

# The Junction Journal

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## From the desk of Mrs Larkman

Hello to our Parents and Carers,

We have had a great start to the term.

### NAIDOC Week

We celebrated NAIDOC in Week 1 as one of our special guests was available to visit at that time. Donna Meehan wrote, 'It is no secret' and Stage 3 studied this book as part of their lead into NAIDOC Week celebrations and stories.



<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=oCU8ehw3BLE>

Above is an interview which took place with Auntie Donna 12 months ago.

Mr Rod Lake from Yamuloong also attended our ceremony along with very enthusiastic members of our community. Uncle Rod had a look at the possible layout of our proposed yarning circle near the front gate which 6L had planned as they applied their understandings of the properties of a circle.

The teaching team also spent 3 hours on staff development day at Yamuloong learning about edible plants and sharing our understandings of acknowledging country. It was a lovely way to begin a new term.

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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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## Out of Zone Enrolments

We have had an unusual pattern of enrolments over the last 18 months and have lost some of our families either overseas or out of the area. For this reason, we will be able to accept out of zone enrolments this term for Kindergarten in 2023. If you or your friends/neighbours wish to take advantage of this, please apply online through our website.

## Staffing Updates for Term 3

There are some variations to staffing for this term. More details will be provided to the classes who are directly involved.

Mrs Emmington will be on leave for the rest of the term.

Mr Liles will relieve as **Deputy Principal and Coordinator of the Learning Support Team.**

Mr Sparksman will relieve as **Assistant Principal for Stage 3.**

Ms Ellis will continue as **Assistant Principal supervising Stage 2.**

Mrs Janissen in the office was offered permanent employment at Ausgrid. We thank her for her wonderful contribution to the School and we wish her all the best for the future.

As we continue to work very closely with each other to manage and lead the school, we are quite confident the students and families will be OK.

We continue to be able to attract a lovely group of casual staff due to our inner-city location.

Cath Larkman



## Upcoming Events

### TERM 3

#### **Monday- Friday August 1-5**

Education Week

#### **Tuesday August 2**

Round 4 Premier's Debating Challenge

P & C Meeting Zoom

#### **Wednesday August 3**

School Athletics Carnival Years 3-6

Fearnley Dawes Track

#### **Thursday August 4**

Aboriginal dance (makeup day- in lieu of Athletics Carnival day)

