

The Junction Journal

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From the desk of Mrs Larkman

Hello to our Parents and Carers

Book Week Celebrations

How wonderful it was to have so many of our community join us for our Book Week Parade yesterday and how amazing that the sun shone through the clouds just at the right moment! A huge thanks to Miss Willoughby and Miss Titchmarsh for all their preparation and to the team that helped them. It was also great to see the work the children had done in the lead up to our celebrations to demonstrate their understanding of quality literature. I hope you got some fantastic photos with your children to add to the family album!

Thanks to all the pre-schoolers who attended. There will be more opportunities for the children to join us before the end of the year.

Annual CPR update for staff

Over the last two Wednesdays our staff team have completed their annual update of Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation. This is a mandatory requirement for us to take your children on excursions as well as supporting our first aid officers at school. Thanks to our local Royal Life Saving provider who can deliver the practical training personally at our school as well as support us with the online training prior to this.

Please enjoy the rest of our news.

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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Kindergarten 2023



Working with
our community
since 1860

Kindergarten 2023 Enrolling Now

Open Kindergarten Classrooms

13th-16th September 9:15 - 11:00am

Come and see how a Kindergarten classroom works.

Children enrolled for Kindergarten in 2023 and their parents are warmly invited to join us in the classroom. Come for an hour or come for two. This is an opportunity for parents to be with their child while they experience our learning spaces.

Choose a morning that suits you, bring some fruit along for Fruit Break at 10am and spend some time with us.

Please book your morning now by calling us on 4963 1343



4963 1343

Office open
9am - 3pm
Call today!



SCAN ME

TRANSITION
ACTIVITIES
STARTING
SOON



Upcoming Events

TERM 3

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

Thursday September 1

P & C Father's Day breakfast

Tuesday September 6

Early Stage 1 Excursion Oakvale Farm

Premier Band Day

P&C Meeting 7pm

Monday – Thursday September 12-15

Year 6 Canberra Excursion

Monday September 12

Concert Band Day

Tuesday September 13

Musica Viva Kinder – Year 5

Thursday September 14

Stage 2 Author Visit – Jess Black

Thursday September 19

Stage 2 Author Visit – Jess Black

Tuesday September 20

Kinder 2023 New Families Walk

through

Wednesday September 21

Stage 2 Author Visit – Jess Black

Thursday September 22

Run for Reading Family Day

Friday September 23

Last day of Term 3

TERM 4

Monday October 10

Students and Staff return

Wednesday October 12

Primary Band Day

Friday October 21

Early Stage 1 Carnival Fun Day TBC

Friday October 28

Grandparents Day

Canteen Ordering

Canteen orders can be placed one of two ways, either by

- Ordering online via flexischools.com.au
Please note this must be done before 9am otherwise, the order will go onto the following day or
- Ordering directly at the canteen in person with **CASH** (note no eftpos available)

If a lunch order is forgotten, please bring food into the school office to be passed on to your child before 1pm. If you are unable to do this, please call the school office as soon as possible.

When purchasing from the Canteen, children are not permitted to buy food for friends or other students.

Children are not able to buy frozen foods after half bell (1.30) as this causes significant problems on return to class with students missing out on valuable learning time.

Selective Secondary Schools

For those who sat the assessment for selective schools in 2023, the results have been released.

For entry to Year 7 in 2024, applications are expected to open on October 18 2022 and close on November 16 2022. The Selective High School Placement Test will be held on May 4 2023.

Please keep your eye on this website if you are interested in applying for selective high schools in the future.

<https://education.nsw.gov.au/public-schools/selective-high-schools-and-opportunity-classes/year-7>

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. Please 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

SCHOOL SECURITY

ph: 1300 880021

Office Team

Dianne Edwards
Amanda Brake
Angela Bowen
Kathy McInnes
Lesley Janissen

General Assistant

Tom Jervis
Brad Evans (Rel)

In the Community

September P&C Meeting

7pm Tuesday September 6 2022

P&C Contact email

Mark Duffield-Thomas, President
president@junctionpandc.org

UNIFORM SHOP

ONLINE ORDERING!

www.tipsuniform.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

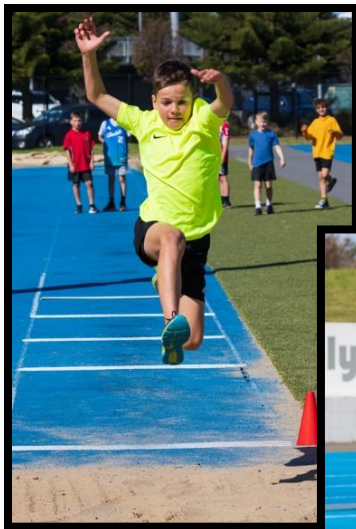
PLEASE ASSIST WITH DELIVERY OF UNIFORM ORDERS BY PUTTING YOUR **CHILD'S NAME** on the order. No parent names please.

