

# The Junction News

Newsletter of The Junction Public School



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Term 4 – Week 10

Thursday 9 December 2021

## CALENDAR - TERM 4 – 2021

### Week 10

### Event

Monday, Dec 13	School Presentation Day (this will be live streamed)
Tuesday, Dec 14	Year 6 Clap-out : 2.45pm Year 6 Farewell Dinner : 6pm
Tuesday, Dec 14	Party Day - Early Stage 1 & Stage 1 (Out of Uniform) Further information on Class dojo
Wednesday, Dec 15	Party Day – Stage 2 & Year 5 (Out of Uniform) – Further information on Class platforms
Thursday, Dec 16	LAST DAY FOR STUDENTS
Friday, Dec 17	Staff Development Day

## CALENDAR - TERM 1 – 2022

### Week 1

### Event

Friday, Jan 28	STAFF ONLY – Staff Development Day
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### Week 2

### Event

Monday, Jan 31	STAFF ONLY – Staff Development Day
Tuesday, Feb 1	YEAR 1 – 6 STUDENTS RETURN
Tuesday to Friday	Best Start Assessment Kinder 2022 (time slots to be allocated)
Wednesday, Feb 2	2022 – (Years 3-6 classes) Swimming Carnival, The Forum,
Thursday, Feb 3	All Year 3 – 2022 Classes – Intensive Swimming

Friday, Feb 4	All Year 3 – 2022 Classes – Intensive Swimming
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### Week 3

### Event

Monday, Feb 7	Year 5 (2022) GABC
Tuesday, Feb 8	Year 5 (2022) GABC
Wednesday, Feb 9	Year 5 (2022) GABC
Thursday, Feb 10	All Year 3 – 2022 Classes – Intensive Swimming
Friday, Feb 11	All Year 3 – 2022 Classes – Intensive Swimming

### Week 4

### Event

Thursday, Feb 17	All Year 3 – 2022 Classes – Intensive Swimming
Friday, Feb 18	All Year 3 – 2022 Classes – Intensive Swimming

### Week 5

### Event

Wednesday, Feb 23	Zone Swimming Carnival-Lambton
Thursday, Feb 24	All Year 3 – 2022 Classes – Intensive Swimming
Friday, Feb 25	All Year 3 – 2022 Classes – Intensive Swimming

### Week 6

### Event

Thursday, March 3	All Year 3 – 2022 Classes – Intensive Swimming
Friday, March 4	All Year 3 – 2022 Classes – Intensive Swimming

**IF YOU KNOW YOUR CHILD WILL BE MOVING SCHOOLS NEXT YEAR, PLEASE ADVISE THE SCHOOL OFFICE AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.**

### Dear Families

This newsletter contains an updated calendar for the end of term events next week, as well as some key Term 1 dates in 2022. Please also look to the communication coming from your class teacher's Class Dojo/Seesaw platforms.

### Presentation Day on Monday 13<sup>th</sup> December (9am-11am) - LIVESTREAMED

The link for our major Presentation Day Assemblies will come to you via our Skoolbag app tomorrow as well as shared through Class Dojo/Seesaw by our teachers. The attached program gives an outline of expected times for each assembly. We thank our parents for respecting that the school is still operating under NSW Health Department Level 3 restrictions which includes parents not being able to come on site for presentation assemblies this year.

We will be presenting our major and stage awards at these assemblies. Each child will receive a class award which will be given out by teachers in their classroom. These class awards will not be livestreamed. Photos of these awards will be shared via the class platforms.

### 2021 End of Year Reports

School reports will go out on Friday 9/12/21. Due to the impact of COVID-19 and the varying circumstances of students learning at home or at school, online and/or offline during this time, teachers will not be assigning A-E grades or assigning a grade for effort. All teachers have assessed individual student learning in literacy and numeracy and provided written comments for English and Mathematics. An overall General Comment is provided for other learning students have completed and to report on attitudes to learning.

### Student Reflections

Students have also had the opportunity to reflect on their learning at both home and at school during this unique period. This reflection is captured on the front page of the report.

### School Attendance

School attendance is also recorded on end of year reports inclusive of flexible learning at home. The attendance record for your child is for the full 2021 school year and includes both full days and partial days absenteeism. For optimum learning, attendance levels above 90% are the recommendation from the Department of Education.

