

The Junction News

Newsletter of The Junction Public School



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Term 2 – Week 10

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LEADERSHIP REPORT

Hello to our families,

We are near the end of term again but have enjoyed seeing a lot more of you visiting the school recently. We certainly live in interesting times. To those of you who have lived through any hardship or family events good or bad, we wish you a lovely two weeks with your children. They really do grow up so quickly.

Thank you to Miss Harris, Miss Tonkin and the music team for providing the opportunity to share our band students' progress last Thursday evening with their families. Please see the report further on in our news.

Mrs Emmington and I went to Starstruck last Friday and loved every minute of it - especially being seated quite close to where our team performed. Not only were they skilled, but they were so happy to be there. They all met new friends and looked after each other during the wait times. I noticed Joe and Toby had made new secondary school friends who watched out for them in the Finale. A huge thanks to our teaching team: Mrs Wilson, Miss Spring, Mrs Koitka and Mrs Rich for the donation of their time and care. We are so lucky to have them. I may mention that Mrs Rich also had a star turn in the show!

Monday saw the opening event of our NAIDOC Week celebrations with the planting of our new food garden. A huge thank you to Mr Lake, Mrs Emmington and the Environmental Education and Aboriginal Education teams for their preparation work; also to our parent volunteers and the Environmental Warriors. We had several kind donations as well. Please see how the garden has shaped up with a report and photos at the back of this newsletter.

On Monday 12th July, our staff will travel to Murrook Education Centre for cultural training. Our office staff will be onsite for any enquiries on this day.

On Tuesday 13th July our Executive Director, Tim McCallum, will be visiting the school to have a walk through and see our beautiful site. Please continue to have the students in full school uniform - **including**

correct socks, shoes and school jackets - as this is our expectation at all times.

OUR NEWEST INSTALLATION

NAIDOC learning continues throughout the week culminating in our NAIDOC Assembly and BBQ on Thursday 24th June 2021. This wonderful installation depicted below, celebrates the connections between all our students, their cultures, and backgrounds on the one big Junction family tree. It was designed and installed by Mrs Cooper, Tom and the students with support and input from Ms Renna, Mrs Lalic and both the Aboriginal and Environmental Education Teams. Every student from K-6 will provide a leaf that they have illustrated which represents them. These leaves will be added over the course of the week. This installation can be found facing the library entryway. Wonderful work everyone. Very proud of the learning at The Junction PS.



Have a safe winter holiday and we'll see the students back on Tuesday 13th July.

CALENDAR - TERM 2 – 2021

Week 10

Event

Wednesday, June 23	Movie Night ticket sales close TODAY – tickets purchase through Flexischools
Thursday, June 24	NAIDOC Ceremony, BBQ, Games
Friday, June 25	Year 4 Sydney Excursion – POSTPONED
Friday, June 25	P & C Family Movie Night – 6.30pm
Friday, June 25	LAST DAY OF TERM 2

CALENDAR - TERM 3 – 2021

Week 1

Event

Monday, July 12	STAFF ONLY RETURN
Tuesday, July 13	Students return to school
Wednesday, July 14	Year 1 & 2 Excursion to Sydney Museum – Leaving school 7.30am returning to school 4pm
Friday, July 16	Year 3-6 Athletics Carnival – Glendale

Week 2

Event

Monday, July 19	SCHOOL PHOTOS
Tuesday, July 20	SCHOOL PHOTOS
Tuesday, July 20	Concert & Premier Bands to BANDLINK
Wednesday, July 21	Concert & Premier Bands to BANDLINK

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

Week 7

Event

Friday, August 27 P & C Trivia Night-South's League Club Merewether

RECENT NOTES HOME

**SCHOOL PHOTO ORDER CARDS –
ORDERS ONLINE ONLY**
Monday 19th & Tuesday 20th July

(Year 1 & 2) Sydney Excursion
Wednesday 14th July - \$22

YEAR 3 – 6 ATHLETICS CARNIVAL
\$13 - (Friday 16th July)

Concert & Premier Bands BANDLINK
\$80 - (Mon 19th & Tue 20th July)

'Pink Note' Writing Workshop
Whole school – Term 3 - \$4 per student

SCHOOL PHOTOS – Monday 19th & Tuesday 20th July

Last week every student received their own individual Order Card with their unique ShootKey number. **All photo orders must be done online!**

Students should take their Order Card with them to the hall on the Photo Days. Please do not bring them to the school office.

