

The Junction News

Newsletter of The Junction Public School



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Term 2 – Week 4

Thursday 13 May 2021

LEADERSHIP REPORT

Hello to our community,

We enjoyed seeing some parents at our Monday morning assembly this week to celebrate our Band Leaders for 2021. If you are dropping your children off at 9.00am on a Monday, please feel free to stay for 10 minutes if you would like to watch our assembly.

We have had some enquiries about stage assemblies in 2021. Stage teams have not yet returned to the pre-covid model due to our prime learning time being so valuable. We are carefully evaluating how this will look in the future.

TJPS will hold a Grandparents' morning on Friday 20th August. Please put this tentative date in your diaries. There will be an opportunity to donate books to the school as a lead in to Book Week celebrations the following week. Obviously we would need to follow any directions from the government as far as lockdowns or outbreaks, but let's hope for the best! More information will follow when we have more details for the day.

We are looking forward to meeting our new Kinders for 2022. I know it's early but it helps our planning for communication and orientation. Please spread the word to neighbours to contact the school office.

School Leadership team

KINDER ENROLMENTS 2022

We are currently taking enrolments for Kindergarten in 2022. Families who reside within our 'Enrolment Zone' may apply for enrolment at any time. Our boundary map is on our school website. We have sent a Skoolbag notification out with an 'Expression of Intended Enrolment' form attached. This form enables the school to make contact with those enrolling students for Kinder next year.

CALENDAR - TERM 2 – 2021

| Week 4 | Event |
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| Monday, May 10 to Friday May 14 | NAPLAN – Years 3 & 5 NAPLAN – Years 3 & 5 |
| Week 5 | Event |
| Monday, May 17 to Friday May 21 | NAPLAN – Years 3 & 5 NAPLAN – Years 3 & 5 |
| Wednesday, May 19 | Dancefever program-whole school |
| Week 6 | Event |
| Wednesday, May 26 | Dancefever program-whole school |
| Week 7 | Event |
| Wednesday, June 2 | Dancefever program-whole school |
| Friday, June 4 | Musica Viva – Kinder to Year 6 here at TJPS |
| Week 8 | Event |
| Wednesday, June 9 | Dancefever program-whole school |
| Week 9 | Event |
| Monday, June 14 | Queen's Birthday PUBLIC HOLIDAY |
| Wednesday, June 16 | Dancefever program-whole school |
| Thursday, June 17 | Family Band night – 6.30pm |
| Friday, June 18 | Starstruck matinee performance |
| Saturday, June 19 | Starstruck evening performance |
| Week 10 | Event |
| Wednesday, June 23 | Dancefever program-whole school |

| Week 11 | Event |
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| Wednesday, June 30 | Dancefever program-whole school |

CALENDAR - TERM 3 – 2021

| Week 1 | Event |
|------------------|---------------------------|
| Monday, July 12 | STAFF ONLY RETURN |
| Tuesday, July 13 | Students return to school |

| Week 3 | Event |
|--------------------|----------------------------------|
| Monday, July 26 | K – Year 6 Mini Writing Festival |
| Tuesday, July 27 | K – Year 6 Mini Writing Festival |
| Wednesday, July 28 | K – Year 6 Mini Writing Festival |
| Thursday, July 29 | K – Year 6 Mini Writing Festival |
| Friday, July 30 | K – Year 6 Mini Writing Festival |

| Week 5 | Event |
|----------------------|-------------------------------|
| Monday, August 9 | Year 6 Canberra – 6am |
| Tuesday, August 10 | Year 6 Canberra |
| Wednesday, August 11 | Year 6 Canberra |
| Thursday, August 12 | Year 6 Canberra–return 6.30pm |

| Week 6 | Event |
|-------------------|--------------------------------------|
| Friday, August 20 | Grandparents' Day & Book Week Parade |

RECENT NOTES HOME

(KINDER TO YEAR 6 EVENTS)

