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The Junction Journal

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From the desk of Mrs Larkman

Hello to Parents and Carers,

Our newsletter may not contain all our term's events as Thursday is our usual day for the compiling of newsletter entries. This week we will take part in the National Day of Mourning.

Canberra Excursion

A huge thanks to Mr Liles, Miss Spring, Mr Radnidge and Mrs Lovegrove who accompanied the students on their Canberra excursion. This is the first time since before Covid this trip has been able to go ahead. Despite some illness on the trip and one missed venue, all the attending students enjoyed the opportunities they were given. There will be more information in a future newsletter.

MAD Awards (Make a Difference)

It was my great pleasure to attend these awards on Thursday evening September 15. Our school was recognised in several ways:

Alijah (6R) Aboriginal Student Leadership Award Liliana (6L) Non-Aboriginal Student Leadership Award Congratulations to these



students who we are extremely proud of.

A special congratulations to Mr Liles who won the Newcastle Network Award for commitment and dedication to Aboriginal Education as a Non-Aboriginal School Leader.

It was a wonderful evening of celebration with a group of our younger students performing as part of the didge group with Mr Begnell. A big thank you to the Aboriginal Education Team for their collaborative effort in nominating and supporting these awards and to Theo R and the Lalic family who made themselves available to collect the awards if needed due to the Canberra excursion.



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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Staffing Updates

We congratulate Miss Chaffey on her successful application for Assistant Principal Curriculum & Instruction at Medowie Public School. Miss Chaffey has given selflessly to this school over 12 years as an experienced and enthusiastic AP/class teacher, curriculum provider, technology coordinator/advisor. We also followed her capable leadership of STEM/Literacy/Numeracy across K-4 over 2 years. Laura has been our 'go to' for so many things but she has decided that her professional growth will continue to grow in a new and innovative leadership placement. This career move will also enable her to have a much shorter trip to and from work allowing a much-improved work/life balance.

While we will miss Laura, she will be an absolute gift to the Port Stephens school community.

The APC&I positions for the third stage of the project will begin in 2023.

We also farewell Miss MacPherson as she goes on maternity leave prior to the arrival of her first baby. She has contributed significantly to our senior STEM and mathematics programs and initiatives over the last 2 years and has played a significant collegial support role for our staff team. We wish Abbey all the best for the safe arrival of her baby.

A huge thanks to Brad Evans who has filled in for Tom as General Assistant during Tom's long service leave. Brad has been a hard and consistent worker and we thank him for looking after our school (and us) during Term 3. He even got to christen Tom's new ride-on, which means he is very highly thought of!

Thanks also to our two Newcastle University interns, Courtney Wiltshire, and Joshua Pidutti, who have been a welcome addition to our staff team. We always enjoy having interns from Newcastle University as they bring new ideas, and the students enjoy having them with us.

Enjoy your holiday

Have a well-earned rest over the holidays and we will see you back on Monday October 10. There is no Staff Development Day in Term 4.

Cath Larkman Principal

Selective Secondary Schools

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/selectivehigh-schools-and-opportunity-classes/year-7

Upcoming Events

TERM 3

Monday September 19 Stage 2 Author Visit - Jess Black Newcastle Strings Term 3 Concert – Newcastle Cathedral Tuesday September 20

Kinder 2023 New Families Walk through

Wednesday September 21 Stage 2 Author Visit – Jess Black Thursday September 22 National day of Mourning – School will be closed Friday September 23

Run for Reading Family Day Last day of Term 3

<u>TERM 4</u>

Monday October 10 Students and Staff return Tuesday Oct 11- Friday October 21 Stage 1 Swimming School Primary Band Day Wednesday October 19 BandFest - Concert Band Thursday October 20 BandFest - Primary & Premier Bands Friday October 21 Bandfest – Percussion, Strings and Jazz Ensembles Early Stage 1 Carnival Fun Day Friday October 28 Grandparents Day

Kindergarten Events



Kindergarten Fun & Games (for current students) We would love for you to come and play some games and have some fun with us out in the sunshine. Activities will run from 11am to 1pm. You are then welcome to stay and have a picnic lunch with your child/children. Students are to wear sports uniform/joggers.

When: Friday October 21 2022 Time: 11am-1pm

We look forward to seeing you! Sarah Griffiths

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

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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.

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 and Sentral Portal are 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.

All COVID information for parents can be found here: <u>COVID-19 (coronavirus) (nsw.gov.au)</u>

In the Office

OFFICE HOURS: 8:30AM TO 3:15PM School Email: <u>thejunctio-</u> p.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

October P&C Meeting 7pm Tuesday 11 October 2022

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 and black tracksuit pants. 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.

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Let's Make Music

Information about Band, Strings and Choir Ensembles

STRING ENSEMBLE

Tonight our String Ensemble are performing as guests of Newcastle Strings at the Newcastle Cathedral. The concert begins at 7pm. All are welcome. There is a door charge of \$10 for adults and \$5 for children, a family ticket is \$20.

