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ISSUE 6 WEDNESDAY 26TH SEPTEMBER 2018

Important Dates

Term 3

28th September - School Disco

- Last Day of Term 3

Term 4

15th October - First Day Back for Students Term 4

16th October - Teeth on Wheels

17th October - Teeth on Wheels

18th October - Year 6 Fiction Frenzy

- Teeth on Wheels

- Kinder Farm Excursion

Term 4 cont.

25th October - Ballroom Competition

30th October - Interrelate

31st October - Regional Milo Cricket

6th November - STEPS Debating (St Clair PS)

7th November - Year 5 Broken Bay Camp

8th November - Year 5 Broken Bay Camp

9th November - Year 5 Broken Bay Camp

12th-16th November - Swim Scheme Group 1

19th-23rd November - Swim Scheme Group 2

21st November - White Ribbon Mufti Day

27th November - Kinder 2019 Orientation

Assemblies

K-2 Assemblies—Term 4		
When @ 11:20	Run By	Item Class
Friday 26th October - Week 2	KR	КО
Friday 9th November - Week 4	SRC	SRC
Friday 23rd November - Week 6	2J	KF
Week 7	Assembly of Excellence	
Friday 7th December - Week 8	1B	KD
3-6 Assemblies – Term 4		
When @12:00 - 1:00	Run By ar	nd Item By
Thursday 25th October - Week 2	5R	
Thursday 8th November- Week 4	SRC	
Thursday 22nd November- Week 6	3B	
Week 7	Assembly of Excellence	
Thursday 6th December - Week 8	5F	

News from the Principal

Some housekeeping....

We are currently formalising some of our school procedures and I just wanted to remind parents and carers of ways in which they can make contact with staff. Teachers are more than happy to talk to you about your child/children. Of course if it is an urgent message or there is some information that needs to be provided before school, please do so.

Can I ask however, that you are mindful of the teachers' responsibility to their class prior to engaging in a conversation that could be organised for a later time, even at the end of the day if the time is mutually convenient. If you would like to organise an appointment, whether that be face to face or over the phone, feel free to send in a message with your child, email or phone the school.

Thank you for your ongoing support.

Do you know these ladies??



I DO....these amazing ladies (minus Abby Dabit who is missing from the photo) successfully organised and ran the P&C Movie Night that was held last Saturday. It was a fantastic night...it ran like clockwork and raised a substantial amount of money for the school. Thank you to all of the families and staff members that attended and helped make the night a success.

In particular, I would like to make special mention of Bree and Amanda. These two ladies work tirelessly for our school. There is barely a day where they are not preparing, organising, planning or tidying up from an event. We have a lot to be thankful here at JEPS because without parents such as these, our students would

Kind Regards

Corinna Robertson

News from the Deputy

Interrelate

Our Interrelate sessions covering; 'Where did I come from?' and 'Preparing for Puberty' have been rescheduled for Tuesday 30th October. These sessions are primarily geared for Years 5 and 6 students though the first session on 'Where did I come from ?' is also suitable for Year 3 and 4. There are still spots available and permission notes can be downloaded from the website or obtained at the Office. More information about the sessions is available in this edition of the newsletter.

Attendance

On the last day of term we will present students who have obtained a 100% attendance rate for the term with an attendance award. While full attendance is to be congratulated we are realistic and realize that through either illness, medical appointments and unforeseen circumstances unfortunately 100% attendance is not always possible. It is our school's and the Department of Education's policy that attendance should be at a rate of 85% or above. Unfortunately we have students, who particularly this term, whose attendance has fallen below this rate. This is increasingly alarming when no notes are provided to the school to explain absences. Notes were sent home last week to parents whose child's attendance rate was below 85% in order to draw the attendance rate to the parents and in a way to offer support to families. It is vital that when your child has been away that you provide an explanation to the school, either verbally or written within 7 school days. Unfortunately if a note is received after 7 days teachers are locked out of our roll marking system and the absence stays recorded as unjustified. If attendance rates remain low our next step is to involve the Home School Liaison Officer and then to organise Compulsory Schooling Conferences. If a child's attendance at school remains unsatisfactory the matter may be taken to the Children's Court and a fine may be imposed. More importantly though your child's education is impeded. I have included the Every Day Counts information below which demonstrates how absences affect learning.



