

The Junction News

Newsletter of The Junction Public School



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Term 4 – Week 6

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LEADERSHIP REPORT

Hello to our school community,

What an exciting few weeks we have had!

Year 6 Canberra

Our Canberra excursion left early yesterday morning and all has been going well. It will be a wonderful conclusion to a rather large unit of work. Canberra is very much set up for learning in the area of government and democracy with a lot of hands on learning available for students. This is a unit of work experienced by all students in Stage 3. There are also fun activities for the night which promote teamwork and independence – a timely experience as students move to secondary school. A huge thanks to the teaching team for accompanying our students: Mrs Cooper, Ms Barns, Mr Gelfius, Mr Gunter and Mrs Edwards.

Year 4 Great Aussie Bush Camp

The Great Aussie Bush Camp was a fantastic experience last week. The students challenged themselves in a variety of ways – a favourite always being the Giant Swing and fear of heights. The students also had to work in teams to set up safety gear including harnesses and learn to co-operate in their tents. There were a few signs of muddy clothes on the floor on Friday so I guess the washing machines were working overtime on the weekend. Thanks, again, to the teaching team: Mrs Wilson, Mrs Cromarty, Mr Savage and Mr Bailey. Mrs Emmington and myself tag teamed at camp over the three days.

SWIMMING CARNIVAL 2019

All students in Year 2-5 (2018) will receive a Swimming Carnival note for our 2019 Swimming Carnival which is on Thursday 31st January (Week 1) next year! Students who are currently in Year 1 and will be turning 8 years old in 2019 will also receive a note. These students should only attend and compete at the Carnival if they can swim 50m with confidence. Students in Year 2 (2019) who cannot swim 50m or are not turning 8 years old in 2019 will stay here at school with their teacher.

As the Carnival is the second day back at school for 2019 we ask that parents be prompt with the Permission note and payment. **Payment is due by Friday 14th December 2018.**

SCHOOL ENROLMENTS 2019

It is that time of year where we begin to plan for 2019. Forming classes is a complicated job and relies heavily on accurate numbers. If you know of any families residing in our zone who intend to come to our school next year and have not made contact with the school – please encourage them to do so. We are currently only accepting local or 'in zone' enrolments. If you know your child will be moving schools next year, please advise the school office as soon as possible.

BOOK FAIR

The Junction PS will be having their Scholastic Book Fair in the Library on Tuesday 27th November and Wednesday 28th November.

The fair will be opened from 8.30am to 3.45pm on both days. Students will have an opportunity to see the books that are for sale on Monday 26th November. This may be a good opportunity to buy some presents. There will be no other Book club this term. Payments on the day by cash or Eftpos only - in the library. Thank you, Mrs Land



BAND NEWS

Band Presentation Evening

Mark this date in your calendars, Thursday 29th November at the Newcastle Conservatorium, beginning at 6pm. A note will come home soon to all TJPS musicians providing more details about this evening.

Fees

A reminder that Term 4 fees are now due! If you wish for your child to keep their instrument over the Christmas break, all 2018 band fees must be paid in full.
Angie King, Band Co-ordinator

End of Year Presentation Days

There will be information in next week's newsletter about the upcoming Presentaton Days.

Enjoy the rest of your week!

CALENDAR – TERM 4 – 2018

Week 6

Day	Event
Wednesday, Nov 21	Year 6 Canberra
Thursday, Nov 22	Year 6 Canberra – Return 6.30pm

Week 7

Day	Event
Tuesday, Nov 27	Book Fair at school
Wednesday, Nov 28	Book Fair at school
Thursday, Nov 29	Band Presentation Night-Ncle Conservatorium of Music (6pm)

Week 8

Day	Event
Wednesday, Dec 5	Dance showcase night – 6.30pm – New Hall

Week 9

Day	Event
Thursday, Dec 13	Whole School Presentation Day + Year 3-6 Presentation Day
Friday, Dec 14	K – 2 Presentation Day

Week 10

Day	Event
Monday, Dec 17	Year 6 Party Day & Clap Out at 2.30pm
Monday, Dec 17	Yr 6 Farewell-Souths (6pm-9pm)
Wed, December 19	LAST DAY FOR STUDENTS

CALENDAR – TERM 1 – 2019

Week 1

Day	Event
Tuesday, Jan 29	Staff only return
Wednesday, Jan 30	Years 1-6 STUDENTS return
Thursday, Jan 31	Years 3-6 Swimming Carnival

Week 2

Day	Event
Monday, Feb 4	Kindergarten 2019 start

SENIOR CHOIR REHEARSALS

Senior choir rehearsals will resume this Friday 23rd November. Thank you, Mrs McLeod

SCHOOL ASSEMBLIES

TERM 4 WEEK 5

YEARS 3, 4, 5 & 6 ASSEMBLY

3C	Kobe M Marley McK-K	Tom L
3LJ	Ashley C Felicity W	Tommy M Tyler S
3S	Aja P Ben M	Riley M Lulu C
5A	Gui K Cody M	Bill W
5B	Lily R Cameron A	Saffron T
6B	Amber B Josie H	Maple B Maraya D
6C	Max B Emily K	Tayte R
6L	Harry C Loki D'A	Niamh H

SCHOOL ASSEMBLIES

Kinder to Year 2 –The next assembly will be this (Friday 23rd November) at 10am. Class 1S will be hosting this assembly.

