

The Junction Journal

The Junction Public School

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03/11/2023

From the desk of Mrs Larkman

Hello to our Parents and Carers,

I had the most amazing day with the Year 4 students at camp yesterday. It never ceases to amaze me the different part of their personalities the students demonstrate in this environment – incredibly rewarding for us as teachers. A huge thanks to Mr Low, Mr Ferguson, Miss North, Mr Ward, Mrs Edwards and Tristan Jones for their work with the students over the last 3 days.



Continuing about the range of work schools do, one of our great delights is working with our university interns. Teaching is such an important profession, and we are facing a huge problem with supply. During this year we have had the great pleasure to chart the course for Jess Collins to complete her internship. Due to an accident several years ago, she was unable to complete this and therefore couldn't graduate. We are pleased to report that Rob Metcalfe from the UoN did her final observation on Wednesday, and she will be good to go

as soon as she completes two more days on 1H. Included is our little team: Rob, UoN supervisor; Angie Harris, Class supervision; Jess Collins, and myself; WHS and support for what the unknown journey may look like!

Enjoy your weekend,

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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PLEASE FOLLOW THE PARKING RULES AROUND THE SCHOOL

We remind our parents to obey the parking rules around the school. This ensures the safety of our students.

We also ask that you respect the 5 minute parking zone by using it to drop off or pick up your children and not to park in this zone for longer than 5 minutes.

NSW Department of Education

Every Day Matters

Attending school every day allows your child to get the most out of their learning and improve their career and life options.

Regular school attendance can help expand your child's learning and create positive relationships with their peers.

If you require support in getting your child to school for any reason, please reach out to us.

If you need interpreter assistance to contact the school, please call 131 450, tell the operator what language you need and ask them to phone the school. The operator will get an interpreter on the line to assist you with your conversation. You will not be charged for this service.

education.nsw.gov.au - Every Day Matters

English

NSW Department of Education

Why attendance matters

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

- Learn
- Make friends
- Build skills through fun

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Days missed = years lost

6 day term and there aren't even 100 days in a year...

When your child misses school...	They miss weeks per year	and years over their school life
1 day per fortnight	4 weeks	1 year missed
1 day per week	8 weeks	2.5 years missed

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Upcoming Events

TERM 4

Friday November 3

Year 5 Leadership Workshop 2
Year 5 Debating Gala Day (Day 2)

Wednesday November 8

Kindergarten 2024 Orientation Session 1, 9-11am

Friday November 10

Year 2 and Band recruitment morning
Year 5 Leadership Workshop 3

Monday November 13

Year 5 Debating Gala Day (Day 3)

Friday November 17

Year 5 Leadership nominations

Monday November 20

Year 5 vote – Leadership nominations

Monday – Friday November 20-24

Christmas Book Fair

Wednesday November 22

Kindergarten 2024 Orientation session 2

Monday November 27

Year 5 Leadership speeches & voting

Monday December 4

Year 5 Leadership – Captains & Prefects announced and nominations for sport captains

Wednesday December 6

Kindergarten 2024 Orientation session 3

Thursday December 7

Band Presentation Night – Newcastle Conservatorium

Tuesday December 12

Presentation Day (Day 1)- Major Presentation, Stage 3 & Stage 2
Year 6 Farewell 6pm

Wednesday December 13

Presentation Day (Day 2)- Early stage 1 and Stage 1

Thursday December 14

Class Party Day
Year 6 Movie Day

Friday December 15

Students last day of term
Year 6 Clap Out

Monday & Tuesday December 18/19

Staff Development Day – Staff only

Upcoming Events for this fortnight

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Year 5 Leadership nominations

Recent notes home via School Bytes

Please check your emails for recent Permission Notes

These permission notes are emailed to 1 parent who will need to complete the permission note before the link will take them to where payment can be made. Alternately the permission note can be completed online, and payment can be made at the school office using Cash, Cheque or EFTPOS.

If permission notes cannot be completed online, please contact the office and a paper copy can be provided to you.

