

# JUNCYARD JOURNAL

**COVID-19 HAS BEEN CHANGING MANY THINGS IN OUR LIVES. HAS IT BEEN CHANGING OUR SCHOOL?**



**Photo by Mrs Emmington**

## Athletics Carnival

BY ZOE C AND ROXANNA B

Even though Coronavirus is around, The Junction Public School coped with the Athletics Carnival very well. This year, we weren't split into houses, but into year groups from Year 2 to Year 6. All events ran as usual in the following order:

- 1500m races
- 200m races (Long jump Juniors to Seniors)
- 100m races (Shot put Juniors to Seniors)
- 800m races
- Relay races (4 from each house for Seniors and Juniors)

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**MEET THE TEAM!!! Photo taken by Miss Chaffey**

## Covid-19. How are we coping?

**BY LALITA F, FELIX D,  
JESSICA G AND CARMEN M**

During Covid-19 we had to go into online learning and a lot of people were affected by having to stay home all the time and not being able to play sports or visit their friends.

With Australia getting better, there has been some progress with restrictions. We have interviewed some students from Year Six and Kindergarten as well as some teachers and interns to see how Covid-19 has affected their lives in school.

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AND SOLVE SOME NEW  
BEFUDDLING  
BRAINTEASERS...**

# Creative Arts

## Choir

by: Lilli W

Choir is an activity in the Junction Public for all students Years 3 to 6 to join. Choir is led by Mrs McLeod and has two captains of each stage. Stage 3 Captain is Ella W and Vice Captain is Nicola DG. Stage 2 Junior Captains are Sarah B and Milla V.

Choir is on at 8am Wednesdays (Stage 3) and Tuesdays (Stage 2). The choir usually visits Saint Augustine's to perform but this year due to Covid have been unable to visit. Choir sessions have also been cancelled but will resume in when restrictions are lifted.

### Interview with Nicola:

#### What is the thing you love most about choir?

*Choir is very fun but the songs are my favourite and the fact that the Junior choir and Senior choir come together and sing together in some of the songs.*

#### Are the remaining spots so that if anyone wanted to join the choir they can?

*Yes there are some.*

#### Which is your favourite song that you sing at choir?

*Cockles and Mussels*

Anyone who feels inspired to join the choir there are a few free spots to be filled.

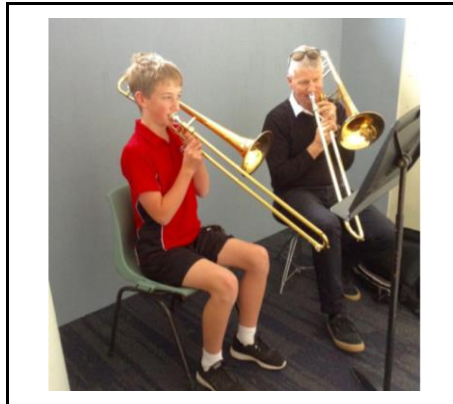


Photo by Sophie M

## Band

By: Saoirse Vickers and Sophie Mooney

Because of COVID-19 regulations, as of August 10th wind instruments are not allowed to be played in groups meaning that our group band lessons have been cancelled until further notice. Here's what some of our band members have to say about it:

### Primary band captain, Elkie B **What do you think about Band being cancelled?**

I feel sad and I would like for the band to be back on soon because I miss practicing as a band.

### Concert band captain, Sarah B **What do you think about the band being cancelled?**

I think that it is very disappointing and I hope it gets put back on next term or after COVID-19.

### Premier band player, Maya H **What do you think about the band being cancelled?**

It's easy because I don't have to bring my saxophone to school but it is sad because I don't get to practice with the band.

### Premier Band Captain, Campbell **What do you think about the band being cancelled?**

It is unfortunate as now I can't do band practice but the busking is pretty good, so I like it but I don't like it at the same time.

### Mrs Tonkin (Band coordinator) **What do you think about the band being cancelled?**

I'm quite disappointed about the bands being cancelled but it's also good because busking is a platform for people to perform. A good thing that has come out of this is the sleep-ins. I'm also hoping that band will be back next term.

Good job to all our instrumentalists and don't give up.

To find out more about our brilliant band program, please follow this link or visit our school webpage.

