

The Junction News

Newsletter of The Junction Public School



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Term 1 – Week 9

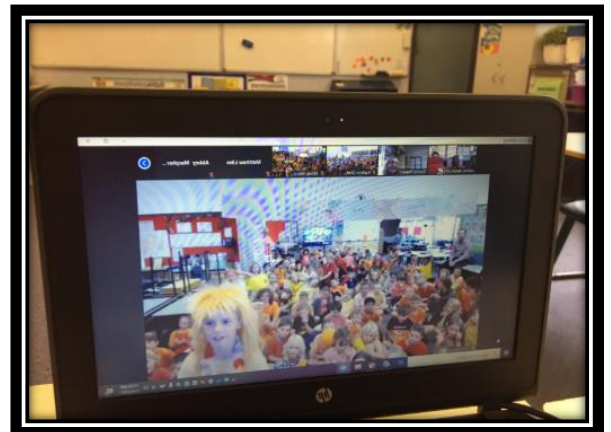
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LEADERSHIP REPORT

Harmony Week 15-21 March

Harmony Week is an important part of our PD/H/PE Teaching and Learning programs. Teaching children that 'Everyone belongs' enhances our school community's emphasis on the values we hold dear as a society; Empathy, Respect, Responsibility, Participation, Integrity and Quality. Our students learn that acceptance of and valuing diversity creates greater harmony than mere tolerance ever did. We celebrate the uniqueness of every Australian by listening to each other's stories because stories promote understanding, compassion and harmony.

Our learning experiences during Harmony Week included listening to the stories of students from Callaghan College, Waratah Campus who are recently arrived in Australia; Hussein from Syria, Ousmane from Malawi and Neema from Senegal. Our students were able to ask them questions about their lives here and abroad. We want to thank Mrs Emmington and Mrs Hakansson for making this exchange possible. We then gathered together to share learning and to sing together in harmony. We were a little bit rusty when it came to singing together and it was not lost on us all that it has been a whole 12 months since we last sang together as a school. We sang the National Anthem first, remembering that we are now "one and free." This change to the lyrics announced by our Prime Minister in January is one small but significant step towards reconciling our shared history with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people. We finished with '[Everyone Belongs](#)' – a song which celebrates diversity and encourages acceptance. Kindergarten really stepped up here unofficially leading the singing for the whole school. Well done Kindergarten and well done to all students on a wonderful week of learning and most importantly realising that every week is Harmony week!



Thank you to the students of 1/2C and Mrs Campey who designed and created the thank you cards on our school's behalf for Neema, Ousmane and Hussein.



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Education



Term 2 Day 1

The final day of school for the term is next Thursday 1st April. Students return to school on Tuesday 20th April.

The first day of Term 2 will involve professional learning for staff which includes work around the student learning progressions and PLAN2 recording software, as well as a work health safety session involving guidance about incident reporting.

We hope you enjoy some quality time with your children over the holidays.

The School Leadership Team

(K – YEAR 2) EASTER HAT PARADE

When: Wednesday 31st March

Who: Parents of all children in Kindergarten, Year 1 and Year 2 are welcome to attend.

Time: 9:30am – 10:30am

Where: On the blue basketball court out in the back playground.

- Easter hats are made at home and brought along on the day.
 - Children are allowed to come out of uniform but need to wear enclosed shoes and tops that cover their shoulders.
 - Don't forget your school hat, as you will still need it at playtime.
 - Parents, please check in using the QR code located on the office door or windows on arrival at school and be mindful of social distancing.
- If you are stuck for hat ideas, Google Easter Hat Ideas.
Angie Harris, AP Early Stage 1

Year 5 Sustainability Practices Excursion

Year 5 students in 5ST, 4/5S and 5B had their excursion to the fish farm cancelled last week due to the rain.

We have organised an alternate date:

WEDNESDAY 31st March

A new 'Purple note' was given out yesterday. Most students have paid for the excursion but we do require a new permission note to be signed for the new date. Thank you for your flexibility and patience, fingers crossed the rain eases soon!

