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The Junction Journal

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From the desk of Mrs Larkman

Hello to our Parents and Carers,

Our very productive term is at an end. This term we have enjoyed our swimming carnival, participated in a wide variety of PSSA sport trials, inducted school leaders in all areas, attended 'meet the teacher' and goal setting meetings, run the NAPLAN assessments for Years 3 and 5, enjoyed a lovely Harmony Week and learned our special song and attended Brainstorm Productions. This is all in addition to our usual routine of teaching and learning core business. The staff have participated in some high level professional learning to address their learning goals and 4 of our staff attended the Art of Leadership course which is a comprehensive 6 day course run by the Primary Principal Association based on the research of William Glasser and others.

Thanks to our community for their support and organization behind so many events including the Election fundraising, Cyber Smart presentation, the Easter Raffle, and the Cross Country BBQ.

Please forgive me if I've missed anything – it seemed like the excitement just kept coming!

<u>Staffing</u>

This is Mark Alcock's final week as a full time teacher. The term seems to have gone too fast and he has had some lovely experiences as our number 1 teacher for casual relief. For the first time in his career, he worked with Kindy and loved it! Mark has worked with the Department of Education since 1985 and we thank him for his service to students. We will remember him for his calm approach and his skill with students with behavioural needs. The staff will remember him for his 'cheeky' sense of humour and his wonderful voice at carnivals! Pivotal to his extra-curricular roles was his coordination of the annual Charity Day as a service to the community.



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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We farewelled our wonderful cleaner, AJ, last week as she returns to pre-Covid employment. How lucky we were to have her as our cleaner during the Covid years.

Angela Bowen received an Excellence Award from the Executive Director last week. Angela was one of only three selected in the Newcastle Network in this category who received the recognition.

Staff Development Day (SDD) – Monday 24th April

All our teaching and support staff will be attending a Newcastle Network Learning Day at Murrook Environmental Centre on the SDD around the new document 'Strong Strides Together'. Our front office staff will also be doing their own professional learning back at school but will be on hand if you need to ring the school. Please avoid the middle of the day if possible as they will be providing lunch for some of their colleagues who will join them on the day.

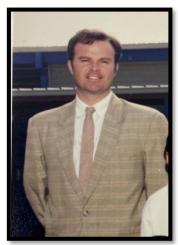
We will see the students back at school on Wednesday April 26.

Thanks also to our School Leaders and their families who will attend local Anzac Day Services on the school's behalf.

Have a safe and Happy Easter! Guess who the first photo is?

Cath Larkman,

Principal









Upcoming Events

TERM 1 Thursday April 6 Final day Term 1 TERM 2 Wednesday April 26 Students return to school Thursday May 4 Yr 6-7 Transition Selective HS placement test Friday May 12 Mothers Day Breakfast - TBC **Tuesday May 23** Sydney Writer's Festival Yr 6 GRIP Leadership Friday May 26 National Sorry Day Netball PSSA Gala Day – TBC NHS visit to TJPS transition visit Mon May 29- Fri June 2 **Reconciliation Week** Monday June 5 String Ensemble 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 **Thursday December 7 Band Presentation Night** Students Final Day term 4

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School ANZAC Service

At our ANZAC Day Commemoration Service, the students, staff and community commemorated those who lost their lives as an ANZAC and who fought for our beloved nation for the values that we uphold today, and secured the freedoms that we cherish greatly.

Thank you to our special guests, Squadron Leader Phil Frawley and Captain Wendy Horder for making our service extra special by addressing the audience with your knowledge. To our wonderful school leaders, musicians, students, teachers, families and friends who came to honour the sacrifice of those who have served and are continuing to serve our great country, thank you for making TJPS ANZAC Day Commemoration such a moving service.

'Lest we forget'.













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

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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 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: <u>thejunctio-</u> p.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 Brad Evans (Casual relief) Mr Darren Ray (Casual relief)

In the Community P&C News

P&C Contact email

Jessica Ryan, President president@junctionpandc.org

UNIFORM SHOP

ONLINE ORDERING!

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)

Let's Make Music

Information about Band, Strings and Choir Ensembles



ANNOUNCING our 2023 ENSEMBLE CAPTAINS

We were very proud to announce our Ensemble Captains for 2023 at our last morning assembly. Mayra, Theo, Tully, Francesca, Monique, Louie, Imogen, Miguel, Emma and Arlo have been chosen as leaders by their peers and I know they will do a wonderful job supporting their music teachers. Congratulations to all of you! I hope you enjoy your leadership role as much as we enjoy working with you.

