

The Junction Journal

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03/06/2022

From the desk of Mrs Larkman

Hello to our Parents and Carers

The National Reconciliation Week 2022 theme, "Be Brave. Make Change." is a challenge to all Australians— individuals, families, communities, organisations and government—to Be Brave and tackle the unfinished business of reconciliation so we can Make Change for the benefit of all Australians.

This week all classes have been talking about Reconciliation Week at various levels of understanding. I would like to recognise our Teacher/Librarians (Miss Willoughby and Miss Titchmarsh) who have put this theme at the centre of their learning experiences this week.

On Wednesday after school the staff enjoyed a visit from Nathan Towney who is one of our school parents, and holds the position of Pro Vice-Chancellor Indigenous, Strategy and Leadership at the University of Newcastle. Nathan visits us every year to touch base with our new staff members, and most of the original ones turn up as well. We value the stories of his work at the university, with the NSW Educational Standards Authority, and re-visit the significant changes for Aboriginal people over the last two generations in schools based on Nathan's personal stories.

Wellness at School

As well as Covid 19, we have had quite a few staff and students sick with Influenza A. Some of our families have chosen to send their children to school in masks if other family members are sick at home. We would also like to thank, again, our visiting teachers who so ably take over when teachers are sick. Finally, my thanks to the students who have been so versatile with different teachers in their classrooms.

Cath Larkman,

Principal



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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From the desk of Ms Emmington

Wiki Yaantin Koba – A Garden for Everyone

Mr Rod Lake from Yamulong came in to check the progress of our Wiki Yaantin Koba (A garden for everyone) last week.

He was thrilled to be back as he hasn't seen us since before COVID lockdowns. He gave us some advice on weeding and harvesting and a good number of gardeners were in the garden at lunch time this Thursday; our first lunch time gardening club has finally begun after many weeks of postponement due to rain and inclement weather.

Parents are very welcome to join us every even week Thursday at lunch times, weather permitting, for weeding, pruning and planting. See garden dates in Term 2 calendar.



After all our hard work, and a wheelbarrow full of weeds, we rewarded ourselves with fresh mandarins from the orchard.
YUM!



Upcoming Events

TERM 2

Friday June 3

Star Struck Major Movement Rehearsal

Wednesday June 8

Concert Band Day

Monday June 13

Queen's Birthday PUBLIC HOLIDAY

Tuesday June 14

Premier Band Day

Wednesday June 15

Star Struck Tech and Dress Rehearsal

Thursday June 16

Gardening Club (1:10-1:45pm)

Friday June 17

Star Struck Performance
Hunter Region Cross Country

Monday June 20

Strings Day 9.30 – 12.30

Wednesday June 22

Primary Band Day

Thursday June 23

Family Band Night 6.30 – 8.00

Stage 1 Excursion Australian Reptile Park

Friday June 24

NHS Yr6 Taster Lessons 12 – 3pm

Tuesday June 28

Rugby League PSSA Classic Shield Gala Day

Thursday June 30

Gardening Club (1:10-1:45pm)

