

The Junction News

Newsletter of The Junction Public School



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Term 1 – Week 4

Tuesday 18 February 2020

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Welcome to Week 4 of Term 1 already!

Classes 2020

We were able to form 21 classes for 2020 on Thursday of Week 2.

Classes for this year are:

KK- Angie King (AP – Early Stage 1) + Music Team

KS – Hannah Smith

KC – Jody Cooper

STEAM Coordinator – Laura Chaffey (AP – Stage 1)

1B – Amy Blackmore

1J – Nicole Jones

1G – Katrina Gardoll

1S – Amy Shepherd

1/2L – Aleisha Ladkin

2C – Lisa Campey / Claire Edwards

2MC – Nina McLeod

2/3A – Mark Alcock

3/4B – Brenda Brown (AP – Stage 2)

3LC – Holly Lynch / Phillipa Campbell

4L – Luke Sparksman

4S – Nick Savage

4/5A – Alison Smoother

5K – Kaitlyn Spring

5S – Sarah Griffiths / Sarah Wilson

5/6R – Michael Radnidge

6L – Matt Liles (AP – Stage 3)

6B – Hollie Booth

Music RFF – Alison Tonkin

Library/Technology – Sharelle Land

Laura Chaffey (Team teaching and collaborative planning

STEAM Stage 2 focus 2020)

Learning Support Teacher – Rachel West

Quality Teaching Successful Students –

Louise Tilse (Early Stage 1)

Sara Willoughby (Stage 2 & 3)

ESL – Laurie Hakansson

Hearing Itinerant Teacher – Lou Harris

Band Liaison – Michael Bell

Principal – Cath Larkman

Deputy Principal / Supervisor LAST – Connie Emmington

Office Admin Manager – Dianne Edwards

Admin Officers – Angela Bowen, Amanda Brake, Kathy

McInnes, Lesley Janissen

Learning Support Officers – Di Edwards, Nareen Rich, Theresa Koitka, Andrew Bailey, Chris Hill, Liam Begnell, Jeremy Smoother, Pam Parkes.

School Counsellor – Linda Whiteside (Mon/Tues)

General Assistant – Tom Jervis

We hope your information sessions were useful last week. This is always a great opportunity to meet your child's teacher.

School Wellbeing Programs

As part of the learning within the new PDHPE curriculum, our Wellbeing programs are well underway in classrooms for 2020. To complement class programs, we have booked Brainstorm Productions this year to present their latest play, *The H Team*, for all students K-6. It has been booked for Monday 16 March with Yrs 3-6 to attend at 9:45 am and K-2 at 11:30 am. The cost will be \$6 per child. This live production will provide students with the knowledge, confidence and resilience to cope with negative feelings and unhealthy messages from advertising and the media. Students will learn about critically evaluating media, standing up to bullies and making good decisions. More information will follow in a separate note to be sent home shortly.

School Security

The school is currently having issues with people on the school grounds after hours and particularly on weekends. Consequently there has been damage to the school property and buildings. If you or your neighbours see anyone on our school grounds after hours, we ask that you phone the Department's Security Number on: 1300 880021.

School Leadership Team

YEAR 6 CANBERRA – (12/5 to 15/5)

Notes went home last Friday to all Year 6 Students

Permission & Itinerary note (Grey)
Medical & Parental Consent (Green) – two sides

Expected Behaviour Form (Blue)
Please return ASAP along with remaining balance – contact office if you are unsure what you owe.



Education

CALENDAR - TERM 1 – 2020

Week 4 Event

Wednesday, Feb 19 Zone Swimming Carnival

Week 6 Event

Tuesday, March 3 Regional Swimming Carnival

Tuesday, March 3 P & C AGM Meeting – 6.30pm
Merewether Bowling Club.

