

The Junction Journal

The Junction Public School

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29/06/2023

From the desk of Mrs Larkman

Hello to our Parents and Carers,

Once again, I'd like to thank all the people who have contributed to our school community this term. Only yesterday I saw two parents walking past my office having just re-painted the playground equipment. In addition to this I saw happy gardeners outside my window last Friday. The P & C team have started the year with so many lovely experiences and plans.

My staff continue to blow my mind with the time and effort they put into providing everything your children need and then some! We have offered students a range of extra-curricula and gifted opportunities this term as well as extra support for those students who needed it. We have had heaps of absences due to illness, but the staff team have just learned to pick up, support the casual staff and get on with the job.

The 'dis' moments I have experienced this term are too many to count, so I will just rely on the rest of our newsletter to tell the stories.

Below are pictures from the teacher celebration for Regional North schools where our teacher-librarian teachers enjoyed recognition for their work by Tim McCallum, Executive Director for this region.

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 and Mr Low

Reading this year's Semester 1 reports has been a 'Dis' moment for me. I particularly enjoyed the General comments which painted a lovely and unique picture of each and every child and how they are progressing not just academically but socially and emotionally as well. All reports K-6 will be published via the SENTRAL Parent portal on Friday 30 June 2023. I would like to personally acknowledge the work of our wonderful teachers who have spent many hours pouring over assessment tasks and formative notes to write these point in time descriptions of our students' achievements.

I wish you all a safe and enjoyable winter holiday. See you all next term.
Connie Emmington
Deputy Principal

ON BEHALF OF STAGE 2 WE WELCOME NATHAN TOWNEY

Australian Aboriginal culture is one of the oldest surviving cultures in the world. In Stage 2 we are learning about the richness of Aboriginal culture as we investigate topics such as representation, identity and connection to country.

To support our learning, Stage 2 welcomed Nathan Towney, father of Charlotte and Archie, and proud Wiradjuri man to share Australian Aboriginal culture with us.

A big thank you also to young Archie who shared a heartfelt acknowledgement and shared personal stories of his connection to country.

Mr Rob Low
Stage 2 Assistant Principal



Upcoming Events

TERM 2

Friday June 30

Final Day Term 2

TERM 3

Tuesday July 18

Students return to school

Wednesday July 19

TJPS NAIDOC Day

Thursday July 20

Athletics Carnival – Glendale

Wednesday July 26

Newcastle Permanent Maths Competition

Interrelate Evening Sessions

Transition to School Kindy 2024 12-1pm

begins each Wednesday of Term 3

Thursday July 27

Kindergarten 100 Day Celebration

Thursday August 10

PSSA Basketball Boys & Girls Gala day

Tuesday August 15

Yr 5 Taster lessons Newcastle High 12-3pm

Tues-Fri August 15-18

Canberra Excursion

Wednesday August 23

Year 6 Taster lessons NHS 12-3

Kindy 2024 – Parent information session 4-5pm

Thursday August 24

Book Parade – Kindy 2024 welcome

Friday September 1

Father's Day Event

Tuesday September 5

Premier Band Day

Wednesday September 6

Indigenous Literacy Day

Concert Band Day

Thursday September 7

Newcastle water Talks

Friday September 15

Grandparents Day – Library Book Donation

Friday September 22 - Final Day Term 3

TERM 4

Monday October 9

Students return (note -no staff devel. day)

Wednesday October 11

Primary Band Day

Mon-Fri October 16-20 & 23-27

Stage 1 Intensive swimming Program

Friday October 27

Year 5 Leadership Workshop 1

Wed-Fri November 1-3

Year 4 Great Aussie Bush Camp

Friday November 3

Year 5 Leadership Workshop 2

Wednesday November 8

Kindy 2024 Orientation session 1

Friday November 10

Year 5 Leadership Workshop 3

Wednesday November 22

Kindy 2024 Orientation session 2

Wednesday December 6

Kindy 2024 Orientation session 3

Thursday December 7

Band Presentation Night

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, or QR codes on notes. **(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, Excursion money, Voluntary contributions 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.

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
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
Ms Sevi Celik
Mr Jack Ward

EAR INFECTIONS

There have been a number of ear infections at the moment and as the winter season continues, we can expect to see more of these especially with our younger students. Middle ear infections can occur with a cold, and the ear can feel blocked making it difficult to hear for some time after the infection clears.