Friday July 1

Last Day of Term 2 – Semester 1 Reports home

TERM 3

Monday July 18

Staff Day - Yamuloong

Tuesday July 19

Students return

Wednesday July 20

NAIDOC Assembly

TERM 4

Friday October 28

Grandparents Day

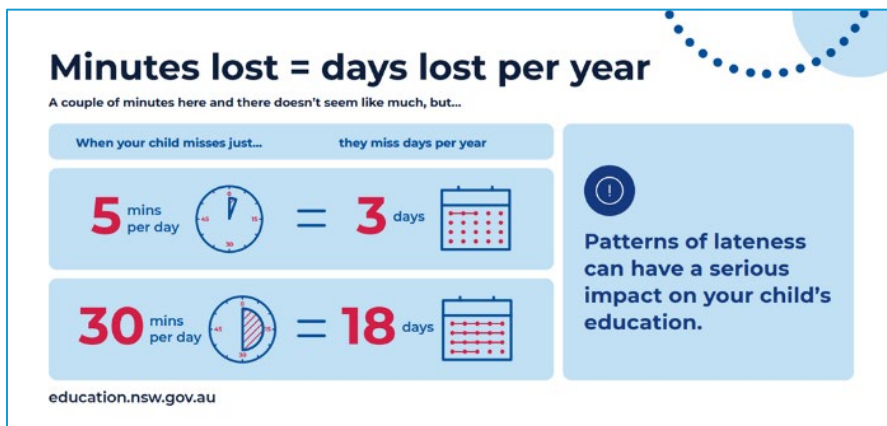
Attendance Matters

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



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)



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 Emmington – 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 Begnell

Information from the Front Office Team...



Now that the Cooler weather is with us could you please ensure that your child's jackets are clearly labelled

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.

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.

All COVID information for parents can be found here:

[COVID-19 \(coronavirus\) \(nsw.gov.au\)](https://www.nsw.gov.au/health-and-care/services-and-support/covid-19)

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:

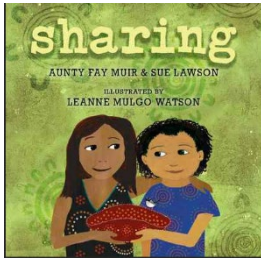
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PLEASE ASSIST WITH DELIVERY OF UNIFORM ORDERS BY PUTTING YOUR **CHILD'S NAME** on the order; No parent names please.

Learning Gallery

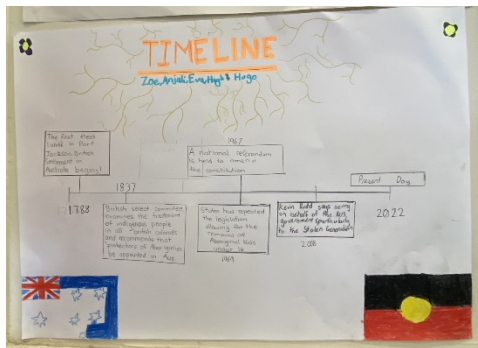
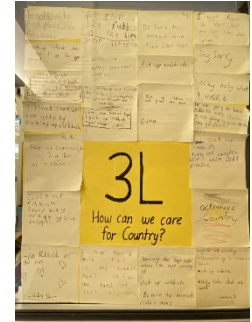
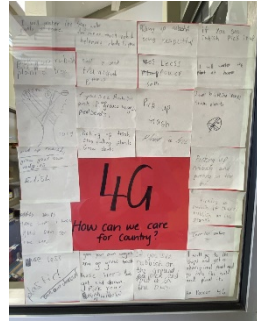
Reconciliation Week around the school...

Reconciliation Week has been a week of learning about Aboriginal and Torres Strait culture and history. Here are some snippets from around the school.

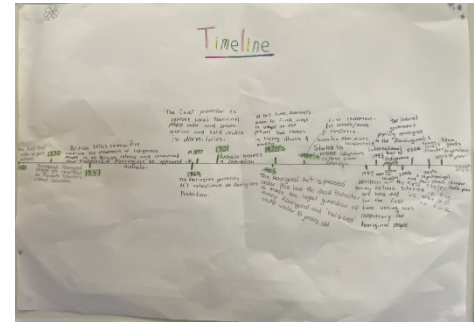


2S in their library lesson with Mrs Titchmarsh in their learning yarning circle listening to a story about **Sharing** by Auntie Fay Muir and Sue Lawson.

Year 3 and 4 have been brainstorming about 'How to Care for Country' – their initial thoughts and ideas captured.



Year 5 and 6 have been looking at the timeline of the last 200+ years of shared history.



From the desk of Mr Sparksman

The Newcastle Permanent Maths Challenge

TJPS was invited to this math challenge because we placed in the top 35 schools in the 2021 Year 5 Division of the Newcastle Permanent Primary School Mathematics Competition. 35 schools from around the state entered a four-person team.