Week 7 Event

Thursday, March 12 Selective High School test –
Merewether High School

Friday, March 13 Cross Country Carnival – Nesca
Park (Years 3-6). (Date to be
confirmed by NCC)

Week 8 Event

Monday, March 16 Brainstorm Productions –
Whole School: Notes home soon

Wednesday, March 18 Harmony Day

Week 9 Event

Monday, March 23 Goal setting interviews –
Student/Parents

Week 10 Event

Monday, March 30 Goal setting interviews –
Student/Parents

Week 11 Event

Monday, April 6 State Swimming - Sydney

Tuesday, April 7 State Swimming – Sydney

Wednesday, April 8 School ANZAC Service

Thursday, April 9 K-2 Easter Hat Parade

Thursday, April 9 LAST DAY OF TERM 1

CALENDAR - TERM 2 – 2020

Week 1 Event

Monday, April 27 Staff Development Day – STAFF
ONLY

Tuesday, April 28 STUDENTS RETURN – Term 2

ZONE SWIMMING CARNIVAL

Congratulations to all of our ribbon winners last week. All students were outstanding competitors at our school Swimming Carnival, collecting points for their house through participation and sportsmanship. Our Age Champions are calculated from the results and this year are as follows: Junior Girls: Evie, Junior Boys: Angus, 11 year Girls: Coco, 11 year Boys: Jett, Senior Girls: Alexis and Senior Boys: Charlie.

We wish our talented swimmers great success at the upcoming Zone Carnival. Below is a list of names attending Zone.

Lexi S, Lilli W, Keely H, Alice G, Lucia M, Zahara B, Emma K, Maya C, Zali G, Evie R, Lily M, Emily G, Coco P, Mia G, Amelie D, Harmony B, Zadie A, Zoe C, Lilah R, Aleesha F, Luca F, Lalita F, Angus J, Felix B, Charlie F, Bailey H, Rory N, Thomas B, Reggie R, Charlie B, Samuel T, Rafferty D, Will B, Noah R, Jett R, Elijah T, Archie M, Corban B, Louis H, Lachlan M, Xavier B, Felix D and Darby S.

K - 4 BODY AND MIND WELLBEING PROGRAM

What a great start we have had this term with the Body and Mind Wellbeing Program. Students and teachers have learnt about two focus areas so far— Mental health and Emotional health. Students have learnt different poses and flows including pose 1, 2 and 3, breath techniques such as Take 5 and muscle relaxation exercises like Lemonade! Students have also been guided through mindfulness exercises and visualisations to create calmness in their minds and bodies.

Kindergarten Feedback

Orla: *I liked listening to the story about the park.*

Toma: *I liked wearing the headphones.*

Ruby: *I like doing the different poses.*

Thomas: *I like playing the games.*

Year 1 Feedback

Miguel: *I liked the meditation because it's fun and relaxing!*

Max: *I liked squeezing the lemons because it got rid of tension.*

Alex: *I liked the meditation because the poses are relaxing. I liked the butterfly pose and the cat pose.*

Harriet: *I liked the meditation when we got to lay down and breathe deeply and listen to music.*

Maiya: *I liked it because the stories in the headphones were calming.*



Parent Session in Week 10

On Wednesday 1st April, Parents and Caregivers are welcome to come and join their child/ren in their Wellbeing lesson. Please see the timetable below for lesson times. Please go straight to the New Hall where the lessons take place.

K-4 Program Timetable		
Time	Grade/s	Classes
9:00 – 9:40	S1/2 – Year 2 & 3	2/3A, 3LC
9:45 – 10:15	ES1 – Kinder	KK, KC, KS
10:20 – 11:00	S1 -Year 1 & 2	2MC, 1/2L, 2C
RECESS		
11:20 – 11:50	S1 - Year 1	1S, 1G
11:50 – 12:20	S1 - Year 1	1J, 1B
12:20 – 1:00	S2 – Year 4	4S, 4L
LUNCH		
2:00 – 2:40	S2 – Year 3 & 4	3/4B, 4A



JUNIOR & SENIOR CHOIR

Junior Choir and Senior Choir has commenced for 2020 this week.

Junior Choir is on a Tuesday morning at 8am in 2MC classroom.

Senior Choir will commence tomorrow morning.

Senior Choir will be on every Wednesday morning at 8am in 2MC classroom. Everyone is welcome to come and enjoy this wonderful experience. Regards, Nina McLeod

RECORDER & UKULELE MUSIC LESSONS

Year 2-5 students (except Year 5 students in 5/6R) will recommence Recorder lessons this week (Week 4) in Music RFF classes, with Miss Tonkin.

Students will need to provide their own recorder and have it each week for their lesson.

Recorders are available locally from Muso's Corner, 1 National Park St, Newcastle West and they usually have plenty in stock. If you like to shop online, please make sure you select a school student recorder, sometimes referred to as a 'Descant' recorder.