Kind regards, Abbey MacPherson

CALENDAR - TERM 1 – 2021

Week 9	Event
March 22 - 26	Goal setting interviews continue student / Parent Teacher
Week 11	Event
Monday, March 29	P & C Easter Raffle tickets & money to be returned to school office
Wednesday, March 31	Year 5 Sustainability Excursion – rescheduled date due to weather cancellation
Wednesday, March 31	Kinder – Year 2 Easter Hat Parade (9.30am to 10.30am)
Wednesday, March 31	P & C Easter Raffle draw
Wednesday, March 31	Last day for Book Club orders
Thursday, April 1	LAST DAY OF TERM 1

CALENDAR - TERM 2 – 2021

Week 1	Event
Monday, April 19	Staff Development Day – STAFF ONLY
Tuesday, April 20	Students return
Wednesday, April 21	First session - Dancefever program – whole school
Friday, April 23	PSSA Zone Cross Country
Friday, April 23	School ANZAC Service

Week 2	Event
Wednesday, April 28	Dancefever program-whole school

CALENDAR - TERM 4 – 2021

Week 10	Event
Wednesday, December 8	Swimming Carnival – 2022
Thursday, December 9	Presentation Day

Cross Country Carnival

On Friday 12th March students aged 8-12 years participated in our school's cross country carnival. The event was held at Nesca Park where we were lucky to have some clear weather for the day. The students competed in 2km and 3km races around the park displaying fantastic endurance, persistence and sportsmanship. Congratulations to all of the participants on the day for a fantastic event and good luck to our zone representatives who will represent The Junction Public School in the first week of Term 2.



LIBRARY NEWS

Scholastic Book Club Order forms have been given out to all classes over the last few days. Our preference is for all orders to be done online by parents at: [scholastic.com.au/LOOP](https://www.scholastic.com.au/LOOP) OR download the LOOP app. Your order will be electronically linked to the rest of the school order. You do not need to complete the order form. Please complete all orders by next Wednesday 31st March. Please see what has been happening in our library on the back page of this newsletter.

Kate Renna, Teacher Librarian

RECENT NOTES HOME

New Purple Note for the Year 5 Sustainability excursion next week!

P & C Easter Raffle Ticket books – tickets & money to be returned on Monday 29th March

**Whole School – Every Wednesday in TERM 2
Dancefever Body & Mind Wellbeing Program –
Cost \$35**

PSSA Knockout- Cricket Report

On 10th March the school cricket team played their first game against Belair Public School at Hudson Park. We won the toss and decided to bat first. We made 164 runs from our 25 overs with Harrison and Ollie retiring on 40 not out. Next it was our turn to bowl. Our whole team bowled Belair out for 28 runs. Everyone did an outstanding job bowling and in the field. Special mention to our opening bowler Kye who achieved the remarkable achievement of a double hatrick (4 wickets in a row) and ended with figures of 5/0 off 3 overs. Well done to all players. Our next knockout game is against Hamilton South Public School.

By Felicity and Harrison



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!

Office Hours - 8.30AM TO 3.15PM

Money collection for excursions & events

All money will come straight to the office, this includes:- 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 must go to the office and admin staff will call for your child to come up to the office area. Please be aware of early departures in recess break (11am to 11.20am) and the lunch break (1pm to 1.50pm) as it can be quite difficult to locate your child in the playground.

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

Second Hand Uniform Donations

As we have only transitioned into the new 'everyday uniform', there have not been many donations of this uniform. The P&C and school have a shortage of storage areas for uniform donations. At this stage the only donations accepted are bomber jackets and red polo shirts and black shorts. We are unable to accept donations of white shirts or tunics.

Thank you, Ali (Uniform Shop Coordinator)

Don't forget you can email the Uniform Shop if you require second hand bomber jackets, shorts, tunics.

Email: tjpsuniformshop@gmail.com

ONLINE UNIFORM SHOP ORDERING!

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

PLEASE ASSIST FOR DELIVERY OF ORDERS BY PUTTING YOUR **CHILD'S NAME** not parent names please.

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 ENSURE YOU WRITE YOUR CHILD'S NAME ON ALL CLOTHING PLEASE? ESPECIALLY HATS AND JUMPERS. THANK YOU

LIBRARY NEWS...

