

The Junction Journal

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From the desk of Mrs Larkman

Hello to our Parents and Carers

It's hard to believe we are approaching the end of a very interesting term. Flexibility has been the word of the day in schools. We have picked up a whole range of different tasks which are unusual. My claim to fame is that I got the canteen window un-jammed this morning!

Visiting Teachers

We have had several visiting teachers in our school due to staff isolating or sick. These teachers are doing an amazing job as they go to a range of schools each week replacing class teachers. I have spoken to the children about paying respect to these special people. We also understand that students miss that special relationship with their own class teacher.

Visit from Mr McCallum

Mr Tim McCallum visited our school last Tuesday. He is the Executive Director of Schools for the Regional North Division. This area goes right up to the Queensland border. Tim attempts to visit all his schools each year but, due to the pandemic, his visits to TJPS have been postponed quite a few times. He loved being greeted by our Leaders in their school blazers and formal uniforms when he arrived and commented about how all the students wore their school uniforms so well. He visited 3L and KB/KG during their mathematics session as he is very interested in the action research the school is doing in this curriculum area.

Social Media

We are still experiencing some unkindness between students which seems to stem from social media and online gaming after school hours. Please talk to your children about this and check that the games they are playing are suitable for their age and maturity level. They are often being exposed to concepts that they are not yet able to comprehend, and this leads to anxiety and, at times, unsuitable student behaviour.

<https://www.esafety.gov.au/parents/skills-advice/are-they-old-enough>



Artwork by Auntie 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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School Motto Feedback

Recently parents and community who were part of the P&C email distribution list gave some initial feedback about our current school motto: 'Manners Maketh Man'.

We are now asking that **all** our interested parents and carers complete the survey below. The survey will close at the end of term, Friday April 8. If you responded to the P&C survey, please feel free to respond again. If the link does not work please copy and paste into your browser.

<https://forms.office.com/r/qkEPiXfcxC>

Cath Larkman
Principal

From the desk of Ms Paparo

Wellbeing Matters - Student Self Regulation in the classroom



Behaviour at the Junction is treated as any other key learning area. All interactions are seen as opportunities to self reflect and learn. All classrooms have their own unique learning scaffolds to support students to learn how to self regulate behaviour, emotions and make choices that lead to better outcomes for all.

At the start of every year students and teachers together create their own class based processes to help students monitor their own behaviour. You may have noticed the **Ready to Learn** wall charts in your child's classroom.

Sometimes a child may choose to reflect in a quiet space set aside in the classroom or they may choose to go to their buddy class. A change in environment helps to calm, reassess, and reflect. A visual behaviour scaffold is used to support thinking. Children return to class when they are ready and/or within 10-20 minutes of thinking time.

Children move their own peg along the chart. This intrinsic form of motivation promotes a sense of autonomy, control and feelings of accomplishment at every level.

Student Identified Trusted Teacher

To support children experiencing strong feelings and emotions, all students have identified their most trusted teacher (s) who they can go to and talk. Students have spent this term identifying who their special trusted grownups are both at home and at school.

Upcoming Events

TERM 1

March 31

Selective High Schools Test

April 4

Cross Country Carnival

April 5

Year 6 Students attending
Newcastle Combined High
Schools ANZAC Event

April 6

School ANZAC Service

April 6

Hunter Cricket Trials Girls

April 7

Hunter Primary Rugby League
Trials- Open + 11's

April 8

Final day of Term 1
Easter Hat parade K-2
Parents welcome

TERM 2

April 26

Staff only return

April 27

Students return

May 2

Starstruck Rehearsal

May 5

Starstruck Rehearsal

May 6

Newcastle High School
SAIL EOI's close

May 24

Yr6 GRIP Leadership Conference
Civic Theatre

June 1

Starstruck combined movement
rehearsal

June 2

NHS SAIL ICAS Test and Interviews

June 15

Star struck Tech and Dress
Rehearsal

June 24

NHS Yr6 Taster Lessons 12-3pm

June 28

Rugby League PSSA Classic Shield
Gala Day

Attendance Matters

School expectations are that students attend school 95% of the time. Any less and they are missing out on important learning alongside their peers. Please have a look at some important attendance and learning statistics shared by the NSW Department of Education found on page 5 of this newsletter.

