

The Junction News

Newsletter of The Junction Public School



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Term 1 – Week 8

Tuesday 17 March 2020

LEADERSHIP REPORT

Good morning to our Community,
Thank you to all who have offered to support and assist us during this time. We are currently sending out daily 'Skoolbag notifications' and this is the best way to stay up to date with what is happening in the school. I also encourage you to get the: 'NSW Government School Updates app'. If you click [School Safety](#) there is a lot of useful information there and you will find the link for the School Safety updates app.

For parents who have a paper copy of this newsletter please follow this address below:

<https://education.nsw.gov.au/public-schools/school-safety>

I hope you and your families stay well.

School Voluntary Contributions

Please note in the previous newsletter these contributions were referred to as fees. We very much appreciate your contributions which are used to purchase resources to enhance curriculum delivery in classes.

Goal Setting Interviews

Parent-Teacher-Student interviews have now been postponed.

Absence Notification

Due to the current health situation, and you choose to keep your child/children at home for a period of time, we ask parents to email the school with the reason and length of time for their child/children's absence.

Please refrain from using the Class Dojo to explain absences. Parents must advise the school office before 10am of absences. If the office has not been contacted by you an SMS alert will be sent to remind you. We encourage parents to use the Skoolbag app to explain absences for less than 5 school days. You may also phone the school office.

Brainstorm Productions

This school performance which was to have taken place yesterday has been postponed to a later date.

CALENDAR - TERM 1 – 2020

Week 8	Event
Wednesday, March 18	Harmony Day (tomorrow) – Students may wear 'Orange clothes or accessories' THERE WILL BE NO ASSEMBLY
Week 9	Event
Monday, March 23	Goal setting interviews – Student/Parents - POSTPONED
Week 10	Event
Monday, March 30	Goal setting interviews – Student/Parents - POSTPONED
Week 11	Event
Monday, April 6	State Swimming – Sydney – Venue closed until further notice
Tuesday, April 7	State Swimming – Sydney – Venue closed until further notice
Tuesday, April 7	K-2 Athletics Carnival here at school - POSTPONED
Tuesday, April 7	P & C Meeting – TO BE CONFIRMED
Wednesday, April 8	School ANZAC Service - CANCELLED
Thursday, April 9	K-2 Easter Hat Parade - CANCELLED
Thursday, April 9	LAST DAY OF TERM 1

CALENDAR - TERM 2 – 2020

ALL EVENTS BELOW TO BE CONFIRMED AT A LATER DATE

Week 1	Event
Monday, April 27	Staff Development Day – STAFF ONLY
Tuesday, April 28	STUDENTS RETURN – Term 2
Tue April 28 to	Hunter Life Education Van –
Friday, May 1	Years 3 & 5 : POSTPONED
Friday, May 1	Zone Cross Country

Week 3	Event
Tuesday, May 12 to	Year 6 to Canberra
Friday, May 15	Year 6 to Canberra
Tuesday, May 12 to	Year 3 & 5 NAPLAN
Friday, May 15	Year 3 & 5 NAPLAN

HARMONY WEEK/DAY – Tomorrow!

Students may still come to school dressed in 'Orange clothing or an orange accessory' or cultural heritage dress. However the planned assembly celebrating Harmony, Belonging and Learning is cancelled. Students will be engaging in the planned activities during class time.

RECENT NOTES HOME

EVERY STUDENT
General Permission Note (Yellow)
Must be returned to the Class teacher ASAP

YEAR 6 T-SHIRTS

Cost: \$36.00

Money was due yesterday! (Monday 16th March)

Please return your note and money this week as these shirts need to be ordered ASAP.

SCHOOL ASSEMBLIES

There will be no K-2 or Year 3-6 assemblies until further advised

SCHOOL CROSS COUNTRY

Congratulations to all students who participated in our school Cross Country at Nesca Park last Friday 13th March. We were very lucky to have such great weather for the day. Just like in previous years, it was great to see countless students displaying amazing sportsmanship on the track as well as those from the sideline, cheering their competitors on. Cross Country House winners were Quinlan. Our team set to represent the school at the Zone Carnival include: - 8/9 yr Boys: Liam, Joshua and Emile; 8/9 yr Girls: Lily, Milla and Matilda; 10 yr Boys: Jacob, Sam and Finn; 10 yr Girls: Callia, Zadia and Luca; 11 yr Boys: Zaac, Charlie and Jett; 11 yr Girls: Imogen, Sophie and Felicity; 12/13 yr Boys: Luka, Charlie and Archie; 12/13 yr Girls: Rosie, Jessica and Harmony. We wish all our competitors the best at the Zone Carnival. Nick Savage, Organiser

REGIONAL SWIMMING CARNIVAL

Congratulations to all our swimmers who competed at the Regional Carnival on Tuesday 3rd March at Lambton Swimming Pool. Our Senior girls team (Alexis, Lilli, Harmony, Lalita) has qualified for State again this year! A great achievement! Congratulations to Alexis who will also compete in individual events at the State Carnival. We wish all of the swimmers the best of luck. Nick Savage

PSSA CRICKET

Last Thursday, The Junction Public School cricket team played Raymond Terrace Public School at King Park (Raymond Terrace). Raymond Terrace school posted a score of 19 runs with good performances from all the bowling line up. TJPS went in to bat and Ollie F and Angus S both posted above 10 runs then retired to give some others a bat. TJPS got the total of 19 within 5 overs. TJPS will play Wirreanda Public school next in round 2. Everyone showed a great performance, Can't wait till next round. By Jett R and Gus S



JUNIOR & SENIOR CHOIR

Junior Choir and Senior Choir has commenced for 2020. Junior Choir is on a Tuesday morning at 8am in 2MC classroom.

