

The Junction Journal

The Junction Public School

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Principal: Cath Larkman

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From the desk of Mrs Larkman

Hello again to our Parents and Carers,

I am not quite sure how we are in Week 5 already. The fact that Week 1 had one day and was the Friday staff returned may have had something to do with it!

Please be aware that our administration team are now keeping our Sentral Parent Calendar as up to date as possible. They check and add to this calendar each time a newsletter goes out.

Harmony Week is the week of March 20 - 24(school days) this year. We are **tentatively** planning a celebration on Thursday March 23. Students will be able to wear orange and we are going to surprise you with a new song: Dona Nobis Pacem. As part of a current unit of work we are focusing on the concept of peace this year within the larger Harmony Week theme of 'Everyone Belongs'.

We are proud to say that we now have 27 different nationalities represented at our school as well as our students with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander backgrounds.

We hope you enjoyed meeting your teachers this week. If you couldn't make it, it won't be long until goal-setting interviews. You are also able to send short questions via the class app if needed.

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...

Goal Setting Interviews / Booking through the Parent Portal

We hold our interviews in Term 1 so that parents, teachers and students can discuss student learning strengths and needs at the start of the year. These interviews give all students the opportunity to talk about their goals, empowering them from a young age to take ownership of their learning. Goal Setting supports students in the process of 'learning how to learn'. This is what 'student voice' is all about!

Please book a time to attend the interview with your child.

We have now switched to the SENTRAL parent portal for all parent / teacher interview bookings. Goal Setting bookings will open on Tuesday February 28 at 9am. Interviews will commence from Monday March 13 and run for 3 weeks.

Please use SENTRAL's 'how to videos' to assist you with using the portal. More information for booking an interview will be shared in a separate Goal Setting Interview communication.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6rMj-GP8pto>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=JPi6X4Gm5Mg>

If you haven't contacted the front office for your Sentral key code yet, you will need to do so to access parent interviews and book an appointment.

All interviews will run between 20-30minutes. This will give you, your child, and the teacher quality time to discuss your child's strengths and what the next steps in learning may be. The key questions to ask your child to support this process are:

Where are you up to in your learning?
What would you like to get better at?
What do you think you'll need to do?
How can we help you?

These interviews are also an opportunity to ask about any concerns you may have and inquire how our Learning and Support Team can assist.

Connie Emmington, Deputy Principal
Learning and Support Coordinator

Upcoming Events

TERM 1

Friday February 24

Zone Swimming

Regional Tennis

Monday February 27

School Cricket trials

Tues February 28 & Wed March 1

School Soccer Trials

Friday March 3

PSSA Cricket round 1

Monday March 13 to 31

Goal Setting Interviews

Tuesday March 14

Regional Swimming Carnival

Wed March 14 – Fri March 24

NAPLAN

Monday March 27

Brainstorm Production

Monday March 30

Newcastle Writers Festival

Wednesday April 5

ANZAC ASSEMBLY

Thursday April 6

Final day of term 1

TERM 2

Wednesday April 26

Students return to school

Thursday May 4

Yr 6-7 Transition Selective HS

placement test

Tuesday May 23

Sydney Writer's Festival

Yr 6 GRIP Leadership

Wed/Thur June 14,15

Starstuck Tech & Dress Rehearsal

Friday June 16

Starstruck Performance day

Mon/Tues June 19/20

Whole school photographs

Friday June 23

P & C Movie Night – TBD

TERM 3

Thursday July 20

Athletics Carnival – Glendale

Thursday July 27

Kindergarten 100 Day Celebration

Tues-Fri August 15-18

Canberra Excursion

Mon-Fri August 21-25

Book Week/Fair

TERM 4

Wed-Fri November 1-3

Year 4 Great Aussie Bush Camp

Thursday December 7

Band Presentation Night

Support for parents, carers, and the community

[Parents, carers and the community - The Junction Public School \(nsw.gov.au\)](https://www.nsw.gov.au)

We would like to remind you that there are a range of resources on our website for your support. From our homepage click on the **Supporting our students** tab and you will see the **parents, carers, and the community tab**. This includes support for **interpreting and translation services**.

Lost Property

Uniforms and equipment are very costly items if you must continually replace them. Please help us to help you. We are very short on storage options at school and we're sure you don't want to continue buying new items for your children!

Office staff spend a significant amount of administrative time sorting through the items with names and returning them to classrooms. There are a lot more administrative jobs they could be doing in this time.

Many items do not have names on them.

