

# The Junction Journal

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## From the desk of Mrs Larkman

Hello and welcome to Harmony Week,

### Harmony Day

What an amazing experience we had yesterday! It is reassuring to see our students so open to learning about harmony and recognising how they can impact the world around them in such a positive way.

### Annual Report

On another note, the Annual Report is now published on the school's website. Please be aware that this report is on the areas the school has focused on for improvement, not our business as usual where we are happy with our practice.

NSW Public Schools use a framework to reflect on their practice each year and this is what gives us our improvement focus. To look at this framework, please follow the link.

<https://education.nsw.gov.au/teaching-and-learning/school-excellence-and-accountability/sef-evidence-guide/resources/about-sef>

Enjoy your week,

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 Mrs Emmington

Saving Lil & Archie – Performance – Monday 27 March

This is a wonderful show which provides children with a lot of scenarios which they may encounter throughout their interactions with peers across many settings including online. It provides them with actions they may be able to take, in these situations. Anti-Bullying is a topic which is covered under the PD syllabus and is revisited in the classroom throughout the year.

## Brainstorm Productions



### Saving Lil & Archie

On Monday March 27 Brainstorm Productions will be presenting their student wellbeing performance 'Saving Lil & Archie' for K - 6. 'Saving Lil & Archie' is a live educational theatre performance that promotes balance, positive connections and responsible use of technology. Pandemonium ensues on Planet Arkon when two robots, Lil and Zig, are zapped to earth and into the lives of two siblings, Bella and Archie. Bella is being bullied by the girls in her friendship group. With no sleep and too much screen time, Archie finds it hard to connect with other children. He is lonely and confused. Bella learns to be assertive and to 'report', 'log off' and seek help when her online interactions become negative and nasty. To restore the balance, Archie must learn to control his impulses, listen and use empathy so that Lil and Zig can return to Arkon.

'Saving Lil & Archie' is part of our student wellbeing curriculum and has been developed by teachers and psychologists. This exciting live theatre experience provides students with practical social and emotional skills, and encourages students to build safe and healthy relationships, at school, at home and online.

Brainstorm Productions is one of Australia's most experienced and respected theatre in education companies, performing to over 260,000 students every year. They offer a range of programs to help schools nurture healthy and harmonious environments, addressing issues such as mental health, online safety, bullying and resilience, and are endorsed by the eSafety Commissioner as a Trusted eSafety Provider. Learn more about Brainstorm Productions by visiting their website ([brainstormproductions.edu.au](http://brainstormproductions.edu.au)), or following them on Instagram (@[brainstormproductions](https://www.instagram.com/brainstormproductions)) or Facebook (@[Brainstorm.Productions](https://www.facebook.com/Brainstorm.Productions)).

## Upcoming Events

### TERM 1

**Monday March 27**

Brainstorm Production

**Tuesday March 28**

PSSA Boys & Girls Zone soccer trials

**Thursday March 30**

Newcastle Writers Festival

**Friday March 31**

School cross country

Hunter Hockey Trials

**Wednesday April 5**

ANZAC ASSEMBLY

**Thursday April 6**

K-2 Easter Hat parade & raffle draw

Final day 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

**Friday May 26**

National Sorry Day

**Wednesday June 7**

Concert Band Day

**Monday June 12**

Public Holiday – King's Birthday

**Tuesday June 13**

Premier Band Day

**Wed/Thur June 14,15**

Starstruck Tech & Dress Rehearsal

**Friday June 16**

Starstruck Performance day

**Mon/Tues June 19/20**

Whole school photographs

**Wednesday June 21**

Primary Band Day

**Thursday June 22**

Family Ensemble Night

**Friday June 23**

P & C Movie Night – TBD

**Friday June 30**

Final Day Term 2

### TERM 3

**Tuesday July 18**

Students return to school

**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

**Friday September 22**

Final Day Term 3

### TERM 4

**Monday October 9**

Students return (no staff development day)

**Wed-Fri November 1-3**

Year 4 Great Aussie Bush Camp

*You're  
Invited*



To our  
**K-2 EASTER HAT  
PARADE**

**Thursday 6th April**  
9:20am on the basketball court

Children prepare their Easter bonnet/hat or mask at home  
and wear it to school on the day of the parade.

