

The Junction News

Newsletter of The Junction Public School



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Term 3 – Week 10

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LEADERSHIP REPORT

Dear Families

We have arrived at the final week of Term 3 and as we head into the spring break, I want to commend our teaching and office staff for all their efforts over the past term. This term, like the last two, has seen our students continue to learn and thrive due to the care and dedication of The Junction school staff. They are a collaborative team of dedicated leaders, teachers, support officers and administrative staff who know, value and care for your children.

Congratulation to our Teachers

Each year the Executive Director for our region calls for nominations from school networks for teachers who have excelled in their practice. We nominated a team of teachers from our school this year who have engaged in a research program with the University of Newcastle's Quality Teaching Team. These teachers joined the research team in 2019 and were involved in reflecting on their own classroom practice to improve learning. Through their enthusiasm and commitment, they have sparked the interest of many more teachers within our school to participate in the Quality Teaching Rounds in 2020. For their commitment to excellence and student learning, Mrs Cooper, Mr Sparksman, Ms Shepherd, Miss Barns and Mr Savage were awarded the Executive Director's Teaching Award for Excellence. Congratulations! We are very proud of our teachers.

Enrolling Kindergarten 2021

Kindergarten enrolments are in full swing and although we have had to cancel Kindy Orientation this term we are waiting on advice from the Department regarding our Term 4 Orientation dates. Mrs King is keeping all new parents informed and up to date. For a window into our Kindergarten classes, please view the Kindy 2020 video on our school website – thank you to Mrs Angie King and her team. <https://thejunctio-p.schools.nsw.gov.au/>

Important Message

If you have neighbours with children due to start school who have not contacted us yet please direct them to our school website for information about how to enrol:

<https://thejunctio-p.schools.nsw.gov.au/about-our-school/enrolment.html>

Students not Returning in 2021

If your child is not returning in 2021 now is the time to inform the office via email:

thejunctio-p-school@det.nsw.edu.au as we are looking at classes for the coming year.

Parent Consultation Term 4: School Planning for 2021-2024

Staff have been busy collating and analysing school data from many diverse sources as we come to the end of our 2018-2020 school planning cycle. Based on our evaluation, we will begin planning for the new 2021-2024 School Improvement Plan in Term 4. We would like to invite parents to join us in consultation on the new plan. This consultation will occur through small (COVID safe) focus groups from 23rd November onwards. If you would like to participate, please email Connie Emmington at: thejunctio-p-school@det.nsw.edu.au.

New Playground Equipment

Over the October school holidays work will begin on the new playground equipment which the P&C has tirelessly raised funds for. It has been a long process with much consultation at many levels over a number of years. For the work to be brought to completion is a huge achievement for our wonderful P&C. Congratulations and thank you to the current and former P&C executive teams. A stellar effort from start to finish. Due to the school still being a restricted area due to COVID, we must ensure that all COVID protocols are observed for all contractors on site. The Department regularly updates its COVID site as new information becomes available. Please refer to the website <https://education.nsw.gov.au/covid-19>.

Mrs Larkman

We all miss and send our best wishes to Mrs Larkman for a speedy recovery and return to school next term. On behalf of the team, I wish all families a restful and safe holiday. **School resumes for staff and students on Monday 12 October 2020.**

To end this term, I want to share with you the magic that happens as your children step through the gate each day.

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As they step into their classrooms your children turn into scientists, mathematicians, musicians, singers, authors, dancers, debaters, orators, leaders, sportspeople, environmental warriors, daydreamers, friends and artists. I would like to end the term by showcasing some of the amazing art work from around the school that has been created by artists in every class this term. Turn to the back pages and be awestruck by the talent our students display! Enjoy!

Mrs Connie Emmington
Relieving Principal

CALENDAR - TERM 3 – 2020

Week 10	Event
Friday, Sept 25	LAST DAY OF TERM 3

CALENDAR - TERM 4 – 2020

Week 1	Event
Monday, Oct 12	STAFF & STUDENTS RETURN STAGE 1 (Term 4) SWIMMING LESSONS - CANCELLED

Week 2	Event
Monday, Oct 19	Book Week
Monday, Oct 19	Scholastic Book Fair – Library – Students view books only today
Tuesday, Oct 20	Scholastic Book Fair – Library – Students view books only today
Wednesday, Oct 21	Book Character Day
Wednesday, Oct 21	Scholastic Book Fair – Library – Students may purchase
Thursday, Oct 22	Scholastic Book Fair – Library Students may purchase

Week 3	Event
Wednesday, Oct 28	Kinder 2021 Orientation Visit 9.15am to 10.45am (To be confirmed)

Week 4	Event
Tuesday, Nov 3	Proposed Year 6 Canberra visit (To be confirmed)