Learning Gallery

School Athletics Carnival

What a fun Athletics Carnival our students had on August 3 at the Fearnley Dawes Athletics Track! It was fantastic to see the number of students who participated in each event and the wonderful sportsmanship shown by all students. There was lots of cheering and team spirit from all houses, and Quinlan were the overall house winner for the day.

We have many athletes here at The Junction Public School and this was very evident with the results on the day. All students should be proud of their efforts, and a huge congratulations to the 43 students that made it to the Zone level. These students were Harvey S, Armani D, Knox V, Bon D, Ethan W, Sonny S, Mikel B, Jasmin H, Isabella Y, Lila B, Lyla B, Lola T, Nina C, Eva C, Madison B, Ella H, Rosa D, Lachlan D, Carter F, Logan L, Bonnie N, Emile A, Odin B, Eddie K, Henry M, Zach W, Matilda S, Tilley N, Elkie B, Corban B, Will B, Manalek S, Sam N, Lucas C, Flynn S, Henry W, Luca F, Emily G, Lilah R, Milla D, Coco C and Milla V. It was great to have parents/carers and the community attend our carnival this year, and we thank you for your help and support on the day.







Zone Athletics Carnival Report

On Friday August 12, 39 students represented The Junction at the Zone Athletics Carnival which was held at the Hunter Sports Centre at Glendale. Our team consisted of Harvey S, Armani D, Knox V, Bon D, Ethan W, Sonny S, Mikel B, Jasmin H, Isabella Y, Lila B, Lyla B, Lola T, Nina C, Eva C, Madison B, Ella H, Rosa D, Lachlan D, Carter F, Logan L, Bonnie N, Emile A, Odin B, Henry M, Zach W, Matilda S, Elkie B, Corban B, Will B, Manalek S, Sam N, Flynn S, Henry W, Luca F, Emily G, Lilah R, Milla D, Coco C and Milla V. We had students competing in a variety of track and field events throughout the day, with lots of students placing in the top 5 and 13 students also making it into the 100m finals. Overall, it was a fantastic day, and our students should be extremely proud of their efforts and results. Thank you to all the parents who came to support and helped out on the day.

Top Placements from the day:

Jnr Girls Relay 1st Lyla B, Eva C, Madison B, Ella H

Snr Boys Relay 3rd Henry W, Corban B, Will B, Manalek S

Harvey S 1st in 8 Yrs Boys 100m

Jasmine H 2nd in 8 Yrs Girls 100m

Eva C 1st in 10 Yrs Girls 100m and 1st in Jnr Girls 200m

Congratulations to Eva who broke the Newcastle City Zone PSSA record for 10yrs Girls 100m with a time of 14.23.

Odin B 2nd in 11 Yrs Boys 800m

Matilda S 1st in 11 Yrs Girls 1500m, 2nd in 11 Yrs Girl 800m, 3rd in 11 Yrs Girls 100m

Corban B 2nd in 12 Yrs Boys 200m

Further congratulations to Matilda S, Eva C, Harvey S, Jasmine H, Corban B, Odin B, Lyla B, Madison B and Ella H who will represent the Newcastle City Zone PSSA team at the Hunter Regional Athletics on Friday August 26.

Thanks, Miss Smith and Mr Pidutti





Aboriginal Dance

Kindergarten students are enjoying learning about Aboriginal culture through dance. Students have the opportunity to have ochre applied to their face as part of this experience.



COMMUNITY MESSAGE BOARD

TJPS P&C News

Term 3 Update from the P&C

Thursday September 1 - Father's Day Event – Donuts with Dads. Order your donuts from Doughheads from www.flexischools.com.au or use the Flexischools app. Enjoy a coffee, cup of tea or hot chocolate from Fatcrema Coffee Cart.

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

Thursday September 22 - 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 for more details and to get involved.

The P&C Committee

Let's Make Music

Information about Band, String and Choir Ensembles



Choir News

Kindergarten had the pleasure of listening to our choir last Tuesday. The Kinder students were very excited, and I think some choir students were delighted to be singing to an audience. Thank you Mrs McLeod for your continued work with our singing stars.

Night of Percussion

Our Percussion Ensemble have been invited to perform at the **Night of Percussion at the Conservatorium of Music on Friday September 2**, at 7pm. It has been a few years since we joined other percussion groups for this event and it has historically been a very entertaining night. Mr David Tracy will no doubt be putting on a great show with our students.

String Ensemble

The String Ensemble has been invited to perform at the next Newcastle Strings Concert, which is on **Monday, September 19 at Newcastle Christ Church Cathedral, Church Street Newcastle**. A note will be coming home soon.

BandFest

Bandfest will go ahead this year in Week 2 of Term 4. We have registered six ensembles in this competition. So, if you have children in the Primary, Concert or Premier Bands, the String, Jazz or Percussion Ensembles, please note the week of **October 17 - 21** in your diary. We will again be heading to the Warners Bay Arts Theatre.