News from the Deputy continued

Teeth on Wheels—October Visit

We have some exciting news - **Teeth on Wheels** will be attending our School in October for the children's 6 monthly dental visit's. To make filling out the consent form easier you can now complete your Child's consent form online by following the link below. It only takes 5 minutes to complete and by reducing the amount of paper being used we are helping the team out by being more environmentally friendly.

https://teethonwheels.com.au/consent-eform

If you have any questions regarding the consent form or your child's dental appointment please don't hesitate to contact the **Teeth on Wheels** team on (03) 9338 1191.



Evacuation procedures

To ensure the safety of our students in the case of an emergency we conduct regular evacuation drills. We will be conducting a drill next week to ensure students are aware of our procedures and to refine the procedures we have in place.

News from the Deputy continued

Author Visits

In week 6 of the term during our Education/ Book week celebrations we has authors visit the school and work with each class. Kinder to Year 2 had a visit from Lesley Gibbes who entertained the students dressing up as a witch as she read her newest book 'Scary Night' She brought with her, her suitcase 'treasure chest' that contained her character props from the story, which the students enjoyed. Lesley shared with the students how she approaches the writing of stories and the students had the opportunity to ask her questions about writing. She was impressed by their questions and with their enthusiasm for her story telling and interest in writing.

Years 3 and 4 had the opportunity to work with Matt Cosgrove who was very entertaining in his recall of some of the ways he finds his inspiration to write. He shared with the students how he likes to use real life experiences and exaggerate events. Matt shared with the students a recent visit to the Sydney Royal Easter Show that he took his family to and how not only wanting to experience the rides and show bags he felt it was important to educate his daughters so he took them into the animal pavilion. Once there they met alpacas which inspired him and gave him lots to think about. He then researched alpacas and llamas and began his series of books based on Macca the Alpaca.

Tim Harris the author of Mr Bambuckle's Remarkables and Exploding Endings visited with Years 5 and 6. Tim Harris was a teacher before becoming an author and shared with the students tips on making stories more engaging. He helped them to improve simple sentences by looking at vocabulary choice. Students recorded 20 words on a topic and then compared lists and were guided to the realisation that their first choices were often very common but their last selections resulted in more interesting and intriguing word choice. Tim spoke to the students about this technique and how to include this in their writing. He spoke to the students about the tools one needs as a writer and just like a builder needs more than a hammer to use the techniques that students are taught in their writing.

Overall all students enjoyed our author visits and we hoped the students learnt a lot. We are already planning next year's visits!

Student Welfare

In the morning we are having an increasing number of students arrive at school before supervision begins for the day at 8:25. Unfortunately there are a number of students at school for often up to 40 minutes before the first bell and before a teacher begins duty. While we are aware that there may be some mornings where this might need to occur we are concerned about the number of students who arrive so early. For many students this also appears to be more of a social thing where they come and begin playing. Regrettably at this time and without supervision students can not be playing with balls or toys or yelling and screaming to each other outside the Office area. We ask parents for their support with this matter and urge parents to send their child(ren) to school 5 to 10 minutes before the first play bell or at bell time.

Sadly we are also having some students who are leaving the school to go to the shops in the morning once they arrive and for some it is when they arrive after being dropped off at school by Before and After School care. Those students have been spoken to and parents will also be notified.

P&C

Lastly on behalf of the school I would like to thank the P&C for their endless work over the term. Your efforts in all areas are truly appreciated.

Kind regards

Kim Dunscombe

Deputy Principal

Assembly of Excellence

Our Term 3 Assembly of Excellence was held in Week 8. At this assembly two students from each class received a Principal's award for Excellence in Mathematics and two students received awards for Excellent Attitude and Application.

The following students received their award for Excellence in Mathematics:

K Deers – Matilda and Michelle	1B– Isaac and Finn	2B –Onyx and Morgan
K Foxes – Semira and Kaiden	1C- Jackson and Nikola	2J– Caleb and Samuel
K Owls– Madeline and Thomas	1P- lack and Gloria	2R- Inel and Brenden

K Racoons– Jaxon and Skyler 1V– Taylor and Alana

3B- Tyson and Kayley	4C-Jake and Mustafa	5F- Nekea and Riley
3C- Annika and Liam	4S-Zhaliya and Steven	5M–Nadia and Mikale
3/4D- Brendan and Lucas	4W- Sam and Zachary	5R- Marc and Brent
6H– Sienna and Mehmet	6L- Cameron and Kirithiga	6P– Xenia and Rudra