HOLIDAYS

Yay, we made it! That was a big term. Please take care of your instruments over this break. Don't leave it at Grandma's or in the car over the holidays. I hope you continue to practice while you have some spare time. It is also a great opportunity to give your instrument a good clean.

Kind Regards,

Angie Harris













Thank you Miss Tonkin and Mr Bell for your continued dedication to our TJPS musicians. Your guidance and expertise leads to a fantastic start for all of our ensembles.



A round of applause for our String ensemble, led by Beth Porter & Julie Bevan. Your performance at last Monday's assembly was delightful!

Learning Gallery

Stage 3 Police Talk

On Monday, 3rd April 2023, Cassie the Police Youth Liaison Officer came to The Junction Public School. She spoke to Stage 3 about Cyber Safety, General Safety, and Laws/Rules.

Cassie went into further detail about Bullying. She told us how you could get in lots of trouble if you keep bullying someone online or in real life. You can get charged for intimidation, or harassment.

Cassie also reminded us never to share our information online. You never know who someone could really be. She told us how a girl who lived in our local area was playing games online, then someone came over to her and started talking to her and asked if she wanted to be friends with her. They became very good friends and the 'girl' said she lived in WA. They arranged to meet and the 'girl' flew over from WA on a plane. Little did the girl from our local area know, it was actually a 40 year old man that was probably going to do something bad to her. Luckily, the police found out about this and caught the man before it was too late. He got arrested and is now in gaol.

Cassie also told us about always asking permission to post things. We are underage and shouldn't have social media, but if we do, we always need to ask permission to send/post things from our parents/caregivers. She told us of the dangers and consequences of sending inappropriate images of ourselves online.

Overall, it was an amazing privilege to have Cassie come to our school.

By Audrey B

Come and Try Athletics Day

Miss Bourne was lucky enough to take a wonderful group of students to the Come and Try Athletics Day this term. The activities we completed included running, shotput, javelin, long jump and discus. Everyone who attended represented our school with pride and participated in every activity!

Miss L Bourne





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School Cross Country

On Friday March 31 we had a fantastic day at Cross Country. It was fantastic to see so many students showing our school values of participation and quality by giving it their best go! It was a beautiful day at Nesca Park, and we were lucky enough to have the P&C cooking sausages keeping everyone well fed. Good luck to the top 3 students from each race who will be heading to Zone Cross Country early Term 2 to represent our school.

Thanks to our TJPS staff, P&C volunteers, and students for a great day!



Miss L Bourne



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Newcastle City Zone PSSA Representative Boys and Girls Football Trials

On Tuesday 28th March, nine of our very talented senior girls' and boys' soccer players participated in the Newcastle City Zone PSSA Football trials at Lake Macquarie Football Complex, Speers Point. All nine players; Emile, Mikel, Zachary, Ruben, Madison, Mia, Tilley, Zahara and Elkie did a wonderful job and played fiercely. Congratulations to Emile who was selected to trial for the Boys Hunter Regional Football Trials on Thursday 11th May. We congratulate Emile on his success and wish him well at the next trial.

Miss T Barns

Hunter PSSA Hockey

Well done to 6 of our Stage 3 students who represented Newcastle Zone at the Hunter PSSA Hockey trials last Friday. All students performed to their best with Henry and Rosa being named as shadow players. TJPS is proud of your efforts!

Mr M Liles



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Easter Hat Parade Fun







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COMMUNITY MESSAGE BOARD

P & C News

WOW!!! How is it the LAST DAY of Term 1 already??? It's been a huge term with lots of amazing events and community activities.

Firstly, The P&C would like to acknowledge the Uniform Shop team. It's been a busy term with the release of the new jackets, they've had a massive amount of orders coming in which is fantastic but a mammoth task for a small team of volunteers who give up their time to make it all happen. Pre-orders for the new jackets have now CLOSED, they will be available again later in the year for anyone who missed out. Thank you, team, you are amazing!

TJPS played host as an official polling centre for the State Election on 25th March, during which time we held a fundraising BBQ and Cake Stall. Over \$2500 was raised, with all funds going back into our school. Thank you to all the volunteers, donations and contributors who made the day a great success!

