



## Newsletter Week 7 Term 3 2018

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Dear Parents and Carers,

*This morning members of the school's SASS team were guests of honour at a special breakfast which was held as part of our **SASS Week** celebrations. Each year DEC schools across NSW are invited to publicly acknowledge the important roles the school administrative and support staff members play in the ongoing development of their school communities. The responsibilities of the SASS staff are many and varied: they include fulfilling all the DEC expectations in regards to the management of the school office administration, providing in-class support for students with special needs, providing logistical support for class teachers, maintaining our school buildings and extensive school grounds, assisting with playground supervision and often being the initial point of contact for parents, carers and visitors. We are extremely fortunate at Rathmines Public to have a very capable, professional and dedicated SASS team. On behalf of everyone in our school community I extend sincere thanks to all members of the team for their contributions to Rathmines Public School.*



### **Fathers Day Breakfast**

*The annual Fathers Day Breakfast which was held last Friday morning once again proved to be a wonderful community event with a very happy and relaxed group of fathers, uncles, and grandfathers joining with our students to enjoy not only the bacon and egg rolls but also the breakfast music featuring the best of the 80's hits. The only negative feedback I received in regard to this happy occasion was the fact that "**Dire Straits**" did not feature in this year's playlist! I am sure*



everyone who came along to this celebration would join with me in thanking the P and C Association for donating the bacon and eggs rolls, and staff members for cooking up and serving our guests of honour during a very busy hour from 8:00am till the start of the school day.



## Tournament of the Minds

The involvement of students from our school in the Tournament of the Minds each year is one of the very positive and rewarding aspects of the enrichment program which is in place at RPS. As a school we are indebted to **Mrs Buining Horn** and **Miss Boyd** for coordinating and facilitating the participation of the following students in "TOM" for 2018: **Nicholas Mitchell, Aiden Chrismas, William Roberts, Lachlan Miller, Harrison Taylor, Caleb Crotty and Nate Fryer**. All of these students are to be congratulated on their success in being only one of three schools out of seventeen to be awarded an "honours" for the manner in which they addressed the challenge of using robotics, coding and multi media to make a moving model of an animal that incorporated the physical characteristics of a crab, a jellyfish and a worm. The animal, which the boys named the "Lumozyura", was able to make the sounds that it would "normally make in the wild", and to move around by itself without crashing into obstacles. The challenges have certainly changed since I was at school!



## School Uniform

I take this opportunity to once again ask for the support of parents and carers in our efforts to maintain our high expectations at Rathmines Public in regard to the wearing of the correct school uniform. In recent weeks there have been an increasing number of students, particularly in the primary classes, who are wearing coloured sports shoes rather than plain black school shoes. Each day a small group of students arrive at school wearing surf hats rather than the correct school hat. Senior students being out of uniform sets a poor example for the children in the younger classes and can have a very negative impact on the overall standard for the school in a short period of time. The DEC's **Behaviour Code for Students** which has previously been published in

the Rathfinder highlights the requirement for students to **“Dress appropriately by complying with the school uniform or dress code”**.

When speaking to students about this issue I always emphasise that they are part of a school community and that they have a shared responsibility to meet community expectations and comply with school rules.

I am mindful that the vast majority of students make the effort to wear the complete and correct uniform to school every day. I thank and congratulate those students and encourage the students who are currently not meeting our expectations to quickly move toward an improvement in this area.

## **Grandparents Day**

I take this opportunity to inform all members of our school community that our annual Grandparents Day celebrations will take place on **Friday 26<sup>th</sup> October** in conjunction with the Infants Sports Carnival. We are extremely fortunate at Rathmines Public to have many grandparents who actively contribute to the life of our community through their involvement in a range of school activities. The children in all classes love to see their grandparents coming along to our school assemblies and special events, helping out with class reading programs, volunteering in the school canteen, at the school’s breakfast club and coaching school sports teams. Grandparents hold a special place in the hearts of young children and they connect them to the values, stories and histories of their families and the wider community. Details regarding the format for our celebrations will be sent home early next term but hopefully this early notification of the date will help to ensure that as many grandparents as possible can be present on the day.