TERM 1 NEWSLETTER

Hello parents and students of TJPS,

I have experienced such a wonderful and warm welcome from the staff and students and am very happy to be teaching library lessons in such a beautiful space. We have been very busy in the library this term, learning research and digital citizenship skills alongside book studies and covering many other topics of interest.

We have also been able to cease quarantining borrowed books and procedures in the library have returned to normal. Students have provided me with rich discussion and ideas for library clubs (Chess, Craft and Book to name a few) alongside other areas of pursuit. These will begin in Term 2.

The Premiers Reading Challenge has started. I will be outlining student access and how to navigate the site during lesson time in the last week of term. Students have access to the PRC site through their student portal and can retrieve book lists and other information that way.

Or for all information you can visit the student site:

<https://online.det.nsw.edu.au/prc/studentExperience.html#/>



2021 NSW PREMIER'S READING CHALLENGE

Discover books to read

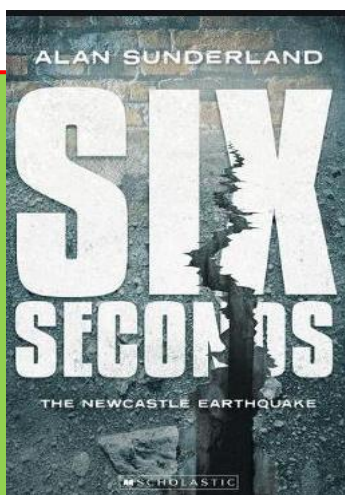
Pick a challenge level	K - Year 2	Year 3 - Year 4	Year 5 - Year 6	Year 7 - Year 9	
Choose Genre(s)	Action/Adventure	Comedy	Family/Relationships	Fantasy	Show More

Discover

Or just looking for a particular book ?

Search by Title, Author or PRC ID

Search



Last week I had the pleasure of meeting with Australian author and journalist, Alan Sunderland on the topic of his latest book, Six Seconds. The book focuses on Michael and his last year at The Junction Public School, culminating in the 1989 December Earthquake and its impact on the community, school and its students. It was a wonderful read and I have had feedback from students who agree. The book was released early March and Alan will be coming to our school in Early term 2 to share his writing experiences, research skills and more so to answer the student's questions.

Again, thanks to the students and staff who have made my first term at the Junction PS a wonderful introduction and welcome.

*Warm Regards,
Kate Renna*



I have had wonderful lively chats with many library attendees and helpers who visit the library in their lunchtimes. Stay tuned for some unique fundraising ideas coming your way, over the next term... Our aim is to raise funds for new technological devices, in order to create wonderful projects.



THE JUNCTION HOLIDAY PROGRAM

(bookings close 1st April)

APRIL 2021 - WEEK 1

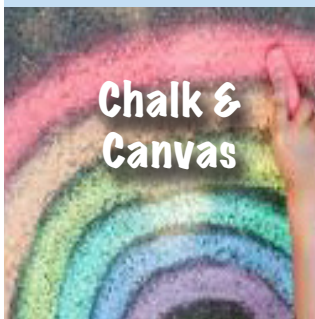
MONDAY
5 APR

PUBLIC HOLIDAY
EASTER MONDAY

TASK CLOSED

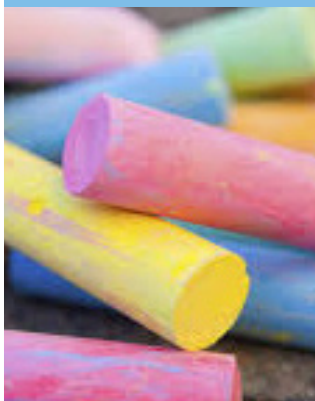


TUESDAY
6 APR



Chalk & Canvas

Paint your very own canvas and take it to the asphalt to create an urban chalk mural.



Fee - \$69

WEDNESDAY
7 APR

Wild World Of Sports



The awesome team from Motiv8 Sports will keep us active and engaged with a wide range of sports.

Fee - \$77

THURSDAY
8 APR

Newcastle Museum Excursion

Visit Newcastle Museum for the Questacon developed exhibition;

'Colour - See the world in a new light'



Fee - \$90

FRIDAY
9 APR

Wonka Factory

"What you Imagine, sometimes comes true" - well DEFINITELY, if you are imagining creating a chocolate masterpiece!



