

# The Junction News

Newsletter of The Junction Public School



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Term 2 – Week 6

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## LEADERSHIP REPORT

Hello to our community,

We have been analysing the data from our attendance records recently and we ask that you discuss the following poster with your children. At the Junction PS our biggest challenges are when families plan holidays during the school term and/or when students regularly arrive late to school. While we understand there are always exceptions to the rule, we would like to highlight that there is an irreducible impact on your children when this happens.

NSW Department of Education

### Why attendance matters

When your child misses school they miss important opportunities to...

- Learn
- Make friends
- Build skills through fun

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### Minutes lost = days lost per year

A couple of minutes here and there doesn't seem like much, but...

| When your child misses just... | they miss days per year |
|--------------------------------|-------------------------|
| 5 mins per day                 | 3 days                  |
| 30 mins per day                | 18 days                 |

Patterns of lateness can have a serious impact on your child's education.

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Let's work together to ensure our students are attending school by 8.50am each morning and that we avoid, where possible, family holidays during school time.

Enjoy the rest of our newsletter.

School Leadership team

## National Sorry Day 26 May 2021 and National Reconciliation Week 27 May – 3 June 2021

These two events in our calendar are of great significance not just for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders but for all Australians. This year's theme is *More than a Word* referring to the change in lyrics of our National Anthem. Here at The Junction PS we know that actions speak louder than words and we are taking action to explore what Reconciliation means. Children are learning about Reconciliation through listening to stories about our shared histories, cultures and achievements.

This week we were lucky to have Mr Rodney Lake, from Yumalooing Conference Centre attend our school to talk to students and teachers about the various bush plants that Aboriginal people have used for centuries for food and for medicinal purposes. He provided some great ideas for planting in our kitchen garden and launched the competition to name our new kitchen garden.

Teachers and students were able to try Davidson plums, brown plums and finger limes which will all be growing in our garden soon. Some of these fruits have quite distinct sour/salty tastes that delighted our students and teachers alike. There were some interesting faces made when tasting the fruits! Students were also able to breathe in the wonderful scent of lemon myrtle and lemon tea tree leaves and were able to try a special tea, made, using the leaves of the lemon myrtle tree combined with crushed Davidson Plums. Yum! Mr Lake explained that the Davidson plum has more vitamin C than an orange, so it is a very healthy beverage indeed.

Mr Lake also brought in and demonstrated some artefacts and explained how they were made and their uses. He told some wonderful stories about his boyhood growing up in Brewarrina and we are in awe of the fact that Brewarrina is



the place where the oldest existing man-made structures are found – older than the Egyptian Pyramids – the Brewarrina fish traps are over 40 000 years old.

Students were utterly fascinated. We can't wait to welcome Mr Lake back on the 21<sup>st</sup> June to open our kitchen garden

at the start of our school's NAIDOC celebrations. Here are some photos from around the school over the last few days.



### TJPS Kitchen Garden

Our Kitchen Garden is currently under maintenance. It is being prepared for Stage 3 students to design a brand-new space ready for planting when Mr Lake returns to open our new garden space in Week 10.

We are currently sourcing seedlings for our kitchen garden of the following plants:

- Davidson Plum
- Warrigul Greens
- Lemon Myrtle
- Lemon Teatree
- Midyim Berry
- Finger Lime
- Native Millet
- Geebung
- Brown Plum
- Roseleaf Raspberry
- Mint Bush
- Wild Tomato
- Lily Pilly (blue)
- Desert Quandong
- Ruby saltbush
- Grass Tree

If you have any of these in your garden that you would like to donate, please contact Mrs Emmington.

### School Ground Maintenance

Thank you to the gardening club families who have volunteered to keep our school garden beds tidy. They are meeting fortnightly at 2pm on a Monday to assist Tom, our wonderful GA, with garden maintenance.

### Debating News

Keen Year 5 and 6 students have attended their first debating training session with Ms Jo Potts.

Jo is a passionate educator who freely gives up her time to teach the skills of debating to our students.



Now that we are all experts in zooming, we decided this year, to open up the training sessions to other schools to join us. We had 13 schools tune in with their debating teams and interact with our students and with Jo, to learn about the three Ms of debating: Manner, Method and Matter. The key take-away for our debaters is that Matter, Matters Most! There will be two more training sessions before the end of term. A huge thank you to Ms Potts.

Premier's Debating for experienced debaters kicked off in Week 5 and Train-On Debating for new students begins in Week 7 of this term.