K-2 students may come out of uniform on the day,  
however please remain Sun Safe when at school.

**Fully enclosed shoes must be worn and  
shoulders covered. No singlets or shoestring straps.  
Don't forget your actual school hat!**

All family are welcome.

Have a question? Please ask your class teacher.  
We look forward to seeing you at our parade.



## Support for parents, carers, and the community

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

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**.

### 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](mailto: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

#### P&C Contact email

Jessica Ryan, President

[president@junctionpandc.org](mailto:president@junctionpandc.org)

### UNIFORM SHOP

ONLINE ORDERING!

[www.tipsuniform.com](http://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](mailto:tipsuniformshop@gmail.com)

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

# TJPS LIBRARY NEWS

As the school term is coming to an end, it is time to begin looking for the library books we have finished reading.

Overdue notices will be sent home on Friday (W10), please have a look for these books and return them by the end of term. If you think they have already been returned, please make a note on the overdue slip our Librarians will double check the shelves in the Library.

## New Books



## StoryBox Library

We have renewed our subscription to StoryBox Library

Your child can watch favourite stories, read aloud by fabulous storytellers, at home as well as in the classroom.

To access Story Box Library at home:

- 1) Visit [www.storyboxlibrary.com.au](http://www.storyboxlibrary.com.au)
- 2) Choose Log In from the top right corner of the screen
- 3) Log in using tjps (username) and junction (password)
- 4) Enjoy the library of stories on any device with internet connection



## Book Club

Scholastic Book Club Order forms have been given out to all classes over the last few days. All orders to be completed online by parents at: [scholastic.com.au/LOOP](http://scholastic.com.au/LOOP) OR download the LOOP app. We will not be accepting cash.

Your order will be electronically linked to the rest of the school order. You do not need to complete the order form.



The Premiers Reading Challenge has started. Students in Years 3-6 have been learning how to access and navigate the site during library lessons. Access to the PRC site is through their student portal.

Challenge level	Total number of books to be read	Minimum number of PRC books	Maximum number of Personal Choice books	Booklets included as PRC book choices
K-2	20	20	10	K-2, 1-4, 5-8
3-4	20	10	10	3-4, 5-8, 7-9
5-6	20	10	10	5-8, 7-9
7-8	20	10	10	5-8, 7-9, 9-10
9-6	20	10	10	All booklets



## Librarians:

Miss Willoughby -  
Mon - Thurs

Miss Titchmarsh - Fri

## Borrowing Limits p/week:

Kindergarten 1 book  
Stage One 2 books  
Stage Two 4 books  
Stage Three 4 books

## Lunchtimes:

The Library is open first half lunch Mon - Thurs. Students can borrow or read quietly during these times.

Monday - Premier's Debating  
Tuesday - Lego  
Wednesday - Weaving & Environmental Warriors  
Thursday - Chess Club

## Wheelers eBooks

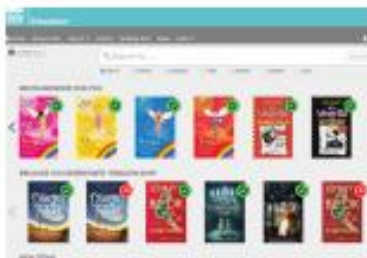
To access our collection of eBooks from home, complete the following steps



1. Log on to your student portal.  
[www.education.nsw.gov.au](http://www.education.nsw.gov.au)



2. Username and password will be the same as their log on to the school computers



3. Click on the news page



4. Click on the Wheelers eBook link



5. Start browsing.



6. Click on the book you would like to borrow. Click the borrow button to start reading



# Let's Make Music

Information about Band, Strings and Choir Ensembles



## A BIG THANK YOU

I would like to say a huge thank you to the students who played at our Harmony Day Assembly this week. These children volunteered and have spent many lunch times preparing for our event. You were fantastic and your contribution has been very much appreciated.