Our team was:

- Hannah L
- Dominic G
- Lucas C
- Shreyansh S

To start, we had a speed challenge. We had 45 seconds to answer each question. In this section we answered 19/20 questions correctly. Next, we completed a problem-solving challenge. We had to solve difficult multi-step problems in 3 minutes. In this section we answered 11/14 correctly. Our final result was 30/34, which put us in **third place**.

By Hannah, Dom, Lucas and Shreyansh.

Congratulations to an outstanding team



Lucas C is absent

From the desk of Mrs Wilson and Miss Spring

STOP PRESS! STOP PRESS!

Eddie P will be a featured performer at Star Struck this year. Congratulations Eddie! We look forward to your performance.

Zaharenya F auditioned for and was awarded a place in ICONIC's choir – The Hunter Trebles.

Well done to these talented students!



From the desk of Mr Liles and Year 6

GRIP Leadership Conference

Last week on Tuesday May 24, 20 Year 6 students from The Junction Public School went to the Civic Theatre for a leadership conference with tons of schools in the Hunter. The students were sent to this conference to build on their leadership abilities so they can make The Junction Public School a better place. We also had to collaborate with other schools to work on teamwork and integrity. There were lots of fun games and activities to work on leadership and teamwork and listening to other people's ideas. There were heaps of different ideas and skills that we learnt and will use in the future. A couple of students were invited to go up on stage and play games and perform. The kids from The Junction Public School felt very lucky and happy to have this amazing experience because we learnt so many skills and tools to help us at our school.



By Evie R & Sarah B



From the desk of Miss MacPherson and Miss Willoughby

Premier's Debating Round 1

On Monday the May 23, our school debating teams, TJPS Red and TJPS Black competed against Adamstown Public School in a fierce battle of dispute. In the first debate, TJPS Black argued to their victory against The Adamstown Public Goldies. Winning with outstanding affirmative persuasion for the topic that: Having top students help struggling students learn for one hour per week.

As for the second debate, TJPS Red unfortunately lost against the convincing Adamstown Pursuit of Dispute. TJPS Red still put forward their best with a difficult topic of: Students should have 8 weeks of holidays and debating as the negative team. With one win and one loss both debating teams experienced the pressure and excitement of a competitive environment and look forward to Round 2!

From the desks of the PSSA Coordinators

PSSA Girls Football Team

On Wednesday, May 18, the Girls PSSA Football Team travelled to Speers Point to represent The Junction Public School. The team played Hamilton South Public School which is always a tough team to beat. The first half of the game was well played with no goals scored on either side. Our goalkeeper did a superb job in saving at least 20 goals in the first half and our team played a good defensive line. TJPS kicked off in the second half, and the girls unfortunately let in an unlucky shot causing HSPS to score the first goal of the game. In the next five minutes, HSPS were awarded two penalties, scoring in both leaving the score 3-0. In the last fifteen minutes HSPS got 2 lucky breaks and scored two more goals leaving the final score 5-0 as the finishing whistle was called. By Evie R and Zoe B.



PSSA Boys Football Team

The Boys PSSA Football Team played Hamilton South Public School on Wednesday May 18. We had an unlucky loss of 3-0. We had a few chances, but we just could not score a goal. We had a penalty, but we didn't end up scoring as it from their goalkeeper who pulled off a great save. HSPS scored one lucky goal in the first half from a corner and 2 other goals in the second half. We had a great time. By Caleb and Saxon



Absent from Photo Lucas C

Special thanks to Mr Ant Courtman who volunteered his time to coach the team.

PSSA Cricket Knockout

In Week 3 of this term The Junction Public School vs Hamilton South Public School in the second round of the PSSA cricket knockout. TJPS batted first and were in early trouble at 5/35, Liam W consolidated the innings and we ended up making a respectable score of 94. We fielded and bowled with lots of discipline as a team bowling out Hamilton South for 42. A fantastic team performance!

