wright (Yr 5/6 2021)**
- Crazy Holidays: Tues 19 Jan, 10am-1pm, Ed Wright (7-12 yo)**
- The Gang: Thurs Jan 21, 10am-1pm, Ed Wright (High School)**

Long Workshops are eligible for  
Creative Kids Vouchers  
For more info and enrolments  
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