

The Junction Journal

The Junction Public School

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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 Mrs Larkman

Hello to our Parents and Carers.

Welcome to the start of the new school year.

Because there has been so much happening over the last 2 weeks and before the start of school, we have been trying to communicate with you as news arises rather than waiting for a newsletter. Today we will include some more updates. Please set aside the time to read the newsletter and the important attachments about our communication procedures at school. They remain the same as the procedures we wrote and ratified with the P&C in 2019 with very few revisions.

Staff Professional Learning

The staff took part in two professional learning days this January. Over the two days we worked with the Department of Education (DoE) guidelines to explore scenarios involving moving to learning from home at short notice. We also familiarised ourselves with the updated resources on our website. Staff also completed Type 1 Diabetes modules with ten of us completing the face to face training with a nurse educator from the John Hunter Hospital.

We would like to thank all the staff who distributed Rapid Antigen Tests throughout both days and the staff who relieved them. It was a great opportunity for us to catch up with our community.

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Survey 2021 – Parents as Partners

Thank you to the families who took the time to respond to our survey. Fifteen percent (15%) of families responded to the general survey and 10% of families wrote additional comments.

Participants felt that 'Parents are informed' and 'School supports learning' were areas for school focus, while 'Parents support learning at home' was strong.

The biggest concerns in the additional comments were about communication procedures and a feeling of isolation.

We have attached our communication procedures to this newsletter so new families can read them. We are revisiting how our communication goes out from the school. This was something we had discussed prior to Covid 19. During Covid 19 we chose to go with more timely communication through Skoolbag app and Classroom apps. We are currently experimenting with a range of newsletter formats which are time efficient and flexible.

All COVID information for parents can be found here - [COVID-19 \(coronavirus\) \(nsw.gov.au\)](https://www.nsw.gov.au/coronavirus)

Swimming Carnival and Year 5 Camp

A huge thanks to those who responded in such a timely manner to surveys and thank you for all the kind emails we received. It certainly is a new world for school organisation! We recognise all the staff who jumped on board to get this actioned. We wish Year 5 campers all the best next Monday and thank Mr Sparksman, Mrs Campey and Mr Radnidge for offering to attend. Please be aware that they may need to be replaced at the last minute in the current COVID climate. We have quite a few teachers who have volunteered to step in.



Upcoming Events

TERM 1

February 7

First day of school -
Kindergarten 2022
Year 5 Great Aussie Bush
Camp

February 8

Year 5 Great Aussie Bush
Camp

February 9

Year 5 Great Aussie Bush
Camp

February 14-17

Meet the Teacher Week –
Stage notes to follow

February 21-23

Learning Support Team –
individual meetings by
invitation only

February 28 – March 4th

PLP Families – Breakfast yarns –
notes to follow

Next month

March 14-25

Goal Setting – Student/
Parent/ Teacher Interviews

March 21

Harmony Day

March 21 -22

Band Link – Newcastle
Entertainment Centre

April 6

School ANZAC Service

April 8

Final day of term 1

From the desk of Ms Emmington...

Term 1 is the time of year where everyone is excited about new beginnings, new learning, new experiences, and the prospect of making new friends. Students are being placed in their 2022 classes on Friday 4 February.

Priority for teachers over the next few days and weeks is to get to know their new students and prepare teaching and learning programs that will cater to the needs of all in their classes. Our teachers will be involved in many conversations with the previous year's teachers so that learning adjustments can be continued and supported.

The Learning and Support Teachers will be assisting with any specialist programs delivered through the class programs. These handover conversations are an important part of our work.

The wellbeing of your child is a priority and so in the first few weeks there is dedicated time set aside for activities which will foster belonging, friendship, resilience, perseverance, and happiness.

From the desks of the Student Leadership Team...

Our elected Prefects for 2022 will be engaging in their first leadership event – Meeting and Greeting our new Kindergarten families on Monday 7th February.

This space is for them to communicate about learning, insights, and events. Look for their contribution in the next issue.



Kindergarten

KC – Mrs Jody Cooper

KG – Mrs Sarah Griffiths

KB – Miss Tess Barns/Mrs Louise Searant

KH – Miss Angie Harris - Assistant Principal

Stage 1

1L – Mrs Amy Lalic

1/2A - Ms Alison Smoother

2MC – Mrs Nina McLeod/ Mrs Nicole Jones

2S – Mr Nicholas Savage

1C – Miss Laura Chaffey-Assistant Principal

Stage 2

3S – Miss Olivia Smith

3A – Mr Mark Alcock

3L – Mrs Aleisha Ladkin

3/4B – Mrs Lucy Bourne

4LC – Mrs Phillipa Campbell/Mrs Holly Lynch

4G – Mrs Katrina Gardoll

Mr Luke Sparksman – Assistant Principal (Rel)

Stage 3

5C – Mrs Lisa Campey

5S – Miss Kate Spring

5FW – Miss Kate Farrell/Mrs. Sarah Wilson

6R – Mr Michael Radnidge

6M – Miss Abbey MacPherson

6L – Mr Matthew Liles - Assistant Principal

Learning and Support

Ms Connie Emmington – Deputy Principal and Coordinator

Mrs Claire Edwards – Yrs. 4-6

Mrs Lauren Audsley – Yrs. K-3

Mrs Michelle Morrison – CILSP

Mrs Sara Willoughby/ Ms Hannah Titchmarsh – Library

Miss Alison Tonkin – Music

Mrs Linda Whiteside - Counsellor

School Learning Support Officers

Mrs. Di Edwards

Mrs. Theresa Koitka

Mrs. Belinda Scorgie

Information from the Front Office Team...

