The Junction Journal

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Principal: Cath Larkman

03/11/2022

From the desk of Mrs Larkman

Friday's Excitement

What a lovely day we had with our Grandparents. The weather was ideal, and the atmosphere was relaxed. Our musicians excelled themselves yet again and our students shared some lovely memories of staying in contact with their grandparents during the lockdowns. The library also had an incredible number of book donations and Year 6 raised some significant money towards their Year 6 gift with their cake stall.

We would also like to thank the community members who coordinated, decorated, and volunteered for the Halloween Disco in the evening. It was a massive effort for our students.

Inclusive Education Reform Agenda.

One of the public facing school procedures now on our website is the Student Behaviour Management Plan. This is one of the requirements due this term from all public schools. Please take your time to read this document so you understand the behaviour procedures we follow in our school.

https://thejunctio-

p.schools.nsw.gov.au/content/dam/doe/sws/schools/t/thejunctio-p/student-well-being-and-

behaviour/Student_Behaviour_Support_and_Management_Plan.pdf

Staffing

We would, again, like to thank Mark Duffield-Thomas, our P&C President, for being part of a panel for The Junction Public School as the representative for the community. As Miss Laura Chaffey is going to Medowie PS in 2023 as Assistant Principal Curriculum and Instruction (APC&I), we are currently advertising for her replacement. Again, this is a large job, especially at this time of the year.

Yarning Circle

I am currently listening to the sound of the blocks being dropped into place for this community area. The first stage of the blocks and the crushed granite will take place this year, with the garden and fire-pit planned for 2023. (See photos Learning Gallery page 12)

Cath Larkman, Principal



Artwork by Aunty Michelle Earle commissioned by TJPS in 2018

We respectfully acknowledge that this newsletter comes to you from Awabakal land. In communicating how we learn, teach, and lead, we acknowledge and pay respect to elders past and present and extend that respect to all Aboriginal people as the traditional custodians of this land on which we are all privileged to live, work, and learn.

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From the desk of Ms Emmington

Dear Families

At this time of the year, students are beginning to reflect on the year of learning that was. They are in the thick of assessment tasks and thinking about the new skills they have acquired, the new knowledge they now have and love to share, the books they have read, the mathematical problems they have solved and the people, friends, and experiences they have encountered this year. As a learning community parents, teachers and children are all reflecting on how they have grown and changed from the start of the year. Teachers are reflecting on not just the academic growth of their students but on the social, emotional and behavioural growth as they begin the final process of capturing the learning of students in the end of year reports.

I want to remind parents and carers that as a school and a learning community we do more than just teach children how to read, write and count. Teaching children how to behave is a fully integrated component of everyday lessons and interactions. It is also a dedicated Key Learning Area found in the PD/H/PE syllabus. Throughout the year as part of the Personal Development aspect of the syllabus teachers have taught units on social skills using the school values and the learning dispositions. Discussions of friendship are often role played through bringing to life the values of kindness, care, honesty, integrity, empathy, and respect. Our Year 6 school leaders have done an outstanding job this year looking for and awarding Values awards to students on the playground who demonstrate these values.

Teaching and learning about how to behave is something we do best in partnership with parents. It is just as important as academic learning. Over the past few years our school has adopted and adapted Restorative Practices to support student wellbeing and learning.



Connie Emmington, Deputy Principal

Upcoming Events

TERM 4

Wednesday - Friday November 2-4

Great Aussie Bush Camp – Year 4

Friday November 4

Year 5 Leadership Workshop 1

Monday November 7

Year 5 Train on Debating

Wednesday November 9

Newcastle High School 7UP program (current Year 6 students)

Friday November 11

Year 5 Leadership Workshop 2 Remembrance Day assembly

Tuesday November 15

Kinder 2023 Orientation session 1

Wednesday November 16

Newcastle High School 7UP Program

Friday November 18

Year 5 Leadership Workshop 3

Year 5 Train on Debating

Wednesday November 23

Newcastle High School 7UP Program

Friday November 25

Year 5 student leadership

nomination

Monday November 28

Student leadership speeches & votina

Tuesday November 29

NHS Orientation day Year 6

Thursday December 1

Music Presentation night

Monday December 5

2023 Leadership team announced

Tuesday December 6

Kinder 2023 Orientation session 2

Friday December 9

Charity Day

Monday December 12

Year 6 Farewell

Tuesday December 13

Presentation Day

Thursday December 15 (Date

change)

Year 6 Party Day Movie & BBQ

Friday December 16

Year 6 Clapout

K-6 Students last day of term

(please note change of date)

