



Newsletter Week 2 Term 4 2018

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Dear Parents and Carers,

*Sunday 28th October is the official day in the NSW calendar on which all families are invited to celebrate and recognise the important role grandparents play in our society through their wisdom, skills and experience and to acknowledge the efforts and devotion of grandparents in their many roles of caring and supporting their grandchildren. On behalf of all the students I extend our best wishes to all the grandparents in our community for this special day and once again invite grandparents, as well as parents and carers to join with us for our **Grandparents Day** celebrations tomorrow. Visitors will have the opportunity to visit the classrooms from 9:30 till 10:15 to gain an understanding of the unique characteristics of the teaching and learning environment in each class. After the **"open classrooms"** session morning tea will be served from 10:15 till 10:45 in the **"Catalina Café"** located in the school hall, prior to the start of our special **Grandparents Day assembly**. After the assembly all of our visitors are invited to share a picnic lunch with their children and grandchildren under the COLA. The **Infants Sports Carnival**, which is being conducted in conjunction with Grandparents Day will commence on the school oval at 12:15pm. During the day Year 6 students will be on hand to take photos of grandparents with their grandchildren. The photos will be laminated and then presented to the grandparents as a memento of their participation in our special celebration.*

2019 Class Structure

While the start of the new school year in 2019 may seem a long way off, the reality is that the process of organising our class groupings for next year needs to commence within the next few weeks. The first step in this process is to decide on the most effective class structure to accommodate the number of students within each grade cohort. At this stage we have 49 confirmed enrolments for kindergarten and as a result the total number of mainstream classes will remain at 13. It is important that we have an accurate picture of our projected enrolments for 2019 and with this in mind I ask parents and carers to contact the school office if you know that your child will not be continuing their enrolment at RPS next year.



Student Leadership

Next week members of the current student leadership team will speak to all of the Year 5 students about the rewards and responsibilities associated with being a student leader at our school. This will be the first step in the process which will eventually lead to the selection of our school's student leaders for 2019. Members of the Year 5 class who decide to stand for election will present speeches to their peers and students from Year 2, Year 3 and Year 4 on **Monday 12th November**. After an initial round of voting by Year 5 and the SRC representatives from other classes, this group will be shortlisted prior to a second round of speeches in week 8 and the final selection of our 2019 student leaders. I encourage all students in Year 5 to think carefully about the information and advice presented by the Year 6 student leaders and to consider making a special contribution to Rathmines Public in 2019 by participating in this election process.

Newcastle Permanent Maths Competition

Each year students in the primary grades have the opportunity to participate in a range of academic competitions which are designed to test children's level of knowledge and understanding in various curriculum areas. It is always pleasing to observe the number of our students who are keen to challenge themselves through their involvement in these competitions. I congratulate all the students who recently took part in the **Newcastle Permanent Maths Competition** and offer special commendation to the following students who were awarded distinctions for their excellent results in this year's competition:

High Distinction: **Year 5** Aislinn O'Hearn and Cameron Gawn

Year 6 Lachlan Miller

Distinctions: **Year 5** Joel Thoma, Madison Andrew, Joshua Kellehear, and Mischa Reid

Year 6 Nicholas Mitchell, Aiden Christmas, Nicholas Holt

2019 Kinder Transition

The second phase of our 2019 kinder transition program concluded at the end of last term with the final session for our "Catalina Kids". The feedback surveys completed by parents and carers in regard to this program was extremely positive and highlighted the value that parents and carers place on their children having the opportunity to participate in this transition scheme. I take this opportunity to thank **Mrs Burns, Mr Fisher and Mrs Blackmore** for all the time and effort they contributed to planning and running the "Catalina Kids" sessions each Friday. Parents of our 2019 kinders have received an invitation to attend a **Kindergarten Information Evening** which will be conducted on **Wednesday 14th November** and all students starting in kinder next year will have the opportunity to attend two kinder orientation days which will take place on the **15th** and the **22nd November**.





School Band Success!

I congratulate all the members of our School Band on their success at the annual “**Bandfest**” competition held at Warners Bay yesterday. The children in the band all rose to the occasion in true Rathmines fashion and received a **Highly Commended** award from the judges. In addition **Jaiden Russell** was presented with a ukulele as a prize for being selected as the most enthusiastic percussion player at the competition. I am sure all the band members join with me in thanking **Trish O’Hearn** for her role in supporting the development of our School Band. The students are now looking forward to performing for the school community at some of our end of year events.



