

RATHMINES PUBLIC SCHOOL



NEWSLETTER

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From the Principal

Dear Parents and Carers,

*In the last edition of the Rathfinder I included a fairly detailed overview of the sports programme which is conducted at Rathmines Public School. The overview focused not only on the wide variety of sporting opportunities available to students in our primary classes but also on the expectations we have for students in terms of their behaviour on and off the field. Many schools associated with the NSW Primary Schools Sports Association have a requirement for parents and carers to sign a **Parents/Spectators Code of Conduct** prior to their children being granted permission to represent the school in a sports event. It is really pleasing to be able to say that parents and carers in the Rathmines school community have overwhelmingly displayed the highest standards of personal conduct when supporting any of our sporting teams and as a result I have not considered it necessary to implement that practice. However, I believe there is value in taking this opportunity to highlight and hopefully raise the awareness of the following expectations we have in this regard:*

- *Focus on your child's efforts and performance rather than*

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

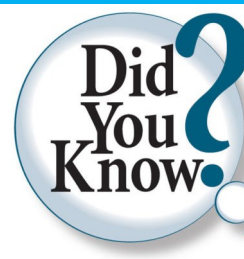
winning and losing.

- Remember that children participate in sport for **their** enjoyment and fulfilment.
- Provide a **model of good sports behaviour** for your child to copy and always remember that **children learn by example**.
- Appreciate and applaud good performances and skilful play **by all participants**.
- **Be courteous and respectful in your communication** with players, coaches and game officials.
- Support all efforts to **remove verbal abuse** from sporting venues.
- Show **appreciation** for teacher-coaches and officials who give up their time to provide sporting opportunities for students at our school. Without them your child would not have the opportunity to participate.
- **Respect the decisions made by officials** and teach your children to do the same.
- Do not coach from the sideline.
- Never ridicule or yell at a child for making a mistake or losing a game.
- **Respect the rights, dignity and worth of every person regardless of their gender, ability, age, cultural background or religion.**

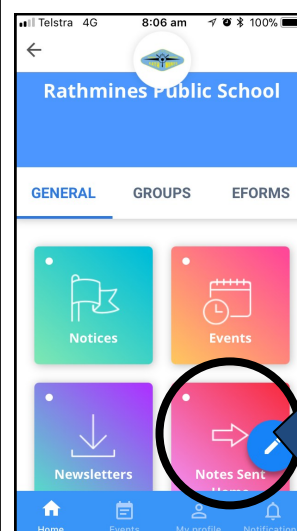
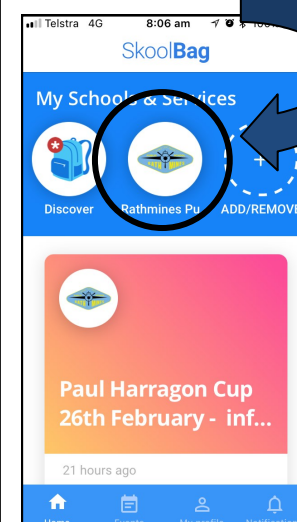
I strongly encourage all parents and carers to reflect on these expectations whenever they attend a sporting event in which their child is representing Rathmines Public School.

Year 6 Elizabeth Beach Camp

Outdoor education experiences have the potential to produce very positive outcomes on an individual and group level for the students who are fortunate enough to be given the opportunity to participate. Supervising children during these excursions can also be a very rewarding experience for teachers, especially when the students in your care respond in a positive and enthusiastic manner to the challenges they encounter during the excursion.