Year 6: Year 6 Farewell and End of Year Celebration

Year 5: Canberra Excursion Expression of Interest and Deposit 2024

Year 6 Shirts 2024 – All Year 5 students have been invoiced for 1 shirt. If you would like to order additional shirts go to your statement on School Bytes and add 'other item'.

Years 2-5: School Swimming Carnival 2024 – As this is the first week back in 2024 this needs to be competed and paid for before December 15. The link will not work after this date.

Year 1 School Swimming Carnival 2024 - This only applies to students turning 8yrs in 2024 who are strong swimmers and can swim 50m with confidence. If your Year 1 child is able to compete, please contact the school office and an electronic note will be emailed to you for completion and payment. This will need to be completed and paid for before December 15. The link will not work after this date. Alternately a paper note can be provided to you.

Year 2-6: Band, String Ensemble and Instrument Hire

Please finalise fees before November 17. These can be paid via School Bytes in the Statement tab in the School Bytes Portal. Alternately they can be paid at the school office using Cash, Cheque or EFTPOS.

2023 School Staff

Principal - Mrs Cath Larkman

Deputy Principal - Ms Connie Emmington

Kindergarten

KC – Mrs Jody Cooper

KE - Miss Jo Ellis – Assistant Principal Early Stage 1

KG - Mrs Sarah Griffiths

Stage 1

1B - Miss Tess Barns/ Mrs Amy Blackmore

1H - Miss Angie Harris – Assistant Principal Stage 1

1L - Mrs Aleisha Ladkin

1/2A - Mrs Amy Lalic

2MC - Mrs Nina McLeod/ Mrs Nicole Jones

2/3A – Miss Alison Smoother (year 2)

Stage 2

2/3A - Miss Alison Smoother (year 3)

3LC - Mrs Holly Lynch/ Mrs Phillipa Campbell

3/4B - Miss Lucy Bourne

4F - Mr Brad Ferguson

4L - Mr Rob Low - Assistant Principal Stage 2

4N - Miss Lily North

Stage 3

5FW - Mrs Kate Farrell/ Mrs Sarah Wilson

5S – Mr Lachie Rinkin

5/6K - Miss Kate Spring

6L - Mr Matthew Liles - Assistant Principal Stage 3

6R - Miss Gemma Doran

Learning and Support

Ms Connie Emmington - Coordinator

Mrs Claire Edwards / Mrs Katrina Gardoll

Mrs Michelle Morrison

Miss Sara Willoughby/

Ms Hannah Titchmarsh – Library

Miss Alison Tonkin – Music

Mrs Linda Whiteside – Counsellor

Mr Luke Sparksman – AP C&I

Ms Laura McAllister – Flexible Learning

School Learning Support Officers

Mrs Di Edwards

Mrs Nicole Harrison

Mrs Theresa Koitka

Mrs Emma Lovegrove

Mrs Pam Parkes

Mrs Belinda Scorgie

Ms Sevi Celik

Mr Jack Ward

Information from the Front Office Team...

Money Collection

The school is now using our new finance system 'School Bytes'

The school also 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 – such as the Uniform Shop).

Any cash payments to come straight to the office, this includes: - Band fees, School books, Excursion money etc. Any money that is sent to school must be in a sealed envelope/bag with your "Child's name and class" on the front and details of the event you are paying.

There is a "Payments" slot at the front counter in the school office – students are to post payments in this slot.

Absences

Any absence from school must be explained. The Sentral Parent Portal 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" from the office prior to your leave. Leave forms submitted are subject to approval by The Principal.

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 to the office to provide late arrivals information to office staff. A 'Partial Slip' is then taken to the class teacher. Similarly, if children leave early for the day, parents must buzz the intercom at the Union Street gate to be admitted into the office. Admin staff will phone the classroom for your child to come up to the office. Please be aware of early departures in recess and lunch breaks 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 Student Health Condition Support for Prescribed Medication form.