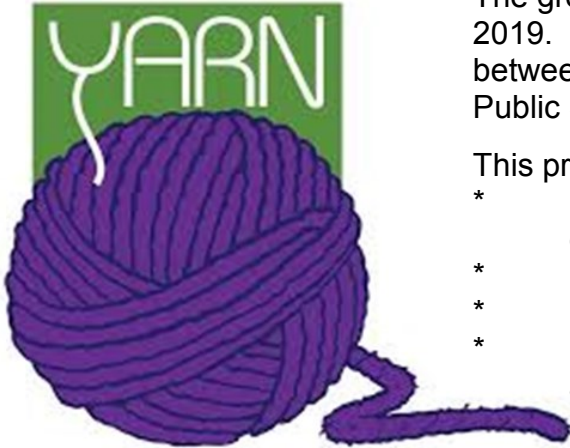
Yours sincerely,
Nick Walker
Principal

Aerobics News

During the last week of Term 3 our school was notified by FISAF Australia that, in addition to placing sixth at the Australian National Championships, our team the ‘Rathmines Radiant Stars’ was also selected by the judging panel to be awarded the School Stream ‘Up and Coming’ Award. It was agreed by the judging panel that both athletes and coaches had extreme potential for growth and future success. On Monday 22nd October 2018 the ‘Radiant Stars’ received the trophy for this award at the primary assembly. The trophy is now proudly displayed in the school’s trophy cabinet in the library. Congratulations Rathmines Radiant Stars!



'Yarn'



The group will be established at Rathmines Public School in 2019. It will involve positive community engagement between community members and the students of Rathmines Public School.

This project based group will encourage students to :

- * Learn a new skill such as knitting, crochet, macramé etc.
- * Develop fine motor skills, eye hand coordination
- * Engage in positive communication.
- * Develop persistence, resilience, positive self esteem and empathy

Members of the Rathmines community will come along to the school **once a week** at lunch time 11am - 12 noon. It is expected that the YARN group will work towards a joint project with the students of the school to create simple rugs and woollen blankets for community members in need.

WHAT YOU NEED:

- Patience and a sense of humour
- Commitment
- Willingness to share your skill with school children
- A packed lunch
- Be prepared to sign for a "Working with Children's Check"

Members of "Yarn group" will supply their own wool, cotton, knitting and crochet needles or other equipment necessary for engaging in wool craft.

If you are an interested Rathmines Community member, please register your interest for the 2019 school year now. Just leave your name and contact details at the school office.

Plastic Lid Collection

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



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Friday 26th October	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Grandparents Day Infants Sports Carnival International Teacher Appreciation Day
Tuesday 30th October	Year 5 Linkage Day to Toronto High School
Friday 2nd November	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> League Tag Gala Day Infants Assembly 2.30pm
Monday 5th November	Primary Assembly 2.30pm
Friday 9th November	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sports Groups and Year 6 photos Infants Assembly 2.30pm
Wednesday 14th November	2019 Kinder Parent Information Session 5pm
Thursday 15th November	Kinder Transition 11.45am-1.45pm
Friday 16th November	Infants Assembly 2.30pm
Monday 19th November	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Primary Assembly 2.15pm P&C Meeting 7pm
Thursday 22nd November	Kinder Transition 11.30am-1.45pm

CANTEEN ROSTER

Friday 26th October	J.Bennett, K.Shen, R.Jenkins(am), L.Johnstrone, C.Wethered
Monday 29th October	G.Weston, J.Roberts, G.Hilderbrand
Wednesday 31st October	E.Spencer(am), L.Feint, E.Bird
Friday 2nd November	J.Gorick, T.Warner, R.Jenkins(am), L.Feint
Monday 5th November	A.Lillis, L.McAllister, L.Bicanic
Wednesday 7th November	K.Betteridge, S.Kay

If you are unavailable to do your rostered day, please phone Amanda Greenwood on 0412 534 774

UNIFORM SHOP

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

D & C NEWS

NEXT MEETING
 MONDAY 19TH NOVEMBER
 7PM IN THE STAFF ROOM.

OFFICE NEWS

Office hours 8.30am - 3.15pm



**WANGI FIRE STATION
FUNDRAISING BBQ**

SATURDAY 27th OCTOBER from 8.30am-12.00pm outside Rathmines Butchery. Proudly supported by Rathmines Butchery and Wangi Bakehouse.



All proceeds will help to support Santa and the Fire Brigade's **Christmas Lolly Run** which will be held on 22nd and 23rd December.



