



JUNIOR SCHOOL NEWS

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Principal's Message

Junior School is certainly a busy place. No more so than when kids arrive in the morning and leave in the afternoon. When it is busy tempers can be easily frayed. I encourage everyone to be patient and follow staff directions and our carpark drop off / pick up rules to ensure everyone has a pleasant time at school and our students are calm and safe.

End of Term Activities & Raffle

You may have received notification regarding the end of term and our raffle.

All classes will participate in an activity. It may be a hat parade, an egg hunt or a picnic. Please ensure you read notes that are sent home and our social media posts to so you know what your child is participating in. We are also holding an Easter Raffle to raise funds to purchase extra resources for our students. The school is currently seeking donations of Easter themed goodies. If you can donate something that would be greatly appreciated.

Individual Learning Plans ILP

Thank you to all parents and carers who were able to participate in their child's ILP. Your contribution to the development of the plans helps ensure school and home are working together on common goals and outcomes. Class teachers will be finalising student plans in the coming weeks

Attendance

Regular attendance at school is a major focus for Junior School this year. Currently our attendance rates are below the state average. We are aiming to have a 90% attendance rate on regular school days.

Department of Education Policy requires our school to seek confirmation from parents/carers when students are consistently away from school. This may mean asking for a medical certificate in addition to a note from parents/carers.

Students who do not attend school regularly and do not have supporting documents from a Doctor may be referred to the Home School Liaison team and ultimately have their place at the school reviewed.

Transport

The Assisted School Travel (AST) Program, formerly called Special Transport, is a state wide program. AST is organised and run through a central office located in Wollongong.

Like all schools, Junior School does not have responsibility for placing students on runs or the order in which students are picked up and dropped off.

If you need a variation eg. change in pick up/drop off address, please inform the school ASAP as changes can take at least 7 days to be approved.

SkoolBag

Junior School uses the App SkoolBag for all its communication. On the app you can access newsletters, upcoming events, important dates and receive alerts and information. Details for downloading this app is included in this newsletter.

Facebook

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

Thanks

Graham Finch
PRINCIPAL

DIARY DATES

Mon 29th March – Easter Raffle Tickets Due

Tues 30th March – Easter Raffle Drawn

Thurs 1st April – Last Day Term 1

Tues 20th April – First Day Term 2



Easter Raffle

Newcastle Junior School is hosting a fund raising Easter Raffle. Tickets are \$1 each and prizes include a range of Easter bundles.

All tickets and money must be returned to the school by **Monday 29th March.**

Raffle will be drawn on Tuesday 30th March.

Please let your child's teacher know if you require more tickets.

Any donations of Easter themed goodies to support our fundraising would be greatly appreciated!

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