



JUNIOR SCHOOL NEWS

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Principal's Message

On behalf of all staff at Junior School I would like to wish all students and their families a Happy and safe Holiday Season.

As we keep hearing, 2020 has been a 'year unlike any other'. Your support and understanding throughout the many changes has been greatly appreciated. I hope that next year will be memorable for returning to normal.

The change in parent drop off and pick up this year has been well received. Due to COVID19, Junior School asked parents to join the taxi queue and remain in their vehicles. This is how it has always been done at Middle and Senior Schools. Staff have noted that with the change, students are arriving to class much calmer and that the school day begins on time. We will continue to use this method for the commencement of the 2021 school year.

Our Easter / Christmas raffle was drawn this week. All winners have been notified. The raffle was a great success and everyone who supported it through donations and purchasing tickets deserves a big thank you. The school raised \$513.

Assistant Principals Mandy and Kristin, led the community this week in celebrating the achievements of our graduating Year 4 students. On behalf of staff and students I would like to wish Tyler, Logan, Noah, Chase, Max, Joy, Matilda and Micheal all the very best as they leave Junior School and move into Year 5. A big thank you to Mandy and Kristin for organising the graduation ceremony.

I would also like to say a farewell and best wishes to students Dakota, Josiah, Quade, Brandon and Zac who are also moving to new schools for the beginning of 2021.



Merry Christmas

Joining our school community next year will be students Alesha, Ryan, Jenson and Shehak. I would like to extend a warm welcome to these students and their families and look forward to meeting them in the New Year.

In staffing news Assistant Principal Pru De- Marchi will remain on maternity leave for 2021. Karen Clark will continue to work in this role in Pru's absence. Class Teacher Mel Sparks is taking on a role at Five Islands School and we wish her all the best. School Learning Support Officers Amanda Pearson and Jenny Cook are unfortunately still unable to work due to injury. Their positions will continue to be filled by Claire Townsend and Zoe Sullivan.

Finally, I would like to thank the staff at Newcastle Junior School for their dedication and professionalism during a turbulent 2020. It is a team effort here at NJS and I appreciate everyone's efforts this year.

Thanks
Graham Finch
PRINCIPAL

Also a friendly reminder that it is the responsibility of the parent/carer to advise Assisted School Travel of updated contact information (both phone numbers and email addresses). If circumstances change during the holidays, please contact Assisted School Travel via email: parent.astp@det.nsw.edu.au

DIARY DATES

Wednesday 16th December 2020
Student's Last Day Term 4

Friday 29th January 2021
Term 1 - Existing Students Return

Monday 1st February 2021
Term 1 - New Students Commence