

RATHMINES PUBLIC SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER

Term 1 Week 5 2019



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From the Principal

Dear Parents and Carers,

The ongoing implementation of the Explicit Instruction program is a key aspect of our **2018 to 2020 School Plan**. During the past three years members of staff have been fortunate to have the opportunity to work closely with **Mr John Fleming**, the **Director of the Haileybury Institute** who is widely regarded as one of the leading educators in Australia. When he was Principal at Bellfield Primary (Heidelberg), the school became well known for its innovative curriculum in literacy and numeracy under his leadership. The school won several awards for its curriculum delivery and improvement in student academic performance. Among these were National Quality Schools Awards for teaching excellence. John was a member of the Minister for Education's School Improvement Leadership Group, which assisted in the development of the Blueprint for Education in Victoria and was a guest speaker at Parliament House for the launch of the National Inquiry into Literacy. In 2006 John was awarded the Bruce Wicking Award and the National Literacy and Numeracy Special Achievement Award. He was appointed to run the Berwick Campus of Haileybury

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

College in 2006 and now manages the School's literacy and numeracy program in the Junior School. John consults with schools across Australia and will be visiting Rathmines tomorrow to once again work with and provide support for our teachers. It was very affirming to receive the following email message from John during the final week of last year and I welcome this opportunity to publicly thank all class teachers for the professional and dedicated manner in which they have endeavored to achieve positive educational outcomes for all of our students through the implementation of the Explicit Instruction programme:

"I have been working with Rathmines Public School as an educational consultant for several years. Whilst already a very good school the school leadership wanted to further develop student achievement. Test results both within the school and externally (such as NAPLAN) have shown elite improvement. I have witnessed lessons in the majority of classrooms and the delivery of curriculum is outstanding. Of particular note is the impressive student behaviour and learning focus in all classrooms. The students are highly engaged and exceptionally motivated."

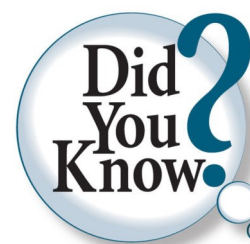
Parent Information Sessions

I trust that the parent information sessions conducted during the past two weeks have proved to be beneficial for parents and carers. Overviews of the content covered in the meetings are available from class teachers for anyone who was unable to attend the meetings due to other commitments. I take this opportunity to stress that the meetings should be seen as having been a "first step" in developing a relationship of shared responsibility with class teachers for your child's education. As the school year progresses I encourage you not to hesitate to contact class teachers regarding an appointment if you wish to discuss any matters of concern. I also take this opportunity to remind parents and carers that the **Term 1 parent teacher interviews** will be held from 3:30pm till 7:00pm on Tuesday 19th and Wednesday 20th March. Details regarding the process for making **online bookings** for these important interviews will be sent home next week.

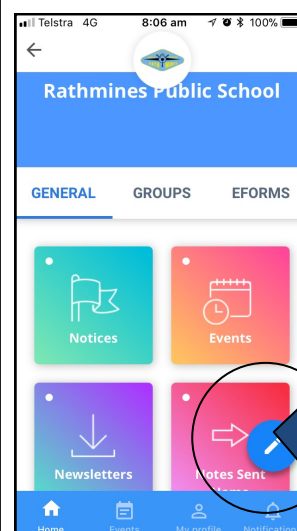
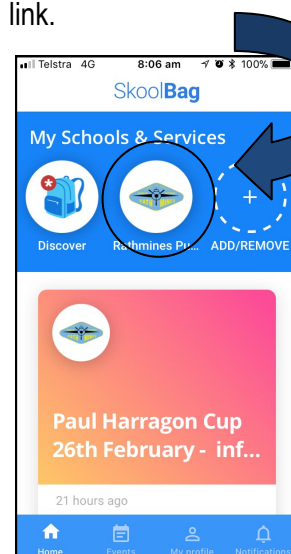
School Sport Programme

Students at Rathmines Public are fortunate to be able to participate in a wide variety of sporting opportunities which are provided as part of an overall sports programme for students in primary classes. As we start a new school year I believe there is value in highlighting not only the different aspects of this programme but also the guidelines which the school is required to follow. Mr McNamara has responsibility for overseeing all matters relating to primary sport and has particular responsibility for organising our annual swimming, cross country and athletics carnivals as well as being the school's representative on the Westlakes PSSA Sports Association. As a school we are indebted to Troy for all the time and effort he contributes to this role.

Rathmines Public enters teams in 11 different PSSA competitions and also participates in competitions run by NSW Touch, NSW Rugby, OZtag and the Newcastle Knights. Inclusion in these representative sporting teams is based on the outcome of school based selection trials and guidelines provided by the NSW PSSA. Students who gain selection in a team are required to display a high level of commitment to training sessions before or after school and to also display the highest level of sportsmanship and team spirit when playing for the school. In addition, students with above average ability in a particular sport are eligible to



Any school notes that are sent home can also be found on the Skoolbag App. On the home screen, click on the Rathmines Public School link.



On the next screen click on Notes Sent Home. You can then scroll through to find the information you need.