SCHOOL 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

Mrs Dianne Edwards
Mrs Amanda Brake
Mrs Angela Bowen
Mrs Kathy McInnes
Mrs Lesley Janissen

General Assistants

Mr Tom Jervis
Mr Darren Ray

In the Community

P&C News

P&C Contact email

Jessica Ryan, 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. 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 (in the NOTES section)

Please ensure that your Child's name is clearly marked on all items of clothing

Let's Make Music

Information about Band, Strings and Choir Ensembles



Our winning String Ensemble

A Night of Percussion

Last thursday evening, our percussionists proudly represented The Junction Public School at the Newcastle Conservatorium. This is an annual event organised by David Tracy, our much loved percussion expert. Performing alongside many high school bands, our musicians once again shined on stage.



BAND FEES NOW DUE

Please finalise all
payments by
17th Nov



UPCOMING EVENTS

Presentation Night

Thursday
7th December

@

Newcastle
Conservatorium
of Music



Choir Day

Students in Mrs McLeod's
choir will have a
half day rehearsal
12:00-3:00pm
on

Thursday
16th November

The Junction Public School Kindergarten Orientation



Dates

November 8th

November 22nd

December 6th

Children will need to bring:
a piece of fruit, a water bottle and a hat please.

Please meet us at the hall at 9am, where children will be greeted by their buddies and walk to the classrooms together. At 11am the children will return to the hall to be picked up.

November 8th: Parents are invited to stay for an informal information session and morning tea that will be provided. During the other sessions parents are encouraged to go and get a coffee, do some shopping, go for a walk and return at 11am for pick up time at the hall.

For more information please contact:

Jo Ellis Phone: 4963 1343

Email: jo-anne.ellis@det.nsw.edu.au



Parent App

Available now!

Download on the App Store or Google Play by clicking the image below.



Key Features

- Get real time push notifications from your school
- Stay signed in and save your card for secure payments for fees and excursions
- Give consent, sign forms and respond to attendance alerts
- View the school calendar and news



School Student Travel

Term 4 2023

2024 school travel applications are now open

Students who need a new or replacement School Opal card or travel pass for 2024 can [apply](#) now. A new application will need to be submitted if they are applying for the first time, or if they are requesting an additional travel entitlement because of a new shared parental arrangement (e.g. joint custody).

Students who change address, school, campus location, have repeated a year or received an expiry notification for their school travel entitlement should [renew or update](#) their details **before the end of term 4**. This will ensure that schools can endorse applications, and travel passes remain valid for the start of the 2024 school year. School Opal card holders will have the changes applied to their existing card.

If a student's distance eligibility has changed based on their grade (i.e. grade two to grade three), the system will automatically update their entitlement if they meet the new criteria. If they do not meet the new [eligibility criteria](#), we will send an expiry notification via email.

Students who have an entitlement approved under a medical condition that is due to expire will receive a notification advising them to re-apply.

[Term Bus Pass](#) holders will receive a notification to re-apply.

Students in the Opal network applying for an Opal card (including a Term Bus Pass) for the first time will receive their Student Opal card at their nominated postal address. Cards will be mailed out from January 2024.

Students living in rural and regional (R&R) areas should receive their travel pass at the start of the new school year from their nominated transport operator. It may come via the school or be sent directly to them at home. **Note:** some R&R operators do not issue travel passes.

Students/parents should confirm with their nominated operator if they do not receive a pass.

Changes to your bus service provider

Within Greater Sydney, a number of bus service providers have changed their names.

Parents intending to lodge an application for a School Opal card will need to visit [transportnsw.info trip planner](https://transportnsw.info/trip-planner) to obtain the correct bus operator name servicing your area prior to lodging an application.

Travel from Term 1 2024

We ask that parents plan ahead and make sure their child knows which service/s to use and has a valid ticket to travel; either a School Opal card or Child/Youth Opal card (within Greater Sydney) or a School Travel Pass (outside Greater Sydney), from the start of the school year.

Applications for 2024 School Student Transport Scheme (SSTS) travel open at the start of Term 4 2023, so parents/students can [apply](#) or [update](#) details early and be ready for the start of the new school year.

Most students using the Opal network will not need a new Opal card and can continue travelling on their existing card each year.

