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From the Principal

Dear Parents and Carers,

I welcome all parents, students and staff members as we commence a new school year at Rathmines Public and on your behalf I offer a particular welcome to everyone who is new to our school community this year: the 49 students in the Kindergarten class of 2019, the 12 students who have transferred from other schools, our new members



Kindergarten 2019

Vision Statement

Rathmines Public School's vision is to pursue and celebrate excellence in all areas and to ensure everyone has the opportunity to experience success within a supportive, safe and engaging learning environment which embraces the creative and productive use of technology and is free from all forms of discrimination. Our vision is to educate students for life by fostering their sense of wellbeing and developing their personal values of honesty, resilience, empathy, respect and responsibility.

From the Principal cont'd

of staff and all of our new parents and carers. I look forward to working with all parents and carers, staff members and students as we address the challenges associated with the second year of our **2018 to 2020 School Plan**. The **“Rathmines Public School Golf Day”** planned for **Sunday 10th March** will be a great opportunity for old and new members of our school community to come together and celebrate the start of a new school year while at the same time raising some funds for purchase of teaching resources.

School Swimming Carnival

I congratulate all the children on the manner in which they contributed to the success of our school swimming carnival and coped with the very warm conditions on Monday: the readiness of children to give of their best and to support each other set a great standard for the rest of the year. I especially commend the children who tested themselves over the 50 metre distance in a variety of strokes. For many students swimming that distance was a huge challenge and they can take great pride in the fact that they were prepared to “have a go”. I thank **Mr McNamara** for his efforts in organising the carnival and I also thank the parents who came along to either support the competitors or act as officials. I congratulate all members of **Kingfisher**, the Sports House swimming champions for 2019 and commend the following children who were selected as age champions for this year:

Junior Girl **Aurora Paine** 11ys Girl **Layla Lavis** Senior Girl **Madison Andrew**
 Junior Boy **Benjamin Mitchell** 11yrs Boy **Harrison Taylor** Senior Boy **Cameron Gawn**

After competing in all of his events Cameron was able to display his outstanding swimming ability by winning a **200 metre match race** against **Miss Watson, Miss Case, Mr Rucroft and Mr Fisher!**

Unfortunately over the past few years there has been a gradual increase in the number of children who do not feel confident about swimming 50 metres and I am aware that this is a trend across all schools. At the same time statistics show that each year an increasing number of tragic drowning related deaths occur in NSW. **I take this opportunity to encourage all parents and carers to try to ensure that their children have the opportunity to develop a safe standard of competency in swimming.**

School Procedures

The organisational procedures we follow before and after school are particularly important in relation to the safety and welfare of students. I think it is appropriate to outline the expectations once again as we start a new year: this will assist our new families but will also act as a refresher for current students.

When students leave their classrooms at 3:05pm:

- Students catching buses go to their designated area in the COLA and wait for Mrs Rucroft to escort them to the bus stop
- Children who are being picked up by their parents must wait in the COLA until their parents arrive. **Students do not walk out of the grounds to meet their parents.** Children need to be regularly reminded that if their parent does not come to pick them up they must speak to the teacher on duty and/or go to the front office. It is critically important for parents and carers to ensure that their children do not go ahead of them as they are leaving the school grounds. The official road safety guidelines advise that it is best for infants children to hold the hand of a responsible adult at all times when they are near a road. There have been a number of “close calls” in recent years and unfortunately there are many motorists who completely ignore the School Zone speed restrictions.



From the Principal cont'd

- We endeavour to have a teacher on duty at the school crossing each afternoon to escort children across the road. However, it is important for all children to be aware of the safety procedures to follow when crossing any road. Parents and Carers are asked to model good road safety practices by using the designated crossing.


The **before school procedures** are equally important. Parents are asked to note that teachers are not on duty till **8:35am** and with this in mind parents are asked to ensure that their children do not arrive at school before that time. Any students who do arrive early must sit on the steps in the COLA until the supervising teacher arrives. The bell which rings at 8:50am is a “teacher’s bell” and should be ignored by the students. All children will be asked to **walk** to their designated line up places to meet their teachers when the bell rings at 8:57am. This can be particularly challenging for the infants children who are often tempted to run as soon as the bell rings! The effectiveness of our efforts to ensure the safety of students when they are arriving at or leaving school is significantly reduced if cars are parked illegally in the streets adjacent to the school. All parents and carers are asked to be mindful of following the appropriate car parking procedures to ensure that drivers have good vision of children when they are crossing the road. I also encourage you to show respect to our neighbours by not parking on their front lawns or across their driveways.