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

I was fortunate to be able to spend two days with our Year 6 students during their Elizabeth Beach camp last week and I am very pleased to be able to report that this outdoor education activity was a success in all respects. The children are to be commended not only for their behaviour but also for the positive and supportive sense of class spirit they displayed during the two days of activities which included:

- ⇒ *successfully (and unsuccessfully) setting up their tents*
- ⇒ *a beach, headland and rainforest walk from Seven Mile Beach back to the campsite (including a silent and solo walk through a section of rainforest)*
- ⇒ *beach activities including wading races, "united against the waves" challenges, and bocce on the sand*
- ⇒ *the traditional "Rathmines Talent Quest" which was won by **Ryder Welsh-Ross***
- ⇒ *a night walk through the rainforest and a ghost crab hunt*
- ⇒ *a visit to **Pacific Palms Public School** for our traditional "Bin Ball" challenge: the Year 6 teachers' decision to keep the team up as late as possible on the night before the match and to give them a maximum of fifty rice bubbles or one weet bix for breakfast paid off, and a very hungry RPS was able to regain the trophy which was won by Pacific Palms last year.*

*I encourage parents and students to take the time to look at the camp photos which will be on the school website next week. I have no doubt that **Miss Boyd, Mrs Verschoor** and **Mr McNamara** would join with me in saying that we appreciated having the opportunity to spend time out of the school setting with these children. On behalf of the children and their parents I thank the teachers for their readiness to take on the extra responsibilities associated with this excursion. It was particularly pleasing to see the number of children who took the time to thank their teachers after returning to school on Friday afternoon.*

Parent Teacher Interviews

*I take this opportunity to remind all parents and carers that the online booking system for parent and teacher interviews **closes next Monday**. The interviews are an extremely important and valuable avenue not only for sharing of information regarding your child's progress to date but also for setting educational priorities for the 2019 school year. To facilitate the smooth running of the interviews on Tuesday and Wednesday, parents and carers are asked to ensure that they **arrive on time** for the start of their 15 minute interview. Similarly, class teachers will need to ensure that all interviews **finish on time** so that later interviews are not delayed. Please note that interviews for all infants classes will be conducted in the hall while primary classes with the exception of 5E (classroom) will be held in the school library.*



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.

Secret Corner Road has restricted parking. There is a maximum of 2 minute stop at **Kiss & Ride Area** and driver must stay within 3m of the car. **No Stopping** means exactly that!



From the Principal cont'd

Sports News

Our school's involvement in the PSSA knockout competitions for 2019 commenced on Monday when our **boys softball team** played their first round match against **Booragul Public**. This was a very close encounter right up to the last innings during which the Booragul boys pulled away to win by five runs. **Miss Case** was very pleased with the individual skills, teamwork and sportsmanship displayed by all team members. I congratulate all of the following students on their efforts and wish the Booragul team all the best for their second round match: **Cooper Fisher, William Fisher, Brody Fayers, Zane Fryer, Kobe Garbett, Cruz Spencer, Max Buttsworth, Cameron Gawn, Josh Kellehear, Mason Rew, Beau Sharrock and Bailey Sutherland**. Members of the **girls softball team** and the **boys cricket team** are currently training with Mrs Priest and Mr Fisher for their first round matches which will take place next week.

P and C Golf Day

On behalf of everyone in our school community I thank **Joanna Mantle** and all members of the P and C executive for the time and effort they contributed to organising the "Golf Day" which was held last Sunday. I would also like to express my appreciation to all of the local businesses that provided sponsorships for the day or donated prizes. It was clear that all of the participants enjoyed testing themselves over the Toronto Country Club course. There were a number of notable performances on the day including "the schoolies" team of **Tom Bidstrup, James Fisher, James Picot and Matt Elston** coming a close second, **Jo Mantle** winning the prize for closest to the hole and **Matt Elston** taking out the longest drive!

I encourage parents and carers to come along to the next meeting of the P and C Association which will be held on Monday evening in the school staff room at 7pm.

Yours sincerely,

Nick Walker



Head Lice

Please check your children's hair regularly and treat immediately if you suspect an unwelcome visitor.



8.30am—3.00pm

Cash payments can be left in the payments slot after hours (right hand side of counter). EFTPOS only available before 3pm.