Parents are encouraged to let staff know if your child has had an ear infection so that we can be sure they are able to hear as best as we can until the ear heals and the hearing loss goes.

Please refer to the information about middle ear infection on the factsheet.

https://www.schn.health.nsw.gov.au/files/factsheets/ear_problems_in_children-en.pdf

LOST PROPERTY

This week Miss Barns very kindly sorted through over 60 lost jackets and over 20 hats. The jackets with names have been returned to the children.

Sadly, there were more than 20 jackets that had no names in them, making it impossible for them to be returned to their owners. Some of them were the new waterproof jackets.

Please ensure that your child's names are clearly marked on their belongings.

The Importance of arriving on time

Arriving at school and class on time:

- Ensures that students do not miss out on important learning activities scheduled early in the day
- Helps students learn the importance of punctuality and routine
- Give students time to greet their friends before class
- Reduces classroom disruption

Lateness is recorded as a partial absence and must be explained by parents.

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:

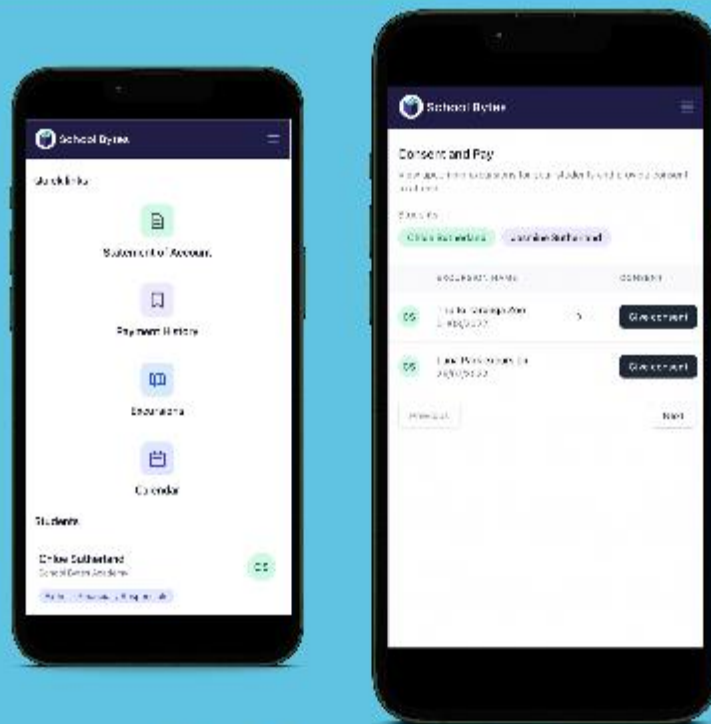
tipsuniformshop@gmail.com

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

AVAILABLE NOW!

We are excited to announce our school will be transitioning to a more flexible and simplified way parent/carers can make payments



The Parent Portal

- Easily make a payment online
- Download your receipt
- Sign and return permission notes digitally
- Use any credits on your account to make payment
- View your complete payment history
- Request a refund



School Bytes

AVAILABLE DURING

TERM 3

Register for the Parent Portal via the QR Code or visit

<https://portal.schoolbytes.education>





The Junction Public School

Kindy 2024 Transition

Transition to school

A wonderful opportunity for future students to prepare for school by attending our transition program one day a week.
Commencing **July 26th every Wednesday during Term 3** from 12-1pm.
Parents are welcome to come along, join in and meet our staff and other families.

Please RSVP to the email address below to book your place.

Information Session:

August 23rd 4-5pm

Book Week Parade: August 24th

Orientation Dates

9-11 am

November 8th

November 22nd

December 6th

Personal Tours

These are available by appointment year round. Meet our staff, ask questions and hear about all the great opportunities TJPS has to offer.

For more information and to RSVP please Contact: Jo Ellis
Email: jo-anne.ellis@det.nsw.edu.au Phone: 4963 1343



Let's Make Music

Information about Band, Strings and Choir Ensembles

HSPA Senior Choir

Last Monday, TJPS had a surprise visit from our local Performing Arts high school. This was a lovely opportunity for our choir and junior students to see senior (Years 10, 11 & 12) students perform. Our students thoroughly enjoyed the hour long concert and saw a wide arrangement of songs. Hopefully, this opportunity served to inspire some of our singers. I know Mrs McLeod is always open to new members for our choir!