The start of the year is a busy period for local transport operators, and students travelling without a valid ticket make service planning and operations difficult.

We recognise that for some families last minute changes to school enrolments mean they may not have a School Opal card or Travel Pass for the start of term. In the Opal network, we strongly encourage these families to have their children travel with a Child/Youth Opal card until they receive their valid School Opal card. If outside Greater Sydney, parents should contact their [local bus operator](#) to discuss their travel needs.

Bus operators are flexible and understanding, particularly at the start of the school year, and will ensure students can travel safely to and from school. But to best support our operators we encourage all students to have a valid ticket, as early as possible, from the start of the school year.

Students using School Opal cards are also reminded that they must tap on and tap off in line with the [Student code of conduct](#) and [Opal terms of use](#).



Further information can be found at [Plan your trip to school | transportnsw.info](#)

Enquiries can be submitted at [Fares, concessions, tickets & top-up feedback | transportnsw.info](#)

Newcastle Permanent Primary Schools Mathematics Competition

On Tuesday October 31, Samuel B from Year 6 attended the Award Ceremony for the 2023 Newcastle Permanent Primary Schools Mathematics Competition. Newcastle Permanent proudly presented a range of awards and prizes to the best performing students and schools across the state. Samuel was awarded third place in the competition for Year 6.

Congratulations Samuel!



NSW PSSA Sate Athletics Championships

On October 25 & 26 Matilda S, Marthen F, Eva C and Isabella Y travelled to Sydney to compete in the NSW PSSA State Athletics Championships. Although the weather conditions were not ideal and the competition was fierce, all students represented The Junction PS and Hunter Region with great sportsmanship in their individual events.

Back at school, a number of classes across the school watched the live stream to cheer our competitors on from afar. It was very exciting!!

Well done and congratulations on your amazing achievements Matilda, Marthen, Eva and Isabella. Congratulations to Eddie K, who also qualified, but was unable to attend on the day.

Miss Kate Spring



Bandfest



THE RESILIENCE PROJECT™

October is Mental Health Month and the theme this year is **We all have a role to play**. The theme is about connecting with people around you and coming together as a community. Whether it's taking time to care for yourself, caring for someone close to you, supporting your community to be more mental health aware or being a mental health ally. Making a world free from mental health stigma, and more inclusive for people who are going through tough times takes all of us!

As part of our GEM work we are focusing on empathy and how we can show kindness to others and also to ourselves. As a staff we are engaging in supporting local community groups and building our own strategies around caring for our mental health. Classes are sharing at our afternoon assemblies occasions that they have shown kindness and when others have shown them kindness.

Please see the attached family calendar that outlines ways you and your family may be able to engage together in activities throughout the month and of course on going through the year.

On Sentral Portal you will now be able to access the Resilience Project link. This link will take you to the website that has a multitude of videos and activities that can support your involvement with the program. Please reach out if you would like some assistance in access this.

Kind Regards,

Jo Ellis & Kate Spring

Welcome to The Resilience Project

PARENTS & CARERS

This year, we are excited to bring The Resilience Project (TRP) into our school community!

WHY?

Current research tells us...

Why mental health matters



One in four Australian adolescents will experience mental health problems this year

Nearly two thirds of them will not seek help.



One in seven primary school students are also likely to experience mental health problems this year.

Source: National Survey of Mental Health and Wellbeing, Australian Institute of Health and Welfare, Australia's Youth: Mental Illness

EVIDENCE-BASED

The Resilience Project's School Partnership Program has been independently evaluated by both The [University of Adelaide](#) and The [University of Melbourne](#). Click the links or scan the QR code to find out more about the impact the program has on **emotional wellbeing** and **behavioral changes**.



ABOUT THE PROGRAM

The Resilience Project is committed to **teaching positive mental health strategies** to prevent mental ill-health and **build young people's capacity to deal with adversity**.

We will be implementing their evidence-based **Teaching and Learning Program** throughout our classrooms, staffroom and school community.