#### **Friday August 5**

Touch Football Gala Day 3-6

#### **Tuesday August 9**

PSSA Basketball GALA Day

#### **Friday August 12**

Zone Athletics

#### **Tuesday August 23**

Book Week Parade

#### **Monday-Friday August 29 – Sept 9**

Year 3 Intensive swimming program

#### **Monday August 29**

Bookfair – In school library

#### **Tuesday August 30**

Bookfair – In school library

#### **Wednesday August 31**

P & C Father's Day breakfast

#### **Tuesday September 6**

Early Stage 1 Excursion Oakvale Farm -TBC

Premier Band Day

#### **Monday September 12**

Concert Band Day

#### **Tuesday September 13**

Musica Viva Kinder – Year 5

#### **Mon-Thurs September 12 – 15**

Year 6 Canberra Excursion

#### **Thursday September 22**

TBC -Run for Reading Family Day

#### **Friday September 23**

Last day of Term 3

### TERM 4

#### **Friday October 28**

Grandparents Day - TBC

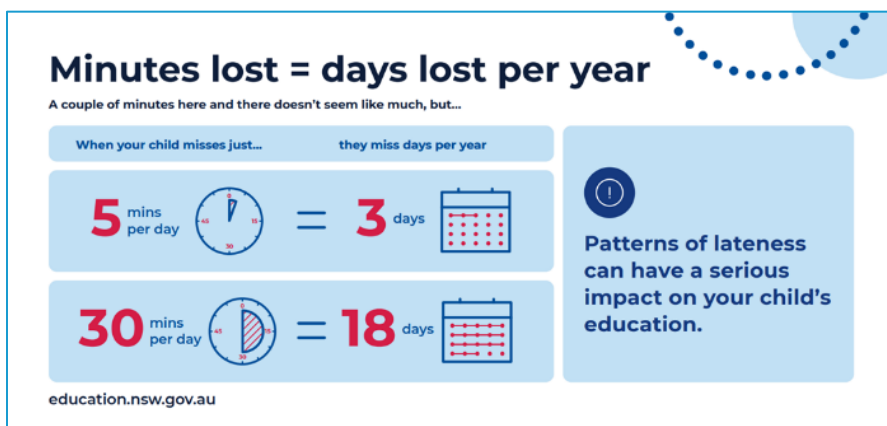
## Attendance Matters

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.



## 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.



## A-Z parents guide ([nsw.gov.au](http://nsw.gov.au))



## 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 – Abbey MacPherson  
6L – Matthew Liles – AP

## Learning and Support

Connie Emmington – Deputy Principal and LST Coordinator  
Luke Sparksman  
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 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. The school holidays would be a good time to ensure that all items have student's names that are **clearly written**, thank you. We also have had a lost Souths JRFC jacket handed in.

Band and Strings Ensemble Fees are now due for Term 3 and overdue 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.

### **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.

**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 (11.00 -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.**

### **In the Office**

#### **OFFICE HOURS:**

8:30AM TO 3:15PM

School Email: [thejunctionp.school@det.nsw.edu.au](mailto:thejunctionp.school@det.nsw.edu.au)

### **SCHOOL SECURITY**

ph: 1300 880021

### **Office Team**

Dianne Edwards  
Amanda Brake  
Angela Bowen  
Kathy McInnes

### **General Assistant**

Tom Jervis  
Brad Evans (Rel)

### **In the Community**

#### **August P&C Meeting Tonight**

Meeting 7pm Tues August 2

### **P&C Contact email**

Mark Duffield-Thomas, President  
[president@junctionpandc.org](mailto:president@junctionpandc.org)

### **UNIFORM SHOP**

#### **ONLINE ORDERING!**

[www.tjpsuniform.com](http://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:

[tjpsuniformshop@gmail.com](mailto:tjpsuniformshop@gmail.com)

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





Working with  
our community  
since 1860

Is your child starting  
Kindergarten in 2023?

Don't miss our transition events

- School Tours for new families
- Open Kindergarten Classrooms  
13th-16th September 9:15 - 11:00am
- Orientation Sessions in Term 4
- Access to our Kinder 2023 Online Platform for  
everything you need to know about starting  
school.

With a large school come many opportunities



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Office open  
9am - 3pm  
Call today!



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**ENROLLING  
NOW  
KINDERGARTEN  
2023**



We are currently taking enrolments for Kindergarten 2023. Families who reside within our 'Enrolment Zone' may apply for enrolment at any time. (Your address may be checked on our school website to confirm). We have sent a Skoolbag notification out with an 'Expression of Intended Enrolment' form attached. This form enables the school to make contact with those enrolling students for Kinder next year. If you have any friends or neighbours who have not yet made contact and reside within our area, please feel free to share this with them.

Please find the 'Expression of Intended Enrolment' form at the end of this newsletter.

Once you have completed this form, you may enrol your child online through the school website. When doing an online enrolment please attach your child's Birth Certificate and Immunisation Certificate.

We will not be accepting 100 points of proof of address until October this year.

Don't miss our transition to school events. Make sure your name is on our list.



**KINDERGARTEN 2023**

**ENROL NOW**

**EXPRESSION OF INTENDED  
ENROLMENT**

**CAN BE FOUND ON PAGE 15!**

## Learning Gallery

### Kindergarten Celebrating 100 Days of Learning

What fun we had last Thursday, celebrating our first 100 days of school. The children thoroughly enjoyed time with their Year 6 Buddies, making hats and enjoying fruit break together. Later in the day we had 100 second challenges, the teacher's favourite being staying silent for 100 seconds, that was a tricky one. We wrote about being 100 years old and received a certificate for being 100 days Smarter. We have come so far in our first 100 days. We cannot wait to see how much we grow over the next 100 days!