Fee - \$69



THE AFTER SCHOOL KLUB

Hours: Mon - Fri
7am - 6pm

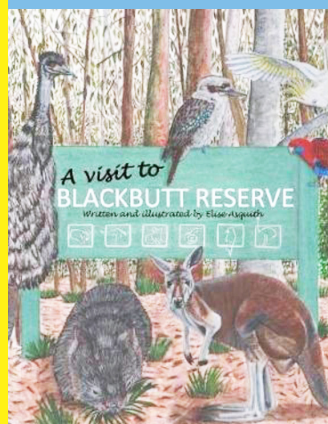
BOOKING:
task-kids.com.au
enrol@task-kids.com.au
1300 827 500

APRIL 2021 - WEEK 2

MONDAY
12 APR

Paws & Claws

Visiting our Paws & Claws friends on an excursion to Blackbutt Reserve.

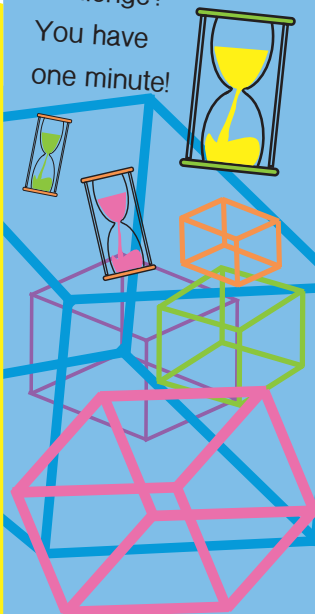


Fee - \$90

TUESDAY
13 APR

The Cube Challenge

Do you have what it takes to complete the challenge? You have one minute!



Fee - \$69

WEDNESDAY
14 APR

Hogwarts Express

"You're a Wizard Harry."

Spells, potions, sorting hats and wands - sounds a lot like Harry Potter Day!



Fee - \$77

THURSDAY
15 APR

Keep on Rolling

The wheels are still rolling. Bring along your bike, scooter, or skateboard for a TASK favourite - just don't forget your helmet!



Fee - \$69

FRIDAY
16 APR

Floor is STILL Lava

Oh no... not again!

Set up the obstacles, plot a course, and be the last one standing!



Fee - \$69

MONDAY
19 APR

Cinema Excursion

Let's go to the movies while the teachers are at school.



POPCORN & A DRINK

Fee - \$90

• Excursion Days: places limited • Movie title and rating to be confirmed • Afternoon tea provided • All HP subject to change dependent on Government advice / direction. • Each day please bring: recess, lunch and water bottle, hat, raincoat, socks, covered shoes and jumper - all labelled.

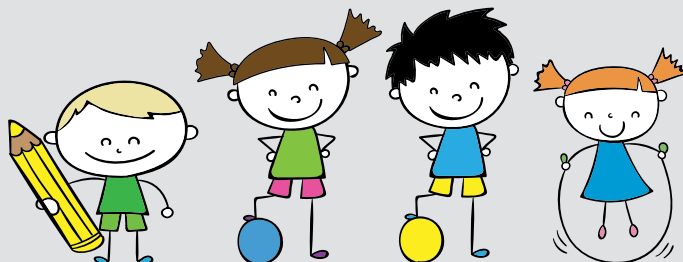


TASK
is hiring!

Love working with children?

We are looking for OSHC educators to work in our services in your area.

- Permanent-part-time positions in out of school hours care.
- Must be available minimum 2 afternoons a week (2-3 hr shifts).
- Must have current Working With Children Check.
- Fun and positive team environment.
- Email resume to admin@task-kids.com.au



task-kids.com.au

1300 827 500

THE—
AFTER
SCHOOL
KLUB—

Fun Languages



ENROLLING NOW FOR TERM 2 2021

**The FUN way to learn another language
for kids 5-12 yrs (games, songs, craft...)**

at The Junction Public School

FRENCH CLUB

Thursdays from 3.05pm to 4.05pm



- * Free trial**
- * Creative kids
voucher accepted**
- * Siblings discount**

Contact Audrey

audrey.nys@lcfclubs.com.au

or call 04 77 123 353

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