The following students received their award for Excellent Attitude and Application in Mathematics:

K Deers- Cody and Luke	1B- William and Tatum	2B –Abbey and Sulini
K Foxes– Hunter and Murphy	1C- Bayllie and Amelia	2J—Salma and Jasmine
K Owls– Tayleeyah and Lewis	1P- Ryan and Jayden	2R- Danial and Nijirfan
K Racoons–Mason and Braxton	1V– Mitchell and Xander	

3B– Ritzia and Phoenix	4C-Zoe and Claudia	5F- Mustafa and Bridie
3C- Anastazia and Elijah	4S- Wareesha and Tanin	5M- Sofia and Olivia
3/4D- Roumina and Labeebah	4W- Ryan and Eden	5R- Olivia and Youvania
6H– Keira and Jacob	6L– Mikul and Alissa	6P– Jayden and Jayden





In week 6 we celebrated Education and Book Week culminating in Open Day on Thursday 30th August where we also celebrated our 30th birthday with the official opening of our sensory garden and the planting of 30 plants. There were lots of writing opportunities over the week, which the students enjoyed. On Open day with the theme of Find Your Treasure students and teachers came to school dressed as pirates and treasure hunters. We ended our day with a picnic lunch. It was wonderful to see so many parents on Open Day and we thank you for your support.























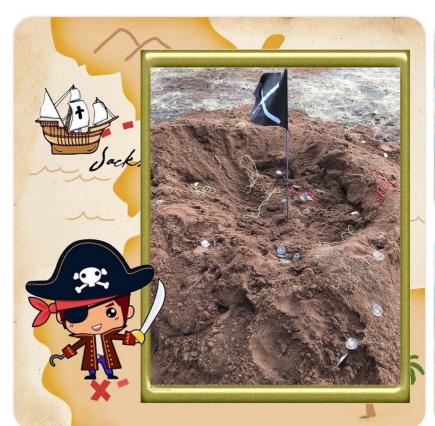








During the week we had a mysterious hole appear which resulted in the police visit to investigate the culprits. The hole and the 'investigation' by the police started many possible theories and lots of imaginative writing.











when kids ask "the" questions... Intervelate has the answers!

Interrelate is a specialist organisation with over 90 years' experience teaching sexuality and relationship education in NSW schools. Interrelate educators are highly trained and skillful presenters.

The topic of sexuality is handled with sensitivity, openness and humour. The program offers an interactive approach to learning, with a variety of audio-visual materials, discussions and games.

Session 1: Where did I come from?

1-hour session: Years 3-6

Session 2: Preparing for puberty

1-hour session: Years 5-6
Years 3-4 can attend at parent's discretion

Tuesday 30 October 2018

Specialty books are available for purchase on the night.

Keep a look out for flyers (coming home with your child before the program) outlining session content.





Office News

Office Hours – 8.30am – 3pm

Payment Date Reminders Closing dates:

Term 3 – week 10

- Kindy Farm Excursion \$30 Mon 24 Sept
- Swimming Scheme Yrs 2-6 \$53 Wed 26 Sept

Dates to remember.

Term 4

- First day back Mon 15 October
- Teeth on Wheels Tues 16 Thurs 18 Oct
- Kinder Farm Excursion Thurs 18 Oct
- Ballroom Competition Thurs 25 Oct
- Interrelate Program Tues 30 Oct
- Yr 5 Camp Wed 7 Fri 9 Nov

The permission notes are available on the school website in the 'Notes Tab and the 'Online' payment option is also available for your convenience.

For cash/cheque payments please ensure all notes & money are placed in one envelope. To assist the office whilst receipting multiple cash/cheque payments for your child or children, it is preferred you place all children's payments in one envelope.

Kindergarten Transition for 2019

Children enrolled to commence Kindergarten in 2019 are invited to attend our Transition program. The program will be offered on Tuesday mornings for the duration of four weeks. Letters will be mailed home next week with further details.

The Tuesday dates are as follows;

- 1. 23 October
- 30 October
- 3. 6 November
- 13 November

School Swimming Scheme

There are still positions <u>available</u> to participate in the Department of Education School Swimming Scheme. The program will run in weeks 5 & 6 next term and is offered to students in years 2–6 at a cost of \$53.00. If you would like your child to attend please send your payment & permission note to the office (NO online payments can be accepted)



Thank you for your ongoing support.

