

The Junction Journal

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05/05/2022

From the desk of Mrs Larkman

Hello to our Parents and Carers

We hope you are well and enjoying these fine days – I thought they were a thing of the past at one point! In this newsletter we will endeavour to share all the excitement of the last weeks of term and also some events from this week. Even though the pace is picking up, it is great to feel like we are taking part in experiences with, and in the community again.

As some of you will know, we have been having some challenges keeping up with the technology and comms in the school. We are very lucky to now have Brett Woolfe prepared to support us on a casual basis. Brett is a retired Assistant Principal with skills in technology from Anna Bay PS so we have the added benefit of someone who is familiar with DoE systems. Brett has already been in on a couple of occasions to become familiar with our suite of hardware across the school and we are very grateful he has agreed to support our school along with Anna Bay.

Mother's Day Stall

The Mother's Day stall this year is very special. It has been the most well thought out, environmentally sound and locally sourced stall which we have seen. A range of amazing gifts have got the children very excited to buy for their beautiful mums. It has been a special experience for the children in our school.

Happy Mother's Day to all our wonderful mothers, grandmothers and mother figures from all of us at The Junction Public School.

Motto Survey

178 of parents and carers responded to our motto survey. This represents 26% of our parents and carers. We had an even spread of responses across the stages. The results of the motto survey are as follows.

Of the 178 parents/carers who responded:

- 88% would like a change of motto
- 6% want it to stay the same
- 6% are not sure



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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Of the 178 parents/carers who responded:

- 89% would like to develop a new motto
- 8% would like to keep the current motto
- 1% are not sure

Thank you for your interest. The school will go on to consult with other stakeholder groups.

Gumboots Day

Thank you to all our families who gave so generously to raise money for our schools in flood affected areas. We raised \$585.50.

Cath Larkman
Principal

From the desk of Ms Emmington

Back in Issue 2 of this newsletter, the Learning and Support Team published a short piece on the importance of goal setting for learning. Here is a snippet:

Why is Goal Setting important?

1. *helps students see the path to success*
2. *teaches time management & preparedness*
3. *increases motivation*
4. *measures progress*
5. *gives focus & purpose*
6. *boosts self confidence*
7. *provides challenges*

Now that goal setting interviews are over, it is important that at home you continue the learning conversation with your children. Ask them about their current goals, how are they striving towards them, who is helping them and how can you help? Ask them if they are setting new goals? These are the conversations that teachers continue to engage in, in class. If your child is unsure, remember you can contact your child's teacher with a quick message over DOJO or Seesaw or make an appointment for a chat either face to face or over the phone. Goal setting is not a one off event but an ongoing process. This is how it becomes habit forming. Feedback on school processes is very helpful, if you would like to offer your thoughts on goal setting, please email the school and attention it to me.

Gardening News – Parent helpers needed

Our school gardens need some TLC. Students are keen to do some weeding and harvesting outside of the classroom so the Environmental Warriors will be running a Gardening Club every Thursday at lunch time. We need parents to help. Please contact me and let me know if you would like to help out.

Ms Emmington
Deputy Principal



Upcoming Events

TERM 2

May 5

Mother's Day Stall
Star Struck Rehearsal
School Cricket Game

May 6

Newcastle High School
SAIL EOI's close
Hunter Rugby Union Trials
Mother's Day Stall (those who missed Thursday)

May 9-20

NAPLAN Year 3 & 5 – see table on p3

May 19

Stage 1 Athletics Carnival

May 24

Yr6 GRIP Leadership Conference
Civic Theatre

May 27 – June 3

Reconciliation Week

June 1

PSSA Netball Gala Day

June 2

NHS SAIL ICAS Test and Interviews

June 3

Star Struck Major Movement
Rehearsal

June 8

Concert Band Day

June 13

Queen's Birthday Public Holiday

June 14

Premier Band Day

June 15

Star Struck Tech and Dress Rehearsal

June 17

Star Struck Performance
Hunter Region Cross Country

June 20

Strings Day 9.30 - 12.30

June 22

Primary Band Day

June 23

Family Band Night 6.30 - 8.00

June 24

NHS Yr6 Taster Lessons 12 - 3pm

June 28

Rugby League PSSA Classic Shield
Gala Day

July 1

Last Day of Term 2 – Semester 1
Reports home

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.