## Winanga-y Dreaming Dance Program



Our students began their Aboriginal Dance program last week.

Students will learn about the importance of Aboriginal Dance and how Aboriginal dance is a form of communication, storytelling and an integral part of different ceremonies.

In our first session, students learnt

- the difference in traditional Aboriginal dancing and Aboriginal contemporary dancing
- about the meaning around ochre and costumes when dancing
- the story behind the greeting dance and the movements to the dance
- some Aboriginal language that is involved in the dancing



This program links to several Key Learning Areas

PE/Dance

English/ Languages

History

We look forward to learning more in the coming weeks.



## NAIDOC Celebrations

NAIDOC Week was a lot of fun! We had an assembly where Aunty Donna Meehan came and spoke about her life story, the Didge group performed, and we heard from our Aboriginal students.

Everyone who had a part spoke wonderfully!

After the assembly, the different stages took it in turns to participate in 4 fun Aboriginal games – taught by some of our Year 6 students.

We played:

- Kai, basically keeping the ball in the air
- Apwerte, a bowling and golf hybrid
- Jumpinpin, the original dodgeball
- Gorri, where you throw tennis balls at a rolling yoga ball

Stage 3 were lucky enough to have some additional time with our special guest, the author of 'It is no secret', Aunty Donna Meehan. All of Stage 3 have been reading her novel in our classes and we were truly grateful to have the time to listen to her story with respect and ask her some burning questions we had after reading her engaging book.

At lunch time we had a BBQ, we got to eat yummy sausages, meanwhile the Aboriginal students all had kangaroo sausages because of all the hard work at the assembly. Sadly, we did not have crocodile meat because the order didn't arrive on time!

In addition to our day of activities, Mrs Lalic has organised a huge collaborative art project that the whole school is involved in. Every student in the school is carving an Aboriginal Art symbol or a native animal that they connect with into a clay tile. Once completed these tiles will be put together to create a large eagle-hawk (for the Awabakal totem) and a stingray (which represents the waterways). Each Aboriginal student will create a handprint and the Year 6 students will also design a feather shaped tile for the outer edges of the eagle-hawk. This incredible artwork will be displayed in the school.

In conclusion, this year's NAIDOC was a lot of fun, hopefully next year it'll be even better.

From the desk of: Darby, Caleb, Je Leah and Alijah

## The Environmental Warriors

Our Environmental Warriors meet every fortnight and do a great job of keeping our beautiful Native Gardens well maintained.





## Our amazing Didge Group



## Some of our fabulous presenters at our NAIDOC Assembly





## Enjoying our Aboriginal games





## Kindergarten enjoying their sausages



# COMMUNITY MESSAGE BOARD

## TJPS P&C News

### Term 3 Update from The P&C

Welcome to Term 3 - we hope you all had a great holiday and managed to stay well and dry.

Thank you to everyone who supported the Family Movie Night at the end of June. A very fun night was had by all with over 400 attendees and almost \$2,000 raised for the School.

The P&C are pleased to confirm that so far this year \$5,000 has been donated towards new reading resources for current and future Kindergarten classes.

The P&C would also like to extend our thanks to Lesley from the School admin team for her care and support during her time at the School and wish her all the best for the future.

Here's an overview of the activities the P&C has planned for Term 3 2022:

Tuesday 2 August - P&C Meeting via Zoom - all welcome.

Thursday 11 August - Kindy Parent's Trivia Night at Grill'd The Junction - more details on Class Dojo and tickets via FlexiSchools. If parents from other years are interested in hosting a Trivia Night, please get in touch as Grill'd give us a good deal.

Wednesday 31 August - Father's Day Event - more details and a call for volunteers coming soon.

Tuesday 6 September - P&C Meeting - all welcome.

Thursday 22 September - Fundraiser and BBQ in support of Run 4 Reading initiative - more details to come.

Please reach out to any P&C member or [junctionpandc@gmail.com](mailto:junctionpandc@gmail.com) for more details and to get involved.

Take care and have a fantastic term.

The P&C Committee.