Senior Choir will be on every Wednesday morning at 8am in 2MC classroom.

Junior Choir News: Milla V and Lexie C are the 2020 Junior Choir Captains.

Everyone is welcome to come and enjoy this wonderful experience. Regards, Nina McLeod

BAND/STRINGS NEWS

Rehearsals will continue as normal.

The only change to our routine is that Premier Band will be spreading out and working in sections.

Remember it is an 8:00am start. Please have your instrument assembled and be ready to play. Don't forget to clean your instrument after use.

Once again for morning and the afternoon rehearsals – **PLEASE DO NOT USE THE DRIVEWAY ACCESS POINTS** – students must enter/exit through the 'Pedestrian gates' only.

Angie King, Band Coordinator

BODY & MIND WELLBEING SESSIONS

For the remainder of the term, Wellbeing sessions will continue for students in K-4 however mats or headphones will no longer be used due to COVID-19. The instructors will accommodate us by using a speaker and keeping students apart at safer distances.



Office Hours - 8.30AM TO 3.15PM

INFORMATION FROM THE SPORTS UNIT

The Hunter SSA advises that the following trials / championships / knockouts will not proceed.

1. Hunter Primary Rugby League Opens & 11 years trials
2. Hunter Primary AFL trials
3. Hunter Secondary Rugby League 18 years & 15 years trials
- 3a. Hunter Secondary Netball trials and knockout day
4. Hunter Secondary Squash trials
- 4a. Hunter Primary Girls Cricket trials
5. Hunter Secondary AFL trials
6. Hunter Secondary Touch Open Boys & Open Girls trials
7. Hunter Primary Hockey Boys & Girls trials
8. Hunter Football Boys trials
9. Hunter Primary Netball trials
10. Hunter Secondary Golf trials
11. Hunter Primary Football Girls trials

All Zone/District, Hunter, NSWPSA and NSWCHSSA activities will be 'temporarily ceased until further notice'.

This includes the NSWPSA and NSW CHS Swimming and Diving Championships. Advice from the School Sport Unit is that all Primary and Secondary knockouts should also temporarily cease until further notice.

This situation will be regularly reviewed and updates provided. We thank you for your understanding during this time.

SCHOOL SECURITY

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 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.

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.**

UNIFORM SHOP

Our Uniform Shop remains open on Mondays from 8.45am to about 9.15am down the stairs from the Year 4 classrooms near the COLA.

We are still out of stock of the following items:

Sports shirt - sizes 8, 10 and 12

Sports shorts - size 12

These items have already been ordered, and we anticipate delivery either in the last week of Term 1 or first week of Term 2. **We will send out a Skoolbag notice when the stock arrives.** We endeavour to have up to date stock numbers on our online store so please check our online store if you are unsure of availability.

Go to www.tjpsuniform.com.

For any questions regarding uniforms, please email tjpsuniformshop@gmail.com

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.

P & C NEWS

After the AGM on 3 March 2020 all positions have now been filled. I would like to thank all the new committee members for putting their hand up this year and extend a heartfelt thank you to all departing members - without the commitment of these few people our children would not be able to enjoy all the BBQ's, Raffles and Fun Days!

President

Belinda Parker

Vice President

Mark Duffield-Thomas

Vice President

Nikki Paton

Treasurer

Naomi Wilkinson

Assistant Treasurer

Grant Jackson

Secretary

Kate Young

Assistant Secretary

Kate Case

Events Coordinator

Ying McKenzie

Social-Media Coordinator

Lorna Treutlein

Environmental and Sustainability Coordinator

Louise Crosskill

Communications Coordinator

Ben Britton

Can you give 1 hour of your time this year at a P&C Organised Event?

Many hands make light work. This year we are working towards having a Year Group of parents work at certain events. Please, make our kids smile, come and cook a BBQ, count some money, run a disco or sell some Mother's Day presents with your friends!

Keep an eye out for the sign up links for your child's year group as they are sent out on Facebook and SkoolBag.

Easter Raffle

The Easter Raffle is fast approaching and Raffle ticket books have been sent home, please return your tickets to the office by Friday April 3.



We are now calling for donations of eggs, baskets and bags to be delivered to the front office.

Year 3 parent helpers! If you can help to count the raffle money, please sign up at <http://bit.ly/2020EasterRaffle>

Cross Country

Congratulations to all of our children who participated in the Cross country event on Friday and a big thank you to all the Teachers, Staff and Volunteers who made this day a success.

