PRINCIPAL’S REPORT

School Plan Workshop before P&C Meeting
Tonight at 6.30pm in the staff room – I will be presenting an overview to the school community on our School Plan and our strategic directions for 2016 and onwards. I would really like to see as many parents as possible who can make it along to this session as I am interested in feedback and your comments on our directions. I will also be discussing our ‘draft’ homework policy and would be interested in feedback from the community on that as well. These sessions will precede the AGM of the P&C which will begin at 7.00pm. Looking forward to seeing you all if you can make it.

P&C Meetings
The AGM for the P&C will be held tonight in the staffroom at 7pm. Following the AGM will be the normal meeting. P&C Meetings are held on the first Tuesday of the month and I would like to say, play a very important role in partnership with the school. I value highly the time given by parents who attend these meetings and assist me with input on important decision making processes for the school. It would be great to see some more new faces at these meetings which are friendly, informative and an essential link to our school community. Meetings are finished by 9pm – come along and say ‘hello’.

School Photos
School Photos for 2016 will be taken next Monday and Tuesday. All students are to wear full summer uniform. Kinder photos will be taken on Tuesday – so that they will be in summer uniform.
Please send along envelopes containing correct money on Monday and Tuesday. These are wonderful mementos of the school year – Newcastle School Portraits always gives us excellent service.

Cross Country
We are looking forward to our Cross Country Carnival to be run at Nesca Park on Friday week – 11th March. This is always a very enjoyable day for all students from Years 3 to 6 as well as strong ‘8 year old’ Year 2 runners, who can competently run the 2km course. This year we will be running the event earlier in the day – with students walking up to Nesca Park at 9.30am and returning to school before lunch at 1pm for the P&C BBQ which will be at school this year. Also looking forward to the great parent and community support we get for this event. Information and permission notes are going home today.

Regional Swimmers
Best wishes to our school team who will represent the zone at The Regional Swimming Carnival at Maitland Pool this Thursday 3rd March. It will be a very strong group of swimmers who should all be proud of their individual achievements after many hours of dedicated training. See full report later in newsletter.

Upcoming Important Dates
School photos will be taken on Monday 7th and Tuesday 8th March. Envelopes were sent home last week for parents to indicate which package they wish to purchase. Please just send the envelope with the correct money on the day. Further details in this newsletter.
Selective High School Test will be Thursday 10th March – parents should have received information about this if their child is sitting this test.
School Cross Country at Nesca Park will be Friday 11th March – always a wonderful day – everyone welcome.

Regional tennis
Bridget, Eloise and Sualemae represented the school at Regional tennis trials last Friday. Bridget and Eloise won through from Zone and they both made it through to the QF or last eight in the Region. Eloise made the final of the playoff for a spot in the Hunter team for State and is first reserve.

Wendy Cheek, Principal
CALENDAR - TERM 1 – 2016

Week 6 Event

Tuesday, March 1 School Plan overview – 6.30pm
Tuesday, March 1 P & C Meeting & AGM – 7pm
Thursday, March 3 Regional Swimming Carnival

Week 7 Event

Monday, March 7 School Photos – Band members please bring instruments – Wear normal summer school uniform not your Band uniform.
Tuesday, March 8 School Photos
Thursday, March 10 2017 Selective High School test
Friday, March 11 School Cross Country-Nesca Park

Week 9 Event

Thursday, March 24 K-2 Easter Hat Parade (more details at a later date)
Friday, March 25 Good Friday

Week 10 Event

Monday, March 28 Easter Monday
Wednesday, March 30 Pink Stumps Day
Thursday, March 31 Zone Cross Country

Week 11 Event

Wednesday, April 6 State Swimming
Thursday, April 7 State Swimming
Thursday, April 7 School ANZAC service
Friday, April 8 LAST DAY TERM 1

CALENDAR - TERM 2 – 2016

Week 1 Event

Monday, April 25 ANZAC Day
Tuesday, April 26 Staff Development Day – No Students
Wednesday, April 27 STUDENTS RETURN - TERM 2

SPECIAL MENTION AWARDS
TERM 1 WEEK 5

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ASSEMBLY TIMES
KINDER TO YEAR 2

For Term 1 assemblies will be held in the new School Hall at 2pm on even weeks on a Thursday.
We look forward to Kindergarten joining the assembly this Thursday.