**CALENDAR - TERM 2 – 2021****Week 7****Event**

|                   |   |
|-------------------|---|
| Monday, May 31    | Strings day                                 |
| Tuesday, June 1   | Concert Band day                            |
| Wednesday, June 2 | Dancefever program-whole school             |
| Friday, June 4    | Musica Viva – Kinder to Year 6 here at TJPS |

**Week 8****Event**

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| Wednesday, June 9 | Dancefever program-whole school |
| Friday, June 11   | Book Club orders CLOSE today    |

**Week 9****Event**

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| 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**

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| Wednesday, June 23 | Dancefever program-whole school  |
| Friday, June 25    | Year 4 Sydney Excursion – Depart school 7am return 4pm   |
| Friday, June 25    | P & C Family Movie Night – 6.30pm – tickets purchased through Flexischools (see back of this newsletter for the flyer) |
| Friday, June 25    | LAST DAY OF TERM 2   |

**CALENDAR - TERM 3 – 2021****Week 1****Event**

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| Monday, July 12  | STAFF ONLY RETURN         |
| Tuesday, July 13 | Students return to school |

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| Wednesday, July 14 | Year 1 & 2 Excursion to Sydney Museum – Leaving school 7.30am returning to school 4pm |
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**Week 3****Event**

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| 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**

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| 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**

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| Friday, August 20 | Grandparents' Day & Book Week Parade |
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**RECENT NOTES HOME**

**(Whole School EVENTS)**  
**'Pink Note' Writing Workshop**  
**\$4 per student**

**'Yellow Note' Musica Viva**  
**Friday 4<sup>th</sup> June \$10 per student**

**BOOK CLUB ORDER FORMS** handed out to all students last week

**(YEAR 6) CANBERRA NOTES PLUS PAYMENT**

**(Year 4) Sydney Excursion**  
**Friday 25<sup>th</sup> June**

**(Year 1 & 2) Sydney Excursion**  
**Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> July – Note home today**

**P & C Movie Night Flyer - home today**



### 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.

### MUSICA VIVA

The Musica Viva performance for the whole school takes place here next Friday 4<sup>th</sup> June. There are still quite a few students who have not returned their note or paid for this incursion. There are spare notes in the office foyer.  
Alison Tonkin, Music Teacher

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

Strings Day – Monday 31<sup>st</sup> May

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

Premier Band Day – Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> June

### 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.

Angie Harris (King)/Band Coordinator  
Alison Tonkin – Music Teacher

### BOOK CLUB

Book Club orders went home two weeks ago. The school is no longer accepting CASH for Book Club orders. Orders must be placed online. Instructions are in the Term 2 Week 4 newsletter. Orders close on Friday 11<sup>th</sup> June.

### PSSA REGIONAL HOCKEY TRIALS

The PSSA Hunter Regional Hockey Trials were held on Wednesday, 21<sup>st</sup> April. The way the hockey trials work was that there were three teams (Newcastle, Port Stephens and Manning Point) made up from the eight zones in the Hunter Region. The teams play twenty-minute games against each other. After a few games they choose two teams, Possibles and Probables. These

teams have a forty-minute game. Then you go to the side and they decide the Hunter team.

When I got there, we had a game against Port Stephens, and we tied. Then the girls played, and after we lost 1-0 to Manning. Then we had a really long break while we saw the girls win and Port Stephens boys tie. After we had a game and tied again. Then they chose the Possibles and Probables (I made it). Then we had a really long game and we tied. They stopped the game and we watched the girls play. Just before the girls finished they announced the boys PSSA Regional Hockey team. The best bit was making the team, but it was a great carnival, so thank you for organising it!

By Jacob M

### NETBALL PSSA GALA DAY

On Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> May, Molly C, Makenzie F-A, Myer D, Kahlia F, Zara B, Ruby S, Mia G, Bella G, Sarah B and Evie R represented our school in the PSSA Netball Gala Day. The games were held at The Newcastle Netball Courts on Union Street. In the first game we played Merewether Heights Public School and lost 18-7. We were only down by 3 goals at half time, with Merewether Heights taking a strong lead in the second half of the game. In the second game we played Carrington Public School and won 40-1. In our last game we played Merewether Public School and won 15-6. Although we didn't make it to the next level the girls consistently demonstrated a positive attitude throughout the day. The girls showed growth in their skills and improved as a team in every game they played.

Olivia Smith, Teacher





### CLASS 3A & 3L .... Fun with Rod Lake

3L and 3A were treated to a fantastic Bush Tucker and Bush Medicine lesson this week by Rod Lake-Aboriginal Education Program-Yumaloong.

We tasted native plums from our Davidson Native Plum tree and experienced the amazing medicinal, health and wellbeing values of Lemon Myrtle.