<http://tiny.cc/8dmxsxsz>

# Debating

## Debate 1

By: Rowan L and Felix D

The first debate for the Junction was against Islington Public. There were some technical difficulties but ended in a win for our school. Rowan. L and Felix. D interviewed the members of that team for an insight of how they felt about the debate.

1. *Did you enjoy the debate?*
2. *Did it give you more or less confidence having the debate over zoom/Mrs.Booth, what was your favorite moment of the debate?*
3. *I'm aware that you had some technical issues, does that worry you for future debates?*
4. *Do you prefer face to face or zoom debates?*
5. *Did you think Islington performed well?*

### Luka. K 1st speaker -

- 1) The debate was good apart from the technical difficulties.
- 2) I have much more confidence over Zoom because you didn't have the pressure of the adjudicator looking at you and your whole year watching you.
- 3) No, it was the first time and we learnt from the issue.
- 4) I wasn't in the debating team last year but I feel like it would be cool going to other schools and versing them. So I would prefer face to face.

General comment: I was a bit disappointed with the technology but I think we performed well and I'm very proud of our team.

### Ruby. E 3rd speaker -

1. I really enjoyed our debate and I found the topic very interesting.
2. I think it gave me more confidence because now I know how to debate in

all sorts of weird situations.

3. The issues we had don't really worry me because they were resolved quite well for future debates.

4. I definitely prefer face-to-face because they're so much easier to listen and rebut to.

5. I didn't really do much prep because I'm a third speaker. I mostly just helped people, but as a team I think we performed well.

### Sam. R 4th speaker -

1. Honestly I still enjoyed it although it was pretty annoying.
2. I didn't speak online or in real life so I think it was the same.
3. I am a little worried how it would go later on although considering the second debate went very smoothly I'm not too worried.
4. I prefer face to face because it feels more satisfying when you rebut them.
5. I think our team performed better than I thought they would. There was no problem and we all helped each other out.

### Miss Booth, teacher -

1. Yes I thoroughly enjoyed it after I had recovered from the technical problems.
2. My favourite moment of the debate was when listening to our rebuttals from our 3rd speaker. Our first debate was a learning curve and taught us what to do for the future.
4. I much prefer face debates because the overall experience is more personal.
5. I think Islington performed to the best of their ability and that the rebuttals from the third speaker were very good. The Junction Public School won this very competitive debate.

## Debate 2

By: Ruby. E and Sam. R

Last Tuesday, our school proudly got behind one of our excellent debating teams as they went against the Islington Public Pigeons. We are inordinately honoured to announce we won, though both teams showed tremendous determination in this inspiring debate. The topic was 'School should work from home one day a week'. Though they were great opponents, Islington Public, as put by 4th speaker Ella. W, were "bad sports and were extremely rude to my team when we were speaking". Speaking of Islington, the adjudicator Anthony Davies (head of the NSW Premier's Debating Challenge) said in his post-debate remarks that they could talk more about their arguments and what is good or bad about certain things they talked about instead of just listing them off. The Islington Public Pigeons' arguments included: Being able to work in more comfortable clothing, stress relief and parental help, while The Junction Public Uno Reversers' arguments incorporated: detriment to social life, the fact that it would make students fall behind on their education and the enormous factor that money plays. Anthony Davies also said Lalita. F (1st speaker of the Uno Reversers) had 'the best argument of the debate'. Although they all thoroughly enjoyed the debate, it was unanimously decided that normal debates far outstrip online debates. These unusual circumstances call for unusual debates and we are proud to get behind one of our outstanding debating teams and watch them win this incredible competition.



# Environmental Warriors

## Soft Plastic Interview

By: Sofia.G and Carmen.M

Some Juncyard journalists recently interviewed one of our newest teachers, Mrs Best, about the Environmental Warriors soft plastic presentation to find out what she enjoyed about it, and how the Environmental Warriors can be even better in the future.

*What made you like the Environmental warriors' soft plastic presentation?*

What I liked about the soft plastic presentation was that it was suitable and interesting for all ages and had age appropriate language. There were lots of ideas for the students to join in and help around the school. I have noticed that teachers and students have changed their lunch plastic to using beeswax wraps and containers, and began using calico bags instead of plastic ones.

*Why is it important to reduce the amount of soft plastic in our school?*

I think it's important that the world has less plastic and every piece matters so helping reduce the amount of plastic in the school will help. So if each of us does a little thing like uses a little less plastic it will add up to a big thing.