Year 3 to Year 6 – Assembly this Friday at 11.20am! Parents are welcome to attend these assemblies in the new hall.

DANCE SHOWCASE- WEEK 8

To highlight the talent and achievements of all our dance groups, we will be holding a 'Dance Showcase evening' at our school in the New Hall on **Wednesday 5th December – beginning at 6.30pm**. It will run for approximately 40 minutes. Notes went home last week.

Thank you, Nicole Jones

Raffle Tickets to support Kate McTaggart at the PSSA State girls cricket carnival

To assist with costs involved with representing at this level and travelling interstate, the school office has Raffle Tickets provided by: NSW Primary Schools Sports Association – Tickets are \$5 each. First prize: Apple iPad WiFi (32Gb)

GREAT AUSSIE BUSH CAMP

What did some of the students have to say.....

It was a fantastic experience for everyone. All the activities were extremely fun but some were a bit scary : canoeing, Lost Island, giant swing etc. My favourite activity in particular was the Giant Swing! It was high, fast and super scary but it was also amazing, fun and worth having a try.

By Zoe C

Highlights..... Top 5 – Pros / Cons

1. Giant Swing – Pros : Awesome activity Con : Not for people who are scared of heights.

2. Dual Flying Fox – Pros : You can do whatever you want in the air! Con : Not for people who are scared of heights.

3. Lost Island – Pros : Super fun mud run! Con : Clothes could be ruined!

4. Challenge Night – Pros : Lots of cool competitions! Con : No Con!

5. Snowcones at morning/afternoon tea – Pros : Delicious icy treat! Con : long line-up!

By Leo B

This was it! I had arrived at school at 8:40am ready to go to my first camp. We got on the bus and settled in, ready for the long hour ahead. I sat next to Audrey, the other kids on the bus were so loud. Audrey and I talked for the whole time, we mainly talked about horses (I love horses) so the time went by surprisingly fast and before I knew it we had arrived.

Once we had settled into our cabins we all got changed for our first activity. We did archery it was really fun. I got one point. After that we went to the mud course we had to make a chain and go under a pole, I hit my head, but it was still fun. After that we had an hour to shower, I was the first one in the shower block so I did not have to wait forever. Then we had a disco, I sang and danced until I was hoarse and aching, after that we had supper around the fire pit and then Ella, Ruby, Clodagh, Sophie, Elka and I headed to our cabins to bed.

The next day I got up really early and had to wait ages for breakfast, I had three bowls of cereal and two pieces of toast. Then we went to the high ropes, I purposely jumped off...it was so funny. Then we went to the giant swing, I was the first person in our group. I went to the very top, it was quite scary and I was shaking afterwards. Then we got cold meat sandwiches for lunch.

That afternoon everyone went to the 'Rainforest Walk' at Mungo Brush and then the sand dunes, where we played for a while. Afterwards we moved closer to the beach for a BBQ dinner. When we got back to camp we had a shower and did team challenge night. We got into teams and did a challenge where people would call out a number and the person with that number on their hand would do the challenge.

On the third day I went canoeing and then the flying fox, jumping off the ramp was so scary. Then we said goodbye and returned home. By Saoirse

The day had finally come, Year 4 were going to Great Aussie Bush Camp. If I had to describe the morning in one word it would have to be 'chaotic'! Everyone was bursting with excitement. The bus drive was actually really fun. Our bus driver was called Mat. When we walked into the Great Aussie Bush Camp I was so excited!

The first thing we did was get into our groups and into our cabins. Then we did some games in a little hall. Next we went to lunch, I hope no one takes this the wrong way, but I wasn't a huge fan of the food. I was in group three and our instructor was called Jordan, he was really nice. The first activity we did was the duel flying fox, it was AWESOME! It actually feels like you are flying, but for me it was not duel, my friend didn't end up going on it.

Then we made snow cones and after that we went to Lost Island, it's basically an obstacle course in the mud. Then we had dinner and you don't want to know what that was.

Ok, this was fun! ...We went to this really cool disco and my instructor dressed up as a hotdog. That night it was extremely hard to get to sleep. The next day we had breakfast, the first activity we did that day was archery, to be honest I didn't really enjoy archery as much as I thought I would. After that we went canoeing and we got stuck and had to get towed back. Then we went to the sand dunes and rolled down the big hill.

Our night activity that night was team challenge, It was AWESOME!!!