Wednesday, Nov 4	Kinder 2021 Orientation Visit 9.15am to 10.45am (To be confirmed)
Wednesday, Nov 4	Proposed Year 6 Canberra visit (To be confirmed)
Thursday, Nov 5	Proposed Year 6 Canberra visit (To be confirmed)
Friday, Nov 6	Proposed Year 6 Canberra visit (To be confirmed)

LIBRARY NEWS

Book Week (Week 2) – Curious Creatures, Wild Minds

Monday 19/10:

- Book fair open for students to come and browse and create wish list
- Local author workshop - \$3 per student (orange notes home last week)

Tuesday 20/10:

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- Local author workshop - \$3 per student (orange notes home last week)

Wednesday 21/10

- **BOOK CHARACTER DAY – students come dressed as their favourite book character (STUDENT ONLY EVENT- No visitors allowed on site)**
- Book fair open for purchasing (8:30 – 9am. Recess and Lunch – students only)
- How many pages in the book competition – 50c per guess

Thursday 22/10

- Book fair open for purchasing (8:30 – 9am. Recess and Lunch – students only)

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!

WRITE A BOOK IN A DAY

On Thursday 17th September, 44 of our Stage 3 students took part in the **Write a Book in a Day** competition. In teams, students had to write, illustrate and publish a book in 8 hours. The book is then distributed to sick children in hospital. In addition, the students raised funds for [The Kids' Cancer Project](#), an independent national charity supporting childhood cancer research. Donations are still accepted until 30th of September through the school office. Currently, the students have raised **\$4,311.85**. What an amazing effort!! Thank you to everyone who has donated to support this project. Sarah Griffiths



STAGE 1 SPORTS DAY

Last Friday morning Stage 1 participated in a variety of athletics races and games for our yearly carnival. Some of our favourites included relay races, sprint races, ball games, long jump and jumping sack races.

While it looked very different this year without all our families cheering us on, the children still had a wonderful time showing off their sporting skills, team work and sportsmanship to teachers and friends.

Well done Year 1 and 2!

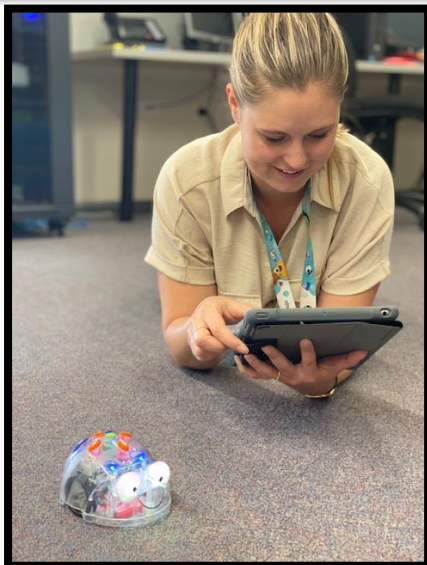
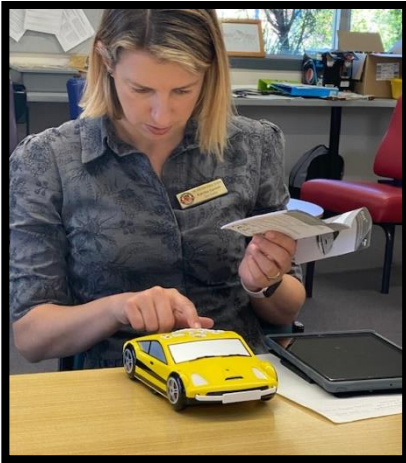
- Stage 1 Teachers

NOTE: You can find more photos of this event on the school website.



COLLABORATIVE PLANNING

Over the past two weeks our teachers have participated in stage collaborative planning sessions to prepare engaging units of work for our students for next term. All stage teams engaged in researching, designing and creating units of work around the Science and Technologies syllabus. A common thread was looking at the Digital Technologies outcome and incorporating design and/or computational thinking into our programs. Just like students, teachers enjoy practical hands-on learning too!



FRACTION FAIRYTALE – Creative Writing

By Addison and Milly – 2C

Ginger White and the Seven Biscuits

Once upon a time in Land Edible, there was a very ugly Vegetable Queen known as Veg Queen. Veg Queen had a little secret. Every day she snuck down to her lair. Her spooky, scary lair was as scary as a haunted house at Halloween. In the lair was a magical chocolate mirror. The Queen asked the mirror, "Who is the sweetest of them all?" The mirror replied, "You are, my Queen."

One day when she asked the mirror it replied, "Ginger White is the sweetest of them all now." Veg Queen was so angry she sent the cook to bake Ginger White into a ginger cake! As proof she was dead the cook had to give the Queen a piece of the cake.