'Pink Note' Writing Workshop

\$4 per student

'Yellow Note' Musica Viva

\$10 per student

(YEAR 6) CANBERRA NOTES
PLUS PAYMENT

HUNTER REGION GIRLS CRICKET

Last Friday 7th May, Evie and Felicity went to the Hunter Region girls cricket trials at the Rutherford Indoor Centre. There were around 30 girls there trialling. First we had a net session that went for about 2 hours. Everyone got a bat and bowl in that time. Then the selectors made a cut to about 15 girls and some people got another bat. Then the selectors told us the team and we were both successful in making it into the Hunter team. We will now go to Barooga in October to participate in the State Carnival.

By Evie and Felicity



STATE PSSA TENNIS

I recently represented the Hunter PSSA tennis team. The tournament was played at District Prk tennis club in Broadmeadow. It was the funniest tournament I have ever played in. I won four out of seven matches in total. In my last match I was down 3 games to 1 and managed to come back and win 6-4. At the end of the tournament my team and I had come 8th which was the Hunter Region's best finish in recent years. By Lucas M



COME AND TRY ATHLETICS DAY

On Tuesday 11th May, seven students proudly represented our school at a 'Come and Try Athletics Day' for students with a disability. These students wholeheartedly participated in all the events, including running races, shot-put, javelin, long jump and discus. It was wonderful to see their enthusiasm for the events as well as cheering and supporting each other throughout the day. Mrs Claire Edwards



STUDENT LEADERS GRIP EXCURSION

Last Monday, 21 of our student leaders went to the Civic Theatre for this year's GRIP Conference. It was a fun experience in which we learnt how to plan as well as some valuable leadership skills. We got to interact with other leaders from around the Hunter region. We had an activity booklet that we completed by talking with students from other schools to learn all about them and how they plan to improve their schools.

We played lots of engaging games in the 'Loud Noises' segment. Some of The Junction leaders were given the opportunity to go on stage and perform in front of the whole audience. We got to ask questions to the GRIP presenters about how to engage with our audience to help bring about positive change and learnt that the acronym GRIP stands for Generosity, Responsibility, Integrity and People.

We all came away from the experience knowing how to be a better leader and make a difference!

Report by: Ashley, Ryder and Isabella



SAFETY AROUND THE SCHOOL GROUNDS

We regularly remind students not to use the school car park gates to enter or leave the school grounds both mornings and afternoons. The car park gates are an 'out of bounds area' for ALL students. Could parents please support this rule by reminding children not to use car park gates to walk through.

We encourage all parents to be mindful of children's safety around the school and ask that students are supervised at all times outside of the school grounds around pick up and drop off times.

This unsafe practice of students using the staff carpark gates has been noticed for students who are arriving to school at 8am for either Band, Choir or sport training. Access to the school early of a morning is available at the pedestrian gates in Union Street near TASK or the school office.

MUSIC NEWS

Congratulations to our newly appointed band and ensemble captains and vice captains. Our conductors are excited to be working with such wonderful leaders.



Family Band Night - Thursday 17th June, 6:30-7:30pm
Lock this date in your calendar, we are looking forward to performing live for you once again!

Band Days are happening this term in preparation for Family Band Night. Please watch out for information on SkoolBag as your day draws closer.

Primary Band Day – Monday 24th May

Concert Band Day – Tuesday 1st June (note this is not your regular band day so you need to remember your instrument)

Premier Band Day – Thursday 10th June

Strings Day – Monday 31st May

Bandlink 2021

We have received notice that Bandlink may go ahead this year. However, I am conscious that it falls in the same term as the Year 6 Canberra excursion. Bandlink does incur a cost of around \$80 for the two days. At this stage I am just flagging the possibility that our Premier band (only) will be involved.