Money collection for excursions & events

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. During COVID restrictions EFTPOS cannot be used as Parents are unable to come onsite. Please note that the school EFTPOS facility is only available for school payments and not P&C – such as the Uniform Shop. The preferred payment option is through the "Make a Payment" tab on the school website.

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

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 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" 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 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 buzz the intercom at the Union Street gate to advise the office and admin staff will call for your child to come up to the office area and be brought out to the gate. Please be aware of early departures in recess and lunch breaks 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.

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

In the Office

OFFICE HOURS:

8:30AM TO 3:15PM

School Email: thejunction.p.school@det.nsw.edu.au

SCHOOL SECURITY

ph: 1300 880021

Office Team

Mrs Dianne Edwards

Mrs Amanda Brake

Mrs Angela Bowen

Mrs Kathy McInnes

Mrs Lesley Janissen

General Assistant

Mr Tom Jervis

In the Community

P&C News

February P&C Meeting – 7pm,

Tues 8/2/22 - Via Zoom:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/4205254620>

March P&C Meeting & Annual

General Meeting 7pm Tues

1/3/22

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. We are unable to accept donations of white shirts or tunics.

Email the Uniform Shop:

tjpsuniformshop@gmail.com

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

Learning Gallery

Swimming Carnival 2022



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What makes a healthy lunch box?

A healthy lunchbox is made up of everyday foods from the five food groups – grain foods, fruit, vegetables, dairy and meat and alternatives. Eating a range of everyday foods will give your child energy to play, learn and grow.

Follow this guide for an easy everyday lunchbox:

Crunch&Sip®: 1 serve of fruit or vegetables

Recess: 1 serve of fruit or vegetables + 1-2 everyday snacks

Lunch: Sandwich/wrap/roll or leftovers containing everyday ingredients

Drink: Water

Add an **ice brick** to keep the food cool and safe



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Health
Hunter New England
Local Health District

HNELHD-GoodForKids@health.nsw.gov.au
<http://www.goodforkids.nsw.gov.au/>



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Kickstart the year with healthy lunchboxes

Healthy Lunchbox Week is coming February 6 - 12. Held at the start of school term, Healthy Lunchbox Week is a Nutrition Australia initiative that helps families access credible lunchbox nutrition information and recipes setting them up for the year ahead.

Around one third of children's daily food intake comes from the lunchbox so it's important we make it count. Use this time to build your bank of lunchbox inspiration and know-how with Nutrition Australia's healthy lunchbox information and recipes.

Nutrition Australia have teamed up with other health-focused organisations to share our collective lunchbox resources making the Healthy Lunchbox Week website a hub for all the latest lunchbox info and will remain your source of inspiration throughout the year.

Check out www.healthylunchboxweek.org.au and follow Nutrition Australia socials.



Healthy Lunchbox Week
6-12 February, 2022
www.healthylunchboxweek.org.au

WANDERERS RFC JUNIORS

**WE
WANT
YOU!**



OUR JUNIOR RUGBY TEAMS ARE ON THE HUNT FOR NEW PLAYERS!

HOME GROUND NO 5 SPORTSGROUND NATIONAL PARK
2022 REGISTRATION COST: U7'S \$150, U8'S - 17'S \$220
TRAINING COMMENCES 1 MARCH 2022

TO REGISTER: wanderersrugby.com.au

REGISTRATION HELP DESK AVAILABLE
SUNDAY 30.01.2022 - NO 2 SPORTSGROUND 3PM - 5PM
OR WEE WANDERERS (21/1, 28/1, 4/2, 11/2)
NO 2 SPORTSGROUND 5PM - 6.30PM

FOR REGISTRATION ENQUIRIES CONTACT
JO BENNETT 0410 314 643





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Since 2006,
Good for Kids - Good for Life
has been providing support and
professional development opportunities
to schools in the region to improve
children's health.

your school is invited to take part in
The 'PACE' Program

Good for Kids invite your school to
participate in the evaluation of
a program that supports classroom teachers
with the scheduling and delivery of
physical activity for their classes.

If you would like to know more about this program,
please contact Rebecca Jackson

rebecca.jackson3@health.nsw.gov.au



*We acknowledge the
traditional owners and
custodians of the land that
we live and work on as the
first people of this
country, and pay our
respects to Elders past
and present.*



Health
Hunter New England
Local Health District