### Our Big Events of Term 4

Our staff have worked tirelessly behind the scenes this year to source, manage, organise and reorganise around COVID restrictions in order to continue to offer quality curricular and extracurricular learning opportunities for our students.

Of note this term:

- We welcomed our Kindergarten of 2022 to our school at the start of the term and our current Year 5's are longing for the start of the new school year so that they can take up their very important roles of Year 6 buddies!

- Our garden, named so aptly by Addison C in Year 3, *A Garden for Everyone*, has grown and flourished, cared for by keen gardeners especially in kindergarten.

- Our Environmental Team is developing the 2022 learning programs which will keep alive the sustainable practices introduced as part of the Sustainable Schools grant of which the garden was such a great part. It has taken some time to be given permission to use the translated Awabakal name for our garden, but we can officially share and use the name,

***Wiki Yantiin Koba***

**(A Garden for Everyone)**

Thank you to Liam Begnell of the Muloobinbah local AECG and Dr Raymond Kelly of the Wollotuka Institute at Newcastle University for the translation and permission to use.

- We have also celebrated our band members in a different way - hopefully you will get the link very soon - it should be a nice surprise.

- We have celebrated our new student leaders for 2022 and our new house leaders are about to be announced. As we did for our 2021 student leaders, we will hold a special badge ceremony in Term 1 for our 2022 student leaders.

- External Validation was a huge success in early November - thank you to our Executive team for submitting an outstanding evidence-based report - a panel of external principal peers agreed with our summation that our school is Sustaining and Growing in many facets of school life and Excelling in quite a few.

- Remembrance Day was observed by the whole school with classes attending assembly via Zoom. Our Year 6 leaders who ran the assembly then walked to the Cenotaph on Glebe Road to lay a wreath of remembrance. These are moments where students learn of the historically significant events and the importance of remembrance for our nation.

- Our Stage 3 debaters were regional runners-up debating online against other schools and winning every round until the last. They were well matched against Terrigal PS who ultimately won the final debate.

- Our Public Speakers were equally impressive with Aleesha F in Year 6 progressing to the NSW regional finals of the Multicultural Public Speaking competition.

- In recent weeks we have celebrated Josh B in Year 4 topping the region in the Newcastle Permanent Maths Competition and Samuel B - also in Year 4, topping the school in the Australian Mathematics.
- Our Math Olympian Teams in Years 4, 5 and 6 are also being recognised for a great 2021 Maths Olympiad -

**Maths Olympiad 2021:** Congratulations to all our students who competed in The 2021 Maths Olympiad and Maths Games competitions this year. More than 70,000 students participated in the competitions across Australia. This competition challenges students to develop different thinking techniques in order to complete difficult and sometimes obscure Mathematics problems. All our students have done such a great job and should be highly commended for their efforts.

A huge congratulations to Amelie D who achieved our school's highest score, with 1 point off a perfect score. She received a score in the Top 2% of students. Congratulations to Aleesha F, Jacob M, Radhika C, Angus S and Bob B who received a score in the Top 10%.

Congratulations to Dominic G, Ben M, Felicity W, Zadie A, Audrey La F, Max M, Timmy P, Shreyansh S, Josha B, Sam B, Tom B, Chelsea M who achieved a score in the Top 20%.

Our Stage 3 team received a High Achievement plaque for achieving a combined score of our top 10 students within the Top 15%. The plaque will be displayed in the office.

Congratulations to all our students who participated in this year's competition:

**In Stage 2 - Maths Games Students**

Josh B, Sam B, Annika G, Francesca R, Tom B, Zoe L, Ethan G, Oliver D, Charlie B, Leita L, Chelsea M, Bob B, Abigail C, Maya C, Elliana H, Charlie I and Ayden T.

**In - Stage 3 Maths Olympiad Students**

Zadie A, Zaac C, Audrey La F, Angus S, Max M, Amelie D, Felicity W, Aleesha F, Tom L, Ben M, Jacob M, Jake B, Nick B, Radhika C, Maya H, Timmy P, Dominic G, Shreyansh S, Hannah L, Ash A, Lucas Co, Lexi A, Sam N, Anjali R and Lucas M.

Merry Christmas and all the very best to all our families.  
Have a happy and safe New Year.