Parent Information Meetings

All parents received a special letter yesterday setting out the times for this year’s Parent Information Meetings which are being held during the next two weeks. These meetings are conducted in order to provide the teachers with an opportunity to present parents and carers not only with an overview of class structures, programs and avenues for communication but also to highlight the ways parents and carers can support their children’s academic progress. While I urge all parents and carers to come along to these important meetings I appreciate that work commitments or clashes in times for meetings may prevent some parents from attending and with this in mind all class teachers will provide parents and carers with a written summary of the content covered during the meetings.

Extra Curricular Opportunities

One of the very positive characteristics of our school culture is the readiness of staff members to give freely of their time in order to provide our students with a wide range of extra curricular activities which include: debating and public speaking, girls and boys dance groups, 11 different PSSA school sports teams, aerobics, school band, participation in the annual Starstruck experience, guitar group, and the



Woof!
Monday
is School Banking day.

Bank books should be handed to the class teacher at roll call each Monday morning. Deposits will be processed and books returned before the end of the day.

If you have unwanted plastic bags please bring them in to the office.



From the Principal cont'd

school garden club. In addition this year, Miss Watson will be conducting a Choral Singing session each Wednesday morning before school for interested students in Year 1 and Year 2. I take this opportunity to sincerely thank all members of staff for making these extra contributions above and beyond their regular professional responsibilities and I encourage all students to make sure they always give of their very best when participating in any of these extra curricula activities.

P & C Meeting

Finally I invite all parents and carers to come to the first meeting of our school's Parents and Citizen's Association which will be held on **Monday 18th February** in the school staff room at 7:00pm. The Association plays a vital role in the ongoing development of our school and serves as an excellent forum for discussion of general school issues. A special invitation is extended to the parents and carers of all of our new students to come along and meet the members of the executive as well as other parents within our growing school community.

Yours sincerely,

Nick Walker

MAKING A PAYMENT?

To pay by card simply go online to www.rathminespublicschool.com.au

In the PAYMENTS tab enter your child's name and date of birth to begin the process.

Cash and EFTPOS are accepted at the school office.



STUDENT ABSENCES

Parents will receive a message via SMS if their child is marked absent at roll call. Please reply to the message to explain the absence.

STUDENTS ARRIVING LATE OR LEAVING EARLY



must be signed in or out at the office by a responsible adult. Parents will receive an email notification if their child has arrived late to school unaccompanied by an adult. Please reply with an explanation.

SPORT



SOUTH WEST LAKES SCHOOL CRICKET BLAST CUP

TERM 1 2019

- Starts Week 5 Wednesday 27th February
- Runs for 5 weeks finishing on Wednesday 27th March as a Finals/ Play offs day
- Start time is 4pm every Wednesday
- Round matches draw are Home and away Schools - Schools that are able and willing to use their School Oval can be used as home grounds otherwise a Council Oval that school is a regular user of with School Sport can be used as a Home ground. Schools to Specify what they would prefer their Home Ground to be so I can Book the Oval (if Council Owned)
- A Boys and a Girls Draw – Schools encouraged to enter a team of each. Can Certainly enter more if have Numbers!
- Blast Cricket is 8 players per team (as per School Cup Gala days) but encouraged to have enter teams of 10 players (if Practical) in case any players are away on a week. If all 10 attending all players will be played to have a go and rotated around.
- Games will go for 90 minutes finishing around 5.30pm
- Where practical Double Headers will be played on Same Oval to Add Atmosphere and use Loud Speaker With Pop Music playing to Fulfil the Experience.
- If Ovals have a Cricket Pitch we will use it otherwise a pitch will be made on the outfield same as School Gala Days.
- Cricket Southern Lakes and Cricket NSW will supply Umpires and Game Managers to run the Games All Officials WILL have their Up to date Safe Guarding Children Documents Including WWC.
- Cricket Southern Lakes and Cricket NSW will have a representative to be the Care Taker of your School Team or Match on the Day so the Students have Full Supervision at the Matches. Contact Details of the Officials will be provided to all Schools prior to Commencement of Competition.
- Cricket NSW will supply all the Equipment for the matches (As per Blast Cricket a Soft ball will be used)
- **COST – A registration cost of \$100 per TEAM will be asked to enter the South West Lakes School Cup.** Tried to keep costs at a minimum to cover Insurance at \$10 per player for the whole Competition (If 10 Register per team) Most other Management costs Cricket Southern Lakes and Cricket NSW are Covering.
- **REGISTRATION** forms will be submitted to the School and taken at the 1st Game by Southern Lakes Cricket Club

IMPORTANT DATES

DATE	EVENT
Monday 18th February	2.30pm Parent Information Sessions 3R, 4C, 3/4ZS 7.00pm P&C Meeting
Tuesday 19th February	Zone Swimming Carnival 2.30pm Parent Information Sessions KR, KM, K/1R
Wednesday 20th February	2.30pm Parent Information Sessions 1W, 1TM, 1/2R, 2F, 2V,
Thursday 21st February	2.30pm Parent Information Sessions 5/6M, 6B
Tuesday 26th March	School Photos