On 30th March the P&C held a free Cybersafety seminar. We are so fortunate to have access to such vital resources to safeguard our children and aid in the constructive and pragmatic interactions between not only parent and child, but also within their peer network. The feedback to this event has been overwhelmingly positive and we are looking at opportunities to host more events of this kind in the near future. Watch this space!

That brings us to the Easter Raffle.. TODAY IS THE DAY!!! There has been a lot of buzz in the front office of late as the presence of three epic Easter hampers has been creating much excitement and anticipation. We have received an enormous amount of donations resulting in three major prizes and fifty runners-up prizes - the odds are in your favour! Many thanks for all the generous prize donations, and special mention to our parent volunteers (and junior helpers!) for all your efforts in the ticket preparation, counting and prize-packing.

The P&C are always looking for more helpers on event organisation, if you've thought of getting involved please reach out to one of the team or come along to a meeting. Bring a friend and organise an event for the P&C together!

We wish everyone a safe and happy Easter, and we hope you enjoy the school holiday break. See you in Term 2 for lots more exciting events!

Many Thanks,

TJPS P&C Committee



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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





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. louisecrosskill@outlook.com

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APRIL 2023 - WEEK 1

BOOKINGS CLOSE - MONDAY 3 APRIL



Please read BODK 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, kunch and water bottle, hat, reincoat, socks, covered shoes and jumper - all labelled.

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www.daughtersanddadscricket.com.au/registration-1

TERM 2 DAUGHTERS & DADS CRICKET

Charlestown South PS Sundays 3:00-4:30pm Starts April 30th - 25 June 2023

For girls aged 6-12 with their Dads/Father Figures

9 x weekly sessions of fast paced fun each Sunday

Teaches fundamental cricket skills - for beginner to advanced

All activities completed as Daughter-Dad duo













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MiniRoos Holiday Clinic – South Cardiff

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- Who: Children aged 4-11 years.
 - Open to new players interested in trying club football and those who may already be playing club football.
 - $_{\circ}$ $\,$ It's all about having fun and staying active in the Holidays!
 - What: Working on fundamental football skills, with fun activities and games.
 - Sessions will be delivered by Football Australia staff, event co-hosted by South Cardiff Community FC.
- Where: Ulinga Sports Complex, Cross St & Lodwick Ln, Cardiff South, NSW 2285.
 - Dates: Sessions held across three days in the second week of the Holidays:
 - Monday 17th April, Tuesday 18th April, Wednesday 19th April.
- Times: Sessions run 9:00am 12:00pm each day.
- Cost: \$80.00 (the one fee covers all 3 days).
- Registration: Participants must register online via the Play Football website to take part: <u>https://registration.playfootball.com.au/common/pages/reg/welcomeregplus.aspx?id=9</u> <u>8436&save=0&entityid=77745</u>

Football Australia will also have some giveaways to celebrate the upcoming Women's World Cup and get behind our CommBank Matildas as they represent Australia and take on the world!



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ENROL NOW for 2023!

The FUN way to learn another language for kids 5-12 yrs (games, songs, craft...)