Instructions were sent out last week on ordering via Skoolbag notification. Please call in to the office to pick up 'Family Photo envelopes'.

STUDENT HEALTH CARE

Should your child be diagnosed with a health condition which may require support at school or when involved in school activities, for example, a school excursion it is a requirement that the school be notified, relevant documentation completed and necessary medications provided. While the main role of the school is to deliver education, we wish to work with you to keep your child healthy and safe at school. To assist the school in doing so, would you please contact the school office should your child have been diagnosed with a health condition. Additionally should your child be at risk of anaphylaxis or asthma please ensure the school is provided with an annual **ASCIA Action Plan for Anaphylaxis** or **Asthma Action Plan**. These plans should be formulated by your doctor and a copy forwarded to the school every year.

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.

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!

STARSTRUCK REPORT

On 18th and 19th June, 18 boys and girls from Years 5 & 6 performed at the Newcastle Entertainment Centre as part of Starstruck 2021 'Rise Up'. They featured in the dances 'Go Your Own Way', 'Halo/Walking On Sunshine', 'Fly Away' and the Finale, Rise Up. Leading up to the show, these students took part in four separate full-day rehearsals to learn and perfect their dances. All students had a wonderful time, it was a lovely experience for them. A big thank you to Mrs Wilson, Miss Spring, Miss Rich, and Mrs Koitka for their commitment, support, time and effort in making this possible for all of us. The Starstruck team consists of: Molly C, Milla V, Clair B, Maya H,

Emilia Q-C, Amelie D, Amelie D, Audrey L F, Aleesha F, Rose H, Callia V, Lucy K, Isabella B, Coco P, Ruby S, Edie B, Toby N and Joe B.



HUNTER SOFTBALL TRIALS

On Thursday 27th May, Corbin and Felicity went to the girls and boys Hunter Softball Trials at Stevenson Park, Mayfield. There were 30 boys trialling and about 20 girls trialling for both teams and 12 people were selected. Corbin and Felicity tried their best and were both successful in making the Hunter team. The boys carnival will be held in late August in Mudgee and the girls will be held in September in Sydney. By Felicity and Corbin



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 Co-ordinator)

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.

MUSIC NOTES FROM MISS HARRIS



Family Band Night

It was lovely to have the opportunity to perform in front of our families last week. This was our first live performance since Covid began and the students were very excited about it. Thank you, to the families who support our musicians. It is not the easiest of jobs to keep our children motivated to practise, attend rehearsals or remember to look after their instruments. For those of you who came out in the cold to attend Family Band Night, I think you would agree that it is all worth it when we see our children shine!

A special mention to Bonnie, Frieda, Nghuia, Ella, Alex and Mayra from the Primary Band who all bravely played solos or duets in front of a very big crowd! Another special mention must go to

Pierre who, not only did a drum solo for us, but also attends rehearsals four mornings a week so that all bands have a drummer on deck. One last special mention to the grandparents who drove up from Sydney especially for our event, then drove home. That was awesome!

Thank you also to our teachers, Miss Tonkin and Mr Bell who do a wonderful job raising our musicians to the high standards they achieve. A shout out to Elise Kearney and Paul Isaacs, two of our music tutors, who helped in the background with supervision and the tuning of instruments. Also Mrs Cooper, who stayed back with me to organise furniture and help with the smooth running of our event.



Another event will take place later next term, to showcase the choirs, string and other ensembles. I will confirm dates to you early next term.

BandLink – Concert & Premier Band

A note was sent home last week regarding information around BandLink which is happening on Tuesday and Wednesday 20th and 21st July, in Week 2 of next term. This is a 2-day event which costs \$80. Payment is due by Monday 19th July. If you need more time to pay, please see the ladies in the office, payment plans can be arranged. I have also posted this event and attached the notes on SkoolBag.

