



JUNIOR SCHOOL NEWS

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Principal's Message

A warm welcome to our new students and their families. I hope the transition to our school has been as smooth as possible. I would also like to welcome back all of our returning students and their families for what looks to be another fun and exciting year here at Newcastle Junior School. If you have any questions about school the first place to turn to is your child's communication book. This is the main method of school / home communication and sharing information.

Individual Learning Plans

In the coming weeks we will begin holding our Individual Learning Plan (ILP) meetings. These meetings are an important opportunity to discuss your child's goals and outcomes for the year ahead. They also provide a forum to discuss your child's health and therapy needs as well as developing the required plans to cater for these needs in the school setting.

We are happy for, and actively encourage, parents to invite therapists to attend ILP meetings. This way school and the NDIS can work together to best meet the needs of our students. Class teachers will contact parents to schedule times in the coming weeks.

Student Drop Off & Pick Up

As mentioned in our last newsletter we will continue to ask parents to join the taxi queue and remain in their vehicles when dropping off and picking up their child. This brings Junior School into line with procedures at both Middle and Senior Schools. Since making this change Staff have noted that students are arriving to class much calmer and that the school day begins on time. We will continue to use this method throughout the 2021 school year.

Contact Details

Could all parents and carers ensure that the school has their current contact and emergency contact details. Forms have been sent home for you to please complete and return to school ASAP.

Communicating Changes

Being a parent is hectic. NDIS, therapy, doctors appointments etc. can be changed or cancelled with little notice. I would like all parents and carers to notify the school of changes to travel arrangements and attendance due to medical appointments or respite, etc. Please notify the school via phone, email or through your child's communication book. Just a reminder that it is also the parent / carer's responsibility to notify your child's driver of any changes if travelling with Assisted School Travel.

Medications

The majority of our students require medication during their time at school. Below is our school medication policy. I ask all parents to read this important information and raise any questions with the class teacher.

Newcastle Junior School follows the Department of Education (DoE) policy on medication in schools. Unless a medication is prescribed by a doctor, or is listed as part of an action plan (for example an Asthma, Epilepsy, Allergy, or Anaphylaxis plan) signed by your specialist or GP, the staff at Junior School are not permitted to give it to the students.

This includes non-prescribed medications such as antihistamine, paracetamol and ibuprofen that are bought over the counter at the pharmacy or the supermarket. Complementary medicines such as herbal remedies cannot be administered by staff.

All medications supplied to the school must be in their original packaging and have a pharmacy label which states the child's name and the dosage. Unless it is a liquid medication it must be in a Webster Pack. For further information please go to <https://education.nsw.gov.au/student-wellbeing/health-and-physical-care/health-care-procedures/administering-medication>

SkoolBag

Junior School uses the App SkoolBag for all it's communication. On the app you can access newsletters, upcoming events, important dates and receive alerts and information.

Facebook

Search *Newcastle Junior School* on Facebook where you can also keep up to date.

Graham Finch – Principal

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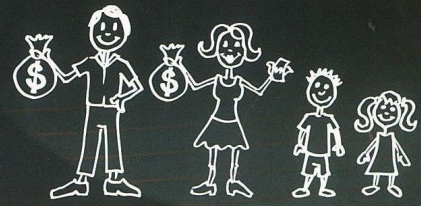
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School Drive Subsidy



If you live a long way from public transport and need to drive a student to a public transport pick up point or to school, you may be able to get financial assistance.

The School Drive Subsidy provides eligible parents and guardians twice-yearly payments to help cover some of the expenses of getting children to school.

To find out if you're eligible, and to apply online, visit

transport.nsw.gov.au/schooldrive

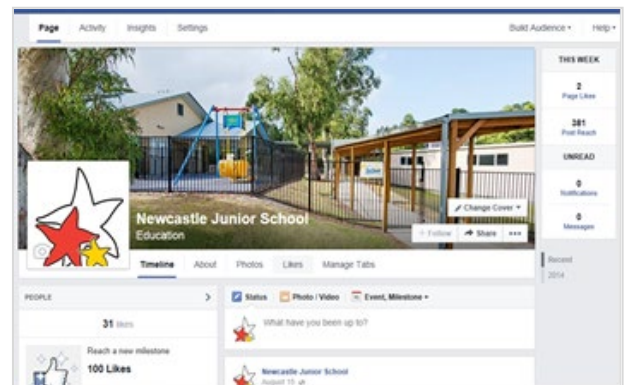
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Ask about the School Drive Subsidy at your school, or call **131 500**.

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