Learning Good Habits - Arriving to school on time

Arriving to school every day on time is very important. Missing 5 minutes every day equates to three days lost per year of learning. Half an hour late every day means that your child has lost 18 days of learning at school for that year. Developing good habits through good home routines from a young age is key to avoiding habitual lateness. Sometimes families do run late and to support you there are school procedures in place for late arrivals and early leavers. Parents may now accompany their child to the office to help with signing them in and out. Please refer to the Office procedures for Late arrivals and Early leavers found on page 4 of this newsletter.

NAPLAN 2022 Dates

Mon 9/5	Tues 10/5	Wed 11/5	Thurs 12/5	Fri 13/5
	Year 3 Writing Year 5 Writing	Year 5 Reading	Year 3 Reading	Year 5 Conventions of Language
Monday 16/5	Tuesday 17/5	Wednesday 18/5	Thursday 19/5	Friday 20/5
Year 3 Conventions of Language	Year 5 Numeracy	Year 3 Numeracy	Year 5 Catch up Day	Year 3 Catch up Day

From the desk of Mr Sparksman

Opportunity Class Year 5 2023

To Parents of Year 4 students in 2022

Applications for Year 5 entry to an opportunity class in 2023 have opened and will close at **11.59pm on Friday 13 May 2022**. To apply, go to the [online application](#) for opportunity class placement and follow the instructions. Parents and carers must apply by the due date as late applications cannot be accepted.

Opportunity Class Placement Test

The Opportunity Class Placement Test will be conducted on Thursday 28 July 2022.

(This information was sent to families via Skoolbag on Wednesday 27/4/22 – An Intention to apply letter and further information about OC classes 2023 was attached.)

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
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
Pam Parkes
Liam Beggell

Information from the Front Office Team...

Band and Strings Ensemble Fees are now due for Terms 1 and 2

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 items – 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 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 (11-11:20) and lunch breaks (1-2pm) 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.

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

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 Support Officer

Brett Woolfe

In the Community

June P&C Meeting

Meeting 7pm Tues 7/6/22

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

From the desks of Year 1 Students – great writing skills using phrases and conjunctions.

One summer morning, a frilled neck lizard leaped into a billabong.
Morris

One warm Spring morning, in a creek, a swishy fishy flashed by.
Milou

On a cold day, down at the beach, a huge emu leapt into the water.
Noah

Year 1 have been busy learning how to make their sentences more effective by adding phrases to tell when and where the action is taking place.

A ladybug is a minibeast because it has no backbone.
Lucy

A dung beetle is a minibeast because it is an invertebrate which means they have no backbone.
John

A beetle is a minibeast because it has an exoskeleton.
Sofia

A cricket is a minibeast because its insides are soft and squishy, and it doesn't have a spine.
Lola

They are also learning to use the word 'because' to join two ideas together.

The Easter Hat Parade – a wonderful tradition at The Junction PS

Some of our students enjoying the Easter Hat Parade on the last day of term.

Thank you, Miss Chaffey, for your photography





From the desk of Mrs Wilson and Miss Spring

(Star Struck Coordinators)



Congratulations to the following students who will be performing in this year's 'Iconic' Star Struck Performance, celebrating 30 years.

Kiah B, Clairia B, Evie R, Lulu W, Tilly C, Gabi P, Milla V, Coco C, Olivia P, Eva Mc, Emilia Q-C, Milla H, Audrey B, Daisy B, Zoe L and Millie K.

The girls have been busy attending rehearsals in preparation for show weekend on 17 and 18 June. The girls will be performing in the Friday matinee and the Saturday night shows if you would like to watch them shine on stage.

In 2022 Star Struck is celebrating 30 years – *Iconic* will be a special performance celebration!

What an achievement!

From the desk of our Student Leaders and Year 6

Our School ANZAC ceremony

On Wednesday 6 April an ANZAC ceremony was held in the COLA at The Junction Public School. To start off the ceremony the student leaders welcomed the special guests and the whole school sang 'Lest We Forget'. We heard a section of the book ANZAC Tree by Christina Booth. Our special guests then presented speeches about their experiences and what ANZAC Day means to them. Following this, the wreaths created by each class were laid beneath the flag poles while we listened to the song Abide with Me. The Last Post was played while everyone respectfully stood silent. The Reveille was played while the Aboriginal and Australian flag were slowly raised. Lest We Forget.