Please ensure that your child's name is on his/her recorder and that they have it for their music lesson each week.

Classes needing recorders are:

Class 1/2L, All Year 2, 3 and 4 classes, 4/5A, 5K and 5S.

Classes having ukulele lessons are:

All of 5/6R, 6B and 6L.

There is NO need to purchase a ukulele.

Thank you, Alison Tonkin, Music teacher

School Maintenance

Due to recent weather conditions there has been a lot of plant and lawn growth around our school. Please be aware that our General Assistant, Tom does a huge job maintaining our site as well as the surrounds to our school. Often we also employ additional staff to assist him. If you see any jobs outstanding, please be aware that we do our best to keep up with this maintenance and we have had limited opportunities during the recent weather.

SPECIAL RELIGIOUS EDUCATION (SRE) AND SPECIAL EDUCATION IN ETHICS (SEE)

A feature of the public education system in NSW is the opportunity to provide time in class for education in ethics, faith and morality from a religious or non-religious perspective at the choice of parents.

At The Junction Public School we offer these classes to K-6 students. Yesterday, we sent home a participation letter to our Kindergarten students and only new 2020 students. New students have a choice between Special Religious Education and Special Education in Ethics. If you do not wish for your child to attend SRE or SEE, your child will participate in alternative activities. Our school currently has a waiting list for SEE.

For all other students, they will continue on with the same classes from 2019. If you wish to change your child's selection, please email the school on:

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

For more information about Special Religious Education (SRE) and Special Education in Ethics (SEE), including the list of approved providers, please visit: <https://education.nsw.gov.au/teaching-and-learning/curriculum/learning-across-the-curriculum/religion-and-ethics>.

Thank you, Aleisha Ladkin
Ethics and Scripture Co-ordinator

BAND/STRINGS NEWS

Thank you to all of our band families for the seamless return to rehearsals in the last few weeks. Primary Band will have their first rehearsal next week on Monday 24th February and we can't wait to get started. Hopefully all Primary band members will have met their tutors by now and had a lesson or two.

Mr Bell, Miss Tonkin and I are working on our calendar for 2020 events and we will get the information out to you as soon as we can.

A reminder that the SkoolBag App is our main form of communication with parents. If you have not downloaded the app and signed in, I highly recommend that you do so. The office is now accepting payments for Term 1. Please note that students will not be allowed to commence Term 2 unless Term 1 fees are paid in full or a regular payment plan is in place. If you have any concerns at all please contact Mrs King.

As Primary Band are starting their rehearsals late this term, the Term 1 band fees for **PRIMARY BAND ONLY** have been reduced to \$60. If you have already paid the original fee of \$110, a credit has been applied to your family account. All other bands are required to pay \$110 for Term 1 before the end of this term.

Hire agreements should be handed back to Miss Tonkin as soon as possible so that we can update our instrument register.

May 2020 be full of happy melodies,
Angie King / Band Co-ordinator

SCHOOL ASSEMBLIES

Kinder to Year 2 and Year 3 to Year 6 assemblies will start this Friday, Week 4 (Even weeks of the school term).

Kinder to Year 2 : 10.15am

Class 1/2L will be hosting this assembly.

Year 3 to Year 6 : 11.20am

Parents are welcome to attend these assemblies in the New Hall.

Office Hours - 8.30AM TO 3.15PM

SCHOOL GATES & VISITING OUR SCHOOL

If you need to come into the school during school hours, please ensure that you close the gate behind you. This is for the safety and security of our students. If you enter the school grounds you must report to the school office first. Gates are closed at 9.30am and re-opened at 2.30pm. **Please do not enter the school by any of our driveway gates** unless there are special arrangements in place.

NO DOGS ON THE SCHOOL SITE

We ask that dogs not be brought into the school grounds. When dropping off or picking up your child, dogs must be tied up outside the school fence, away from pedestrian gates. Thank you.

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. 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 a 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 PANADOL OR NON-PRESCRIPTION MEDICATIONS.**

Change of address/phone numbers

If you have moved house recently or have a new mobile phone number or perhaps a new work phone number – please call in to the office and we can update the details.

UNIFORM SHOP

TJPS would like to recognise the outstanding contributions of the Uniform Shop team. This role is entirely voluntary and these parents and carers spend many hours behind the scenes ensuring your children have the correct uniform available at competitive prices.