Mandy Anderson
School Administrative Manager



P&C News



Uniform Shop News!

Great news from the Uniform Shop, we now have EFTPOS! There is a small surcharge of 2% which goes directly to square. Definitely will make everyone's life easier.

Movie Night!

A BIG Thank You to our JEPS families and community that attended Movie Night. Unfortunately Australian Snake Catchers were called out on 4 others jobs and were unable to attend but sent their apologies. Thank you to our wonderful food vendors and sponsors, we greatly appreciate your help. Another BIG Thank You to Mrs Robertson, Ms Dunscombe and Mr Jones for all their help and Mandy & Liz for manning our glowstick / lolly table. We hope you all had a great night.

Term 3 Disco

Our Term 3 Disco, which will be the very last one for Year 6 will be held on Friday 28th September Entry is \$5 & entry plus snack deal \$7. Glowsticks available in the morning before school for \$2.

Family Photo Fundraiser

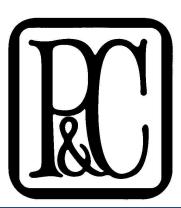
On Sunday 28th October we have our Family Photo Fundraising Day planned. What a great Christmas gift idea. Spots are limited, so bookings should be made ASAP. Notes for this, will go home shortly.

Shopping Trip-Sunday 4th November

We have some fantastic stores booked in for our Shopping Trip. **We do still have limited seats available**, so book in quick for a great day.

Thanking you for your support

JEPS P&C





COIN RACE

Thank You to all of our students for their AMAZING effort on Tuesday 28 August.

We raised

\$4207.65





SEPTEMBER Artists

Shop 19. Ershine Park Shopping Centre Supporting the community

Congratulations to the following students who had their art work on display at Café One9 in the Month of September.

Michelle KD Isaac 1V

Sanvi KD Chloe 1V

Braxton KR Taylor 1V

Cooper KR Allira 3/4D

Richard 1B Elysia 5F

Justin 1V Jordyn 5F

Alana 1V

Artists selected to receive a free milkshake from Café One9 for August are:

Levi 3B

Alex 5F



White Ribbon Mufti Day

In Term 4 a Mufti Day will be held across all St Clair and Erskine Park Public Schools to encourage 'respectful relationships' and help bring an end to violence in our community. Students will be asked to wear white clothes on this day and bring a gold coin donation

We are a White Ribbon School

To end violence, we must work together to change our attitudes and behaviours.

St Clair and Erskine Park Schools (STEPS) are committed to working together to foster a culture of respect.

We support White Ribbon and promote 'respectful relationships' within our community.



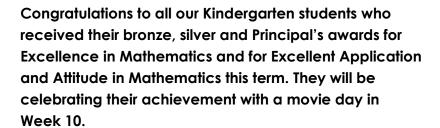






What a busy and fun term it has been. Besides learning and discovering new and interesting things, we have dressed up as farmers and pirates, had author Lesley Gibbes visit, participated in the coin race and even had a visit from the police. We were lucky to share what we learn in our classrooms with our parents, grandparents, little brothers and sisters and

even made a few pirate things with them. We look forward to participating in our first K-2 sports carnival and can't wait to go on our very first excursion to Calmsley Hill Farm at the beginning of next term.





<u>Kindergarten Enrolments</u> We are still taking Kindergarten enrolments for 2019. If you have a child turning 5 before the 31st July 2019 they are eligible to start school next year. Please contact the school office on 9834 3009 or call in to collect the enrolment package.

<u>Kinder Transition and Orientation</u> Students who are starting Kindergarten in 2019 will have the opportunity to attend four Kinder Transition days next term where they will participate in some fun activities in the kinder classrooms and get to know our school a little better. These transition days will occur each Tuesday during weeks 2-5. An Orientation Day will then occur on Tuesday 27th November, 2018. On this day parents will meet in the hall and we will inform parents about routines for the first few weeks of school in 2018 while teachers do some fun activities with children in the classrooms. Families will receive further details shortly.











If you know anyone who has a child of school age for next year and they have not yet enrolled please let them know about our Kinder Transition and Orientation Days.