Yarn Knitting Group News

In week 4 the Yarn knitting group began. Stage 1 (Year 1 and Year 2) children HAVE BEEN ENTHUSIASTICALLY ENJOYING THE 'WOOL' EXPERIENCE. A very BIG thank you to our dedicated family volunteers—Melina, Robin, Narelle, Debra, Alison and Diane—who have patiently been inundated with our students' enthusiasm.

The group has been enjoying Wednesday lunch time (11-11.45) in the outdoors, 'yarning' pom-poms, French knitting, wool sewing, knitting and making dream catchers. Keep an eye out in the school playground for some of the students' work on show!

Donations of wool would be gratefully accepted and we look forward to updating pictures of some of the creations.

- Mrs B and Mrs Taylor



RATHY'S ROUNDUP



This week Rathy had a fabulous time in 1/2R. He was very impressed with everyone's beautiful manners and their amazing reading skills.



GARDENING CLUB



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 before 3pm.



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 15th March	2.15pm Infants Assembly in hall Senior Soccer Gala Day at Speers Point
Monday 18th March	2.15pm Primary Assembly in hall 7.00pm P&C Meeting in staffroom
Tuesday 19th March	Rugby 7s Gala Day at Alder Park
Thursday 21st March	Harmony Day at school
Friday 22nd March	2.15pm Infants Assembly in hall
Tuesday 26th March	School Photos

CANTEEN ROSTER

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

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

UNIFORM SHOP



EVERY MONDAY 8.30—10.00

IN THE HALL

Order forms and payment can be left at the school office. These will be processed the following Monday and can be collected after 10.30am.

COMMUNITY NOTICES



28 February 2019

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Service NSW is coming to Toronto

As a valued community member within the Lake Macquarie city, I wish to update you on the **new Service NSW Toronto Service Centre** opening at 9am on Friday 22 March 2019 which will be located at 25/25 Toronto Town Square Shopping Centre, 63 The Boulevard Toronto.

The new centre will provide access to hundreds of transactions including registration and driver licence renewals, Housing NSW payments, Fair Trading licences, Seniors Card applications, birth certificate applications and many more.

Opening hours for the new Service Centre are 9am – 4:30pm Monday to Friday.

Should you wish to complete transactions outside of these hours, please visit www.service.nsw.gov.au or download the Service NSW app, where many of our transactions are available online. Alternatively, you can contact us by calling 13 77 88 Monday to Friday 7am to 7pm.

Preview event

Service NSW will hold an exclusive preview event at the new Toronto Service Centre on Thursday 21 March 2019. This will be your opportunity to get a behind the scenes tour and to meet your local Service NSW team. An invitation will be sent shortly with the full agenda and details for the day.

Stay up to date

To stay up to date with what's happening at Toronto Service Centre, visit our website www.service.nsw.gov.au, find us on [facebook.com/ServiceNSWToronto](https://www.facebook.com/ServiceNSWToronto) or call 13 77 88.



Wangi RSL

Every Thursday night is SCHNITZEL NIGHT

Order a squid or chicken schnitzel,
nominate a local school (obviously
choose Rathmines!) and \$2 per schnitzel
will be donated to the school.

Wangi RSL
Watkins Road, Wangi Wangi

Small changes,
big differences.



FREE Parenting Program Triple P Group

***For families with a child or children (2 to 12 years) in their care**

Triple P helps you:

- Encourage better behaviour from your child
- Deal consistently and decisively with problem behaviour
- Develop positive relationships with your child
- Take the stress out of parenting

DATES: Tuesday 30th April & 7th, 14th & 21st May

TIME: 5:30pm – 7:30pm

VENUE: CALM office, 77 The Boulevard Toronto

Facilitators: Denise and Sue (CALM Family Support)

FOR INFORMATION AND TO REGISTER PHONE: **4950 3855**

Please note no child minding available at group.



www.triplep.net



DO YOU RECOGNISE THESE GLASSES?