YEAR 3 – YEAR 6 Assembly is held every Friday in the new School Hall at 11.20am.
Parents are welcome to attend these assemblies.
ZONE SWIMMING CARNIVAL
The Newcastle Zone Swimming Carnival was held at Lambton Pool on Wednesday 24th February. Twenty – seven students from The Junction Public School attended the carnival, and what a success it was for us. The Junction Public School was the overall champion school which is an excellent result! Congratulations! Several of our students have now qualified to take part in events at the Regional Swimming Carnival this Thursday 3rd March at Maitland Pool. Those students are: Kelsey, Lara, James, Xavier, Indah, Travis, Noah, Ned, Nate, David, Marco, Sarah, Alexis, Stella, Niamh, Lily and Asha. We wish all these amazing swimmers the best of luck when they compete at the Regional Swimming Carnival this Thursday.
Mark Alcock

PSSA ZONE RUGBY LEAGUE
Congratulations to Max, Noah, Gus, Axel and Hunter who were successful in making the PSSA Regional Rugby League Team yesterday. Jody Cooper

SCHOOL PHOTOS
Newcastle School Portraits will be taking the School Photos on Monday 7th & Tuesday 8th March. Every student received an envelope last week with the packages outlined on the front. If you would like family photos you will need to call in to the school office to collect a family photo envelope.

Payment is by two options:
1. Cash (correct amount) placed in the envelope and to be brought in on Photo Day.
2. Payment by Credit Card - This has to be done online – details on the front of the Newcastle School Portraits envelope.
   Shoot Code: 166046
   Specialty Code: 75266AT
   (You do not need to return the envelope if you order online).

ENVELOPES AND MONEY ARE NOT TO BE SENT INTO SCHOOL UNTIL PHOTO DAY (7TH AND 8TH MARCH). THESE ARE HANDED TO THE PHOTOGRAPHERS ON THE DAY

ATTENTION ALL BAND MEMBERS – PLEASE BRING YOUR INSTRUMENT ON MONDAY! Students are to wear their normal summer school uniform – (Not the Band Uniform)

SCHOOL PHOTO TIMETABLE
Monday 7th March
8.30 – Staff Photos – New Hall
9.10 – 6J - straight from the morning assembly
9.20 – 6S
9.30 – 6C
9.40 – 5/6W
9.50 – 5F
10.00 – 5B
10.10 – 4/5R
10.30 - Captains and Prefects
   Sports Captains & Vice Captains
10.40 – Bands - Senior
10.50 – Intermediate
11.30 – Junior
11.45 – Percussion group
12.00 - Strings Group
12.20 – All Band captains
12.40 – Choir
(Family Photos may be started for students with no siblings in Kindergarten.)

Tuesday 8th March
9.00 – 4A
9.10 – 4LW
9.20 – 3/4H
9.30 – 3Mc
9.40 – 3L
9.50 – KK
10.00 – KD
10.10 – KS
10.20 – KL
10.30 – 1WN
10.40 – 1C
10.50 – 1P
11.30 – 1L
11.50 - 2C
12.00 – 2R
12.10 – 2J
12.20 – 2/3W
12.30 – Catch up and begin family photos for all families with Kindergarten siblings.