Wangi RSL Amateur Sailing Club

**Wangi RSL Amateur Sailing Club
Learn to Sail & Intermediate Classes**

6 week course - 8.30am - 10.30am
Commencing 27 October 2018

- Accredited instructors
- \$130/person all equipment provided
- Participant needs to be able to swim 50m
- Limited places, register on club website

www.revolutionise.com.au/wangirsl

All enquiries - Scott Day 0414 689 091

PETER PAN PRESCHOOL

2018 Community **Fete**

SATURDAY 3RD NOVEMBER
10AM - 1PM

JUMPING CASTLE • FACE PAINTING • CAKE STALL
COFFEE CART • BBQ & OTHER FOOD • ENTERTAINMENT
HUGE PRIZE WALL • TRASH & TREASURE • FAIRY FLOSS
GAMES • FIRE & RESCUE • UNIQUE MARKET STALLS

Free entry - All welcome

www.peterpanpreschool.com.au
www.facebook.com/WangiPeterPanPreschool

MARINE RESCUE LAKE MACQUARIE
Volunteers saving lives at sea 02 4971 3498

OPEN DAY 2018

Sunday 28th October 2018
7:30am to 2:30pm
at Pelican Foreshore Park
(Lakeview Parade, Pelican)

Emergency & Community Services on display:
Water Police, Local Area Police, Fisheries, Local Fire Brigade, SES, Rural Fire Service, Maritime & Westpac Rescue Helicopter

JOIN US FOR BREAKFAST - FOOD AND DRINKS ALL DAY

**Market Stalls • Jumping Castle • Face Painting
Live Entertainment • Rides in the Rescue Boats**

Lake Macquarie Marine Rescue Major Fundraising Raffle Tickets on Sale

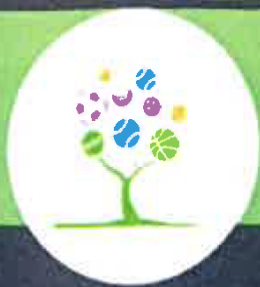
SWANSEA HEADS RADIO BASE OPEN FOR VISITORS

FREE regular shuttle bus service between bases

Event Co Ordinator - Malcom Druce 0409 101 471 • General Enquiries - Kelly McNeill 0438 468 234

www.marinerescuelakemacquarie.com.au

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ACTIVE OOSH RATHMINES

2018 Parent Information Flyer

SERVICE DETAILS.

HOURS OF OPERATION.

Before School: 6:30am - 9:30am

After School: 2pm - 6pm

Vacation Care: 6:30am - 6pm

OUR SERVICE PRICES.

BSC: \$15.00

ASC: \$19.00

Vacation Care: \$46.00

Excursion days: \$60.00

CCB + CCR benefits can be claimed through Centrelink.

SCHOOLS WE SERVICE.

We offer a drop off and pick up service for children attending Rathmines, Arcadia Vale, Coal Point, Charlton Christian College, Blackalls Park and Wangi Wangi Public Schools

ENQUIRIES & BOOKINGS.

Phone: 0438 224 914

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About Active OOSH

Active OOSH provide a before school, after school and vacation care program for school aged children. We aim to provide a program that is stimulating, fun and meaningful. All children are given the opportunity to learn and grow through play and enjoy a large variety of activities and experiences at the centre through our child focused programming.

K-2 Zone.

The Active OOSH K - 2 zone is an area at the service that provides children from Kindergarten to Year 2 with a range of age appropriate games and activities. This sanctuary is developed to assist the younger children with the transition to Primary School.

Homework.

Our homework club is on offer daily at the service before and after school to help with jolly phonics, home readers, spelling words, mathematics, projects and speeches. The children are accompanied by an educator who can assist with any questions your child may have.

Extra curricular.

The service organise extra curricular activities 5 days a week based on the children's interests. Some of the activities include

- Dynamic Mosaics art club.
- Jenz Danzin.
- Ready Steady Cook.
- Little Einstein's.
- The Music Bus.
- Specialised sporting clinics.
- Cultural groups.

Activities on offer.

There are a variety of activities each day that include

- Drama and dance.
- Science experiments.
- Arcade games.
- Sustainability activities.
- Imaginative and creative play.
- Board games.
- Lego and building activities.
- Sporting clinics.

Breakfast + Afternoon Tea Club.

Active OOSH provide breakfast and afternoon tea to every child. The menu is developed in consultation with industry professionals and our menu is displayed in the service. The meals are designed to be nutritious, and to offer new tastes and textures so that eating can be an educational and cultural experience.

Children with food allergies or special dietary requirements are catered for.

Water stations are available to children, both indoors and outdoors.