Olivia P & Milla D

66th Annual Newcastle and Hunter Combined Schools ANZAC Commemorative Event 2022

On Tuesday 5 April, Year 6 went on an excursion to the Civic Theatre for the Combined School ANZAC Service. We began our 2km walk there, which turned out to be a speedy journey with Mr Rad in the lead! Just before we entered, we had a quick pit stop to fuel up. As Year 6 reached the outside of the theatre, the Hunter Wind Ensemble performed astonishing pieces dedicated to the special day (we even noticed one of our very own teachers in the ensemble). As we entered the warmly lit palace, we took our seats across the four rows as we waited for the show to begin. This year's performance recognised the service of animals to Australia in war. The actors began explaining the rough fights, decisions, and the devastating losses through their actions. Flickering lights, creative singers, amazing actors, and respectful audience members set the stage high. After the astounding performance, the audience along with the cast paid their respects to the fallen. Lest We Forget.

Blaise H & Lilah R



Merewether-Hamilton RSL ANZAC Day Dawn Service

We all got up predawn and made our way to Mitchell Park for the Merewether Anzac Dawn Service which was organised by Merewether-Hamilton-Adamstown RSL Sub-Branch. It was our responsibility to lay some wreaths which were handmade by students of TJPS and to read the Ode of Remembrance. A lot of people gathered for the ceremony, and it was our first time attending an Anzac Service outside of school. Due to COVID restrictions there haven't been services like this for two years however we all agree our families are going to make a tradition of this now. We were all very moved by the solemn words, songs, poems and tributes. The story about local veteran firefighter Lance Corporal Felix Kennerley was very heroic and touching. Mr Phil Frawley of our school community was the Master of Ceremonies. Mrs Gardoll and our parents were very impressed with our reading and the way we represented our school.



LEST WE FORGET

The Student Leadership Team

The Junction Public School

From the desk of Mrs Campey

Zone Cross Country News

On Friday 29 April, 25 students represented The Junction Public School at the Newcastle City Zone PSSA Cross Country Carnival. Our students competed against the best runners from 25 schools. They displayed excellent sportsmanship and exemplary behaviour on the day. Congratulations to all our athletes who represented our school at the carnival. We are very proud of you all.



Odin B, Emile A Matilda S, Rosa d, Ella H were successful in qualifying for the Hunter Regional Cross Country Carnival with Lyla B and Elkie B making the reserve list. These five students will form the Newcastle City Zone Team to compete at Tocal College on Friday 17 June. We wish them the best of luck!

State Swimming

The State swimming carnival was held at the end of Term 1 in the Olympic pool at Homebush, Sydney. Seven swimmers representing our school and the Hunter Region.

Will B, Bailey H, Piper S and Lila B swam in individual events and all recorded personal best times.

Our senior boys relay team pictured (Will B, Corban B, Rafferty D and Darby S) also swam in the carnival and did an amazing job. Congratulations to all for competing at this elite level.



From the desk of Mrs Edwards

Come And Try Athletics – The Inclusive School Sport Team

It was a wonderful autumn day full of sunshine when these games were held. Students from all over Newcastle competed and had lots of fun doing so. These days give students with disability the chance to experience the sport of athletics, in a fun and engaging way. They are able to show off their own unique abilities. It was also a day to reconnect with former students and see wonderful familiar faces.



Let's Make Music

Information about Band, String and Choir Ensembles

Captain's Badge Presentation

At last Monday's assembly, we had the pleasure of introducing our Ensemble Captains to the school. Congratulations to **Sarah B, Eddie P, Ngahuia C, Elliot W, Hannah L, Ruby W, Eli T and Angus P.** We are very proud of you and know that you will lead well. Our Primary captains will be decided a little later in the term as they have only just begun rehearsals.

Band/String Days

With rehearsals well under way, we are looking forward to performing for our families later this term. We schedule a full day rehearsal twice a year to prepare our musicians before a major performance. On Band Day you are **NOT required to attend the regular 8:00am rehearsal.** Students will be playing all day, so the extra hour is not needed. Instead, students are to arrive at school as usual and attend roll call. After roll call, band members head straight over to the music room to meet Miss Tonkin and Mr Bell.

Students can wear their normal uniforms. You do not need to wear your band shirts. If you have not purchased your band shirt yet, you can get them from our uniform shop. You will need one for our Family Band Night in Week 9.

Don't forget your instrument. Have it clean and ready to play.

There will be a pizza lunch provided at no cost to band members. **Please pack fruit break, recess food and a water bottle for your child.**

Bands will perform a short concert in the Music Room at 2:30pm which parents are most welcome to attend. Please adhere to our Covid rules whilst on site.