READING PROGRAM - PARENT HELPERS NEEDED
WANTED!!! Reading Helpers
I still need 3 helpers to run a very simple reading program for Year 5 children. Ideally, I would like two helpers for Tuesday and one more for Thursday. If there are two helpers each day, the program should not take any longer than 1 hour. All it involves is listening to an individual child read and asking a set of questions provided. That's all! If you are able to help, please come and see me or send me an email lisa.hughes6@det.nsw.edu.au
Lisa Hughes
1C NEWS
Class 1C have been learning about Fables. We read
the story – ‘The Lion and the Mouse’. The moral to the
story is… No matter how small you are, you can always
help! Class 1C are always kind, caring and clever too!
Louise Cooper

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 Old Hall from 8.45am-9.15am.

SCHOOL BANKING –
Newcastle Permanent Building Society and
Commonwealth Bank offer banking to our students.
Tanya Fitzgerald processes Newcastle Permant Building
Society and Amanda Fleming will now process for
Commonwealth Bank. School banking needs to be taken
to our school library immediately after roll call on Monday.
Kindergarten and Year 1 students will receive information
envelopes this week about student banking with the
Commonwealth Bank.

P & C NEWS
** P&C AGM – TONIGHT **
Please join us for the P&C AGM TONIGHT in the staff
room. The AGM and our regular March meeting will
commence at about 7pm following a presentation by Mrs
Cheek on the School Plan which will start at 6.30 pm.
It’s important that we fill key executive positions to ensure
the continued ability of the P&C to support our school
community.
In addition, we are looking to find coordinators for key
events during the year.
The P&C plays a key role in our school community,
providing support to our parents, working in partnership
with our school executive, and fundraising for key
resources for our children.
We need volunteer support from our wonderful school
community to continue this important work. Every
contribution helps spread the load.

CROSS-COUNTRY BBQ: 11 MARCH
The school cross country is next week, and we urgently
need volunteers to help with the BBQ and drinks, as well
as an overall coordinator. We need one or two people with
suitable vehicles to transport a couple of tables, a gazebo,
eskis and drinks to the park, then a few people to help sell
drinks at the park. The BBQ will happen back at school,
and we’ll need a solid roster of people to help cook and
serve the BBQ, and sell drinks. Please see the sign up
roster here, if you’re able to help out:
http://bit.ly/2016CrossCountry or email the P&C for more
information.

EASTER RAFFLE: We are now calling for donations of
easter goodies and baskets for the Easter Raffle. If you’re
able to help, please deliver donations to the front office.

UNIFORM SHOP
The Uniform shop is open on Mondays from 8.45am to
about 9.15am in the Old School Hall.

Payment for Uniform Orders is by
Cash or Cheque only –
Cheques payable to: The Junction School P & C.
THERE ARE NO EFTPOS FACILITIES
FOR THE UNIFORM SHOP.
TJPS Calico bags are now on sale in the Uniform Shop
for $3.00. These bags would be very useful as Library
Bags. Thanks. Donna Reay, Co-ordinator
We’re also now looking for volunteers to help with counting / processing of incoming tickets over a few weeks in March. We’ll also need help wrapping the prize hampers on Wed 23rd March. If you can help with any element, please go to the signup roster: http://bit.ly/2016EasterTJPS

MOTHERS DAY STALL – Co-ordinator(s) needed!
The Mother’s Day stall will be happening in Week 2 of next term, which means that we need to find some coordinators now, for the event to happen. If you are interested in helping to coordinate the Mother’s day stall, please get in touch, and we will get the ball rolling.

We also need co-ordinator(s) for the Family Movie Night (June) and the Holiday Raffle (second half of year). Please get in touch with the P&C if you can help.

Thank You: A big thanks to Karen Brock who has collated all of the class lists from the online form submissions. We are hoping we can get them distributed in the next week or so.
Julie Wharton, P&C President
junctionpandc@hotmail.com

Would you like to be on the P&C Email list?
Use this weblink to enter your details, and you’ll be included in regular P&C emails. http://eepurl.com/bfuMlX

UPCOMING P&C EVENTS:

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Want to keep up with P&C news “on the go”? You can:

Facebook: The Junction Public School P&C
Twitter: @TJPS_PandC