From the desk of Mr Sparksman

I have really enjoyed working with students across the school this term and focusing on the 'big ideas' in **Mathematics**. We have been playing lots of maths games together and using a variety of strategies to solve problems and explain concepts.

I have included two problems below that you may like to solve as a family or by yourself. Please come and see me if you have any questions or would like to share how you solved the problem.

Paddock Problem - I know there are 18 animals in a paddock. Some are chickens and the rest are cows. I counted 50 legs in all. How many animals are chickens and how many are cows?



Hint draw the animals and add on the legs

Extension Problem - A group of 30 people are going to the theatre. Some bought A Reserve seats for \$10 and others bought B Reserve seats for \$8. The group paid a total of \$250 for their tickets. How many had A Reserve seats and how many had B Reserve seats?

From the desk of Mrs Gardoll and Mrs Campey

Cross Country Carnival Update and School ANZAC Service

The Cross Country Carnival at this stage has been postponed to Monday 4th April. Fingers crossed the weather permits us to go ahead.

Our annual school ANZAC Service will be held on Wednesday 6 April. The service this year will be held under the COLA. Unfortunately, due to increasing COVID numbers in our school community, parents will not be able to attend this service. Thank you for your understanding.

OUR STAFF

Principal – Cath Larkman

Deputy – Connie Paparo (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

Luke Sparksman – AP (Rel)

Stage 3

5C – Lisa Campey

5S – Kate Spring

5FW – Kate Farrell / Sarah Wilson

6R – Michael Radnidge

6M – Abbey MacPherson

6L – Matthew Liles - AP

Learning and Support

Connie Paparo – Deputy Principal and LST Coordinator

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

Liam Begnell

Information from the Front Office Team...

Invoices were sent home last week for voluntary payments for resources and contributions. Please check your invoice for any credit from last year's cancelled activities and indicate when making a payment if you would like to use the credit, thank you. Those year 3 families who paid intensive swimming from last year please note that your credit will not be displayed as we hope that this activity will take place later this year. Likewise, the credit for Bandlink from last year.

Band and Strings Ensemble Fees are now due for Term 1

Money collection for excursions & events

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

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 – such as the Uniform Shop.

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" (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 leave early for the day, parents must buzz the intercom at the 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 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 Prescribed Medication 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: thejunctionp.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

Technical Services Officer

In the Community

April P&C Meeting

Meeting 7pm Tues 5/4/22

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.

ATTENDANCE MATTERS

NSW Department of Education

School expectations

Students attend school more than 95% of the time. Anything less and you are compromising your child's learning.

[A-Z parents guide \(nsw.gov.au\)](https://nsw.gov.au)

Why attendance matters

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



Learn

education.nsw.gov.au



Make friends



Build skills through fun



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

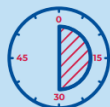


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3 days

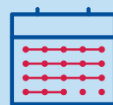


30 mins
per day



=

18 days



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

education.nsw.gov.au

Days missed = years lost

A day here and there doesn't seem like much, but...

When your child misses just...

they miss weeks per year

and years over their school life

1 day per fortnight



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4 weeks



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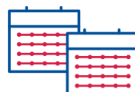
Over **1** year missed

1 day per week



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8 weeks



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Over **2.5** years missed

education.nsw.gov.au

Learning Gallery

Our Student Leadership Team 2022



Congratulations to our student leadership team for 2022 Evie R, Milla H, Olivia P, Milla V, Benji L, Lucas M, Pierre B, Sam N, Corban B and Lexi A who received their badges earlier this term at our first whole school Monday morning assembly. It was wonderful to have their parents join us for the investiture ceremony. The students have already had leadership opportunities to be the voice of our school. They have greeted new Kindergarten parents and escorted them to our Kindergarten rooms, our captains Milla and Pierre, were wonderful MCs at our Harmony Day Assembly and they escorted Mr McCallum, Executive Director of Schools – Regional North, around our school explaining what learning is like at The Junction Public School. He was most impressed by the learning and by them. Well done to our new team! Ms Paparo

Sporting News from the desk of Mr Savage, Miss Spring, Mr Sparksman, Mr Radnidge and Mr Liles

State Swimming

Congratulations to Will B, Lila B, Bailey H and Piper S who will be competing in individual events at the State PSSA swimming carnival at Homebush next week. Well done to our Senior boy's relay team who will also be competing at the State Swimming Championships. The team consists of Will B, Corban B, Darby S and Rafferty D. Best of luck to all these students on such an outstanding achievement.