## **Primary Board Games initiative**

Earlier this term **Jamie Bennett** spoke with me about the possibility of setting up a board games area as an option for students to enjoy as a break from what can sometimes be a rather hectic playground environment. After some discussion about the obvious merits of this idea Jamie kindly agreed to arrange for the purchase of a range of board games and passive play resources, and also to seek donations of suitable games from parents within the school community. Jamie has asked me to pass on her thanks to the many families who happily donated a great range of games and puzzles. All of the new games were delivered to the school last week and Jamie has spent many hours unpacking, then labelling and repacking the games in child friendly storage containers. On behalf of all the children who I know will gain great enjoyment from using these resources, I extend a sincere thanks to Jamie for not only putting this initiative forward but also for doing all the work to bring the idea to fruition. The new games area will initially be set up in the hall each Wednesday at lunchtime for use by stage three and stage two students on alternate weeks. **Mrs Staples**, our new school chaplain, will coordinate the setting up and running of this activity area. After a short trial to gauge the level of interest from students we will look to add an extra day for children to participate in this program.



## **Debating News**

The 2018 debating season has been particularly successful and rewarding for RPS with our two debating teams, the “Fliers” and the “Rathinators” sharing the honour of being joint **Westlakes Zone Champions** after four rounds of zone debates. As a result the two teams qualified for the first round of the regional finals in which they had to debate against each other on the topic that **“Parents Should Ban Children From All Online Games”**. When awarding the debate to the **“Rathinators”** the adjudicator was full of praise for the standard of debating from both teams and made the comment that it was such an even debate the result could have gone either way. The Rathinators have now moved onto the “round of sixteen” schools from the Hunter Central Coast area and the team members are looking forward to competing at this elite level. I commend the students from both teams for their dedication to developing their debating skills and once again thank **Mrs Bristow** for sharing her debating knowledge and skills with our stage three children.



## **Sports News**

Next week our **girls and boys touch** football teams will travel to Maitland to represent RPS in a primary school competition conducted by the **NSW Touch Association**. I congratulate the following children on their selection in the school teams and wish them the best for their participation in this annual competition: (Girls) **Elsa Kiho, Emilie Bradbury, Jada Ford, Hayley Trimboli, Midori Rees, Kelci Alexander, Megan Farrell, Lexi Lavis, Kenya Rees, Charli Ellis, Mia Greenwood.**

(Boys) **Josh Kellehear, Brayden Mateer, Bailey Sutherland, Jai Fatches, Denzel Garde, Thomas Haines, Kai Garde, Ryan Thompson, Thomas Smith, Kobe Garbett, Zane Fryer, Charley Crotty.**

Yours sincerely,

*Nick Walker*

Principal

## **Environment News**

On Friday of Week 6, infant's classes enjoyed the Ship-o-fools show about the Lake Macquarie Area's new 3 bin system helping our environment. Not only was it highly entertaining and interactive, but it was very informative as well. I look forward to hearing how our young environmentalists go using the new 3 bin system... and remember - try not to get splashed by any rotten eggs!



## **Gardening Working Bee**

**Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> September**  
**Anytime you can make between 9-11am**  
**R.P.S Vegetable Garden**



With spring here we would love to have the support of families to help us get our vegetable garden ready for planting.

We already have two wonderful parent volunteers that have helped bring our school vegetable garden back to life. We would love some more support Sunday week with:

- Spreading out our generously donated mushroom compost from the Johnstone family.
- Weeding and tidying up of plants.
- Helping set up a T-Pee area within the garden for our children to enjoy.

We look forward to seeing anyone who is interested and can join in.

The Gardening Club Team: Clare Taylor, Lynda Maretich, Bev Austin and Liz Johnstone

## You Can Do It!

Throughout the rest of Term 3 students will work on the final 'You Can Do It' key: **Resilience**.

Resilience is the capacity to cope with change and challenges and the ability to bounce back during difficult times. Young children who are resilient can calm down soon after being extremely upset (down, worried, angry), often without needing the immediate help of an adult. They can also control their behaviour (not fighting, returning to work or play within a reasonable period of time) when they become extremely upset.