*Did you notice a difference in the amount of soft plastic in our school?*

I have noticed that more kids have started using reusable items for their food and I have seen less soft plastics around the school as well.

*Do you think the presentation was helpful for the students to understand what a soft plastic is?*

Yes, the Years Twos had many questions that the Environmental Warriors were able to answer, explain and give examples to the students, they also used Year 2 language to make it easier for them to understand.

*Is there anything we could improve on in the future presentations or how we present them?*

Have weekly presentation reminders to help everyone remember and try putting reminders on School Bag, Class Dojo and other school platforms. Add posters around the school and have reminders at assemblies. We could do a competition or challenge about what students are doing at home to help the environment and take a picture to put in the newsletter.



Photo by Mrs Emmington

## Environmental Warriors Trash Clean Order

By: Ella.W, Kimmika.G and Sophie.T

One day the Environmental Warriors all came together for one reason and one reason only... to help save the environment! This term the Environmental Warriors have been working hard to lower the amount of rubbish we bring in each day.

We interviewed some of these students on their experiences in the Environmental Warriors.

*Why did you choose to join the Environmental warriors in the first place?*

"I like helping to save our school's environment and making an impact on the environment at our school. Saving the environment is something I like to do."

-Sophie M

"I enjoy helping the environment at our school as it is extremely important. We are doing this for a reason and that is to help our school environment wise. I believe that what we are doing is necessary."

-Rosie B

"It is one of my strong passions to save the environment. Me and this team love helping the environment as much as they possibly can. I also love helping the school as much as possible"

-Zaali L

"I agree with Zaali and love helping the environment and school as much as I possibly can and will."

-Phoebe.U

*Why do you think the rubbish audit is necessary and important?*

Everybody-

"So the Environmental warriors can keep track of how much rubbish is coming in and out of the school each day. They do this mostly so they know how much there is now and later see how much it has decreased or increased."

# What's Happening Around our School?

## Terri-Lee

By: Ruby E

For the past term we have been learning some traditional Awabakal language from Terri-Lee. Unfortunately she has now moved on to another job, but has left our school students with the ability to use and respond to some basic Awabakal words. Her brilliant teaching inspired many students to excitedly join in in learning this important new skill. Teri-Lee went around teaching K-6 about many different phrases in Awabakal, including Dhakikuwa (eating-time) and, the most important, Koowiyungkoowa (hometime)! She also held lunchtime classes of basket weaving. Sadly, she has had to leave, but the memory of her incredible teaching will forever live on in our lucky school.

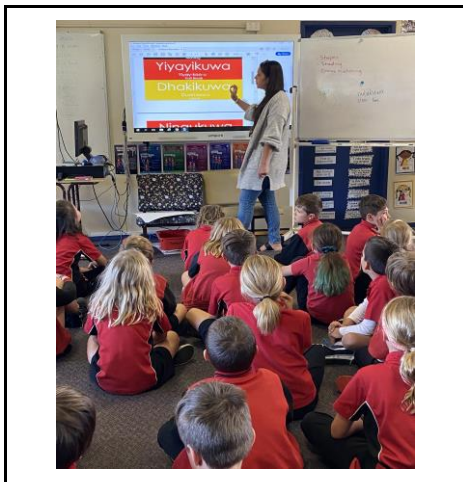


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## Library

By: Jarvis.S And Hamish.B

As you may know the library has experienced quite a few changes recently, as Mrs Land has now retired and Miss Willoughby has taken over as librarian. Miss Willoughby has quite a few ideas on how to change the library for the better, starting off with changing the layout to make it more accessible. Students who are actively using the library were interviewed about what they think about it and they all had an amazing view about the changes that are happening. Miss Willoughby is also updating all the series overtime to make the library more of a surprise, and is planning on adding a lot more colour to the library by unique artworks created by students in all grades. Hopefully, depending on funding, she can also get more netbooks to replace the

computers so the students can have a lot more space to do different activities.

Book Week is coming up Week 2 next term. Although there are a few changes, students will still be able to come dressed as their favourite book characters.

Sami Bayly the author of 'The Illustrated Encyclopaedia of 'Ugly' Animals' will be coming in on Monday and Tuesday of Book Week to do a workshop with K-6 students. There is also a fundraiser happening where students can bring 50 cents to guess how long it will take a massive ice cube to melt as the Book Week theme this year is Winter Wonderland.