SkoolBag App – For all the information you need!
Have you got your notifications on?



Upcoming Band & Strings Events

Term 3

Week 1

Week 2 - BandLink – Tues 20th & Wed 21st July
Newcastle Entertainment Centre

Week 3

Week 4

Week 5

Week 6 - Grandparents Day

Friday 20th Aug - Premier Band, Percussion,
Strings & Choir performing

Week 7

Week 8 - Premier Band Day

Tuesday 31st August

Week 9 - Concert Band Day

Wed 8th Sept

Week 10

Term 4

Week 1 - Primary Band Day

Wed 6th Oct

Week 2 - BandFest Week

All bands and ensembles

Dates & Times to be announced

Week 3

Week 4

Week 5

Week 6

Week 7 - Band Presentation Night

Thurs 18th Nov (Yet to be confirmed)

Week 8

Week 9

Week 10 - Presentation Day

Thurs 9th Dec Premier Band performing

Week 11



Our Garden , Our Learning

Our students have been learning about the environmental knowledge and sustainable practices employed by First Nation people. This knowledge had been honed by First Nations peoples over many countless generations before it was disrupted. It is knowledge which we are very fortunate is being revived by an incredibly resilient culture. We have much to learn from them. Hence their contribution to the teaching of this knowledge is a very important part of our curriculum. Both our teachers and students have learnt a lot of new facts about how to look after the land sustainably. We are deeply grateful for the learning provided to our community by Yamuloong and Mr. Rodney Lake.

To begin our celebration of NAIDOC Week, all students were able to finally walk through the new garden gates and explore the garden after classmates planted the native species recommended by Mr. Lake. He talked about the plants, their uses and how to look after them, and mentioned to the students that Yumaloong in Awabakal means 'coming together' so it was wonderful to have spent Monday coming together class by class to replant and replenish our garden. Some of our students, parents and teachers were able to try the Lemon Myrtle damper and scones with Wattleseed cream, and Davidson Plum punch supplied by Yamuloong – Yum!

Many students are referring to the garden as the outdoor classroom and many of the suggested names entered in the competition were very thoughtful indeed. Congratulations to all students who entered; you have shown your teachers what deep and thoughtful thinkers you are and made the job of the teachers who had to select the finalists, very difficult indeed. The finalists listed below, were chosen by staff.

Mr. Lake has the difficult task of selecting the winning name which will be translated into Awabakal. The winning entry will be announced at our NAIDOC Assembly on Thursday and shared with the community with a special NAIDOC report sent through Skoolbag.

The finalists are:

The Garden of Culture (Lucia M from 3A)

Our Garden (Charlie I from 4/5S)

The Garden of Stories (Rose H from 5/6R)

The Garden of Knowledge (Amelie D from 6L)

A Garden for Everyone (Addison C from 3A)

Heal Country Community Garden (1A and 1G)

The Future's Past (Aston O from 4B)

Awabakal Fresh Fruit Garden (Flynn S from 5B)

The Junkyard Bush Classroom (Aleesha F from 6M)







Premier's Debating Challenge

Round 2



The Topic

On Monday our two Premier's debating teams went head to head in Round 2 of the challenge. Stage 3 was our audience. The topics was:

That Years 5 and 6 should set aside 20 minutes each day to watch and discuss the news.

TJPS Black V TJPS Red

Our teams were:

TJPS Black: Tom 1st speaker, Aleesha 2nd speaker, Amelie 3rd speaker, Radhika 4th member

TJPS Red: Will 1st speaker, Felicity 2nd speaker, Maya 3rd speaker, Zoe 4th member

Chairperson: Rose

TimeKeeper: Amelie

Adjudicator: Miss Jo Potts





The result

Feedback was that it was a close debate with TJPS Black team besting our Red team. Miss Potts also informed the teams of how impressed she was with their tactics and understanding of the debate process. One comment was that they could compete against some Y10 students, they were that good!!! Well done to both teams on a great effort and thanks to all of Stage 3 and 3/4S for being our audience.

Ms Renna