### EXAMPLES OF RESILIENT BEHAVIOUR:

- Stays calm and does not fight with a friend who will not share.
- Stays calm and does not fight when someone says something mean to them.
- Stays calm and does not fight and seeks help from a parent or teacher when pushed by a sibling or friend.
- Calms down within a reasonable period of time when they think someone has acted unfairly towards him/her.
- Stays calm and does not worry too much when he/she misses the bus and has to wait to be picked up.
- Stays calm and does not get upset when he/she is not the best at something. He/She still does his/her best.



## REDUCE - REUSE - RECYCLE

### DON'T TOSS!!

**REDUCE - REUSE - RECYCLE** your plastic lids by paying them forward to Rathmines Public School. In term 4, interested students will be invited to participate in a group that uses recycled materials to make creative garden art for our already beautiful playground gardens. Hard lids from milk, softdrinks, medicine, spices, Nutella, etc are great.

So, if you have **plastic** lids of any size, shape or colour, please send them along with your child or drop them in the green plastic bucket located in the main COLA.

If all households manage to contribute at least 2 lids each week for the remainder of Term 3, we'll be well on the way to achieving our goal!

Keep creating change!

Lynda Maretich



# Library News

## Zone Public Speaking Representatives.

Earlier this term, the following students represented our school at the Zone Public Speaking competition. We are very proud of our speakers and their efforts in this competition. All speakers received great feedback and William Roberts received a Highly Commended for his efforts.



Well done!

**Stage One:** Jack Dickie

**Stage Two:** Cruz Spencer

**Stage Three:** William Roberts, Grace Palmer

## Premiers Reading Challenge

Congratulations to the following extra awesome readers who have completed the NSW PRC for 2018. Keep an eye out for details regarding a special celebration to congratulate these students!

Kindy- All students in KM

Year 1- All students in 1C

Year 2- All students in 2/3F

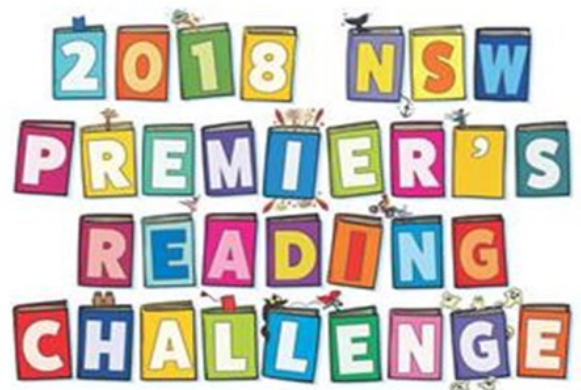
Year 3- Zen Hema, Marli Ngavaine

Year 4- Amber Hadfield

Year 5- Madison Andrew, James Breitkreuz,  
Max Buttsworth, Darcy Cockburn, Jack

Jensen, Abby O'Connor-Waller, Aislinn O'Hearn, Ryan Thompson.

Year 6- Kelci Alexander, Aiden Christmas, Blake Clifton, Jade Foye, Nicholas Holt, Yolanda Laguna, Lexi Lavis, Haze Matthews, Lachie Miller, Nicholas Mitchell, William Roberts, Thomas Smith.





## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Friday 7th September	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Dress Like a Farmer</li> <li>Infants Assembly 2.30pm</li> </ul>
Thursday 13th September	Touch Football Comp
Friday 14th September	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Netball Gala Day (Jnrs)</li> <li>Infants Assembly 2.30pm</li> </ul>
Monday 17th September	Primary Assembly 2.15pm
Tuesday 18th September	Wonai Aboriginal Group Excursion
Friday 21st September	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Netball Gala Day (Snrs)</li> <li>Infants Assembly 2.30pm</li> </ul>
Monday 24th September	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Kindergarten excursion</li> <li>Stage 1 excursion</li> </ul>
Tuesday 25th September	Science Day (Primary)
Wednesday 26th September	Science Day (Infants)