Check your SkoolBag app for recent notices about

- Year 2 Expression of Interest – Violin
- 2021 Musica Viva Permission Note

Angie Harris (King)/Band Coordinator

STAGE 3 HYDROPONICS DESIGN TASK

Throughout Week 2, Stage 3 students presented their hydroponic systems that they had designed and built over several weeks. We spent some time visiting each of the classrooms and saw everyone's different systems. People grew everything from lettuce to avocado! In the lead up, we had learnt about how, with the absence of soil, plants could still be grown sustainably. We learnt about how a hydroponics system works, and its benefits. We have all learnt so much and had lots of fun designing and making our systems.



ENVIRONMENT NEWS

Some of the Stage 3 Environmental Warriors together with our teachers have been reviewing our work so far and decided that as we come to the end of the grant period, our school now needs to capture all our new practices around Recycling, Reusing Reducing and Refusing into a TJPS Sustainable Schools Practice. Environmental Headquarters, (aka 4B – thanks Mr Bourke), is being set up, as we speak, and our focus will be on sustaining all the new practices introduced.

Last year a whole school rubbish audit was carried out by students to see just how much rubbish we generate. We are hoping that when we do our final audit at the end of this term, we have improved and have indeed reduced the amount of rubbish here at school. Our current Stage 3 Warriors carried out an audit of the staffroom rubbish together with Mrs Brown this week – so look out teachers! Students have been in deep discussion and will be delivering results to staff next week.



Reduce and Refuse Efforts

Remember every Wednesday is **Waste Free Wednesday** so be sure to pack lunches with no plastic wrappings. Our students want to trial 'No Bins Wednesday' soon – stay tuned!

Our Garden

Our garden is prepped and ready for planting. Our students are currently learning about bush food and bush medicine through our library program. We are very lucky to be supported by Mr Rodney Lake from Yumaloong who has already inspired our teachers with his amazing Aboriginal cultural knowledge and will be teaching our students in the coming weeks.

Our garden will be officially opened on the 21 June 2021 by Mr Lake. This will be the start of our school's 2021 NAIDOC Celebrations. As part of this opening, every class will be involved in planting a section of the garden. Students in Stage 3 will also be busy designing the best possible planting organisation. A huge thank you to Mr Lake for suggesting a wonderful array of native edible plants to be added to our garden. We can't wait to taste some of the yummy dishes which we will learn to prepare straight from our garden.



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71 Prospect Road
GARDEN SUBURB NSW 2289
Ph: (02) 4943 6877
Email: reba.skuthorpe@yarnteen.com.au

Our Garden Needs a Name - Competition

We will be launching a **Name our Garden** competition soon. Everyone can have a go, and the winning entry will receive one of our Flow Pollinator Houses donated by the Carrington family. The winning entry will be translated into the Awabakal language and placed on a plaque to welcome all into our school's revived kitchen garden.



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. 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.

**The school office can no longer accept
EFTPOS payments over the phone.**

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

The P&C and school have a shortage of storage areas for
uniform donations.

At this stage the only donations accepted are bomber
jackets, polo fleece jumpers, red polo shirts and black sport
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** on the order 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,
DRINK BOTTLES AND LUNCH BOXES
PLEASE! ESPECIALLY HATS AND
JUMPERS. THANK YOU**

COMMUNITY NEWS



Geri Rea (Composer and teacher with 30 years experience in early childhood, published with the AMEB and London Trinity College) will be running piano lessons for beginners during lunchtimes at our school. Lessons are 50 minutes per week for only \$26.85. Students learn to read music for classical and modern piano including chords, in a fun environment. See our website www.gerirea.com for further details about this fantastic opportunity or contact Geri on 0404905401 for a free trial lesson.

Newcastle Youth Orchestra in association
Julie Logan Music and Avondale Conservatorium presents

Noye's Fludde

by Benjamin Britten



15th May 7pm – Avondale College Church,
Freemans Drive, Cooranbong

<https://events.humanitix.com/noye-s-fludde-avondale>

29th May 7pm – The Factory Theatre
St Pius X High School, Park Avenue, Adamstown

<https://events.humanitix.com/noye-s-fludde>