Monday & Tuesday Dec19 & 20

Staff Development days

TERM 1 2023

Friday January 27 & Monday 30

Staff Development days

Tuesday January 31

Years 1-6 return

Monday February 6 Kinder Start

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Selective High Schools – applications open Year 7 2024

Year 5 parents and carers – important information and key dates are now available - **Please see the flyer in this newsletter on pages 6-7.**

Tell Them From Me Survey – Closes Friday 18/11/22

This Term, our school will be participating in the Partners in Learning parent survey, another part of the *Tell Them From Me* suite of surveys (student, teacher and parent surveys) on student engagement. The survey asks parents and carers questions about different factors that are known to impact on student wellbeing and engagement.

Running this survey will help our school understand parents' and carers' perspectives on their child's experience at school. These include communication between parents/carers and staff, activities and practices at home and parent/carer views on the school's support of learning and behaviour. This valuable feedback will help our school make practical improvements.

The survey is conducted entirely online on smartphones, iPads, tablets, laptops or computers. The survey will typically take 15 minutes or less to complete and is completely confidential. The parent survey will be conducted in Term 4. Although participating in the survey is entirely voluntary, your responses are very much appreciated.

More information about the survey is available at: education.nsw.gov.au/ttfm

To access the survey for our school go to http://nsw.tellthemfromme.com/v3574

The survey is available in 23 languages and closes November 18 2022.

Attendance Matters – see the important infographic on P 8

Contact details – are your contact details up to date? Sometimes we will need to contact you, including on the day that your child is absent and if you haven't notified the school with a reason for your child being away.

If your contact details are out of date or if you're not sure, please contact the school on phone 4963 1343 so we can update our records and can contact you quickly when we need to.

Please include parent/carers name, address, phone numbers, email address and emergency contact details. Please remember to contact the school if any of these details or your circumstances change. This is particularly important so we can work together to protect the wellbeing of our students through the reporting and monitoring of student absences.

OUR STAFF

Principal – Cath Larkman Deputy – Connie Emmington

Kindergarten

KC - Jody Cooper

KG - Sarah Griffiths

KB – Tess Barns / Louise Searant

KH - Angie Harris - AP

Stage 1

1L - Amy Lalic

1 /2A - Alison Smoother

2MC - Nina McLeod/ Nicole Jones

2S - Nicholas Savage

1C - Laura Chaffey - AP

Stage 2

3S – Olivia Smith

3A – Mark Alcock

3L – Aleisha Ladkin

3/4B - Lucy Bourne

4LC - Phillipa Campbell/ Holly Lynch

4G - Katrina Gardoll

Jo-Anne Ellis - AP

Stage 3

5C - Lisa Campey

5S – Kate Spring

5FW – Kate Farrell / Sarah Wilson

6R - Michael Radnidge

6M – Josh Pidutti

6L - Matthew Liles - AP

Learning and Support

Connie Emmington – LST Coordinator

Luke Sparksman - Maths

Claire Edwards – Yrs 4-6

Lauren Audsley – Yrs K-3

Michelle Morrison - CILSP

Sara Willoughby/Hannah Titchmarsh –

Library

Alison Tonkin - Music

Linda Whiteside – Counsellor

School Learning Support Officers

Di Edwards

Theresa Koitka

Belinda Scorgie

Emma Lovegrove

Pam Parkes

Sophie Laing

Liam Begnell

Information from the Front Office Team...

LOST PROPERTY It is disheartening to see the number of jackets, hats, lunch boxes and drink bottles with no names on them that we are receiving everyday in the lost property boxes. Without names, these items cannot be returned to students. Please ensure that all items have student's names that are clearly written, thank you.

<u>Band and Strings Ensemble Fees are now due for Term 4 and</u> **overdue** for Terms 1, 2 and 3

Money collection for excursions & events

<u>The preferred payment option is through the "Make a Payment" tab on the school website.</u>

A new feature on our excursion notes is a QR Code to take you directly to the Make a Payment tab

All cash payments to 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 – students are to post payments in this slot. Any money that is sent to school must be in a sealed envelope with your "Child's name and class" on the front and details of the event you are paying. The school accepts cash, (exact amount only), 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 items – such as the Uniform Shop.

<u>If you use the online option, please make sure you still return permission notes to school.</u>

Absences

Any absence from school must be explained. The Skoolbag App and Sentral Portal are 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 an SMS alert to parents of any child who has an unexplained absence for that day. Please refrain from using class apps like Class Dojo to explain absences as the teacher may not be at school or they are teaching and unable to read the Dojo message before 10am.