## CANTEEN ROSTER

Friday 7th September	L.Kerr, T.Warner, R.Jenkins (am), W.Waldron
Monday 10th September	K.Grant, J.Bracken, J.Gorick
Wednesday 12th September	K.Betteridge, S.Kay
Friday 14th September	L.Feint, B.Ward, J.Allan
Monday 17th September	Nat Lovett, Nic Lovett, K.Nicolson, N.Miller
Wednesday 19th September	J.Sharp, G.Hildebrand, L.Kerr
<p><b>If you are unavailable to do your rostered day, please phone Amanda Greenwood on 0412 534 774</b></p>	

## UNIFORM SHOP

**OPEN EVERY MONDAY**  
**8.30—10.00 AM**  
**Still in the 3/4S and 4S building**

## D & C NEWS

**NEXT MEETING**  
 MONDAY 17TH SEPTEMBER  
 7PM IN THE STAFF ROOM.

Silver coin class challenge is still going. Deposit your silver coins into your class container and the class who raises the most money wins a pizza lunch.



## OFFICE NEWS

Donations of second-hand blue track pants, long grey pants and school skorts sizes 4-8 would be gratefully appreciated. Our stock of spare clothing is running very low. Thank you.



# HOLIDAY CLINICS

## SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAM

THURSDAY 4<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER AT GRANGE OVAL, MARYLAND  
 ADDRESS – GRANGE AVENUE, MARYLAND 2287  
 TIME: 10:00AM – 1:00PM

### PLAYNRL HOLIDAY CLINIC AT THE HOME OF THE WALLSEND/MARYLAND TIGERS

The PlayNRL Holiday Clinic is a day program for kids aged 5-14 of any gender that focuses on fun, fitness and participation.

Cost: \$40 per child which includes a PlayNRL Holiday Pack.

What to bring: Hat, water bottle & lunch

Game Development Officer Contact Details;

Name: Luke Lawrence Phone Number: 0402 892 487 Email: llawrence@nrl.com.au

REGISTER NOW AT [www.playnrl.com](http://www.playnrl.com) UNDER THE CLINICS & PROGRAMS SECTION

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## TWO FEET & A HEARTBEAT

Charity Walk

Sunday  
9 Sept

SPEERS POINT PARK 9am—1pm

Walk 4km to support families living with congenital heart disease—a leading cause of death of Australian infants.

Family entry \$70  
 (2 adults and 3 kids)  
 Adults \$30



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10-14 Years Tuesday's 6pm-8pm

5-9 Years Wednesday's 6pm-7.30pm

At Guides we will be cooking, exploring, learning new skills, making friends and having fun!

Please call Kirstyn Taylor on 0402478429 or email [kirstynbradtaylor@hotmail.com](mailto:kirstynbradtaylor@hotmail.com) or visit our website [www.girlguides-nswact.org.au](http://www.girlguides-nswact.org.au) to find out more.



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# Dress as a Farmer Drought Donation Day

**Friday 7<sup>th</sup> September, we will hold a ‘dress like a farmer day’ with a gold coin donation to raise funds for our farmers. Donations will be donated to the Buy a Bale not for profit campaign as part of the charity Rural Aid.**



**Come along dressed up as a farmer and all those who donate will be in the chance to win an Entertainment Book.**

**The Entertainment Book is packed full of fantastic offers and discounts off a great selection of restaurants, arts, attractions, hotel accommodation, travel and much more.**



# Catalina Players Inc

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## **Presents in 2018 – 2 One Act Comedies**



### **A Cut Above The Rest**

by Claire Demmer



### **Split Ends**

by Frank Vickery

by arrangement with Origin™ Theatrical on behalf of Samuel French Inc

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**Hors D'oeuvres/Sherry Bar;**

**3 Course Dinner; Tea and Coffee**

Vegetarian and Gluten Free meals available

but must be advised to the Booking Officer at time of booking

**\*\*\* Drinks must be purchased at the Bar \*\*\***

## **Saturdays at Wangi Workers Club**

Market Street, Wangi

**4, 11, 18, 25 August, 1, 8 September**

6.30pm Hors D'oeuvres/Sherry Bar ... 7pm Showtime

**Tickets \$50 per head**



**Bookings/Enquiries**

**Maddy - 0419 253 868**

**[Catalina.players.inc@gmail.com](mailto:Catalina.players.inc@gmail.com)**





# Active OOSH Rathmines Spring Holiday Program



**Monday 1st Oct**



**Sorry we're closed for the long weekend.**



**Tuesday 2nd Oct**

**Hunter Sports Centre**

Tackle the jungle fun, aerial madness, tumbling arena, trampolining plus the super fun Olympic games challenges.  
10am - 1pm