Teachers and students will engage in weekly lessons and activities around the key principles of **Gratitude, Empathy, Mindfulness (GEM)** and **Emotional Literacy** to build resilience.

WHAT CAN BE DONE AT HOME?



To learn more about The Resilience Project and get involved from home, you can start exploring the ideas, activities and resources which bring **Gratitude, Empathy** and **Mindfulness (GEM)** to life on [TRP@HOME](#).

The Imperfects podcast, led by Hugh van Cuylenburg, Ryan Shelton and Josh van Cuylenburg, is all about how perfectly imperfect we all are. Hugh, Josh and Ryan chat to a variety of interesting people who bravely share their struggles and imperfections, and we all learn some valuable take-aways we can apply to our own imperfect lives.



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WE ALL HAVE A ROLE TO PLAY

Experience, discover, join in and connect with Mental Health Month

Connection Calendar for families

Discover
what's on these
school holidays
@Share our
Space

Click through the calendar or use the link below to explore and connect

SCHOOL HOLIDAYS

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
25 <u>See if your school is open through Share our Space</u>	26 <u>Create a family logo</u>	27 <u>Start your day with 5 mindful moments</u>	28 Before dinner, talk about the best thing that happened today. What made it so good?	29 <u>Sign up for Black Dog one foot forward walking challenge</u>	30 Kick off the month by creating your ultimate 'feel good' playlist	1 Explore your neighbourhood. Let your kids decide where to turn and see where you end up
2 Tech-free day. Enjoy reading, walking, cooking or playing family boardgames together	3 Give your plants some TLC	4 Donate 5 items each to charity - and think how the new owner might use them	5 Create an obstacle course with household items - and beat your best time	6 <u>Spend 5 minutes on your own and focus on your breathing</u>	7 <u>Enjoy a family 'cook in' where everyone helps to cook - and clean up, and if you can, give to a good cause</u>	8 <u>Get ready for the start of Term 4 - pack bags, sort clothes, and have an early night</u>
9 Grab a coffee/tea or sparkling water and read a book outdoors	10 World Mental Health Day 75th anniversary	11 <u>Wish a student doing their HSC good luck</u>	12 <u>Lay quietly and listen to the sounds of your home. What do you hear?</u>	13 <u>Consider volunteering in your local area as a family</u>	14 Phone a friend for a chat and a laugh	15 <u>Do a 'Just Dance' challenge from Youtube with your family</u>
16 <u>Discover new apps</u>	17 Do something kind for yourself	18 <u>Ever tried origami? Today might be the day.</u>	19 <u>Take up an old skill or hobby or try a new one</u>	20 Movie night. A classic you love or a new release. Don't forget the popcorn and PJs	21 <u>Try eating something new - and fresh</u>	22 Spring clean a spot where you like to spend time
23 Stay hydrated today. Drink your recommended water intake.	24 <u>What are the 5 things you love most about your family</u>	25 Before you go to sleep - try a calming countdown	26 Share your feelings with someone you trust, and listen to them as well	27 <u>Recognise World Teachers' Day</u>	28 <u>Stay active</u>	29 <u>Grandparents Day - share a family memory or photo</u>
30 <u>Write down any worries you have, and put them into perspective. And contact help if you need it</u>	31	<p>Mental Health Month - we all have a role to play education.nsw.gov.au/student-wellbeing/mental-health-month</p>				

COMMUNITY MESSAGE BOARD

P & C Update

It's the combined effort of
many P&C volunteers ...
... whether your role is small or big ...
that makes our school an
even better place.

Thank you!



We can always use more helpers for future events & projects, please reach out if you can contribute in some way.



Seeking Ethics Teachers at TJPS for 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

Could you be an ethics teacher at TJPS?

Unfortunately, we are losing a few of our super ethics teachers next year as their children progress to high school or they move out of the Newcastle region.

To ensure we have enough teachers to meet the demand and cover all stages, we need a number of new, enthusiastic, reliable and engaging volunteers to join the program.