Come and Join the Class Parent List

Each year the P&C help create a class contact list for those parents who want to 'opt in' and share their contact details with other families in the class.

Sign up here: <http://bit.ly/2020ClassContactList>

The next P&C meeting will be: **Tuesday April 7** - Please come along and meet the new Committee and hear about the happenings in our school - we look forward to seeing you there.

Belinda Parker
On Behalf of the P&C Committee
JunctionPandC@gmail.com

COMMUNITY NEWS.....

Newcastle Transport is getting in touch with schools after witnessing some near misses involving buses and school students in recent days.

In light of this, we are reiterating some important safety tips for students when travelling on and around buses. We encourage you to share these safety tips with your children. When catching the bus, students should remember to:

- Plan ahead and don't rush for the bus
- Avoid being distracted by mobile devices when waiting for your service or when crossing roads
- Stand away from the roadside until the bus comes to a complete stop
- Listen to your driver and always follow instructions given. They are trained to keep you safe.
- Stay seated and don't move around the bus unnecessarily
- If there are no seats, make sure you hold onto handrails or straps at all times
- Press the button well before your stop to give the driver plenty time to stop safely
- When the bus is arriving at your stop, stay seated or hold on until the bus has come to a complete stop
- Watch your step and mind the gutter when getting on and off the bus

Most importantly, wait until the bus has gone then use a safe place to cross the road. Don't walk in front of a bus to cross the road – you can't see what traffic might be coming up beside the bus.



'TASK APRIL SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAM AT MEREWETHER PUBLIC SCHOOL

Please see the following pages for the TASK School Holiday program and how to make a booking.

MEREWETHER - HENRY ST. HOLIDAY PROGRAM

APRIL 2020 - WEEK 1

**MONDAY
13 APR**

EASTER MONDAY

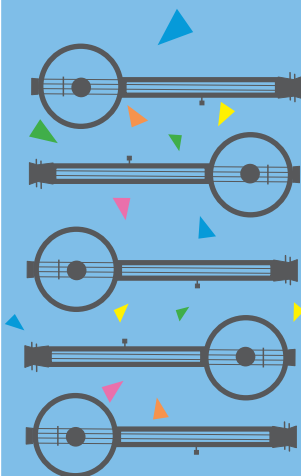
Public Holiday

TASK closed

**TUESDAY
14 APR**

Music Man

Come and make some beautiful music and play awesome fun games with Mark the music man!

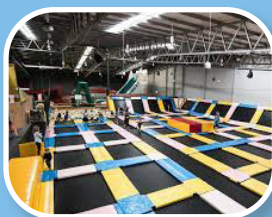


Daily fee + \$15

**WEDNESDAY
15 APR**

Revolution!

Go to Revolution to play on the Trampolines and inflatables.



When we get back make a HAMA Bead creation.

Daily fee + \$28

**THURSDAY
16 APR**

Dance the Day Away

Come ready to choreograph a dance to your favourite song. Have a TASK disco, play musical games and bake delicious muffins for afternoon tea.

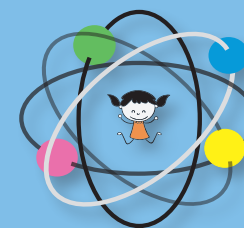


Daily fee + \$5

**FRIDAY
17 APR**

Let's Get Creative!

Do some fun arts and crafts with Nadia followed by some mad science!



Daily fee + \$10



THE AFTER SCHOOL KLUB—

Hours: Mon - Fri
7am - 6pm

BOOKING:

enrol@task-kids.com.au

www.task-kids.com.au

T: 1300 827 500

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

MEREWETHER - HENRY ST. HOLIDAY PROGRAM

APRIL 2020 - WEEK 2

**MONDAY
20 APR**

Celebrating our Heritage and Culture

Do family trees, bring in an item that represents your heritage and do some indigenous craft.



Daily fee + \$5

**TUESDAY
21 APR**

Active Sports with Michael

Active Sports are coming to us to play bubble soccer and other games.

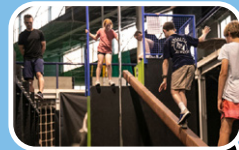
Wear appropriate clothing and joggers for running and playing.



Daily fee + \$17

**WEDNESDAY
22 APR**

Ninja Parc



Come and test your ninja skills on the climbing walls and see who can climb the fastest before heading to the parkour course and taking on the warped wall.

Daily fee + \$25

**THURSDAY
23 APR**

Harry Potter Day!



Come to Hogwarts TASK and be sorted into your house, make some magical potions, enjoy some Bertie Bots every flavour beans. Do some Harry Potter themed crafts and watch Harry Potter and the Philosopher's Stone.

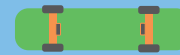


Daily fee + \$10

**FRIDAY
24 APR**

Wheels Day

Bring your bike, scooter or skateboard and ride like the wind!



Skateboard lessons with Lochie, safety gear is a must!



Paint a skateboard deck.



Daily fee + \$15

**MONDAY
27 APR**

Ten Pin Bowling @ Dullboys

We are traveling to Warners Bay for a game of bowling and some the arcade games.



Daily fee + \$28



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