Mrs Clark



Mrs King







Miss Filipovic



Stage 1 News

*Congratulations to all students in Stage 1 who received their Bronze or Silver award this term as well as those who will be received an award at the Assembly of Excellence this week.





*On Friday 21st September all K-2 students took part in the annual K-2 Sports carnival. Students competed in class races and tabloid activities. We also had races for toddlers, mums and dads. We thank parents for their support. Results of grade finals and photos of the day will be included in our term 4 newsletter.

*Thank you to all parents who contributed to our coin race fundraiser. We are always very appreciate the support of parents.





*Our end of term disco is on Friday 28th September so students may wear mufti on the day. Please remember to wear appropriate footwear!

*All Stage 1 teachers would like to wish everyone a safe and relaxing holiday and we look forward to school returning on Monday 15th October.

Stage 2 News

Gymnastics

As part of Stage 2's sports program, students have been participating in a weekly gymnastic program provided by specialist gymnastics' teachers. Students are developing their fundamental movement skills, through exploration and sequencing of movements. Gymnastics promotes all-round physical development, muscular strength and endurance, joint flexibility, balance, coordination and core strength required for everyday living. All students are thoroughly enjoying this program.



Public Speaking

Over the past few weeks students from Years 3-6 have participated in a public speaking competition. After given a topic and rules each student had about 3 weeks to make a speech. Stage 2 had set topics and they had a time limit of 2 minutes. Well done to the students that made it into grade finals. Congratulations to all students who will be participating in the school final during week 10.

Year 3 Finalists are- Mataius, Roumina, Phoenix, Scarlett

Year 4 Finalists are—Lara, Steven, Zhaliya, Olivia S.

Stage 3 News

Public Speaking Finals

Congratulations to all students who made the grade finals. The students who made the school finals are as follows:

Year 5:

Mark.C, Nadia.C, Nekea.T, Ellie.G

Year 6:

Kirithiga, Jayden. S, Georgia. B and Shari

School finals will be held on Tuesday of Week 10

Year 5 Camp

A note was sent home last week regarding the collection of Medical information for Year 5 Camp. Please remember to log on to the link below and fill out your child's details by Tuesday 16 October.

https://sportandrecreation.nsw.gov.au/facilities/medicalandconsentform

Chewing Gum

Just a friendly reminder that chewing gum is not allowed at school. There have been incidents lately where students are chewing gum in the playground. When students are moving around or laughing in the playground the small piece of gum could easily become lodged in their throat, becoming a choking hazard. Chewing gum is very sticky and when it is not put in the bin it becomes a health issue and could ruin clothes or shoes. Please ensure that your child is not bringing chewing gum to school. Thank you for your support in this matter.

Stage 3 Staff.

Year 3
Excursion

















Thank you to everyone who contributed to the Coin Race for the Year Six Fundraiser. Students in each class had a fun time lining up the coins to see how far their class collection would be. The totals of the class lines can be seen below. All totals were measured in meters. The overall winners were 2B and 5R. They will receive their pizza party in week 10.

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3F -87.83	677-72.95	5R-101.94
617-38-02	6L-7457	6P-54.51

K-2	COIN ?	RACE_
KD-36-64	-13-31-34	2 B-66.43
KO 2962	16-5835	2 J-40.00
KF-36-60	1P-48-45	28-5550
KR - 56.07	1 \(\forall - 39.72\)	Mrs -31.33 Lewis









5F Class Profile









5F have been visiting the science labs at EPHS. We have been conducting experiments and observing the results.





During Week 6,
pirates invaded our
school and stole
treasure! We all wrote
great texts about
pirates.



Tim Harris visited
our school to speak
to us about writing.
We learnt how to
write interesting
narratives.
Some of us even
got our book
signed! We can't
wait to finish
reading
'Mr Bambuckle'
Fights Back'.

Blue Mountains Nepean

Dance Festival









On Monday the 3rd of September the Senior Dance Group
performed at the Joan Sutherland Performing Arts Centre for the Blue
Mountains Nepean Dance Festival. Congratulations for a
fabulous performance at both the matinee and evening shows!















TAFE NSW Netball Cup Report

On Tuesday 14th August the Senior "A" Netball team played in the Cup Finals at Homebush. We played five round games, winning three and having narrow loses in the other two. We came second in our pool and progressed to the semi-final. We played Harbord who were the overall winners last year and went down 12-9.

