

The Junction News

Newsletter of The Junction Public School



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Term 3 – Week 3

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LEADERSHIP REPORT

Hello to our community,

Welcome back to a new Term. We are very lucky that our students were able to return to school after these winter holidays and we are all very mindful of the fact that many students in Sydney and Greater Sydney, at this moment, are learning online at home. Our teachers are ready and prepared to move to online learning if it becomes necessary upon the advice of NSW Health. We have started this term with some restrictions back in place due to COVID. All updates will be passed on to families via our schoolbag app. At this point in time parents are no longer able to come on site and hence drop of and pick-ups will be at the school gate. Please support the safety of our community by adhering to these requirements set by NSW Health.

Please understand this includes no access beyond the gates including no entry into the front admin office. (Please see the Skoolbag notification of last Friday send out at 10.18am)

Due to current COVID restrictions, many of our Excursions planned for Term 3 have had to be cancelled. This is very disappointing for students and teachers alike. Teachers are working very hard to provide alternative experiences back at school. At this stage these excursions have been cancelled: Year 4 Sydney Hyde Park Barracks and Stage 1 Sydney Museum. Alternative dates are being looked at for the Year 6 Canberra Excursion.

NAIDOC

In the final week of Term 2 our teachers provided some wonderful experiences for our students following on from the garden planting on the Monday to the announcement of the winner of our Garden Naming Competition from 9 finalists at our NAIDOC Assembly on Thursday. Our didge group performance at assembly was a credit to Mr Begnell and the Aboriginal Education Team coordinated a range of learning activities for each stage around the themes of native plants, stories, fire, art, and Indigenous games. Mr Radnidge coordinated the NAIDOC BBQ which was a treat for all students with crocodile and kangaroo on the menu.

Our NAIDOC Tree was finished with every student creating a leaf now pinned to the tree. Once restrictions

lift, we hope parents will come in and admire this installation of student work and learning. The tree represents, connects, and celebrates the diversity of our student body with each leaf designed by students incorporating the learning behind the 2021 NAIDOC Theme 'Heal Country'. The tree is found on the wall facing the library entrance.



Our garden finally has a name

And the winner is....

Addison C (3A) – *A Garden for Everyone*



Mr Rodney Lake (Yamuloong) thought that this simple, yet beautiful phrase captured the sentiment of the day when all classes came together to plant and learn. This phrase will be translated into Awabakal to sit alongside the English translation.



All 9 runners up and those who received a highly commended received a Special Mention at Monday morning's assembly which began the start of Education Week.

Education Week 2021 - 26-30 July

Education Week is celebrated every year and marks the achievements of our school, our students and the learning community. This year's theme is Lifelong Learners and although COVID has put a hold on many of the activities where the learning community can come together and celebrate, students and teachers will still be marking the week with activities and sharing learning with families via Seesaw and Dojo.

Murrook

For our staff development day at the start of Term 3 our staff spent the day at the Murrook Culture Centre. This was a day spent learning about Aboriginal culture, appreciating its beauty, its long history and acknowledging its diversity. Murrook's philosophy is 'in helping others understand such cultural competencies by spending time with Aboriginal people because these are not things you can learning from books, lectures or the internet - only through spending time on country with Aboriginal elders as guides'. The learning from this day spent on country has equipped our staff with greater confidence to teach Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander perspectives.



Library

Our Library has undergone huge changes over the last few terms. Many older novels and outdated texts have been culled and new books and collections are being

acquired with students encouraged to suggest the novels and authors that they would like to see. Ms Willoughby, Ms Renna and Mrs Emmington have looked very carefully at the range of voices and perspectives held within our library choosing both fiction and non-fiction titles written by many more authors from diverse cultural backgrounds. Many new titles both fiction and non-fiction written by Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander authors have been added to our library collection with some wonderful titles and stories being shared by students and added to our teaching and learning programs by teachers. Many of these authors feature on the CBCA shortlist this year. Head to cbca.org.au to see the shortlist. Ms. Renna kindly shared the list and the resources for teaching and learning activities with teachers last week.



Attention will be turning to the hundreds of older home readers in classrooms in the latter half of this year as there are many outdated titles and old and worn out books. We will be replenishing home readers with new titles very soon.

News from our Environmental Warriors

Radhika, Aleesha, Maya and Audrey, Year 6 Environmental Warriors, recently came to the Thursday morning staff meeting to present their research on school recycling practices. Last term together with support from Ms Renna, Mrs Ladkin, Ms Emmington and Mrs Brown the group conducted an audit of the staffroom recycling practices and they had some interesting data to share with us and very clever suggestions to improve whole school recycling. The presentation was outstanding. What a credit these four students are to our school. Well done and congratulations!