Strings

This term our String Ensemble will have a half day rehearsal in preparation for their performance at our Family Band Night in Week 9.

Choir

Choir rehearsals have begun on Tuesdays at lunch time. Choir members are asked to head straight to Mrs McLeod's room with their lunch after the 1:00pm bell.

It is delightful to once again be organizing events for our musicians. Keep up your practice and look after those instruments!

Miss Harris



Important dates for your
Music Events calendar

Week 7

Wed June 8
Concert Band Day

Week 8

Tues June 14
Premier Band Day
(after Long Weekend)

Week 9

Mon June 20
Strings Day 9am- 12:30pm

Wed June 22
Primary Band Day

Thurs June 23
Family Band Night
6:30pm – 8:00pm

Family Band Night will be held at school in the new hall. It will include performances from all our Bands, Percussion and String Ensembles and our Choir.

ATTENDANCE MATTERS

Why attendance matters

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



Learn

education.nsw.gov.au



Make friends



Build skills through fun



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 \(nsw.gov.au\)](http://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...

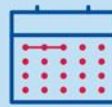
they miss days per year

5 mins per day



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3 days

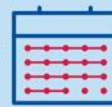


30 mins per day



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18 days



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

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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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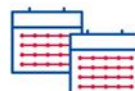
Over **1** year missed

1 day per week



=

8 weeks



=

Over **2.5** years missed

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LIBRARY NEWSLETTER

Term 2



NEW BOOKS



Reminders

Please return any overdue books or books you have finished reading

OUR LEARNING

focus...

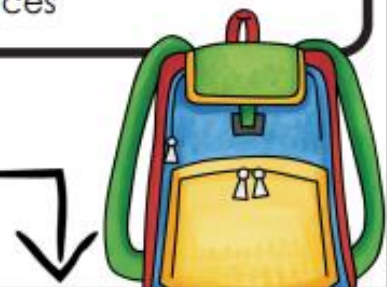
Kindergarten will continue to familiarise themselves with our library's collection and procedures. They will explore narrative structure through Lynley Dodd's Hairy Maclary series.

Stage 1 will be going on a literary road trip of Australia, looking at a new book each week as we explore features of different Australian places and the connections that people have with them.

Stages 2 and 3 will develop their inquiry and research skills to support their respective history units. Students will develop the following research skills;

- Questioning – open/close ended
- Accessing information – search terms and where to look
- Summarising and synthesising information
- Acknowledging sources

CONTACT INFO



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SCHOLASTIC Book Club

Students should have received their Book Club magazines last week.

All Scholastic Book Club orders at TJPS will continue to be cashless. Please see the instructions below for information on how to pay for your Book Club orders via LOOP.

Students who have already brought cash in will still receive their orders, however we will no longer be taking cash payments.

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.

DON'T FORGET!



SCHOLASTIC

Book Club

orders are due:

13/5/2022

Thanks for buying
books from

SCHOLASTIC

Book Club

they help build our
classroom resources



SCHOLASTIC

COMMUNITY MESSAGE BOARD

Good for kids good for life How much screen time?



Children aged 5 – 12 should have **no more than 2 hours** of screen time each day (not counting school or homework).

Replace using screens for fun by getting active. Go for a walk, bike ride or play together as a family.

Turn off screens + get active

Screens can be great for learning, play and communication. Too much screen time can be unhealthy. Try to sit less and move more.

HOW MUCH SCREEN TIME EACH DAY?

0-2 years	NO screen time	Choose active toys and play instead of screens.
2-5 years	Less than 1 hour per day	Less screen time can help kids' sleep and growth.
5-12 years	Less than 2 hours per day	Not including homework time.

What is a screen?

- TV/DVD/BluRay
- Computer
- Game Console
- Tablet/Portable Games
- Phone

This resource was developed by Western Sydney Local Health District, published June 2021.

Source: Australia's Physical Activity and Sedentary Behaviour Guidelines and Australian 24-Hour Movement Guidelines for the Early Years (Birth to 5 Years)

NSW GOVERNMENT HEALTHY EATING ACTIVE LIVING

Source: Western Sydney Local Health District, Healthy Lifestyle Visual Factsheets
[Turn Off Screens Get Active Snippet_1.pdf.aspx \(nsw.gov.au\)](#)



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<http://www.goodforkids.nsw.gov.au/>