But the cook could not do it. He whispered to Ginger White, "Run away, the Veg Queen wants you DEAD!" With that she ran into the dark, creepy forest. It was weird because she was not scared. In the forest she found a little house.

Ginger White looked in a little window. Inside were seven little beds. She didn't think anyone was home so she went inside. Suddenly she felt really tired so she fell down onto the bed and fell asleep.

A couple of hours later, seven little biscuits came home. Ginger White woke up in surprise. The seven biscuits introduced themselves. Their names were Grumpy, Clumpy, Rumbly, Stumbly, Tumbly, Bumbly and Madi. Madi said, "Why are you here?"

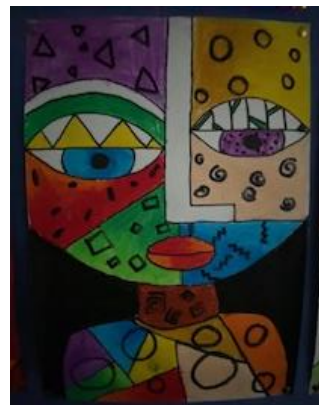
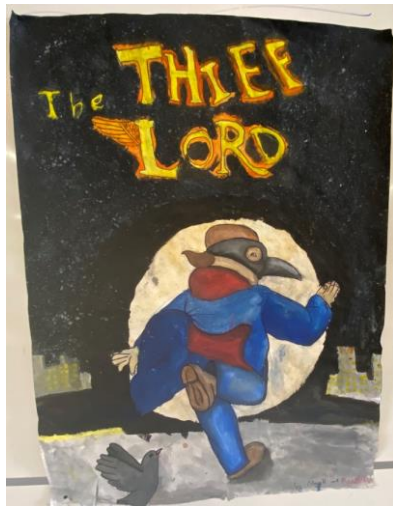
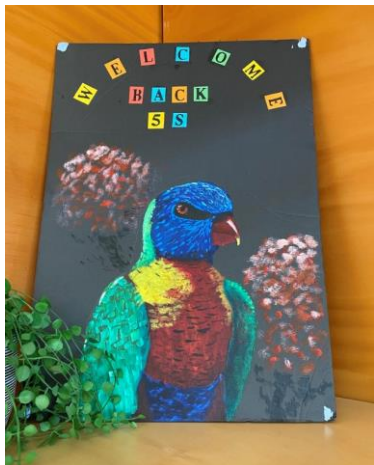
"Because the Veg Queen wants to kill me. Can I stay?" asked Ginger White.

"Of course!" yelled the biscuits.

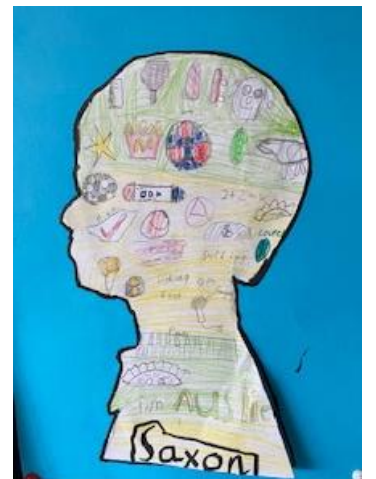
One day when the biscuits were out the Queen transformed into an ugly grandma. She had a plan to kill Ginger. It was to give her a poisonous cookie AKA playdoh. She went into the forest and found the house and said, "Cookies for sale!". Ginger White ran over and took a bite. When she bit into it she fell down onto the ground.

The forest animals told the biscuits what had happened. They raced home and put Ginger White into a candy coffin. Later, a chocolate handsome Prince came and saw Ginger White. He kissed her on the lips. Ginger White awoke and kissed him back and they lived happily ever after. Please don't ask what happened to Veg Queen!

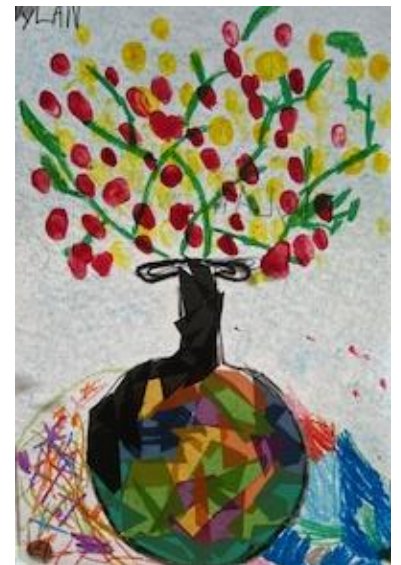
Stage 3 – Years 5 and 6



Stage 2 – Years 3 and 4



Stage 1 – Years 1 and 2



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