CALENDAR - TERM 3 – 2021

Week 3	Event
Wednesday, July 28	K – Year 6 Mini Writing Festival
Wednesday, July 28	Athletics Carnival - catch-up events
Thursday, July 29	K – Year 6 Mini Writing Festival
Friday, July 30	K – Year 6 Mini Writing Festival

Week 5	Event
Wednesday, August 11	P & C event – Year 3-6 Online Interrelate Evening Program – starting 6.30pm

Week 6	Event
Friday, August 20	Grandparents' Day & Book Week Parade – postponed

GRANDPARENTS DAY

At this stage unfortunately we will have to postpone the scheduled Grandparents Day for August 20 due to current guidelines of our Level 2 lockdown.

PRESENTATION DAY – Change of Date

Earlier this year we advised that our end of year Presentation Day would be Thursday December 9. Presentation Day will now be on Monday December 13 – Term 4 Week 11 (the last week of the school year!)

RECENT NOTES HOME

YEAR 3-6 INTERRELATE ONLINE EVENING PROGRAM
(Flyers home last week – Registrations via link on the flyer)

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.

KINDERGARTEN 2022

For all parents who have their child's name on our Kindergarten list for 2022, please watch out for an email in the coming week with information regarding enrolment and orientation visits.

NSW PSSA GIRLS SOCCER CHAMPIONSHIP

Last term I was lucky enough to represent the Hunter Region girls soccer team in the State soccer championship in Sydney.

This was held over three days and the competition was divided into two groups of seven teams with the top two teams in each group making it to the semi-finals. At the end of the first two days we had won four out of our six games and finished equal second in our group on points. Unfortunately, we were dropped down into third position because of goal difference.

On the final day we played against MacKillop who finished third in their group and we won the game 2-0. This meant that we finished fifth in the whole competition. It was such a great experience and I would love to do it again!

By Lily R – 6L

Office Hours - 8.30AM TO 3.15PM

Money collection for excursions & events

All money will come straight to the office with students, this includes:- Band fees, School books, Excursion money etc.

There is a "Payments" slot at the front counter in the school office – students can 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. (Temporarily unavailable to parents in the office area) 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.

Payments at this present time are preferable on the Online Parent Portal (POP)

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 call the office to provide late arrivals information to office staff. A 'Purple Partial Slip' is then taken by the child to the class teacher. Similarly, if children leave early for the day, parents must phone the office and admin staff will call for your child to come up to the office area to be marked out of the school and then escorted to the front gate. 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 email 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 because of this we are unable to accept donations of white shirts or tunics.

At this stage the only donations accepted are bomber jackets, polo fleece jumpers, red polo shirts and black sport shorts and black tracksuit pants.

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.

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

NEWCASTLE CITY CRICKET CLUB
GIRLS & WOMEN'S CRICKET "COME & TRY" DAY
SUNDAY 29 AUGUST
SMITH PARK, BROADMEADOW

PROGRAM:
1.30-2.30PM: AGES 5 TO 10
2.45-3.45PM: AGES 10 TO 15
4.00-5.00PM: AGES 15 & UP INCL WOMEN

PLEASE RSVP / OR REGISTER YOUR GENERAL INTEREST IN SEASON 2021/22 EOI HERE:
<http://bit.ly/NCCC2021GirlsComeTry>
**** FREE BBQ IF YOU RSVP ** LUCKY DOOR PRIZES ****

ENQUIRIES TO: NEWCASTLECITYGIRLSCRICKET@GMAIL.COM

In this Club, Newcastle City Cricket Club Facebook Page for any last minute updates.

The School Office has a supply of school hats. **The office can only accept CASH for the sale of these**



Last week, both our Premier's debating teams competed against Hamilton South's two teams in round 3 of the Premier's Challenge. Unfortunately, the live event hosted by TJPS, had to be changed to Zoom, however we still managed to win both debates. A big thanks to Robyn Greenwell for not only adjudicating the two debates but for the constructive feedback provided to both team's post-debate. We are all so very proud of the students and their growth and success in this area.



Term 3 Book Club Issue 5, 2021 will be coming home with children this week.

All orders are to be paid via **LOOP** (as below).

Note: Orders close Monday 9th August, 2021.

Book Club

We are going **CASHLESS!** As of Term 2, 2021 **ALL** Scholastic Book Club orders at TJPS, must be paid for online. Instructions are outlined below:



HOW TO ORDER ON **Book Club**



- 1.** Your child will bring home a Book Club catalogue from school
- 2.** Discuss with, and help your child pick the books they would like to read
- 3.** Order online via the Scholastic Australia **LOOP** website or app and the school will take care of the rest! (**LOOP** orders are electronically linked to your school in an easy, secure online process)
- 4.** The books are delivered to your child's classroom.



LOOP is the easy way for families to order and pay for Book Club.

Log in, or create a new account at [scholastic.com.au/loop](https://www.scholastic.com.au/loop)

- 1.** If you are new to Book Club, follow the Wizard to set up your profile
- 2.** Click the ORDER tab, and select your school and child's class
- 3.** Add your child's first name and last initial (so the school knows who the book is for)
- 4.** Enter the product item number shown on the Book Club catalogue
- 5.** Make payment via credit card.