Ethics teachers receive full training by Primary Ethics, the not-for-profit organisation approved to design curriculum and training for the ethics program. Training consists of a two-day workshop and short online modules. All lesson materials are provided.

Suitable volunteers have an interest in children's education and development of critical thinking skills. Classes run Wednesday, Thursday or Friday afternoons and teachers are required for up to an hour per week in the class plus 30-60 min of preparation.

In ethics classes, children learn how to think logically, disagree respectfully and support their arguments with evidence, rather than act according to blind habit or peer pressure.

Children discuss topic such as:

- imagining how others feel
- how do we treat living things?
- what is laziness?
- how do we disagree in a respectful way?
- fairness

If you are looking for an opportunity to make a valuable contribution to our school in 2024 and at the same time learn some interesting new skills and engage in the school community, please visit www.primaryethics.com.au in **early-mid Term 4** to register your interest to become a teacher and/or contact TJPS Ethics Co-Ordinator - Kristen Saunders at tjpsethics@gmail.com

Many thanks

Kristen Saunders 😊



Primary Ethics classes

Helping children develop skills for life

Primary Ethics' program gives children the opportunity to discuss ethical issues with their peers while developing important thinking, reasoning and discussion skills. Our innovative curriculum was developed by Dr Sue Knight, a specialist in both philosophy and education. Primary Ethics is a not-for-profit organisation approved to provide ethics education in NSW public schools.

Ethics in the infant years

Ethics classes in years k-2 focus on developing core skills such as listening to others, taking turns to speak and giving reasons.

Stories, poems and rhymes prompt children to discuss ethical issues such as hurting someone without meaning to, telling the truth, being kind, forgiving, ownership, fairness and empathy.

Our skills-based topics for this age group include asking and answering questions, disagreeing, changing your mind, working out what is true, giving and evaluating reasons as well as giving examples and counter examples. Logic is also introduced, with topics touching on inductive inference and deductive reasoning.

Ethics in the primary years

In years 3-6, ethics students develop their critical thinking and discussion-based skills.

Stories, contemporary issues and real life scenarios form the basis of discussions on ethical issues such as selfishness, how we should treat living things, promises, greed, friendship, cheating, voting, punishment, homelessness, teasing and fairness in society.

Skills-based topics for this age group include respectful disagreement, inferring or figuring things out, validity, generalising, proving claims, structuring arguments, identifying incorrect conclusions, identifying faulty reasoning, evaluating the strength of evidence and thinking about thinking. Primary aged students are encouraged to develop their community of inquiry skills by asking each other well thought out questions and challenging each other's arguments.

Questions? Call 02 8068 7752 or email info@primaryethics.com.au



Primary Ethics Limited is a registered charity ABN 28147194348
Suite 408, 24-30 Springfield Avenue Potts Point NSW 2011 Australia



Enrolling your child

Ethics classes run weekly during the school year within the Special Religious Education/Special Education in Ethics (SRE/SEE) timeslot.

Primary Ethics classes are free of charge.

If you'd like your child to attend ethics classes, advise the school office via a note or email. Your child can start as soon as an ethics teacher is available and a minimum of eight students have enrolled in a class.

Getting involved

Ethics classes are taught by specially trained volunteers who are mostly parents or carers. Becoming an ethics coordinator or ethics teacher can be a very rewarding way to be involved in your school community. Volunteer ethics teachers are always needed to ensure that there are adequate classes to meet demand. Experience is not required, comprehensive training and access to lesson materials is provided.

Primary
ETHICS



GARDENING CLUB VOLUNTEERS!!!



TUESDAY 1PM

Every Tuesday we are after keen volunteers to help with weeding, pruning, mulching etc. (parent/carer activity only).



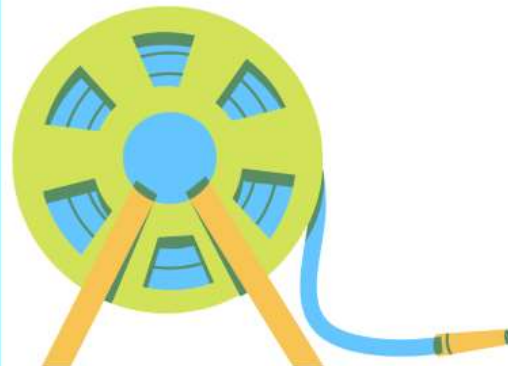
This will be without the children, helping to manage our big beautiful grounds.