Family Band Night

Thank you to all our families who braved the cold to come and see our music ensembles perform. Again, another wonderful night, lots of happy faces from the students, parents and teachers. Thank you to Mrs Cooper, Ms Ellis, Mr Low & Mrs Lalic for helping with supervision in the background.

Angie Harris



BANDFEST

is coming
Term 4 Week 2

This year it will be at
Newcastle Town Hall



Keep
Practising



Learning Gallery

First Ever NSW All Boys Netball Trial

On Friday 16 June, Edison K represented The Junction Public School at the first ever NSW Boys Netball team trial down in Sydney.

Almost 100 primary schoolboys from all over NSW travelled to Sydney to try out for the team. Eddie has only played a handful of netball games in his life, with most of them recently being part of our school's PSSA Gala Day team. Eddie is a keen sportsman with a background in basketball and is willing to have a go at anything he puts his mind to. On Friday Eddie made history as he was successfully selected in the squad of 10 that will compete in the NSW Boys' Team at the week-long School Sport Australia Netball Championship in Western Australia in September. Whilst at the trial, Eddie was also asked to play representative Netball down in Sydney, however he had to decline this as it will clash with the NSW Boys State team. In July the squad of 10 will also compete in the State Netball Challenge in Sydney. Amazing achievement Eddie, Congratulations! We cannot wait to hear about your experience at the Australian Boys Netball Championships. In the coming weeks Eddie will be selling raffle tickets to help fund his expenses to Perth.

Below is a link to the ABC article from the trials and a video from the day.

<https://www.abc.net.au/news/2023-06-17/nsw-first-primary-aged-schoolboy-netball-team/102488696>

<https://www.dailymotion.com/video/x8ltt80>



KINDY KAPERS

Kindergarten have been busy learning! Check out some of our photos to see what we have been up to!



PSSA Boys Touch Football Knockout

Our school touch team played their Round 3 game against Fern Bay Public School last Friday. We defended extremely well and only let in 2 tries against a strong Fern Bay team. We won the game 6-2 and will play Kotara South Public School in Round 4 next term. Congratulations boys.

Luke Sparksman

Hunter Rugby Union Trials – By Reggie R and Odin B

Two weeks ago we went to the Hunter PSSA Rugby Union Trials at Ernie Calland Fields. We were selected for the Newcastle Zone and played six games of Rugby before we were chosen for the Possibles/Probables match. We were both selected in the Hunter Rugby Team and will go to Camden next term to play in the State Championships.

Reggie R and Odin B

NSW PSSA Rugby League Carnival – by Odin B

Last week I was lucky enough to represent Hunter at the NSW PSSA Rugby League Carnival in Wagga. Our team played really well with 4 wins, 1 draw and 1 loss before the finals. We thought we weren't in the semi finals but our coach did some maths and it turned out we made it. We were all super stoked. The last day we versed Sydney South West (who eventually won) and lost a close match. I unfortunately copped a head knock and I was ruled out of our last game, which we also lost against Sydney North. We came fourth overall. I scored two tries and didn't miss a conversion. I forgot to say that it was 1 degree every day in Wagga. It was freezing!

Odin B



Write On Writing Competition Entrants

Write On is an annual writing competition held in association with the State Library of NSW to encourage students to develop their writing skills. Students were asked to write a short, imaginative piece of up to 500 words using the photograph pictured below.

Passionate writers Naia P from Stage 2 and Atiksh P from Stage 3 were selected as our schools' entrants. Excellent work Naia and Atiksh.



Boys Soccer

On Thursday June 15, the boys soccer team played in a tough Round 2 game against Adamstown Public School. The scores were locked at 1-1 at half time and the boys managed to score a goal in the second half to win 2-1.

The team then backed up this performance a few hours later with another exciting 2-1 win against Tighes Hill Public School. The boys again worked well as a team and displayed fantastic sportsmanship.

Thank you to the parents who coached, transported and supported the boys on the day.

The team is looking forward to their Round 4 match against Kotara South Public School in Term 3.



Stage One Class Public Speaking Representatives



Last Tuesday, stage one were treated to a wonderful display of Public Speaking as two representatives from each class competed in our Stage One Public Speaking Competition.