From the Principal cont'd

take part in **zone selection trials** conducted by the Westlakes PSSA. Each school is usually restricted to sending a maximum of **four students** to a trial. Selection in a Westlakes squad is the first step on a pathway to possible selection in a NSW PSSA representative team. (eg ex-student **Jake Riley's** inclusion in the NSW PSSA Golf team). In the same way, students who are selected to represent RPS at the zone swimming, cross country and athletics carnivals, as a result of their performances at our school swimming carnival, have the chance to progress through to Hunter and possibly NSW representation (eg **Cameron Gawn's** selection in the NSW swimming team last year). It is important to note that the NSW PSSA is responsible for setting the guidelines for selection procedures. **An important change which has occurred this year relates to the sport of netball which is now classed as a mixed sport and is no longer restricted to girls. As a result, boys as well as girls are eligible to try out for selection in the school, zone, regional and state netball teams.** NB schools may enter one team which may include girls and boys who have been selected on ability.

The Westlakes PSSA also conducts a series of annual **Gala Days** which are **non competitive** and are designed to give **all primary students** the chance to play sport with students from other schools in our zone. These gala days generally run on separate days for junior (Years 3 and 4) and senior (Years 5 and 6) students.

Sports News

I congratulate all the players who represented our school in the **Paul Harragon Cup** rugby league 7's carnival held at Windale on Tuesday of this week. The boys displayed great team spirit throughout the day and after their four pool games they qualified for the final which was played against Corpus Christie Primary, Waratah. Both teams scored two tries in this match and as a result the game went to extra time. The defence from both teams was amazing and the final had to go to a second period of extra time. Eventually **Bailey Sutherland**, our team captain who had led from the front all day in attack and defence, crossed the line for the match winning try. This is the first time our school has brought home the trophy for this annual carnival. When presenting the trophy to the Rathmines boys, Paul Harragon said that it was the best final he had watched in the 20 years of the competition and he was full of praise for the commitment and skill levels displayed by both teams. The boys will switch codes next Monday and start training for the Rugby Union 7's competition which starts in a few weeks.



Yours sincerely,
Nick Walker



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.



Library News



The library program is an integral part of our school, connecting learning activities in the classroom to educational experiences in the library. The program endeavours to motivate children to borrow, read and enjoy quality literature through the promotion of a wide variety of authors and illustrators in order to facilitate a desire for lifelong learning.

Students are encouraged to borrow weekly- **they will need a library bag.**

The borrowing period is two weeks. After this time books are registered as overdue.

Students who have long-standing overdue or lost books cannot borrow until an explanatory note from a parent is received. If no explanation is received, parents will be asked to pay for a replacement book.

Library Monitors

Our fabulous library monitors for 2019 have started their duties in the library and I am extremely grateful for these students who have already shown outstanding school values in the level of responsibility to their role.

The library monitors for 2019 are Jack Jensen, Charlie Mallalue, Sienna Cook, Kye Reilly, Chloe Kerr, Sophie Holt, Ally Miller, Caitlin Wethered, Joel Thoma and Jamila Cowley.

Premier's Reading Challenge

As in the past, our students will again be offered the opportunity of participating in the Premier's Reading Challenge. K-2 students can complete this as a class and 3-6 students will need to complete the challenge individually at home. This will incorporate into the library program. More details will follow in the next newsletter.

Happy Reading,

Mrs Priest 😊

RATHY'S ROUNDUP

What an amazing life little Rathy leads! He was on a relaxing holiday with Mrs Ruecroft during January and now he has spent a wonderful week with 2V. As you can see, Rathy is still dressed in his holiday clothes. You're back at school now Rathy, so full school uniform next week please.



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.

IMPORTANT DATES

DATE	EVENT
Friday 1st March	2.15pm Infants Assembly in hall
Monday 4th March	2.15pm Primary Assembly in hall
Tuesday 5th March	Year 6 Linkage Day at Toronto High
Wednesday 6th March	8.15am Choral Singing Years 1 & 2 in the hall
Thursday 7th March	Year 6 Elizabeth Beach excursion
Friday 8th March	2.15pm Infants Assembly in hall
Tuesday 26th March	School Photos

CANTEEN ROSTER

Friday 1st March	J.Gorick, L.Johnstone, R.Jenkins (am), N.Hinchliffe
Monday 4th March	A.Lillis, B.Bicanic
Wednesday 6th March	E. Spencer, K.Grant
Friday 8th March	L.Feint, L.Johnstone, R.Jenkins, B.Ward
Monday 11th March	G.Weston
Wednesday 13th March	A.Telfer, L.Kerr, K.Betteridge (?)

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

P & C NEWS

- **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

P & C GOLF DAY

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

COMMUNITY NOTICES

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Toronto Tigers Baseball Club

Come and try baseball

Juniors & Seniors welcome 😊

From age 4 and up

Friday 8th Feb 5pm-7pm

Sunday 10th Feb 10am-12pm

Friday 15th Feb 5pm – 7pm

Friday 22nd Feb 5pm – 7pm

Sunday 24th Feb 10am-12pm

Waterboard Oval

Fennell Crescent, Blackalls Park

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Email: torontotigersbaseball@gmail.com



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ACTIVE OOSH RATHMINES

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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.

Phone: +0438 224 914

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Facebook page: Active OOSH Rathmines.

Address: Rathmines Public School, Rosemary Row, Rathmines, 2283.

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.