The team consisted of Corban B, Caleb R, Sam N, Charlie I, Angus B, Charlie B, Lachie B, Liam W, Lucas C, Sam T and Arlo R



PSSA State Tennis

The state tennis tournament was held on May 3rd -6th in Sydney. Lucas M represented the Hunter. He did exceptionally well and placed fourth, missing out on Nationals by only 2 games.

Huge congratulations to Lucas.



PSSA State Touch Football

Luca F represented the Hunter team at the State Touch Football Carnival a couple of weeks ago. The carnival was held in Tuggerah and took place over three days. The team played 12 games in total and came 4th overall. Luca scored an impressive 9 tries!

Congratulations on a wonderful achievement, Luca.

PSSA State Basketball News

Congratulations to Eddie K and Matilda S who are currently in Tamworth representing the Hunter PSSA boys and girls basketball teams. This is a massive achievement as both students are still only in Year 5! We wish them all the best of luck and look forward to sharing their achievements when they return. Well done Eddie and Matilda!

Netball PSSA Gala Day

On Wednesday June 1 Bella G, Lily M, Mia E, Sarah B, Indiya K, Daisy B, Audrey B, Lexie R, Annika G and Zoe L represented our school in the PSSA Netball Gala Day.

The games were held at the Newcastle Netball Courts on Union Street. Despite the forecast of severe wind and a top of 14 degrees the girls played some fantastic games and should be super proud of their efforts.

In the first game they played Carrington Public School and won 8-1. In their second game they played Stockton Public School and lost 7-3. They were only down by 2 goals at three quarter time but unfortunately the wind was just too strong for our shooters in the last quarter. With this loss they were knocked out of the knockout competition. They then played Newcastle East Public School in a friendly game and lost 14-2.

Although they didn't make it to the next level, the girls consistently demonstrated a positive attitude throughout the entire day. They showed growth in their skills and improved as a team in every game they played.

In all of the games the girls did an incredible job in such cold and windy conditions.



Let's Make Music

Information about Band, String and Choir Ensembles



2022 Band Captains

Primary Band are off to a flying start. Miss Tonkin reports that our juniors are melding nicely and rehearsals are going well. You should be hearing Hot Cross Buns at your house.

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.



LIBRARY NEWSLETTER



NEW BOOKS



Reminders

Please return any overdue books or books you have finished reading

Term 2

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



Miss Willoughby & Miss Titchmarsh



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COMMUNITY MESSAGE BOARD

TJPS P&C News

Bring the family to Event Cinema Kotara on Friday 24 June and enjoy one of two hugely popular family blockbusters.

We'll be screening two movies, so you can choose from either **Lightyear** or **Minions - The Rise Of Gru** and enjoy at night at the movies with your friends and our school community.

This is always a fun and very popular event which also helps raise important funds for the School.

Tickets are now on sale via Flexischools.com.au (website and app) with tickets priced at \$15.00 for adults and \$12.00 for children.

Initially, there will be roughly 200 tickets available per movie. Then based on sales we will book a third cinema for the most popular movie with an additional 150 seats.

So to guarantee your seats and the movie selection you want, we recommend buying your tickets as soon as possible.



THE JUNCTION PUBLIC SCHOOL P&C
FAMILY MOVIE NIGHT
Friday 24th June 2022
Doors Open: 6:15pm | Movie Starts: 6:30pm

Disney PIXAR Lightyear
minions THE RISE OF GRU

TICKETS NOW ON-SALE VIA FLEXISCHOOLS USE THE APP OR
WWW.FLEXISCHOOLS.COM.AU
(Please print tickets and bring them on the night)

We will be screening two movies in two separate cinemas.
Event will be Covid Safe in line with Venue Requirements.
Got questions or want to volunteer for this event?
Contact junctionpandc@gmail.com

Tickets are sold on a first in basis.
To secure tickets for your preferred movie we recommend you purchase early.