Day three: this was one of my favourite days. The first activity we did was the high ropes, it was really fun until the end when someone pushed me off. Here's my favourite part! The big swing! So, this is how it works; you're in a harness and all the kids in your group pull a black rope to make you go up into the sky. Then you pull a small rope and your adrenaline rushes as you fall down and swing! If you don't go on it, you will totally regret it. The last food we ate was a hot dog and believe it or not, it wasn't actually that bad! Now it's time for the worst bit...LEAVING!

The bus drive was very quiet though, because everyone was tired! When we arrived back at school it was a mixture of sadness and happiness because we finally got to go home, so I guess that's the end of camp!

By Sophie





CHARITY DAY

This year for Charity Day we raised \$5300.00 which is absolutely amazing. These funds will be allocated as follows, after consultation with staff, students, community and Student voice Team members:

- \$1500 Drought relief charity, Drought Angels (Greater Bank)
- \$1500 Tenterfield Public School (Our "Shout Out for the Drought" school)
- \$800 World Vision Sponsor Child
- \$500 Jenny's Place Women's Refuge
- \$500 Merewether Surf Club
- \$500 Salvation Army

Could I take this opportunity to thank our wonderful school community for their generosity in donating items for sale for Charity Day. Without your help, we could not have imagined such a great result this year.

Regards, Mark Alcock (organiser)

Office Hours - 8.30AM TO 3.15PM

Late Arrivals / Early Leavers

School hours are from 9am to 3pm. If children arrive later than 9am, parents are requested to accompany them 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 are required to go to the office first and a 'Purple Partial slip' is then given to the class teacher when children are collected from the classroom.

These procedures are in line with the Department's Attendance policy.

Money collection for excursions & events

All money will come straight to the office, this includes:- Dance fees, Band fees, School resources, Excursion money etc.

The school accepts cash (**exact amount is appreciated - we do not have a float as money is banked every day**), 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.**

Payments can also be made through the "Make a Payment" tab on the **school website**.

If you use this online option, please make sure you still return your permission note to school.

Please be aware that the Parent Online Payments may take 24-48 hours to show up on our Banking site.

The school welcomes part payments towards any costs for fees, excursions or incursions. Thank you

Absences

The Skoolbag App is the best 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 a SMS alert to parents of anyone who has an unexplained absence for that day.

If you are going away and the leave is over (5) school days, you must complete an “Extended Leave Form” from the office prior to your leave.

PLEASE REFRAIN FROM USING A CLASS DOJO MESSAGE TO ADVISE OF SICK LEAVE ETC.

The teacher might not see this message before the Office send the SMS alert around 10am to parents.

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 Medical Deed of Indemnity form. Following DoE’s Health Care Policy - **We are not able to administer Panadol or non-prescription medications.**

UNIFORM SHOP

The Uniform shop is open on Mondays from 8.45am to about 9.15am **in the demountable behind the New School Hall.**

Payment for Uniform Orders here at the school shop on a Monday is by Cash, Cheque or EFTPOS. Please be aware when you are purchasing hats at the office, you are only able to pay by cash or cheque. The P & C Eftpos cannot be used by the office.

Cheques payable to: The Junction School P & C.

ONLINE UNIFORM SHOP ORDERING!

Want to place your uniform shop order online? Simply go to www.flexischools.com.au and click “Register Now”. You will be sent an email with further instructions on how to complete the registration. Once registered, you can start placing orders immediately.

The Uniform Shop will still open Monday mornings in the demountable behind the new Hall from 8.45am-9.15am.



P & C NEWS



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P&C CALENDAR

Date	Time	Event
TERM 4		
Monday 3 rd December		Teachers / Parent Helper Morning Tea

Tuesday 4 th December 2018	6:45pm	P&C Meeting Venue: New Hall
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Do you know someone who might like to be on the P&C Email list?

Send them this weblink to enter their details.
<http://eepurl.com/bfuMIX>

COMMUNITY NOTICES.....



ACTIVATE SPORTS CAMPS
Keep active with Activate!

SPECIAL END OF YEAR CAMP

DECEMBER 20th – 21st 2018
8:30am – 3:00pm

THE JUNCTION PUBLIC SCHOOL
Union St. Merewether, 2291, NSW

2 days of Multi-Sports activities and games!
Expert coaching by top-grade players/primary teachers

All-inclusive activities for boys and girls aged 6 – 12 years!
Safe, supportive and fun environment

NEW PRICES!
Booking prices reduced + save \$10 when booking for 2 days!

EASY ONLINE BOOKINGS
Simply visit our website to book and pay safely via PayPal

activatesportscamps.com

Newcastle East Public School Vacation Care

The program is packed with water play and animal encounters. There is craft every day and some cooking fun. We are open from 7.30am to 6pm each day of the school holidays plus the cost includes all activities and meals for the day.

Please contact for the full program and booking form. Contact details below:

For more information phone Tracey on 49291550 or email nepsoosh16@gmail.com

We look forward to welcoming your children to our centre!
Cheers Tracey, Coordinator, NEPS OOSH