We then played for placing and finished fourth overall.

We had a great day with some very competitive netball games. It was a pleasure to watch each game and see a team working together and supporting each other. They all displayed excellent sportsmanship and team spirit, especially shown with their unique pre-game chant.

A big thank you to Kerry Cooper for umpiring for us again and our parent supporters. Thanks to Mrs Allison for scoring as well.

It is very much appreciated by the girls and Mrs Williams.





District Athletics Carnival

The St Marys District Athletics Carnival was held on Wednesday 5th September 2018 at Blacktown International Sports Park. On a wet and miserable day JEPS students did a great job representing our school. Many students placed in their events and will receive ribbons at school soon. Congratulations to all of the students!









Well done to the following students who will now compete in the Sydney West Carnival on Wednesday 19th September. Good luck!

JEPS Sydney West Team

Mikayla – Jnr 800m Zach – Jnr High Jump
Harry – Jnr 800m Ethan – Snr High Jump
Kayden – 8 Yrs 100m Tyarnie-Jnr Shot Put
Cruze – 10 Yrs 100m Taliyah – Snr Shot Put
Chelsey - 8 Yrs 100m Liam – Snr Shot Put
Jnr Boys Relay Team Snr Girls Relay Team
Blake – Snr Shot Put, Snr Discus

Adriana – 10 yrs 100m, Jnr 200m, Jnr Long Jump

Tamara – Snr 800m, 12 yrs 100m, Snr 200m, Snr Long Jump

Nekea – 11 yrs 100m, 11 yrs 200m, 11 yrs Shot Put, 11 yrs Long Jump, 11 yrs High Jump

Sydney West PSSA Boys Cricket

Congratulations to Liam on his fantastic achievement in being selected in the Sydney West Boys Cricket team, which will compete at the NSWPSSA Carnival held in Barooga during the second week of Term 4 (from Tuesday 23rd to Friday 26th).

CONGRATULATIONS LIAM!



Woolworths Cricket Blast School Cup



Congratulations to our Boys Cricket Team!

As winners of the zone, they have been invited to attend the North West Sydney Regional Woolworths Cricket Blast School Cup.

Teams will do battle for a place in the State Woolworths Cricket Blast School Cup Final.

The final will be held at Blacktown International Sports Park on Wednesday 31st October.

Girls State Knockout Touch News

Last week JEPS girls played Penrith Public School in round 5 of the NSW PSSA State Touch Knockout at the Kingsway St Marys.

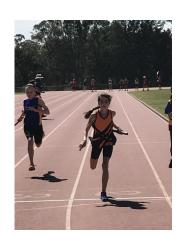
It was a close game from the opening whistle. We were able to use our speed to get around Penrith's defence to get to an early lead. Penrith came back however and the game was all tied up 3-3 with 5 minutes to go. The JEPS girls never gave in and kept the pressure on Penrith. With a minute on the clock we scored and defended Penrith's final attacking efforts to win the game 4-3. We now take on Marton Public School from Engadine in round 6 of the knockout.



Sydney West Athletics Carnival Wednesday 19 September 2018





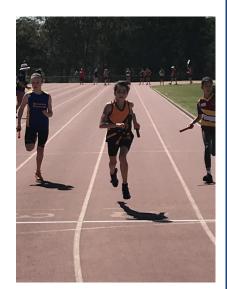


















A course for kids 10 - 12 yo experiencing symptoms of ADHD.



CHILLAX is a Strength Based, Fun, Skills- Building group to help Manage symptoms of ADHD across 6 weeks:

Every Tuesdays;

starting Tuesday 30th of October - Tuesday 4th of December.

<u>Time</u>: 3:45pm – 5:30pm Where: Whalan, Mt Druitt.

CHILDREN FROM ALL AREAS WELCOME.

Please call 9621 3922 to register your child.

BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL. Limited spots.

- Understanding cool & uncool
- Developing skills to self-soothe and calm down
- > How to focus and concentrate better when doing tasks
- Developing ways to control angry and emotional outbursts
- Developing performance skills to feel confident and competent
- Celebrating achievement and graduation

Enquiries: info@junaya.org.au ph: 9621 3922 fax: 9831 7966

Address: Unit 3, 45 Fourth Avenue PO Box 8481 **BLACKTOWN NSW 2148**



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