They have been waiting
patiently in the school
office since last year to
be collected by their
owners.

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Active OOSH Rathmines April Vacation Care Program



Monday 15th April

Michelle's Magic

Create your own Easter coasters and mini mosaic pots to share with your family over the Easter break.

10am - 12:30pm

Creaturetoons Sculpture Making

Create your own dinosaur or mythical creatures during this hands on model making workshop. Use clay to bring your creatures to life.

OOSH World Cup

Enter the star studded competition to be crowned the Active OOSH handball king and queen.

Tuesday 16th April

Clip 'n Climb @ Gosford

Lets trek down the coast and climb the day away. Strap on your harness and enjoy the colourful climbing obstacles with your friends.

10:30am - 2:30pm

Speedy Slot Cars

Come in for a day of racing fun! Race around a DIY mobile slot car track. Enjoy the exhilarating experience.

Wicked Crafts

Five star variety of resources for the kids to design art and crafts of their choice.

Wednesday 17th April

Marvellous Movies

"Wonder Park"

Relax in style with your friends whilst enjoying a soothing drink and tasty popcorn

11am - 2pm

Groovy Tie Dye

Splash rainbow colours over your white garment to design a wicked pattern.

(BYO white item)

Super Survivor

You have been chosen to compete in the OOSH survivor! Make your way to the deserted island where tribes will be formed and rewards will be won! Will you be the next OOSH survivor?

Thursday 18th April

Hunter Sports Gymnasium Arena

Tackle the jungle fun, aerial madness, super tramps, tumbling zones then compete in the Olympic games quest.

9:30am - 1:30pm

Easter Delights

Use recycled materials to create your own Easter basket to collect the chocolate eggs you found in the royal OOSH Easter egg hunt. Decorate a stylish Easter hat to show off at the parade.

Thom's Classy Clinic

Train with Thom to learn new soccer skills to be picked in the Active OOSH squad.

Friday 19th Jan

Sorry we are closed for Good Friday.



We hope you have a fun and safe long weekend!

Nicole - 043 822 4914 - activeooshathmines@gmail.com

Monday 22nd April

Sorry we are closed for Easter Monday.



Tuesday 23rd April

Laser Tag Battle

Test your combat skills in the ultra modern battle arena. Strap on your pack and choose your weapon to enter the mission

12:3pm - 3:30pm

Ultimate Gamerz Video Van

Enjoy a video game party on wheels! Play games on the Wii, Xbox 360 and PS3. Use the giant screens inside the massive video games theatre for hours of fun and friendly competition.

10am - 12pm

Wednesday 24th April

Revolution Sports Park

Rock onto the best and bounciest inflatables in town. Try out the trickiest tramp arena and shoot a slam dunk like an NBA superstar!

11am - 3pm

AO My Kitchen Rules

Calling all master chefs! Test your cooking and baking skills as we create cultural dishes from around the globe. Who will be the judges champion?

Fit Fantastic Bootcamp

Enjoy indoor & outdoor games plus activities and races to keep you laughing, cheering & active.

Thursday 25th April



ANZAC Day.

Lest we forget. Sorry we are closed.

Friday 26th April

Civic Theatre Production

"Fantastic Mr Fox."

Venture into Newcastle's Civic Theatre to watch the notorious film in first class seating.

8:30am - 12:30pm

Face Painting Deluxe

The creative OOSH educators will transform your face into your favourite Fantastic Mr Fox character.

Cloud Dough Slime

Create your own fluffy, glittery slime to play with your friends.



Monday 27th April

Kids HQ @ Wyong

Dodge, crawl, spin and race through multiple levels of obstacles with your friends. Tackle the canon ball battle arena, bean bag slide, indoor soccer and the multi level foam ball mayhem.

8:30am - 3:30pm

How to Host a Mystery

Take part in this drama based murder mystery workshop. The workshop includes fun acting exercises with the chance to solve the theft. Do you think you can solve the mystery?