Extended Leave

If you are going away and leave is over (5) school days, you must complete an "EXTENDED LEAVE FORM" (available from the office) prior to your leave.

Late Arrivals / Early Leavers

School hours are from 8.55am to 3pm. The first assembly starts at 8.55am. If children arrive later than 8.55am, they need to present with a parent to the office to provide late arrival information to office staff. A 'Purple Partial Slip' is then taken to the class teacher. Similarly, if children need to leave early for the day, parents must buzz the intercom at Union Street for the gate to be opened. Admin staff will call the classroom for your child to come up to the office area to be collected. Please try to avoid early departures during recess (11.00 -11.20am) and lunch breaks (1.00 -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 Prescribed Medication Indemnity form.

STAFF ARE NOT ABLE TO ADMINISTER PANADOL OR NON PRESCRIPTION MEDICATIONS.

All COVID information for parents can be found here:

COVID-19 (coronavirus) (nsw.gov.au)

In the Office

OFFICE HOURS:

8:30AM TO 3:15PM

School Email: <u>thejunctio-</u> p.school@det.nsw.edu.au

SCHOOL SECURITY

ph: 1300 880021

Office Team

Dianne Edwards Amanda Brake Angela Bowen Kathy McInnes Lesley Janissen

General Assistant

Tom Jervis

In the Community

November P&C Meeting

7pm Tuesday December 6 2022

P&C Contact email

Mark Duffield-Thomas, President president@junctionpandc.org

UNIFORM SHOP

ONLINE ORDERING!

www.tjpsuniform.com

Secondhand Uniform Donations
Donations accepted are bomber
jackets, polo fleece jumpers, red
polo shirts and black sport shorts
and black tracksuit pants. We are
unable to accept donations of
white shirts or tunics.

Email the Uniform Shop: tipsuniformshop@gmail.com

PLEASE ASSIST WITH DELIVERY OF UNIFORM ORDERS BY PUTTING YOUR **CHILD'S NAME** on the order. No parent names please.

Please note that the new wet weather jacket orders have not arrived as yet

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Note: there may be changes to the dates and procedures in this document

For the latest updates visit: education.nsw.gov.au/shs-oc 16 November 2022

Test centre and test authority advice released 20 April 2023

Selective High School Placement Test 4 May 2023

Illness/misadventure requests submitted 11 May 2023

Placement outcome expected to be released Mid-August 2023

education.nsw.gov.au

How to apply

Applications are open from 18 October 2022 – 16 November 2022

Parents must apply by using the online application form

Start your application here:

shsoc.education.nsw.gov.au

Steps to apply

- Please use one of the following supported browsers: Google Chrome (Windows 10), Firefox (Windows 10), MS Edge (Windows 10), Safari (MacBook pro), Safari (iPad air 2 - iOS 13.61), Safari (iPhone 8 - iOS 13.6.1), Samsung Internet (Samsung Galaxy phone).
- Go to the application site at: https://shsoc.education.nsw.gov.au/ and register your own name and email address and create a password. You will receive an email to verify your registration. You have not applied until you have completed the application form and submitted it.
- Go to the application site and log in using the email address and the password you provided.
- 4. Create an application.
- You will be given an application number in the format \$23012345.
- Complete the application in full, ensuring you have ticked the declaration boxes, and select 'submit'. A 'Submitted' status will show once you have submitted the application.

Fees

There are no fees for submitting an application.

There are **no extra fees** for attending a selective high school, unless your child is a boarder. Schools may ask for contributions towards the cost of materials for some subjects, as do other government high schools.

- Upload any required documents if relevant, such as medical reports to support a request for reasonable adjustments for the test.
- Check that you received an email confirming that you have successfully submitted your application.
- Log in to your application at any time to check all details are accurate and to make changes, including uploading documents, or to send and receive messages.
 Select the three dots under the 'Action' column to the right of your listed application to select options to view or edit the application details, or later to access online forms for illness/ misadventure or appeals.
- make a change, especially changes to school choices, or there will be no record of it. 10. If you forget your password you can reset it in

the application dashboard.

Remember to submit again each time you

After applying, you will be able to log into your <u>Application dashboard</u> to change details and send and receive messages.