(Rafferty and Piper absent from photo)



Hunter Boys Cricket

Congratulations to Corban B who has been selected in the Hunter Boys cricket team. Corban will travel to Dubbo later in the year to represent the Hunter at the State PSSA Cricket Carnival.

State Tennis

Congratulations to Lucas M who has been selected in the Hunter Boys Tennis team. Lucas will travel to the Illawarra in early May to represent the Hunter at the State PSSA Tennis Carnival.



PSSA AFL and Touch Footy

Congratulations to Luca F who made the Hunter Touch Footy team. She will be representing us at the State Carnival in Tuggerah in May. to Corban B and Odin B who have been selected for the Hunter PSSA AFL team. They will be traveling to Coffs Harbour in late May for the PSSA State carnival.



PSSA Basketball

Congratulations to Edison K and Matilda S who have both been selected to represent the Hunter PSSA girls and boys basketball teams. Edison and Matilda will head to Tamworth to compete on behalf of the Hunter region in late May. The achievement is all the more impressive considering they are both in Year 5 and will have the opportunity to be a part of the team for another year to come. Well done Edison and Matilda. We wish you all the best in Tamworth!



PSSA Hockey Trials

Last Wednesday Lilah R (Yr6) and Henry M (Yr5) attended the Hunter PSSA Hockey trials. Unfortunately, neither were selected in the Hunter team but Lilah did make it through to the Possibles vs. Probables game. Henry will still have next year and will no doubt be pushing hard for selection as a stronger and faster Yr6 student. Well done to both, they represented Newcastle Zone and The Junction PS with distinction!

PSSA Cricket Knockout

Last week, our school cricket team played Adamstown Public School in the first game of the statewide PSSA knockout competition. We batted first and made 2/137 off our 25 overs. Corban B and Sam N both made 41 not out. A great fielding and bowling effort from the team reduced Adamstown to 8/46 off their 25 overs. We now move on to the second round where we play Hamilton South Public School. Congratulations to all the students in the team for their sportsmanship and the positive attitude they displayed on the day. The team consists of Caleb R, Sam N, Corban B, Charlie I, Charlie B, Angus B, Liam W, Lucas C, Lachie B, Thomas B, Evie R and Sam T.

From the Desk of Miss Spring and 5S

Year 5 students have been learning how to write imaginatively. We use a program called 7 Steps to Writing Success and this writing was produced as a result of one of the steps referred to as 'tightening the tension'. The lesson focused on using the senses to build tension in writing. Following are two great pieces of free writing.



Bushfire

I wanted to cry but I couldn't. I could feel the tension around me. People were screaming in distress, as they ran frantically around grabbing whatever they could. As the heat embraced me the fire grew and grew. I could smell smoky, burnt ashes as blazing embers fluttered around my body. The roar of the crackling fire and the sight of trees crashing to the ground was too much for me. I looked at a little girl's tear-stained face then back at the fire. One last piercing scream and everything went black.

By Maya C, 5S

Bushfire

I could see the embers flying around, taste the scorching flames and I could hear people's screams piercing my ears. I was the cause of this! I made this happen!

I ignored the fire crackling around me and the blazing heat surrounding me. All I cared about was fixing this mess that I started.

By Chelsea M, 5S

TJPS LIBRARY NEWS

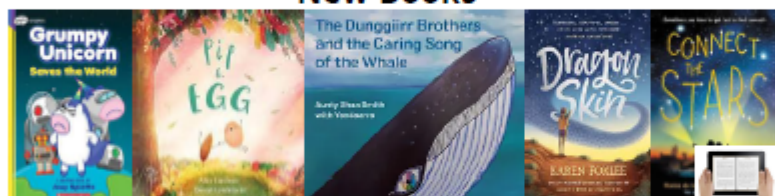


As the school term is coming to an end, it is time to begin looking for the library books we have finished reading.

Overdue notices will be sent home on Friday (W10). Please have a look for these books and return them by the end of term.

If you think they have already been returned, please make a note on the overdue slip and our Librarians will double check the shelves in the Library.