Upcoming Events

Night of Percussion

Friday evening Sept 2

- Percussion Ensemble

Newcastle Strings Concert

Monday evening Sept 19

- String Ensemble

BandFest – October 17 - 21

- Primary, Concert & Premier Bands
- String, Jazz & Percussion Ensembles

Reminder 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.



Compulsory school attendance

| Information for parents

Education for your child is important and regular attendance at school is essential for your child to achieve their educational best and increase their career and life options. NSW public schools work in partnership with parents to encourage and support regular attendance of children and young people. When your child attends school every day, learning becomes easier and your child will build and maintain friendships with other children.

What are my Legal responsibilities?

Education in New South Wales is compulsory for all children between the ages of six years and below the minimum school leaving age of 17 years. The Education Act 1990 requires that parents ensure their children of compulsory school age are enrolled at, and regularly attend school, or, are registered with the NSW Education and Standards Authority for home schooling.

Once enrolled, children are required to attend school each day it is open for students.

The Importance of arriving on time

Arriving at school and class on time:

- Ensures that students do not miss out on important learning activities scheduled early in the day
- Helps students learn the importance of punctuality and routine
- Give students time to greet their friends before class
- Reduces classroom disruption

Lateness is recorded as a partial absence and must be explained by parents.

What if my child has to be away from school?

On occasion, your child may need to be absent from school. Justified reasons for student absences may include:

- being sick, or having an infectious disease
- having an unavoidable medical appointment
- being required to attend a recognised religious holiday
- exceptional or urgent family circumstance (e.g. attending a funeral)

Following an absence from school you must ensure that within 7 days you provide your child's school with a verbal or written explanation for the absence. However, if the school has not received an explanation from you within 2 days, the school may contact you to discuss the absence.

Principals may decline to accept an explanation that you have provided if they do not believe the absence is in the best interest of your child. In these circumstances your child's absence would be recorded as unjustified. When this happens the principal will discuss their decision with you and the reasons why.

Principals may request medical certificates or other documentation when frequent or long term absences are explained as being due to illness. Principals may also seek parental permission to speak with medical specialists to obtain information to collaboratively develop a health care plan to support your child. If the request is denied, the principal can record the absences as unjustified.

Travel

Families are encouraged to travel during school holidays. If travel during school term is necessary, discuss this with your child's school principal. An Application for Extended Leave may need to be completed. Absences relating to travel will be marked as leave on the roll and therefore contribute to your child's total absences for the year.

In some circumstances students may be eligible to enrol in distance education for travel periods over 50 school days. This should be discussed with your child's school principal.

My child won't go to school what should I do?

You should contact the principal as soon as possible to discuss the issue and ask for help. Strategies to help improve attendance may include a referral to the school's learning and support team or linking your child with appropriate support networks. The principal may seek further support from the Home School Liaison Program to develop an Attendance Improvement Plan.

What might happen if my child continues to have unacceptable absences?

It is important to understand that the Department of Education may be required to take further action where children of compulsory school age have recurring numbers of unexplained or unjustified absences from school.

Some of the following actions may be undertaken:

- **Compulsory Schooling Conferences**

You may be asked, along with your child, to attend a Compulsory Schooling Conference. The conference will help to identify the supports your child may need to have in place so they attend school regularly. The school, parents and agencies will work together to develop an agreed plan (known as Undertakings) to support your child's attendance at school.

- **Application to the Children's Court – Compulsory Schooling Order**

If your child's attendance at school remains unsatisfactory the Department may apply to the Children's Court for a Compulsory Schooling Order. The Children's Court magistrate may order a Compulsory Schooling Conference to be convened.

- **Prosecution in the Local Court**

School and Department staff remain committed to working in partnership with you to address the issues which are preventing your child's full participation at school. In circumstances where a breach of compulsory schooling orders occurs further action may be taken against a parent in the Local Court. The result of court action can be the imposition of a community service order or a fine.

What age can my child leave school?

All New South Wales students must complete Year 10 or its equivalent. After Year 10, and up until they reach 17 years of age, there are a range of flexible options for students to complete their schooling.

Working in Partnership

The NSW Department of Education recognises that working collaboratively with students and their families is the best way to support the regular attendance of students at school.

We look forward to working in partnership with you to support your child to fulfil their life opportunities.

COME AND TRY CRICKET EVENTS FOR GIRLS

FREE!

RSVP TODAY **EMPIRE PARK**

BAR BEACH



**Friday 2nd Sept &
Friday 16th Sept
4.00pm - 5.30pm**

**<https://bit.ly/CityGirlsCricketRSVP2022>
IN PARTNERSHIP WITH ACTIVATE SPORTS CAMPS**

Bring Your Friends



Follow Newcastle City Cricket Club on Facebook for more details on this season's junior cricket formats for boys and girls aged 7 to 17 years, and to stay up to date on this event



**REGISTER FOR MIXED
JUNIOR CRICKET AT...**

<https://bit.ly/CityCricketRego2022-23>