BANDFEST

This event is fast approaching. Permission notes came home last week and are due with payment by the end of this term. Children performing in multiple ensembles are only required to pay once.

Parents are welcome to view these performances, however there will be a small door charge. As this is a competition event, visitors will not be allowed in whilst bands are performing. Please check your notes for time details of each session.

BAND FEES

I kindly remind you to check that your Band Fees are up to date. As an extra curricula activity, our program relies on fees being paid to enable it to run. As with most things these days, our costs are increasing and it is imperative that everyone pays their fees so we can continue to offer the wonderful opportunities for our musical students.

HOLIDAY REMINDER

As we enter into a holiday period please continue to take care of your instrument. As the weather warms, I remind you not to leave your instruments in hot cars. The heat warps cases and causes damage to instruments. Replacing instruments is a costly exercise. Please take care.

Kind Regards,

Angie Harris





Upcoming Events

Newcastle Strings Concert

Featuring TJPS String Ensemble Monday 19th September @ The Cathedral 7pm

Bandfest

@ Warners Bay Theatre

Concert Band Wednesday Oct 19

Primary Band Thursday Oct 20

Premier Band Thursday Oct 20

Percussion/String/Jazz Ensembles Friday Oct 21



Save The Date Thursday December 1st Band Presentation Night @ The Conservatorium of Music

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Learning Gallery

Public Speaking

On Friday August 19, Madison Y and Finn P from Kindergarten, represented TJPS at the Newcastle Area Early Stage One Public Speaking Competition. They both did an exceptional job and competed against 28 other Kindergarten students from the area. We congratulate Madison and Finn on their amazing efforts! Finn was announced as the Newcastle Zone winner and invited to participate in the Hunter regional Final. On Tuesday September 13, Finn competed against six other talented students from the Hunter area. Finn proceeded to win again! He was announced the Early Stage One finalist of the Hunter Inter-Schools Primary Public Speaking. A huge congratulations on Finn's exceptional success and tremendous public speaking skills.



On Thursday September 8, The Junction Public School faced New Lambton Public School in the Round 3 PSSA cricket knock out competition. TJPS won the toss, and we chose to bat. We got off to a slow start with an early wicket, but Sam N's 40 not out brought us back into the game. By the time it was drinks we were on 75 runs. After drinks our run rate started to slow down but we still ended up with a good score of 4 wickets for 120 runs. After a short break it was our turn to bowl. We were bowling well, and we kept them to a low score before drinks break. After drinks we got a couple of wickets, but they started to score quick runs. At the start of the last over they needed 24 runs off 6 balls. We held our nerve and ended up with a great win. Great bowling from Lachie B with 2/14 off his 5 overs. The final total was New Lambton Public School 107, The Junction Public School 120 runs. We now move on to round 4 of the PSSA cricket competition. The team consisted of Corban B (captain) Caleb R, Sam N, Charlie I, Charlie B, Angus B, Lachie B, Liam W, Lucas C, Evie R, Sam T and Thomas B



Lucas C and Corban B

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Tenpin Bowling Inclusion Day

On Friday September 9, I had the pleasure of accompanying students from TJPS at a Tenpin Bowling Inclusion Day at Dullboy's at Warners Bay.

It was a fantastic event organised by the School Sport Unit. The students played two games and competed against 30 schools from around the region. While we didn't make it through to the state finals, all students had a wonderful day and represented our school with pride.

Well done to all involved!

Mrs Edwards











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Run for Reading update

TJPS students have been busy running laps of the school oval throughout Term 3 to gain sponsorship for new reading materials. Apart from the benefit of money being raised for our school to purchase precious and new reading materials, students have been looking forward to their daily laps. Daisy (5S) commented that she is 'aiming to run more laps each day' and Linkin (5S) has noticed 'improved endurance' whilst Arlo (5S) has improved with long distance running and can now run more laps without stopping. Maeve (KB) noticed she is gaining strength with the daily running and Arlen (KB) is building more muscle. Mikaela (2MC) is getting fitter and gaining physical health and strength.



The clues each week provide an entertaining way of learning about different places around the globe. Lola (1C) enjoys learning about the location of each country on the map of the world as each natural wonder is revealed in her clues book. Stella (2MC) finds it interesting to learn all about various places on planet earth. Kindergarten children who are focused on The Great Barrier Reef said that they are learning so many interesting facts, for example, that there are over 1500 species of fish on the reef.

We are all looking forward to the 'Family Day' on Friday September 23 to celebrate all the hard work students have put into running the distances on land, from each of the seven wonders of the natural world. We will also be showcasing their classwork centered around the natural wonders of the world.