Congratulations to all of the class representatives. We were very proud of the work these students have done and the effort they made to represent their classes.

It was a close competition and an extremely hard decision for the teachers.

Congratulations to Dylan and Lucia!

Dylan and Lucia will go on to represent our school at the Newcastle District Public Speaking competition, next term.



COMMUNITY MESSAGE BOARD

Term 3 wrap up from the P&C crew:

Family Movie Night 🍿🎬

Thanks to all the families who came along to the P&C Family Movie Night. It was another great evening at Kotara Event Cinemas. We sold over 400 tickets and raised \$1500 for our school.

Beanies for Brain Cancer ❤️❤️

A wonderful woolly winter morning at TJPS this week for our Beanies for Brain Cancer Fundraiser. We were honoured to have the legend himself, Mark Hughes, come to our assembly to talk to the kids about his foundation and all the important work they are doing. Our school raised over \$600 for the Mark Hughes foundation. We wish them all the best for the NRL Beanies round this week and all their fundraising efforts.

Are you good with tech? 💻📄

The P&C are putting the call out to anyone who might have a bit of IT experience to help with some one-off projects for the committee, namely migrating emails to GSuite. If you can help out please email junctionpandc@gmail.com

Upcoming events 📅

Our next regular P&C meeting will be the first day back after the holidays. Tuesday 18 July at 6pm in the Old Hall. All welcome.

Winter Social - Our August P&C meeting will be more casual than normal. On Tuesday 1 August we will have a shorter meeting at Bar Beach Bowlo. This is a chance to meet some new people and have a drink and a chat. We will do a quick overview of what the P&C have in store for the rest of the year. We always welcome more helpers, and you don't need to commit to anything ongoing, jump in and help on an event or project when you can.

We wish everyone a safe and enjoyable school holiday. We can't wait to share with you all the exciting things we have planned for Term 3, it's going to be a big one!

TJPS P&C Team



Fun Languages



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



*** Free trial**

*** Creative kids
voucher accepted**

*** Siblings discount**

Contact Audrey

audrey.nys@lcfclubs.com.au

or call 04 77 123 353

www.lcfclubs.com.au



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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The Student Resilience Survey



The Resilience Project and Resilience Survey

Dear Parents/Guardians/Carers,

Resilience and wellbeing are key factors to ensure a happy and fulfilling future for our young people.

We are proud to partner with The Resilience Project to assist our students in their wellbeing journey. In order to gain an accurate understanding of our students' strengths and challenges, we will be conducting a resilience survey developed by Resilient Youth Australia and the University of South Australia. In recent years, they have surveyed more than 500,000 Australian school students.

We will administer the Resilience Survey this year online in class time. Students typically take 30-50 minutes to complete the survey.

The data from the survey will be reported in aggregate descriptive form only, by year level and gender, and no individual student responses can be identified.

The Resilience Survey is completely voluntary and anonymous. The survey will provide valuable information to assist us to create and maintain the best culture of wellbeing and resilience that we can.

If you have any questions or concerns regarding your child's participation in this survey project, please contact TJPS Office on 49631343.

We thank you for your support.

Kind Regards,

Cath Larkman (Principal) and Jo-Anne Ellis (Assistant Principal)

(03) 9113 9302 | theresilienceproject.com.au

The logo for The Resilience Project, featuring the text 'THE RESILIENCE PROJECT' in a bold, sans-serif font, with 'THE' in a small circle above 'RESILIENCE'.



GARDENING CLUB VOLUNTEERS!!!



TUESDAY 1PM

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



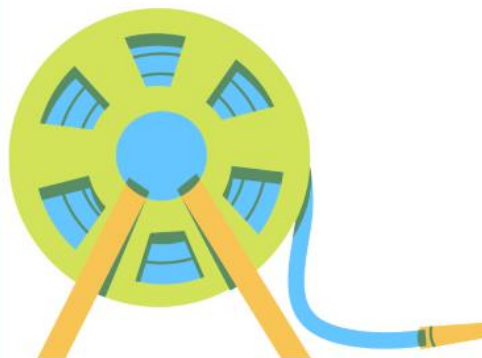
This will be without the children, helping to manage our big beautiful grounds.



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. louisecrosskill@outlook.com