We also learned more about indigenous tools and weapons for their livelihood and survival. The children thoroughly enjoyed their learning experience and activities and we look forward to starting our growing and harvesting of our own Bush tucker in our own gardens at TJPS!



### SCOOTER / BIKE / SKATEBOARD SAFETY

Last week I was witness to a student from TJPS having an accident on their scooter on the way to school. This was quite a frightening experience for all involved, thankfully there were no serious injuries. Of particular note was that the student was not wearing a helmet. Can I please implore to you, as parents, to insist on your children wearing a helmet whenever they are riding a bike, skateboard or scooter. The statistics are alarming and while this incident did not result in serious injury, the next one might. Let's keep our kids and community safe-wear a helmet!

Mrs Claire Edwards, Teacher

### 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 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](http://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**



# THE JUNCTION PUBLIC SCHOOL P&C FAMILY MOVIE NIGHT

## Friday 25<sup>th</sup> June 2021

Doors Open: 6:15pm  
Movie Starts: 6:30pm



TICKETS NOW ON-SALE VIA FLEXISCHOOLS USE THE APP OR  
[WWW.FLEXISCHOOLS.COM.AU](http://WWW.FLEXISCHOOLS.COM.AU)  
(Please print tickets and bring them on the night)

We will be screening two movies in two separate cinemas.

Event will be Covid Safe in line with Venue Requirements.

Got questions or want to volunteer for this event?  
Contact [junctionpandc@gmail.com](mailto:junctionpandc@gmail.com)



Tickets are sold on a first in basis.  
To secure tickets for your preferred movie we  
recommend you purchase early.

| TICKET TYPE                           | COST    |
|---------------------------------------|---------|
| Adult Ticket (18yrs +)                | \$12.50 |
| Child Ticket (5-17 yrs)               | \$9.50  |
| Child Under 5 (who requires a seat)   | \$6.00  |
| Optional: Mini Popcorn and Soft Drink | \$8.00* |

\*Order by Fri 18 June

### Please note:

- You need to select which of the two available movies you want to watch when purchasing your tickets
- Children must be under the direct supervision of a designated adult at all times
- Children must remain in their seats during the movie and behave in a manner reflective of school values.
- If you're considering eating at The Westfield Kotara Rooftop before the movie, bookings are recommended.
- You will not be able to switch between movies/cinemas.
- Both cinemas are wheelchair accessible.

Event Cinemas Level 3, Westfield Kotara, Park Avenue, Kotara



# Book Week Celebrations

The Aunty Peach Show

## Monday 30th August

This performance is based around Roald Dahl's popular and very funny, twisted fairytales. Along with the vibrant story-telling and fantastic magic tricks, the students will be given many useful, practical tips that will benefit their own future drama performances and classroom presentations. Throughout this performance they will have the opportunity to act and interact with Aunty Peach and each other.



## The Aunty Peach Show

Is a multi-award-winning show having won the PinS (Performers in Schools) Award for Excellence (Australia) for 2011, 2012, 2013, 2014, 2015, 2016, 2017 & 2018.

Please go to the website at <http://auntypeach.com/> for more information and feedback.

 [auntypeach.com/](http://auntypeach.com/)

## Permission Notes

Permission notes, with pricing, will be coming home before the end of term.

# Always wear a helmet

## Never too old to be safe

### Choosing a helmet to protect your lid

There are so many different helmet designs available that it can be hard to know which one to choose, it's simple. The helmet that fits best, looks good and meets the Australian safety standards is the one. Check that it has a AS/NZS 2063 label. If it doesn't – don't buy it. Protecting your head is too important.

### Check the helmet fits

The helmet you buy must be worn correctly or it will not offer the protection that it was designed to do.



- 1 Size** – Try it on several helmets until one feels right. There should be two finger widths above your eyebrow.
- 2 Side straps** – adjust the slider on both straps to form a 'V' shape under, and slightly in front of, and below the ears. Check there are no twists and they don't cover the ears.
- 3 Buckles** – centre the buckle under your chin.
- 4 Chin strap** – buckle the chin strap. Tighten the strap until it is snug, so that no more than two fingers fit under the strap.
- 5 Does the helmet fit right?**  
Does the helmet rock back more than two fingers above the eyebrows? If yes, unbuckle and shorten the front strap by moving the slider forward. Buckle and re-tighten the chin strap and test again.

**More information available:**

<http://bit.ly/2tsiQF7>

#### Replace your helmet if:

- it's been dropped onto a hard surface or involved in a crash or severe fall
- you see any cracks in the foam
- the straps look worn or frayed

**Wearing a helmet is the law. In NSW there are no exceptions.**

**Helmets can reduce head injury by 74%.**