## BAND/STRING/CHOIR CAPTAINS

We will be announcing all of our ensemble captains at the Monday morning assembly on 3rd April, Week 11. Parents are warmly invited to attend and take part in our badge pinning.

Kind Regards,

*Angie Harris*

I visited Primary band this morning. They sound great!  
Well done everyone!



Please finalise  
Term 1 fees  
before end of  
term.



Rehearsals work  
better when  
everyone is on  
time.





## Learning Gallery

### Hunter Swimming

On Tuesday March 14 the Regional Swimming Carnival was held at the Forum. We had 11 swimmers representing TJPS and the Newcastle City Region. A big congratulations to the following students who have been selected to attend the State Swimming Carnival in Sydney in Week 11 of this Term. Indi R in four individual events and Lila B in 2 Individual events (What a special achievement) and our Junior Girls Relay team that consists of Lila B, Abbey B, Imogen G and Nina C!! You should all be very proud of your hard work and wonderful achievement!!

I know that we all can't wait to watch you on the live stream in class!!

Mr Nick Savage





## Hunter Australian Rules

Congratulations to Odin B, Tom B, Emile A and Charlie B who have all made it into Hunter AFL teams.

All students played in their respective teams and impressed the selectors with their talent. Good luck to the Hunter teams!

Mr Rob Lowe



## Hunter Basketball

Congratulations to Eddie K and Matilda S who were both successful in making the Hunter PSSA boys and girls basketball teams.

They will both head off to Tamworth in Term 2 to compete against some of the best primary aged basketballers in the state. The pair are looking forward to playing a more prominent role in their teams this year after both making the team last year as Year 5 students.

We wish them all the best at the tournament.

Mr Michael Radnidge  
PSSA Basketball coach

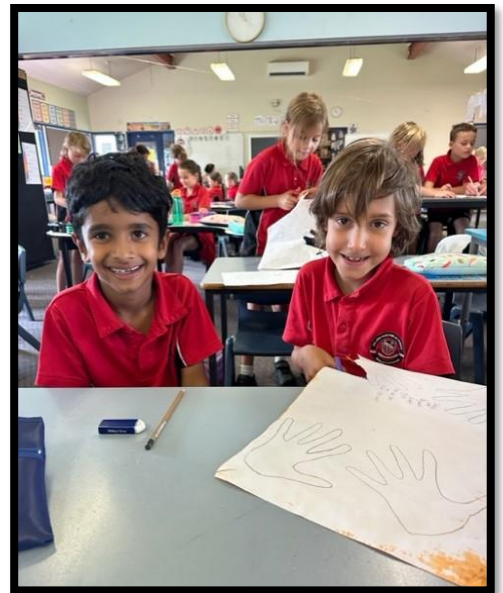


## NSW Junior State Age Swimming Championships

Congratulations to Indi R and Bailey H who will both be attending the NSW Junior State Age Swimming Championships at SOPAC this weekend. The qualifying times for this event are difficult to achieve and so it's a wonderful recognition of all of the hard work they both put into their training. This is the first time Bailey has attended (minimum age is 10) and Indi has now attended on a number of occasions. Best wishes to both of them.

## Harmony Day preparations

Classes 3/4B and 3LC getting ready for Harmony Day with Mr Alcock and Mrs Campbell

























## Harmony Day continued...





# COMMUNITY MESSAGE BOARD

## **P & C News**

### **Election BBQ and Cake Stall**

Don't forget to vote tomorrow!

TJPS is an official polling centre and we are holding a sausage sizzle and cake stall as a fundraiser for our school. Come down and grab a democracy sausage and some sweet treats!

Thank you to everyone who has kindly donated to our Cake Stall for tomorrow. We are still accepting donations tomorrow morning! If you are attending TJPS for voting tomorrow, you may collect your containers. All remaining containers will be distributed to classrooms next week.

### **Reminder of upcoming events**

Term 1 is a busy one! Please mark these important upcoming dates in your diaries, there's lots of fun coming up you won't want to miss!