The Uniform shop is open on Mondays from 8.45am to about 9.15am down the stairs from the Year 4 classrooms near the COLA.

ONLINE UNIFORM SHOP ORDERING!

Want to place your uniform shop order online? Simply go to www.tjpsuniform.com.

The School Office has a supply of school hats. **The office can only accept CASH for the sale of these hats.** The office are unable to use the P & C Eftpos machine.



Please note **black shoes** are our preferred uniform choice for both sport and formal uniforms. No 'fluro or brightly coloured joggers'. Thank you for your co-operation.

P & C NEWS

Uniform Shop Update

The P&C would like to acknowledge the uniform shop volunteers and co-ordinators of the new 5 day week uniform in what a fantastic job they have done filling orders for the new uniform placed prior to the new school year.

For 2020 orders, we conducted a stocktake after 10 days of school returning and have placed a top up order to ensure all sizes and styles are on hand. Size 8 and 12 shirts are needed. This order will take 8 – 10 weeks to arrive. The P&C work hard to offer an affordable and onsite uniform service and have been extremely busy with sales in the past 3 months. Keep up the great work girls!

We encourage everyone to continue to use the online ordering available at www.tjpsuniform.com for all their school uniform needs and note that uniform ordering is no longer available through Flexischools.

P&C AGM

The P&C Annual General Meeting is fast approaching on Tuesday 3rd March at 6:30pm at Merewether Bowling Club, Library room. This year there are some exciting roles up for grabs including:

- President
- Vice President
- Secretary
- Finance assistance treasurer
- Communications team leader

Everyone is encouraged to come along and join a supportive team with lots of fun events in store for 2020!

New Outdoor Learning Circle

Have you had a chance to check out the new outdoor learning circle and landscape works opposite the Year 5 classrooms? P&C funding supported this development and we would like to thank Tom our valued school General Assistant, Brendon from Cast All Lay Masonry and Angela Le Rougetel from the P&C for making this happen over the January school holidays. Please help to protect these new plants as we encourage them to grow. Hopefully we can look at some shade sails in the future.



COMMUNITY NEWS.....



ENROLLING NOW FOR TERM 1 2020

FRENCH FOR KIDS CLUB (5-12yrs) at



The Junction Public School

Play-based language learning with fun activities, craft, drama, puppets, songs and games!

Thursdays from 3.15pm to 4.15pm

For more info on cost and siblings discount
please call Audrey 04 77 123 353 or
email audrey.nys@lcclubs.com.au

Free trial & Creative Kids Voucher provider!

Daughters and Dads Cricket program

This is a fun and innovative Daughters and Dads Cricket program **targeting primary school-aged girls (7-12 years)** that starts **Term 1, Week 4, 18th February in Newcastle**. Sessions run with daughters and dads together over 8 weeks.

Daughters and Dads Cricket is a world first program for fathers and daughters developed by researchers at the University of Newcastle, in partnership with the NSW Office of Sport, Cricket NSW and Cricket Australia. The program aims to improve daughters' cricket skills, enjoyment and engagement in cricket.

Daughters and Dads Cricket is based on the University of Newcastle's multi-award winning

<https://www.daughtersanddads.com.au/>.

More information: Emma Pollock

Project Manager University of Newcastle:

DaughtersAndDads@newcastle.edu.au

Phone: 4921 6884

MEREWETHER CARLTON JUNIOR RUGBY

Registrations to play Rugby Union with Merewether Carlton Junior Rugby Club are now open for players from 7 to 17/18 years.

More detail can be found on our club website:

<https://www.merewethercarltonjuniorrugbyclub.com.au/> or

Facebook

page <https://www.facebook.com/MerewetherCarltonJuniorRugbyClub/>

If you have any questions please contact our Club Registrar, Darrell Sherry, Mob: 0427 047 110 or
e-mail: darrell.sherry1@bigpond.com or Matt Jackson
President on: Mob: 0402 085 683

LION PRIDE

COME TRY DAY

Wednesday, 26 February
Learmonth Park
4.00pm-6:00pm

See our facebook page for more details
f South Newcastle JRLFC

Register now!

Newcastle City Blues AFC

newcastlecityjuniorafc@yahoo.com.au
Open for boys and girls 5-17yo

Sign up for junior footy **play.afl**