Apply at: shsoc.education.nsw.gov.au

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education.nsw.gov.au



Why attendance matters

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







Make friends



Build skills through fun



education.nsw.gov.au

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





=





30 mins per day



= **18** days





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

education.nsw.gov.au

Let's Make Music

Information about Band, Strings and Choir Ensembles

BANDFEST NEWS

I wish to congratulate ALL of our music ensembles for their wonderful performances at the recent BANDFEST competition. Our results were amazing and I would like to thank Miss Tonkin, Mr Bell, Mrs Bevan & Mr Tracey in particular for their unwavering commitment to our musicians. Our musicians should be very proud of themselves, unfortunately I don't have photos for you as we were not permitted to take them during the competition. Miss Tonkin did sneak one of our Primary Band captains accepting their winning trophy, thank you miss Tonkin.

Primary Band - First place
Concert Band - Highly Commended
Premier Band - Second Place
Percussion Ensemble - First place
String Ensemble - Second place
Jazz Ensemble - First Place

PRESENTATION NIGHT

Our next major performance will be at the Conservatorium of Music on Thursday 1st December. This is an evening event and involves all of our ensembles. We have not had a big night like this for several years, due to Covid but we are very excited to be back at the Conservatorium again. It is a great venue to see our musicians in action and we are lucky to have this facility close by. All family are welcome to attend. Feedback about our musical performances from our grandparents was very positive. You do not want to miss this opportunity. Please keep your eye out for a note early next week.

CHOIR PERFORMANCE

Our delightful choir will be performing at our Whole School Presentation Day on Tuesday 13th December.

YEAR 2 AUDITIONS FOR BAND coming soon!

Kind Regards,





Upcoming Events

Thursday
December 1st
Band
Presentation
Night

@ The Conservatorium of Music



Learning Gallery

Grandparents and Friends Day

Grandparents and friends' day has always been the highlight of our school events calendar. It was an event that we have all sorely missed over the last two years. It was a special day last Friday October 28 when we saw our grandparents and friends walk back through our school gates and join us in sharing our learning, our achievements, and a little part of our daily school life in today's world which I know is very different from when they went to school.

Our school bands and ensembles did a marvelous job entertaining our grandparents and friends. Our school leaders truly shone as leaders in running

the special assembly and our speakers gave some truly beautiful recollections of their grandparents. I know they brought a tear to my eye as I listened to them.

Year 6 put on a great cake stall fund raiser, and we have many more hundreds of books donated by grandparents and friends for our library. Thank you to everyone.

And finally, a big shout out to our three buskers, Mac, Sam and Liam, from our Didge group who enthusiastically entertained us during morning tea.

Ms Emmington













State Cricket

Last week Corban went away to represent the Hunter team at the PSSA Boys cricket Carnival in Dubbo. Corban played four games of 50 over cricket, wicket keeping the whole game. He also opened the batting, doing his team proud.

He was acknowledged as one of the best keepers at the tournament and spent a lot of time in the middle batting, setting his team up for some big totals. The Hunter team finished 7th overall at the tournament.

Well done Corban on an amazing achievement.

PSSA Cricket Knockout

On Wednesday October 26, The Junction Public School faced Vacy Public School in the regional Semi Final of PSSA cricket knock out competition.

TJPS batted first with Corban (13) and Caleb (28) starting off with a solid opening partnership. Sam N came in next and scored another 40 not out. Charlie I and Angus scored some quick runs with Lachie finishing with a rapid fire 18 not out. We ended up with an imposing total of 140 runs off our 25 overs.

After a short break it was our turn to bowl. We bowled and fielded really well keeping Vacy to 9/75 off their 25 overs.

Great bowling from Lucas C with 3/6 off his 3 overs and Evie R with 2/9 off her 3 overs.

We now move on to the regional final of PSSA cricket competition.

The team consisted of Corban B (captain) Caleb R, Sam N, Charlie I, Charlie B, Angus B, Lachie B, Lucas C, Evie R, Sam T and Thomas B



My journey to the Opera House Sydney

The Hunter Trebles which I am a part of, were asked to perform at the Festival of Choral Music Argyle Concert Monday October 17 2022.

This is our biggest event of the year, which we performed in Sydney. Other students from other schools around NSW also had the opportunity to perform at The Sydney Opera House.

Ian Geofferson was our conductor in the Great Hall and it was an amazing experience. The acoustics within the Great Hall were unbelievable. We performed in front of a full house and it was completely sold out. I was very nervous yet very excited to perform at the Sydney Opera House in front of all these people.

We performed a piece from Ian Geofferson's called Corrugated Iron, Black Bird, Angels, Evening Star as well as many more. It was amazing to sing with a full musical orchestra and the experience was amazing.

I had an amazing experience, it was a magical evening as the Opera House lit with different colours. I would like to thank my singing teachers, Hunter Trebles, and everyone who helped bring this event together.