The Junction Public School

FRENCH CLUB

Tuesdays from 1.10pm to 1.45pm

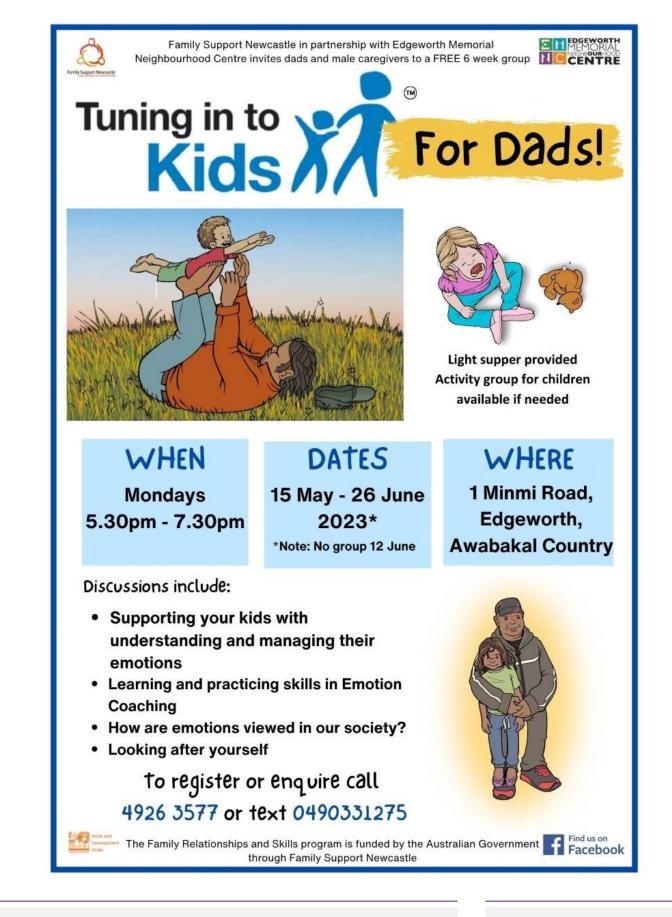


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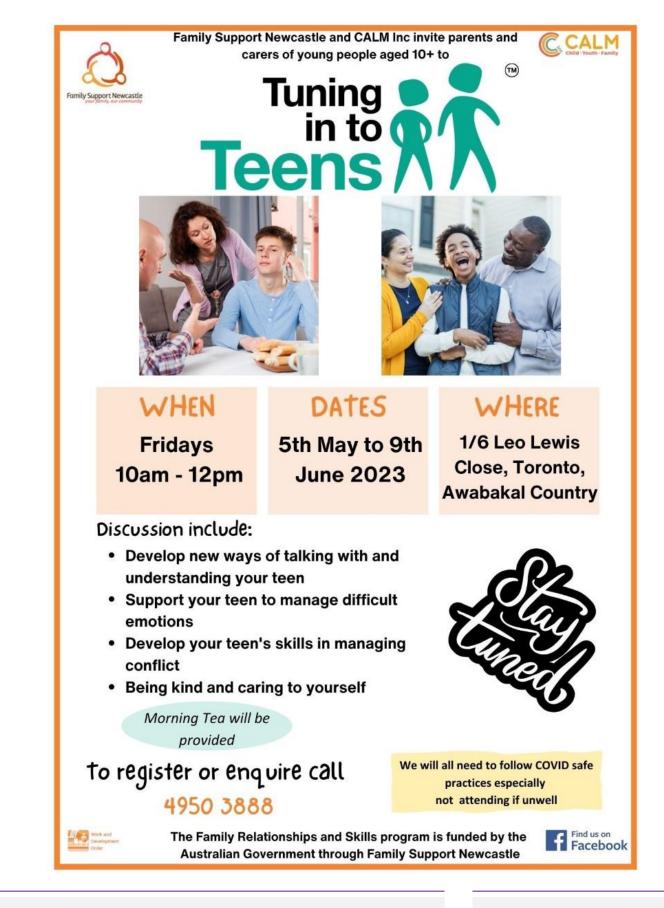
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This information has been kindly shared by our Scripture volunteers.

Easter Church Services



Churches and Locations	Service Times	
St Augustine's Anglican Church	Good Friday	9:30 am
Cnr Llewellyn and Winsor Street	Easter Sunday	7:30 am
Merewether		9:30am
	Maundy Thursday	6:00 pm
St Johns Anglican	Good Friday	9:00 am
1b Parry Street Cooks Hill	Easter Sunday	9:30 am
		5:00 pm
Baptist Tabernacle Newcastle	Good Friday	9:00 am
25 Laman Street Cooks Hill	Easter Sunday	10:30 am
Merewether Baptist		
75 Morgan Street Merewether	Easter Sunday	9:30 am
C3 Rhythm City		10:00 am
Hunter Christian School	Good Friday Easter Sunday	10:00 am 10:00 am
Cnr Kerr and Bull Streets Mayfield	Easter Sunday	10.00 am
Generation City Church Hamilton	Good Friday	9:30am
85 Tudor Street Hamilton	Easter Sunday	9:30am
Hamilton Presbyterian Church (Scots Kirk)	Good Friday	9:00 am
21 Murray Street Hamilton	Easter Sunday	10:30 am
Newcastle Presbyterian Church (St Andrews)	Good Friday	10:00 am
12 Laman Street Newcastle	Easter Sunday	10:00 am
Hillsong Church Newcastle	Good Friday	10:00 am
St Philip's Christian College -	Easter Sunday	10:00 am
57 High Street Waratah	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	
Live Free Church Adamstown	Good Friday -	3:00 pm
488 Glebe Road Adamstown	Henderson Park Adamstown	
	Easter Sunday at Church	9:00 am

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