New Books



StoryBox Library

We have renewed our subscription to StoryBox Library



Your child can watch favourite stories, read aloud by fabulous storytellers, at home as well as in the classroom.

To access Story Box Library at home:

- 1) Visit www.storyboxlibrary.com.au
- 2) Choose Log In from the top right corner of the screen
- 3) Log in using tjps (username) and junction (password)
- 4) Enjoy the library of stories on any device with internet connection

Wheeler's eBooks

We also have access to electronic books (eBooks). Please see the attached information on how to access.

Librarians:

Miss Willoughby -
Mon, Tues & every
2nd Wed

Miss Titchmarsh -
every other Wed,
Thurs & Fri

Borrowing Limits p/week:

Kindergarten 1 book
Stage One 2 books
Stage Two 4 books
Stage Three 4 books

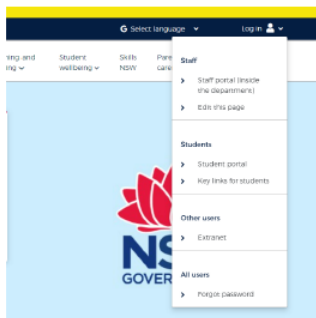
Lunchtimes:

The Library is open
first half lunch
everyday. Students
can borrow or read
quietly during these
times.

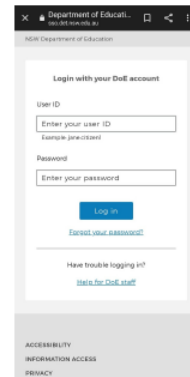
Tuesday -
Watercolour Club
Thursdays -
Chess Club

Wheeler's eBooks

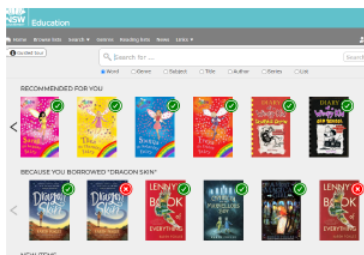
To access our collection of eBooks from home, complete the following steps



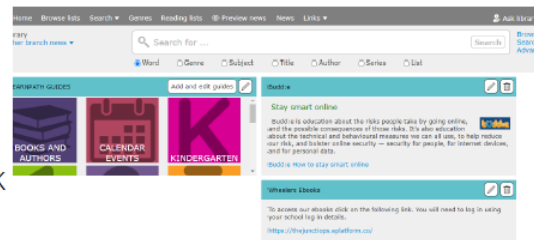
1. Log on to your student portal.
www.education.nsw.gov.au



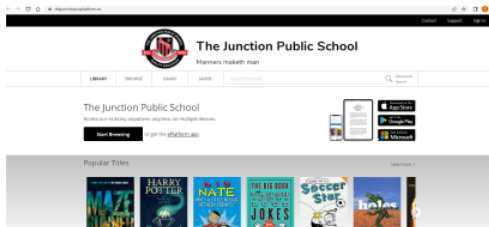
2. Username and password will be the same as their log on to the school computers



3. Click on the news page



4. Click on the Wheeler's eBook link



5. Start browsing.



6. Click on the book you would like to borrow. Click the borrow button to start reading

COMMUNITY MESSAGE BOARD

School Student Travel Term 1 2022



School student travel information for parents and students

School Travel Passes

Students who need a School Opal card or travel pass but have not yet applied need to [apply](#) or [update](#) their details as soon as possible.

In the Opal network, students should travel with a Child/Youth Opal card until they receive their valid School Opal card. If outside Greater Sydney, parents should contact their [local bus operator](#) to discuss their travel needs.

New Student Opal cards (including new Term Bus Passes) will be sent to the student's nominated postal address within two weeks of their application being approved.

Students living in rural and regional (R&R) areas will receive their travel pass from their nominated transport operator. It may be issued via their school or be sent directly to them at home. **Note:** some R&R operators do not issue travel passes. Students/parents should confirm with their nominated operator if they do not receive a pass.

Terms of Use

Students using Opal cards must **tap on and tap off** in line with the [Opal terms of use](#).

All students are required to comply with the [Student code of conduct](#). The code of conduct aims to ensure the safety and well-being of school children and other passengers. It is important that parents ensure their child is aware of this, as failure to comply with the code of conduct can result in a suspension from travel.