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Yarning Circle construction begins









On the way to Great Aussie Bush Camp... stay tuned...



Halloween Disco







COMMUNITY MESSAGE BOARD

P&C Update - November 2022

Welcome to our penultimate month of a year that has flown by. Now that Halloween has passed, I know Christmas is firmly on the horizon, and the next six weeks of the term will be very busy.

Halloween Disco

We have to start by recognising the huge amount of effort that went into organising the Halloween Disco last Friday and congratulate everyone involved for a hugely successful event.

Almost 400 children were in attendance, and the feedback has been incredible - everyone had so much fun and was impressed by the scale of the event, the organisation, and the costumes.

Special thanks to the Disco team of Ange, Belinda, Eithne, Jes, Jo, Kylie, Mark and all the volunteers on the night.

Thank you also to our three generous sponsors: **Dr Owen Morris Surgical Rooms**, **H&M Accountants and Quantum Engineering and Consulting Group**.

Thank you also to the school for sponsoring the photo booth and Dianne, Tom and the team for helping with logistics.

We're finalising the financial side of the event, but we hope to have raised around \$4,000.

Grandparents Day

We were also blown away by the turnout for Grandparents Day and thrilled the school was able to open and host this event. So many families got to experience the school grounds and classrooms and this was another special day for the Children.

Run For Reading

The P&C wish to congratulate the school and in particular, Jody Cooper for the outstanding work raising funds for quality literacy with the Run For Reading. Congratulations on raising almost \$20,000. The P&C donated \$512 towards this from the Run For Reading BBQ.

Tell Them From Me Survey

The school is currently seeking feedback and participating in the Tell Them From Me survey. All parents are invited to complete the survey via this link: http://nsw.tellthemfromme.com/v3574

Cricket Nets Improvements

The P&C has started consultation with the school to fund improvements to the School Cricket Nets. We hope to start work on this project in the next few months.

Betty Anderson Award - Please nominate

Each year the P&C awards the **Betty Anderson Award** to recognise a significant voluntary contribution to our school community over an extended period of time.

So many parents have made a great contribution towards supporting the School and P&C this year and we hope to recognise this at the annual Presentation Day.

The aim is to try and identify the "quiet achievers" who repeatedly give their time to our school community. There are many people who provide quiet and consistent support in ways that we don't always realise, and it's important to find an opportunity to recognise their efforts.

For more information and to nominate a volunteer please click here: https://forms.gle/QTzWLqS1WcaspxBL7

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2023 Kindy Parents Morning Tea

9:30am November 15 2022 at the front of the School near the Office.

Parents of children starting at The Junction Public School in 2023 are invited to a morning tea after drop-off on Kindy Orientation Day.

Come and meet current Kindy parents, view the school uniform, and meet members of the P&C Committee. A coffee cart will also be in attendance.

Get to know our school community and other Kindy parents.

2022 Kindy parents are invited to welcome the new families and asked to please bring a cake donation for the morning tea.

Save The Date - December P&C Drinks

Please save the date - Tuesday December 6 for P&C End of Year Drinks at Modus Brewery, Merewether.

More details to follow soon, but we look forward to our first P&C gathering in-person for two years!

Help run our Uniform Shop in 2023

The TJPS Uniform Shop is run by a dedicated group of parent volunteers.

One parent in particular, Ali Robinson, has gone above and beyond as the coordinator and mainstay of the Uniform Shop for a number of years and has given us so much to ensure our school has affordable, high quality uniform that meets the needs of our community.

The time has come for Ali to step back from this role, so we are looking for a team of 2-3 parents to volunteer to help run the Uniform Shop next year.

You will not be dropped in the deep end, Ali will still be in support, and working as a team will share tasks and mean no one will be overwhelmed.

There are two main responsibilities we need your support with:

- Stock management overseeing the Uniform stock and ordering process
- Opening shop and fulfilling orders currently, the shop opens on Monday mornings, and a team of volunteers takes sales and processes online orders

This is a vital service for our community and a really concrete way to contribute to our School.

Please consider if you can help with the running of the Uniform shop and reach out to tjpsuniformshop@gmail.com for more info and to get involved.

Thanks in advance for your support.

The Junction PS P&C Committee

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2023 KINDY PARENTS MORNING TEA



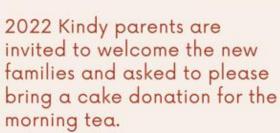
9:30AM TUES IS NOVEMBER AT FRONT OF SCHOOL NEAR OFFICE

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Questions: junctionpandc@gmail.com