TICKET TYPE	COST
Adult Ticket (18yrs +)	\$15.00
Child Ticket (All ages who require a seat)	\$12.00
Optional: Mini Popcorn and Soft Drink	\$8.00*

*Order by Fri 17 June

Please note:

- You need to select which of the two available movies you want to watch when purchasing your tickets
- Children must be under the direct supervision of a designated adult at all times
- Children must remain in their seats during the movie and behave in a manner reflective of school values.
- If you're considering eating at The Westfield Kotara Rooftop before the movie, bookings are recommended.
- You will not be able to switch between movies/cinemas.
- Both cinemas are wheelchair accessible.

Event Cinemas Level 3, Westfield Kotara, Park Avenue, Kotara

Event Details:

TJPS P&C Family Movie Night

Friday 24 June 2022

Event Cinemas Kotara, Westfield Kotara

Doors Open: 6:15pm

Movie Starts: 6:30pm

Please see the attached flyer for details.

Unsure which movie? Here are the trailers:

Lightyear - The story of Buzz Lightyear and his adventures to infinity and beyond, before Toy Story.

<https://www.imdb.com/title/tt10298810/>

Minions: The Rise of Gru - The untold story of one twelve-year-old's dream to become the world's greatest supervillain.

<https://www.imdb.com/title/tt5113044>

Got questions or want to volunteer for this event? Contact junctionpandc@gmail.com

Thanks

P&C Committee

P.S. Thank you once again to everyone who contributed, donated, and volunteered for the Election BBQ. Despite the rain, over \$3,800 was raised for the School that will be used towards new technology and reading resources.

Family Movie Night

Tickets are selling well for the P&C Family Movie Night on Friday 24 June.

All parents and families are invited to join our School community and enjoy two blockbuster kids' movies - Lightyear, the new Buzz Lightyear / Toy Story movie and Minions - The Rise Of Gru.

Tickets are on sale now via flexischools.com.au and via the FlexiSchools app.

Election Day Thank You

A huge thank you to everyone who donated cakes and volunteered for our BBQ and cake stall on Election Day.

Despite the torrential rain, we sold out of cakes and democracy sausages and almost \$4,000 was raised - a fantastic result!



Grill'd Kids Burger Masterclass

Grill'd The Junction are great supporters of our School and will soon be running some Kids Burger Masterclasses.

Grill'd will take your kids through the tricks of the trade and teach them how to build their famous burgers from the bun up.

Masterclasses run for 45-60 minutes, so your kids have plenty of time to learn how to make burgers AND eat them too!

The dates for the classes are:

- June 25th
- June 26th
- July 2nd

Tickets are \$12 and include a burger, chips, drink and a take-home gift!

Classes will start at 11:15 but we ask that you please arrive 10 mins earlier to pay prior to commencing.

*Please note that the minimum numbers for classes are 12 kids. If we do not reach this number, we may reschedule.

If you would be interested, please email Bridie at:

junctiongrilld.community@gmail.com

Next P&C Meeting

Please join us for the upcoming June P&C Meeting where we'll be discussing:

- Fundraising for Kindergarten readers
- Movie Night, Election Day and Mothers Day
- The School TASK provider
- Term 3 plans

7pm Tuesday 7 June via Zoom:

Meeting ID: 4089760582

<https://us05web.zoom.us/j/4089760582>



Gerri Rea
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Gerri 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.gerrirea.com for further details about this fantastic opportunity or contact Gerri on 0404905401 for further information

Good for kids good for life Game: Tricky Catches



Try this activity at home to challenge your coordination and practise the fundamental movement skill of catching.

You will need:

- Different things to catch (e.g. tennis ball, bean bags, frisbee, rolled up socks)

How to play:

- Find a space away from others and hold your object.
- Throw your object into the air and do a trick before catching it

You could:

- See how many times you can spin around
- See how many claps you can do
- Or do a dance!

What tricks can you come up with?!



Source: Central Coast Local Health District [Family ACTIVation - Health Promotion](#)



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