JOIN YOUR LOCAL FOOTBALL CLUB THIS SEASON!

Newcastle Football Clubs offer modified MiniRoos Football for 6-11yrs.

Adamsstown JFC	Beresfield FC	Broadmeadow FC
Cooks Hill UFC	Fletcher FC	Hamilton Azzurri JSC
Jesmond FC	Kotara South FC	Lambton FC
Maryland Fletcher FC	Mayfield UJSFC	Medowie FC
Merewether FC	Minimi SC	Nelson Bay FC
New Lambton FC	New Lambton Arnetts FC	Newcastle Grammar FC
Newcastle Olympic FC	Raymond Terrace SC	Seaham Bowthorne FC
Shortland FC	South Wallsend JSC	Stockton JFC
Tea Gardens SC	Tilligerry FC	Wallsend JFC

FREE Ball and Shin Pads for U6/7s Players

Contact a club today about registering:
www.newcastlefootball.com.au/our-clubs/
Active Kids Vouchers are Redeemable

Register now!

Newcastle City Junior AFC

Jon Clark 0429 087 368
juniors@newcastlecityafc.com.au

Open for Boys and Girls 5-17

Sign up for junior footy play.afl

THE JUNCTION HOLIDAY PROGRAM *(bookings close Wed 6 April)*

April 2022 - WEEK 1

MONDAY 11 APR	TUESDAY 12 APR	WEDNESDAY 13 APR	THURSDAY 14 APR	FRIDAY 15 APR	THE — AFTER SCHOOL KLUB — Hours: Mon - Fri 7am - 6pm BOOKINGS: Go to task-kids.com.au and select your school
Let's Beat It  INCUSSION BOF TELL YOU DROP With a game show wheel, real life buzzers and "minute to win it" challenges. Then boogie down to the beat of the music!  Fee - \$94	Leaf It Up to Us Autumn is coming and the leaves are falling! Forage for fossilised foliage and even create your own!  Fee - \$75	TASK Kitchen Rules  Get creative in the kitchen and craft your own ice-cream delight! Don't Miss Out! Fee - \$75	Hoppy Easter Hop Along to TASK. Enjoy Easter filled craft activities and get ready for an Easter Egg hunt.  Fee - \$75	TASK CLOSED PUBLIC HOLIDAY EASTER FRIDAY 	

THE JUNCTION HOLIDAY PROGRAM *(bookings close Tues 12 April)*

April 2022 - WEEK 2

MONDAY 18 APR	TUESDAY 19 APR	WEDNESDAY 20 APR	THURSDAY 21 APR	FRIDAY 22 APR	TUESDAY 26 APR
TASK CLOSED PUBLIC HOLIDAY EASTER MONDAY 	Go Team Back by popular demand, Motiv8 Sports are back for a fun filled day of team activities.  INCUSSION MOTIV8 SPORTS Fee - \$94	Sloth Day Sometimes it's just time to sit back and relax in your PJ's. Pile up some pillows and take a break these holidays.  Fee - \$75	Earth Warriors Save the planet one light at a time. It's time to use our collective creativity and innovation to support the planet we all share.  Fee - \$75	Book Worms Come prepared to get lost in fantastic fiction, find fun facts, and fall for your favourite characters this "World Book Day".  Fee - \$75	pupil free day Let's Get Outta Here! Let's get out one more time before we are back at school.  EXCURSION - MOVIES EVENT CINEMAS GLANDALE Fee - \$94

* Afternoon tea provided * All HP subject to change dependent on Government advice / direction *
 Each day please bring: recess, lunch and water bottle, hat, raincoat, socks, covered shoes and jumper - all labelled.

Good for kids

good for life

Crunch on Vegetables!



Primary school kids need **4 and half serves of vegetables everyday**. Most kids don't eat enough.

A serve is around half a cup of cooked vegies or one cup of raw salad vegies.

Pack vegies to snack on at school with these tips:

- Chop carrot, cucumber, capsicum or celery into vegie sticks. 8 pieces is one vegie serve.
- Pack small, bite sized vegies in containers – try snow peas, cherry tomatoes or broccoli
- Let your child help choose and prepare vegies



Health
Hunter New England
Local Health District

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