There is no need to sign up or commit to weekly help, please just turn up when you can.

EQUIPMENT DONATIONS NEEDED

- Retractable long hose
- Gloves
- Seasol
- Watering cans



FRIDAY 1PM

Get your hands dirty with the kids at lunch time.

No sign up necessary, just turn up when you can.



Gardening Club with the children in Wiki Yantin Koba (Garden For Everyone).



Please get in touch with Louise Crosskill for any queries or if you are interested in helping. louiseccrosskill@outlook.com

PLAYTIME

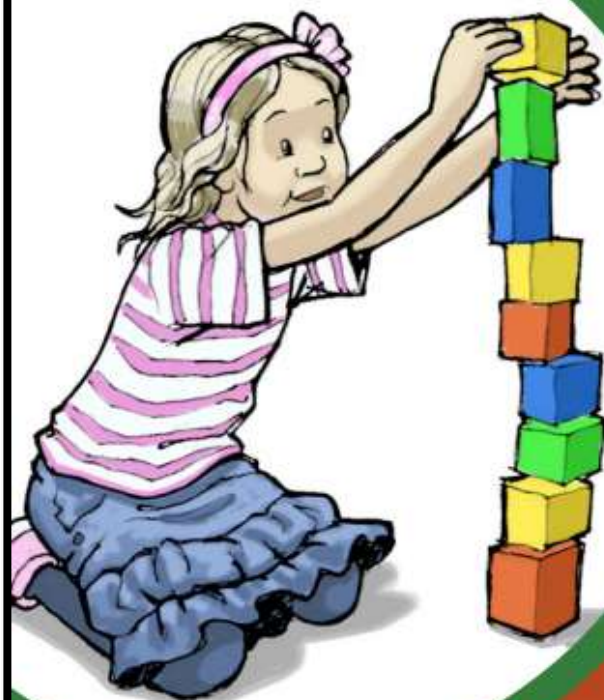


Family Support Newcastle
your family, our community

FAMILY SUPPORT NEWCASTLE
INVITE YOU AND YOUR CHILDREN
AGES 0-6

9.30am to 12.15

Every Thursday School Terms



FREE

Morning Tea Provided

Waratah Family Centre
2 High Street
Waratah

Ph: 4926 3577 for info



Family Support Newcastle invites parents and caregivers to
a FREE 8-week parenting course:

Circle of Security™ Parenting Program



**Join us to learn about the 'Circle of Security' and how you can
strengthen your relationship with your child.**

When: Fridays for 8 weeks
Dates: 20th October – 8th December, 2023
Time: 10am – 12.30pm
Location: Waratah Family Centre,
2 High St, Waratah



- Understand your child's inner world by learning to read their emotional needs
- Support your child's ability to successfully manage emotions
- Enhance the development of your child's self esteem
- Honour your innate wisdom and desire for your child to be secure



Free activities for children.
Bookings can be made by calling
4926 3577
Places are limited!



The Family Support Project is funded by the
Department of Communities and Justice and auspiced by Family Support Newcastle





Flippa Ball

Term 4
15th Oct - 3rd Dec 2023

Term 1
11th Feb - 6th April 2024

Sunday's 9 - 11am
@ Lambton Little Pool
Ages 8 - 12 years

For more info contact Lee:
bendeichl@bigpond.com
Ph 0422 359 605



Piano Lessons

My name is Josh, and I am the piano teacher at TJPS. I hold a small class at a discounted rate on a Tuesday lunchtime, and a couple of spots have become available for new kids to jump in. If your child has been looking to get into music, or wants a more social aspect to their piano learning experience, this is the perfect way to get them involved. Please feel free to reach out on 0431794371 for more information!

Thanks, Josh



Fun Languages



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