## Let's Make Music

Information about Band, String and Choir Ensembles

### Showcasing the String Ensemble

Recently, we had the pleasure of seeing our String Ensemble perform at our Monday morning assembly. While the Strings have performed at our Band Night late in Term 2, it has been some time since the whole school has seen them in action. The String Ensemble has been steadily growing in numbers under the care of Mrs Bevan and Mrs Porter and they are sounding incredible.

Last year we trialed introducing interested Year 2 students to the Strings Program. It was so successful that we have again sent out an Expression of Interest to current Year 2 students.

If you missed that opportunity, there are still a couple of places available, it is not too late. Please be aware that there is a financial and time commitment to this program. Have a think about it and let me know if you are interested.

I hope to have the Strings out in the playground playing again soon, once the weather warms up.

Thank you Mrs Bevan & Mrs Porter, for your continued dedication to the musicians of our school.

**Miss Harris**



## Band Fees Now Due

It is very important that your band fees are paid each term. We accept part payments or weekly payments, as long as you are up to date by the end of each term. The ladies in the office are most helpful should you require help setting up a payment plan.

### BAND LINK

Due to a change in venue, **we will not be participating in BAND LINK this year.** The cost has become too great.

For those who paid in 2021, your \$80 will automatically be used towards your \$110 term fees, unless you notify the office that you require it against something else.

### Upcoming Events

BandFest – Term 4 Week 2





## **SOUTH NEWCASTLE WOMEN'S HOCKEY CLUB**

Souths are looking for some extra players for our  
Junior Girls C Grade team for the 2022 Season.

Training is on Monday afternoons 4:25-5:25pm

Games are on Saturday mornings at  
9:30am, 10:30am or 11:30am.

Age 7 yrs +  
Beginners welcome



All training & games held at Newcastle International Hockey  
Centre - Turton Road, Broadmeadow.

For more information contact [southsjnrsecretary@gmail.com](mailto:southsjnrsecretary@gmail.com)



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Geri Rea (Composer and teacher with 30 years experience in early childhood, published with the AMEB and London Trinity College) will be running piano lessons for beginners during lunchtimes at our school, beginning in Term 3. Students learn to read music for classical and modern piano including chords, in a fun environment. See our website [www.gerirea.com](http://www.gerirea.com) for further details about this fantastic opportunity or contact Geri on 0404905401 for further information

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**The Junction Public School** (This is not an enrolment form)

**KINDERGARTEN 2023 DETAILS** (Expression of Intended Enrolment)

<b>DATE OF APPLICATION:</b>		
<b>CHILD'S NAME AS PER BIRTH CERTIFICATE</b>		
<b>CHILD'S GENDER</b>	Please circle: GIRL / BOY	
<b>CHILD'S DATE OF BIRTH</b>		
<b>(IF THERE IS A SIBLING CURRENTLY ATTENDING A PUBLIC SCHOOL): NAME &amp; DATE OF BIRTH OF ONE SIBLING</b>		
<b>PARENT and/or PARENTS NAMES (Main family)</b>	Name/s: _____	
<b>PARENT ADDRESS (Must be in school catchment zone)</b>	Address: _____ Mobile No: _____ Email address: _____	
<b>OTHER PARENT (For shared care-other parent details living at different address)</b>	Name: _____ Address: _____ Mobile No: _____ Email address: _____	
<b>MEDICAL ISSUES - Asthma / Epi-pen / Other Medical / physical disabilities?</b>		
<b>Court Orders</b>		
<b>BELOW SECTION IS FOR : OFFICE USE ONLY</b>		
<b>BIRTH CERTIFICATE RECEIVED (Yes / No)</b>	<b>IMMUNISATION STATEMENT RECEIVED (Yes / No)</b>	<b>SCHOOL BLUE CARD RECEIVED (Yes / No)</b>
<b>EXCEL SPREADSHEET (Yes / No)</b>	<b>ON OUR EMAIL LIST (Yes / No)</b>	<b>ON ERN (Yes / No)</b>
<b>100 POINTS OF RESIDENTIAL ADDRESS (Not accepting documents until October 2022) (Yes / No)</b>		

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