The library has a wide variety of lunchtime programs for students to enjoy. There is a book club every Tuesday in which they talk about what they have read. The book they are currently reading is The Secret Garden, a novel by Frances Hodgson Burnett, and the students in the book club are all enjoying the book thoroughly. They are very thankful for the book club having been started.

'Book Week is coming up week 2 next term!' Time to start getting your costumes together!

# Coping with Covid

## Coping with Covid-19

By: Lalita.F, Felix.D, Carmen.M and Jessica.G

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### How did you find the transition back to school?

Daisy - It was very weird because there were only two people allowed per desk and since my parents were essential workers I had to do online work at school.

Tomas - Well I guess it was a bit annoying because we had to catch up on a lot of stuff and the fact that we had to go to school because school isn't that fun.

Freddie - Really good because I could go to the computer lab.

Lucas - Good because I got to play with all my friends.

Amirah - Good because then we got to go to the library.

Will - I found it really hard because I live in Fern Bay and I have to drive really far.

Ruby - I liked coming back to school because I hated online school because my internet was slow and I had to use my dad's old laptop which was dying.

Rowan - Oh fine, I don't know, normal.

### How did you feel about all the excursions/sports/events being cancelled?

Daisy- Really mad and annoying and it's sad because the Year Six Canberra excursion might be



Photo by Ruby E

cancelled.

Tomas- Sad because I was looking forward to Canberra.

Freddie- Sad because I've never done them before.

Lucas- Good, because I don't care. But it wasn't good that we couldn't play sports for a while.

Amirah- Yeah it was upsetting because we missed out.

Will- I felt devastated because I really wanted to play on the basketball team.

Ruby- I didn't like them being cancelled because we missed out on a lot of end of year activities like Year Six Canberra and formal.

Rowan- I haven't thought about it

### If you could change one thing about this year, what would it be?

Daisy- I wish that things weren't cancelled and that we didn't go into lockdown.

Tomas- That because of Corona we missed some of the events for example rugby tournaments and whatever have been cancelled and that people are dying.

Freddie- I wish I could go to Oakvale farm.

Lucas- Not getting to learn new stuff.

Amirah- Learning more new sounds.

Will- No coronavirus because I miss out on a lot of school opportunities.

Ruby- I would change that all the events were not cancelled.

Rowan- That there was no coronavirus because you get a bit lonely in lockdown.

Thank you to all our interviewees:

Daisy 6B	Amirah KS
Tomas 6B	Will 6B
Freddie KC	Ruby 6B
Lucas KK	Rowan 6B



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We hope all students are coping with Covid-19 well 😊



# Sport

## Touch Footy Competition

By: Sam R and Noah C

Recently, Mr Rinkin and the sport captains have been organising and running a touch football competition for students in Year Five and Year Six. The people working on the competition have created a table and a draw so all teams get to play twice because the competition is a two-legged competition (a team has two matches to play teams then you add the scores of both matches together to get the final score). The sport captains also refereed all of the touch footy games. The teams have been sorted into teams of five to minimize organisation although sometimes there are 6v6 matches. There were also two teams of male and female teachers, who have both won a game. While the teachers' teams played, some of the Kindergarten students cheered them on.



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The female teachers' team is made up of Mrs Cooper, Ms Shaw, Mrs Wilson, Miss Booth and Miss Spring.

During the matches played, the highest scores have been 3-0 while most ones end up being 1-0. Luckily, if a lot of students are away on a team sometimes another student will fill in for a match. The male teachers team consists of Mr Radnidge, Mr Savage, Mr Sparksman, Mr Liles and Mr Bourke, who also won their game 3-0. All teams have been performing incredibly well and made some amazing tries and there were some very close matches. Speaking of tries, the majority of them have been scored by kicking the ball then running down with it for a try. In other games Joe Banks was playing in his wheelchair and scored a try!

Well done to all the teams!

## Athletics Carnival

By: Zoe C and Roxanna B

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Everyone had a great day representing their house and having a shot in every race possible. Coronavirus restrictions were in place, but that didn't stop everyone from having another fun, successful Junction Public School Athletics Carnival.



Photos by Mrs Emmington



# Puzzles

## Riddles

From website Brainzilla.com

A monkey, squirrel and a bird are racing to the top of a coconut tree. Who will get the banana first, the monkey, the squirrel or the bird?