**Dynamic Mosaics**

Design a colourful sand bottle using crushed chalk dust to deck out your bedroom. Make a batch of squishy slime to create endless bubble fun with your friends.  
2pm - 4pm

**Wednesday 3rd Oct**

**Marvellous Movies "Smallfoot"**

Ticket & meal deal included in the daily fee.  
11:30am - 2:30pm

**Super dooper stalls**

Create your own special stalls to auction off your hidden treasures at the OOSH mega markets.

**Handball World Cup**

Enter the contest to find the Active OOSH Rathmines world handball king and queen.

**Thursday 4th Oct**

**Sweet Valley Baby Animals**

Experience being up close and personal with a piglet, lamb, rabbit, baby goat, chicken, chicks, ducks and ducklings. You can bottle feed a baby lamb or piglet as well as brush and hand feed a cuddly goat or rabbit.  
10am - 12pm

**Tat Me Up**

Pick a groovy design and have it air brushed on by the talented professionals.  
2pm - 4pm

**Friday 5th Oct**

**Picnic in the Park**

Venture out for a fun filled day at Rathmines Park. Play on the fixed equipment and compete in group relays and other sports while enjoying a BBQ lunch and soothing drink.

**Mythical Creatures**

Get creative with dragons, unicorns and mermaids. Design your very own fairy and dinosaur garden.



**Monday 8th Oct**

**Playground Sounds Roll into AOR**

Strike a move at the silent hip hop dance party. Get ready to wear the retro wireless headphones and bust a move. Be a rockstar kid and have the chance to be the celebrity DJ on stage.  
12pm - 3pm

**Lego World Deluxe**

Challenge your friends in the test against time to build the ultimate Lego creation.

**Tuesday 9th Oct**

**Little Einstein's**

Create your own slime, volcano lab, soap and bath bombs.

**Inflatable World at Warners Bay**

Jump and slide on the biggest, best and safest inflatables for hours of entertainment and fun.

Race through the obstacles to get the record time.  
10am - 2pm

**Wednesday 10th Oct**

**Games 2U**

Wicked fun the kids will rave about for days. Tackle the games theatre, bumper balls, hamster ball and laser tag battle arena.  
1:30pm - 3:30pm

**Michelle's Master Class**

Learn how to make and decorate a delicious cupcake after modelling sculptures and creating fluffy glittery slime.  
10am - 12pm

**Thursday 11th Oct**

**Webers Wicked Circus**

Come with us on a wild west adventure with acrobats, funny clowns, trick dogs, miniature ponies and the Russian swing.  
10am - 2pm

**AOR Beauty School**

Line up and have the talented OOSH educators work their magic creating trendy braids, sparkly nails and funky face paint designs.

**Friday 12th Oct**

**Playgrounds Park**

Take on the hired jumps and ramps testing your balance and skills. Race your friends on the obstacle courses.  
10am - 2pm

**Wonka's Wonderland**

Stop by the Willy Wonka Factory to fill your belly with delicious chocolate treats.

**Cloud Dough Slime**

Create your own unicorn cloud dough to play with your friends.

**Important Announcements**

- Please ensure you have registered with XPLOR and have a password created prior to your first booked day.
- Active OOSH is an allergy aware service and we ask that no products containing nuts are packed in your child's bag.
- Active OOSH encourages all children to leave their devices at home as we have fun activities planned each day.
- Active OOSH require all children to have a packed bag with recess, lunch, snacks, a water bottle, a hat and a change of clothes.
- Active OOSH require all children to wear appropriate sun safe clothing and enclosed footwear daily. No singlets, crop tops, thongs or sandals are to be worn.



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**Operating Hours:**

6.30am - 6pm