CANTEEN ROSTER

Friday 15th February	J. Gorick, R.Cross, R.Jenkins (am), S.Matthews, L.Johnstone
Monday 18th February	J.Bracken, A.Alley
Wednesday 20th February	L.McAllister, S.Kay, K.Betteridge (?)
Friday 22nd February	J.Bennett, J.Jessop, R.Jenkins (am), T.Warner, V.Ryan
Monday 25th February	L.Kerr, C.Wethered
Wednesday 27th February	J.Sharp, H.Gawn

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

P & C NEWS

- **P&C MEETING and AGM Monday 18th February 7pm** in the staffroom. Everyone is welcome.
- **GOLF DAY 10TH MARCH**—see page 7 for more information. SPONSORSHIP for the day is also needed. If you or someone you know owns a business and would like to help our school, please see page 8. To register your interest you should email rathminespc@gmail.com

P & C GOLF DAY

When: Sunday 10th March 2019

Where: Toronto Country Club

Time: 8am Shot Gun Start

Event: 4 Person Ambrose

Cost: Entry \$50 per person

Entry includes lunch and a drink

Lots of prizes and fun on the day

All funds raised on the day go to providing the school with additions to infant literacy resources and for purchase of resources to support introduction of coding & robotics

Email: Rathminespc@gmail.com

SPONSORSHIP PACKAGES



Rathmines Public School Golf Day

GOLD SPONSOR - \$1100

- Naming Rights on entry form
- Advertising in Clubhouse and 1st tee / green
- Promotion in all advertising for the event
- 4 Players to play including golf carts
- Involved in presentation
- Acknowledgement on website, Facebook and newsletter
- Lunch and drink ticket

SILVER SPONSOR \$660

- Advertising in Clubhouse and on tee / green of nominated hole
- Promotion in all advertising for the event
- 2 Players to play including golf cart
- Involved in presentations
- Acknowledgement on website, Facebook and newsletter
- Lunch and drink ticket

BRONZE SPONSOR \$330

- Advertising in Clubhouse and on tee / green of nominated hole
- Promotion in all advertising for the event
- 1 Player to play in event
- Acknowledged at presentations
- Acknowledgement on website, Facebook and newsletter
- Lunch and drink ticket

P & C GOLF DAY

COMMUNITY NOTICES



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www.lakemacquarierugby.com For more information contact Matthew Bartley 0407 485 955

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COMMUNITY NOTICES

PLAY YOUR WAY



**PLAY ALL-GIRLS JUNIOR CRICKET AT YOUR LOCAL CLUB.
ENJOY ACTION PACKED GAMES AND MAKE THE SPORT YOUR OWN.**

Fridays 5pm - 7pm | Free Coaching Session 15th Feb

School Teams welcome | 6-wk Comp starting 22nd Feb

Girls aged 9 - 15 | Competition played at 2 locations

Smith Park, Hamilton Nth & Treddenick Oval, Speers Point

Register via this link - <https://bit.ly/2SF73Bv>

More Info - Frankie - 0425297714 or Tim 0425297716



ACTIVE OOSH RATHMINES

2019 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: \$17.00

ASC: \$23.00

Vacation Care: \$65.00

CCS benefit can be claimed through Centrelink.

SCHOOLS WE SERVICE.

We provide a drop off and collection service for children attending Rathmines, Arcadia Vale, Wangi Wangi, Toronto, Blackalls Park Public Schools.

ENQUIRIES & BOOKINGS.

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About Active OOSH

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

K-2 Zone.

The Service K - 2 zone is an area that provides children from Kindergarten to Year 2 with a range of age appropriate games and activities. This area is developed to assist the younger children with positive transitions to Primary School.

Homework Club.

OOSH homework club is on offer daily at the Service before and after school. Children participate in jolly phonics, home readers, spelling words, mathematics, projects and speeches. The children are assisted by an educator who will guide them with any questions they 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.
- OOSH Masterchef.
- Little Einstein's Science.
- Kids Bop dancing.
- Specialised sport clinics.
- Cultural group incursions.
- Crafty Creations.

Activities on offer.

There are a wide range of activities on offer daily that include:

- Drama and dance.
- DIY slime and playdough.
- Sustainability creations.
- Imaginative and creative play.
- Board and card games.
- Lego and building.
- Outdoor sports games.
- Fixed equipment.

Breakfast + Afternoon Tea Club.

Active OOSH provide breakfast and afternoon tea daily. This is all inclusive in the daily fee. The menu is developed in consultation with industry professionals and our menu is displayed at the service for families to view. The meals are designed to be nutritious, and offer new tastes and textures so eating can be an educational and cultural experience.

Children with food allergies or special dietary requirements are catered for in our inclusive programming practices. Water stations are available to children, both indoors and outdoors.