I can be flipped and broken but never moved. I can be closed and opened. I am sealed by my hands. What am I?

I am the beginning of everything, the end of space and time, the beginning of every end and the end of every place. What am I?

What runs but never walks, has a mouth but never talks, has a head but never weeps, has a bed but never sleeps?

Your parents come over for a surprise breakfast while you are sleeping. You get pancakes toast, maple syrup and jam. What do you open first?

Four golfers named Mr. Black, Mr. White, Mr. Brown and Mr. Blue were competing in a tournament. The caddy didn't know their names, so he asked them. One of them, Mr. Brown, told a lie. The 1st golfer said "The 2nd Golfer is Mr. Black." The 2nd golfer said "I am not Mr. Blue!" The 3rd golfer said "Mr. White? That's the 4th golfer." And the 4th golfer remained silent. Which one of the golfers is Mr. Blue?



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## Who is Lying?

By Ruby E

Bob, Georgie and Fred are going for a walk through a lush meadow. Georgie has to sit down for a minute as he is holding a 3L bottle of water and 6 cookies. They start having a conversation...

Bob says "Fred likes ice cream but only double chocolate."

Fred says "Georgie is allergic to some unknown plant species."

Georgie says "Fred is allergic to gluten and caffeine, though can eat them in small amounts."

## Who Is Lying???

See answers on next page!

## River Crossing Riddle

By Ted-ED on Youtube.com

A fire breaks out in a jungle. 3 lions and 3 wildebeests start running but then they hit a crocodile infested lake.

They only have one raft and either one wildebeest or one lion can cross or two animals can cross together. One animal however will need to bring the raft back.

Also if the lions out-number the wildebeests on either side then their predatory instincts kick in, causing them to eat the wildebeests.

What is the smallest amount of crossings that the animals can take to get over and survive?

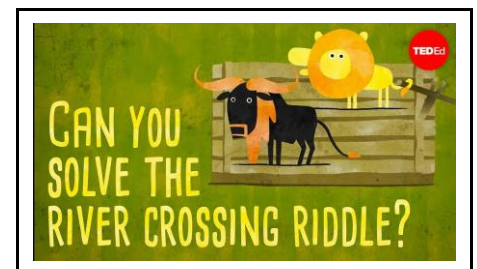


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# Puzzles Answers

## Riddles Answers

1. None of them, it's a coconut tree not a banana tree!
2. A deal!
3. The Letter "E"
4. A river!
5. Your eyes so you can actually see them ;)
6. The Third Golfer!

**Hope You Got Them Right!**

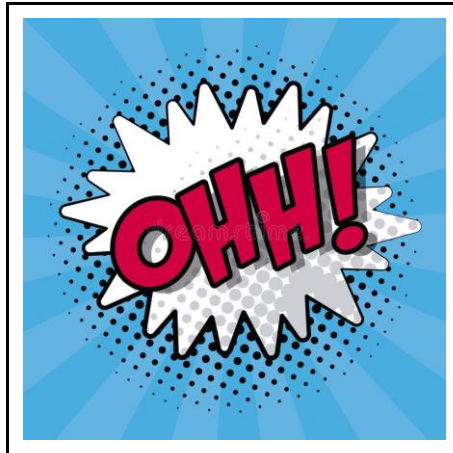


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## Who's Lying Answer

**Fred!**

If Georgie doesn't know what he's allergic to, why was he outside with no medication???

**Did You Get It?**

## River Crossing Riddle Answer

By Ted-ED On Youtube.com

### Steps On How To Get The Answer

1. 1 of each animal go across.
2. The Lion stays and the wildebeest goes back.
3. Only the 2 remaining lions go over.
4. One of the lions returns.
5. 2 wildebeest cross over leaving one of each animal.
6. One wildebeest and one lion go back.
7. 2 wildebeests go over, having all wildebeests on the correct side with safety in numbers.
8. Then crossing 8,9,10 and 11 will just be one lion getting his fellow lions. **So the answer is 11.**

# Even More Puzzles!!!

**Brainy Brainsnack**  
From [binarypuzzle.com](http://binarypuzzle.com)

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**Find A Words**  
From [thewordsearch.com](http://thewordsearch.com)

## Types of Dog

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C	N	F	G	G	O	M	E	H	D	O	L	R	O	TERRIER
R	S	R	A	L	R	H	L	I	A	G	H	E	T	COLLIE
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## Harry Potter

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