- Cybersafety FREE Seminar - Thursday 30 March 7pm
- Cross Country - Friday 31 March
- Easter Raffle - drawn Thursday 06 April
- Easter Hat Parade - Thursday 06 April 9:20am

Thanks,  
TJPS P&C Committee

**NSW State Election 25 March**

# **CAKE DONATIONS & BBQ SKILLS REQUIRED**



As the day of the Democracy Sausage approaches, The Junction Public School is again an official polling station. This is a great fundraiser for the school, and a fun day to get to know others in the school community.

## **HOW YOU CAN HELP:**

### **Donate baked goods to our cake stall.**

Cupcakes, small loaves, slices, biscuits/cookies or treats. Please send all baked goods to the P&C table at the front gate (Union St) on Friday 24 March between 8.30 – 9.30am

### **Do you look good in an apron?**

Sign up to help on the day, we need people to help cook the BBQ or sell cakes.

Use the sign up link on the SkoolBag/Sentral app, the Facebook page or email [junctionpandc@gmail.com](mailto:junctionpandc@gmail.com)







# THE JUNCTION HOLIDAY PROGRAM

APRIL 2023 - WEEK 1

BOOKINGS CLOSE - MONDAY 3 APRIL

<b>MONDAY 10 APR</b>  <b>TASK CLOSED</b>  <b>PUBLIC HOLIDAY</b>  	<b>TUESDAY 11 APR</b>  <b>EAT' STER</b>  <p>Our Easter treat Can't be beat! Cook up a storm with your fellow TASKers</p>	<b>WEDNESDAY 12 APR</b>  <b>DRAMA LLAMAS</b>  <p>Music, dance, and drama - Whatever you choose we're going to put on a show!</p>	<b>THURSDAY 13 APR</b>  <b>AUTUMN-ITONS</b>  <p>In the spirit of Earth Day and World Creativity and Innovation Day, we're going to solve the world's problems using S.T.E.M.</p> <p>Wizarding Workshop with OOSH TV</p>	<b>FRIDAY 14 APR</b>  <b>NERF WARRIORS</b>  <p>It's TASK vs TASK, which service will be the ultimate nerf warriors?</p> <p>Nerf Battle with Archery Attack</p>	<b>BOOKINGS</b> task-kids.com.au enrol@task-kids.com.au 1300 827 500  <b>HOURS</b> Mon - Fri 7am - 6pm  <b>The After School Klub</b>
<b>Fee - \$75</b>					<b>Fee - \$96</b>

APRIL 2023 - WEEK 2 & 3

BOOKINGS CLOSE - MONDAY 10 APRIL

<b>MONDAY 17 APR</b>  <b>APRIL FOOLS</b>  <p>It's Christmas at TASK... April fools!   Play pranks on your friends or an educator or two!</p>	<b>TUESDAY 18 APR</b>  <b>TIMEZONE KOTARA</b>  <p>Excursion to Timezone Kotara for a gaming and entertainment session!</p>	<b>WEDNESDAY 19 APR</b>  <b>RAWART</b>  <p>Explore your creative side!</p>	<b>THURSDAY 20 APR</b>  <b>MOVIE DAY!</b>  <p>TASK is off to the cinema to see Super Mario Bros The Movie!</p> <p>Cinema Excursion</p> <p>Event Cinemas Kotara</p>	<b>FRIDAY 21 APR</b>  <b>TASKERS CHOICE</b>  <p>TASK your way. The kids are in-charge of the fun!</p> <p>"what do we want... FUN when do we want it... NOW"</p>	<b>MONDAY 24 APR</b>  <b>SPEERS POINT PARK</b>  <p>Excursion to Speers Point Park for a picnic in the sunshine!</p>
<b>Fee - \$75</b>					<b>Fee - \$96</b>

• Please read BOOK ME description on the TASK website for detailed information • Excursion days - places limited • TASK is egg & nut free • Afternoon tea provided • All Holiday Program subject to change • Each day please bring: recess, lunch and water bottle, hat, raincoat, socks, covered shoes and jumper - all labelled.