**The Junction Public School Staff**

**YEAR 6 DAY OUT YESTERDAY TO IRUKANDJI SHARK AND RAY CENTRE AND MOONSHADOW DOLPHIN CRUISE AT NELSON BAY**



## 2022 – BACK TO SCHOOL

If you are aware that your child/children will be absent on the first day back next year (Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> February) can you please advise the school office via Skoolbag, email or phone the school office – staff will be back on Friday 28<sup>th</sup> January.

## SWIMMING PROGRAM – Year 3 (2022)

**A Yellow Swimming note was handed out yesterday to all Year 2 students**

The swimming program will operate on a Thursday and Friday from **Week 2 (first week back for students) up to Week 6.**

As many families have money in credit due to the cancellation of activities this year, the notes have been individually marked with any credit in their account and the amount to be paid for this activity. The cost of this event is \$85.00 but we do ask you check with the office if you lose the original note which was handed out yesterday for the actual amount owing on your account.

## SCHOOL SWIMMING CARNIVAL

**Years 3-6 – (2022) - COST \$13**

**Day 2 of the school year : Wednesday Feb 2**

All students in the above years must attend the Swimming Carnival at The Forum Pool at The University.

All Year 3-6 teachers will be attending this sport event.

**PERMISSION NOTES ARE TO BE RETURNED BY THE LAST DAY OF SCHOOL FOR THIS YEAR (NEXT THURSDAY!)**

**WE CANNOT ACCEPT PERMISSION NOTES NEXT YEAR!**

## YEAR 6 BAND INSTRUMENTS

All of our Year 6 band members must return their cleaned instrument to Ms Tonkin in the Music room next Monday. Thank you

## PERFORMANCE VIDEOS, PHOTOS AND RECRUITMENT INFORMATION

There will be a series of performances, photos and Powerpoint presentations coming to you via various platforms on Wednesday of next week. Look out for some fabulous performances from our talented musicians! There will also be a Powerpoint presentation for prospective 2022 band members via Skoolbag.

**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!

## Books, Books, Books The end of year is Near!!

There is only 1 week of school left for this year! With that in mind, please start to look under your beds, in your closet and in every nook and cranny for our loved library books. If you have any books at your house, in your car or in your school bag, we would really appreciate you returning them ASAP!!!

Thanks,  
Ms. Renna



Joshua B



Samuel B



Amelie D

### Stage 2 Maths Olympiads



### Stage 3 Olympiads



### Olympiad Plaque





11th Nov laying of the Wreath



Debating finals in the Stage 3 rooms and on Zoom



Kindergarten learning in the garden



Our Garden – before and after the kindergarten touch!



## PRESENTATION DAY MONDAY 13 DECEMBER 2021

### WHOLE SCHOOL ASSEMBLY 9:00AM

Welcome & Acknowledgement of Country  
National Anthem  
Principal's Address  
Cultural Award  
Citizenship Award  
EC Merewether Award  
Values Award  
Initiative Award  
Sharon Claydon Community Spirit & Leadership Award  
Tim Crakanthorp Social Justice Award  
Betty Anderson School Service Award  
Amelia Hartley Literacy Award  
Bryce Jackel Literacy Award  
Premiers Sporting Medal  
Sports Shields  
Sports House Cup  
School Manners & Courtesy Award  
Dux  
Recognition of 2021 School Leaders  
Introduction of 2022 School Leaders

### STAGE 1 (Approx. 9.30AM)

Class Major Awards  
1A  
1G  
1/2C  
1/2L  
2A  
2Mc  
2S  
Stage 1 Creative & Performing Arts  
Stage 1 Values  
Stage 1 STEAM

### STAGE 2 (Approx. 10.00AM)

Class Major Awards  
3A  
3L  
3/4S  
4B  
4LC  
4/5S (Year 4)  
Junior Sports Person - Boy  
Junior Sports Person - Girl  
Stage 2 Creative & Performing Arts  
Stage 2 Values  
Stage 2 STEAM

### STAGE 3 (Approx. 10.30AM)

Class Major Awards  
4/5S (Year 5)  
5B  
5ST  
5/6R  
6L  
6M  
Senior Sports Person - Boy  
Senior Sports Person - Girl  
Stage 3 Creative & Performing Arts  
Stage 3 Values  
Stage 3 STEAM

### THANK YOU TO OUR SPONSORS:

Sharon Claydon MP  
Tim Crakanthorp MP  
EC Merewether Foundation  
The Lions Club of Newcastle  
Mark & Denise Duffield-Thomas  
Ms Yvonne Smith