Lost items this week:

	With names	No names
School jackets	21	7
School hats	14	2
School polo shirt	-	1
Drink bottles	5	21
Plastic food containers	2	4
Swimming goggles	-	1
Pencil case	-	1
Jacket (not school)	-	8
Track pants	-	2
Shorts (not school)	-	1
Soccer/footy boots	-	1
Ice bricks	-	2
Cap	-	1

If you think that your child may have some belongings to be collected, please see the lost property tubs at the rear of the administration block or ask office staff for help.

Thank you

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 Nick Savage
5/6K - Miss Kate Spring
6L - Mr Matthew Liles - Assistant Principal Stage 3
6R - Mr Michael Radnidge

Learning and Support

Ms Connie Emmington - Coordinator
Mr Mark Alcock
Mrs Claire Edwards
Mrs Michelle Morrison
Miss Sara Willoughby/ Ms Hannah Titchmarsh – Library
Miss Alison Tonkin – Music
Mrs Linda Whiteside – Counsellor

Mr Luke Sparksman – APC&I
Miss Olivia Smith – Flexible Learning

School Learning Support Officers

Mrs Di Edwards
Mrs Nicole Harrison
Mrs Theresa Koitka
Mrs Emma Lovegrove
Mrs Pam Parkes
Mrs Belinda Scorgie
Mr Jack Ward - Casual SLSO

Information from the Front Office Team...

Money collection for excursions & events

The preferred payment option is through the "Make a Payment" tab on the school website. **(If you use the online option, please make sure you still return permission notes to school).**

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 'Purple 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 Assistant

Mr Tom Jervis

In the Community

P&C News

March P&C Meeting & Annual

General Meeting 6pm Tues

7/3/23

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:

tjpsuniformshop@gmail.com

PLEASE ASSIST WITH DELIVERY OF UNIFORM ORDERS BY PUTTING YOUR **CHILD'S NAME** on the order (in the NOTES section)

Scripture, Ethics, and Independent Activities 2023

Scripture and Ethics programs will commence in Week 6 across several afternoon sessions. Each session will be of 30 minutes duration. Students have been sorted into groups based on information provided by parents. Any notes not returned can be dropped off at the front office.

Early Stage 1: Friday afternoon

Stage 1: Tuesday afternoon

Stage 2: Friday afternoon

Stage 3: Wednesday afternoon

Food for school

Please ensure that your child has sufficient food packed for the whole day. We have had an increasing number of students presenting to the office asking for additional food. Sometimes children eat all their food early or forget to pack it into their bags. There have also been issues with ordering canteen lunches through Flexischools – incorrect dates etc.

Generally, classes have fruit break in the morning, followed by recess at 11.00am and then lunch at 1.00pm. Children need to have enough food packed for all three breaks and a bottle of water, which can be refilled.

We have limited supplies available to give to children in an emergency situation.

Learning Gallery



2023
Student Executive
Induction Ceremony



2023 Sport Leaders Induction Assembly



Zone Tennis



On February 10, Charlie I, Austin P, Maya C and Emma K went to Broadmeadow to represent The Junction PS at the Newcastle City Zone Tennis Trials. Well done to all four students for the efforts on the day and a huge congratulations to Maya for progressing to the Hunter PSSA trials today. We wish you all the best, Maya!

Miss Spring

Zone Swimming

The following students will be representing our school today at the Newcastle Zone Carnival. Good luck to all competitors. Have Fun!

Indi R, Elkie B, Ruby G, Freya C, Lola C, Nina C, Lila B, Monique N, Abbey B, Madison B, Eva C, Zali G, Lucia M, Daisy B, Isabella Y, Willow O-H, Imogen G, Charlie B, Oscar R, Levi S, Jesse M, Knox V, Toby K, Bon D, Miles C, Mikel B, Ari V, Harrison F-S, Sam T, Emile A & Reggie R

Zone Basketball

On Wednesday Edison K, Matilda S, Ella H and Emile A trialled for the Newcastle Zone PSSA basketball teams.

Edison and Matilda were successful in making it through to the next round of trials. They will represent the Newcastle zone and trial for a spot in the Hunter PSSA basketball team. We wish them all the best of luck!

COMMUNITY MESSAGE BOARD

P&C Update 23 Feb 2023

Call for Volunteers for 2023

We're excited to call for new parent volunteers to join the P&C team for 2023.

Being part of our Parents & Citizens Association is the best way to support our School's improvement, get to know other parents, and connect with School leaders and teachers.