Debating News

Year 5 Train on Debating

Last week our Year 5 debaters attended their first Gala Day, where they undertook a debating workshop to learn all about the roles of each speaker. In the afternoon session, our two teams participated in a debate. There will be 3 more days for our Year 5 debaters to develop their knowledge and debating skills. Notes for these days will go home this week.

When I arrived at the Train-On debate, we were sent to a big room and each school had their own table. We learnt about how to use rebuttal and how to persuade the audience.

In the afternoon, we were split into three groups and I was chosen to be the first speaker. We versed Salt Ash PS. and we won. The other TJPS team versed Charlestown South PS, but was not told the winner of their debate. Elkie 5C

At the Train-On Debate, we learnt about being in the negative and affirmative team, rebutting, and the structure of arguments. When I got there, we signed ourselves in and sat at our table. Next we were listening to Jo Potts and taking notes.

We had a couple of breaks during this time. We were then split into 2 groups. One was Elkie, Alex G., Isla, Jett and I, and the other was Liam, Noah, Oliver, Arielle and Lincoln. Our team, Junction, versed Sal Ash P.S. and the other team, Junction 2, versed Charlestown South P.S. We won, but Junction 2 wasn't told who won or not. It was so much fun. I'm definitely doing it again! Tilley 5FW

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TJPS LIBRARY NEWS

Book Parade & Book Fair

Thank you so much for supporting out Book Parade and Book Fair. It was wonderful to see so many parents, family and friends back on school grounds for a celebration of literature.

Through the book fair we have made \$2247 to spend on books for our classrooms. This means each class will receive \$107 to spend on Scholastic books in the next Book Club.

Author Visits - Jess Black

Last week 3/4B and 4G kicked off our author workshop with Jess Black. They were introduced into the creative writing process and created their own writing piece based on the novel, *The Tales of Mr Walker- a hotel dog with a nose for adventure.* The other Stage 2 classes will be working with Jess this week.



Term 3 Upcoming Library Events

Monday 19 September

 Author visit - Jess Black 3A, 3S & 3L

Wednesday 21 September

- Author visit Jess Black
 4LC
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Friday 23 September

- Run for Reading Family Day
- Overdue books due back



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Creative Writing with Jess Black

Hi, I'm June. Not the month... it's my name! I've been chosen to be the ambassador for this hotel, but I have been hearing rumours that the hotel is haunted. It's been giving me the heebie geebies. I couldn't sleep. But the time has come, I must do what I'm told.

I walked in the hotel, people started staring at me like some hideous monster. But really I'm just a cute Pomeranian holding a pastel pink suitcase. I'm supposed to be a role model.

I was checking out the rooms, until a gust of wind went past me. I thought it was a ghost, but it couldn't be. Ghosts don't exist! Right? Sophie - 4G

Sheppard heard that today was a wedding party at the Grand Hall. He ran to the kitchen knocking over pots and pans, racing to the phone calling the limo company. First he asked them to pick him up after the wedding party at 3pm. Before he could say another word, he hangs up and races to the wedding. He was trying to beat high score.

He got to the wedding fast and saw balloons. He froze in his tracks. As the wedding began he started popping every balloon in sight. Suddenly he needed to go to the toilet. He is used to going outside. Oh well he gives it a try. He sits on the toilet and ..falls in! He runs out of the toilet, but not before he gets toilet paper all over the floor and over himself. He ran and ran until he got back to the wedding. He shakes himself dry and gets wet toilet paper all over the bridesmaids and groomsmen! He jumped on the table and eats the cake. Then he remembers the magic trick if you pull the cloth on the table...

Rosa 3/4B

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COMMUNITY MESSAGE BOARD



KIDS' SPRING HOLIDAYS CREATIVE WRITING Workshops in Newcastle & ON Zoom

SPY STORIES (200M) Wed 28 Sept, 10am-1pm, Ed Wright (8-14) SELECTIVE SCHOOLS PREP Thurs 29 Sept, 10am-1pm, Ed Wright (Yr 5) FOOD GLORIOUS FOOD Fri 30 Sept, 10am-1pm, Ed Wright (7-13) DOGS WITH JOBS Wed 5 Oct, 10am-1pm, Jess Black (6-11) EXTREME SPORTS Thurs 6 Oct, 10am-1pm, Jess Black (7-13)

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The STHS Performing Ensembles music program has over one hundred student participants playing over thirty different instruments and receive mentoring and specialised tuition.

We are highly successful members of the St George Sport Association with weekly grade competition each Wednesday afternoon in disciplines such as basketball, soccer, Oztag, cricket, volleyball, table tennis and tennis. This is complemented by our

recreational sport program and includes fencing, fitness, ten pin bowling and beach walking. Our extra curricular program offers outstanding

opportunities for every student to connect and thrive in our school's high expectations culture in many fields including public speaking, debating, chess, the Duke of Edinburgh Award, digital media, Latin, entreprenuerism, coding and much more.



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