It's also a great way to stay informed about what's happening and demonstrate the value of volunteering and supporting the community to our children.

Please consider taking on a role in the P&C for 2023. We need new volunteers for the following roles:

President

Vice President

Fundraising Coordinator

Events Coordinator

Uniform Shop Coordinator

Mothers Day Coordinator

Major Event Coordinator

Click below for more details about each role and to express and interest in supporting the P&C:

<https://forms.gle/JDnuiWgbEYyWZKQh6>

All roles are part of a team, supported by other members, and roles can be shared between friends.

Annual General Meeting

Please join us for the TJPS P&C Annual General Meeting at 6pm on Tuesday 7 March in the Old Hall at School.

This meeting will include a review of P&C activities from 2022, presentation of our annual accounts and election of the P&C team for 2023.

P&C Membership

All parents are encouraged to become a member of the P&C and pay the annual \$1 membership here: <https://bit.ly/TJPCPC2023>

Class Lists - Please respond

Each year the P&C provides a service of collating and distributing a list of the children and their parents for each class. These "Class Lists" are for people who are interested in sharing their contact details with other families in their child's year group.

Only people who consent and provide their information will be included.

The P&C does not have access to the school's database, so we collect information from interested families via an online form, then collate the information into class groupings and distribute the collated lists to the families who have opted-in by providing their details. If you have not chosen to "opt-in" and share your details, you do not get included on the distribution list.

The purpose of the lists is so that you have contact information if you would like to organise play dates, parties or class get-togethers.

The lists should be treated confidentially and are not to be otherwise published or distributed. We ask that you do not share the information on the lists or use it for any business purposes. If other parents did not choose to opt-in and share their details, then they are not able to be provided the list.

The lists will be compiled into classes and given to all contacts in the same year or stage where there are composite classes.

The lists are prepared for every year group, and we find they are especially useful for new Kindy families - but they are useful for all year groups across the school.

Class Parents - We're also asking for a volunteer parent from each class to be a contact point for the P&C and to take the lead on organising a get-together or Zoom for kids and parents from their class during Term 1. If you're interested in this please provide your details on the form.

The lists will only be distributed electronically - so please make sure you type in your email address correctly!!

Click the link below to complete the 2023 Class List Form by Friday, 3 March.

<https://forms.gle/pc2c3Q5PJgTs9vR76>

Many Thanks,

The TJPS P&C

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- Newcastle

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- 20-hours each fortnight.
- Shifts are between 8:00 am 9:30 am and 2:30 pm – 4:00 pm.
- Work Monday to Friday during school terms.

Apply today

Applications close
Wednesday 8th March 2023

See jobs.transport.nsw.gov.au and search for **Reference Number: 82824** or search 'School Crossing Supervisors' for a full list or vacancies or scan the QR code to apply.

For further information, contact
Sandhini Chaudhary
sandhini.chaudhary@transport.nsw.gov.au
P: 0466 343 704

jobs.transport.nsw.gov.au



Good for kids

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Encourage children to 'Eat A Rainbow'

Offering a wide range of colours in children's food is not only visually appealing, but also ensures that they are receiving a great variety of nutrients!

Encourage children to eat a rainbow and incorporate different coloured fruit and vegetables during Crunch&Sip at school.



Fruit and vegetables are colourful, with each colour providing different health benefits.

Purple/Blue	Red	Orange/yellow	Green	Brown/white
<u>Healthy heart + brain & memory function</u>	<u>Healthy heart + brain</u>	<u>Healthy eyesight + immunity</u>	<u>Healthy eyesight + immunity</u>	<u>Healthy heart + bones</u>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Beetroot Red cabbage Blackberries Blueberries Purple grapes Plums 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Tomato Red capsicum Strawberries Cherries Raspberries Watermelon Red apples 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Carrot Rockmelon Sweet potato Pumpkin Pineapple Mango Corn Orange Peaches Nectarine Apricot 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Spinach Avocado Green apple Green grapes Peas/ Snow Peas Broccoli Kiwi fruit Celery Cucumber Green Capsicum Beans 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Cauliflower Brown pears Mushroom White peaches Bananas Potatoes Dates Parsnips



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2023 REGISTRATION COST:

U6S - U7S \$120 | U8 - U16 ARE \$220 | U18S \$240

INCLUDES: TRAINING SHIRT, PLAYING SHORTS, GAME DAY SOCKS, CAP, 1/2 ZIP PULLOVER

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