

RATHMINES PUBLIC SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER

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From the Principal

Dear Parents and Carers,

*I commend all of our students for the sense of reverence and the self-discipline they displayed during the special ANZAC Day assembly conducted on Wednesday morning in our school hall. This gathering of our school community was a very meaningful and thought provoking commemoration of respect and gratitude to those who have made sacrifices in order to preserve the freedoms we enjoy in Australia today. It is always very pleasing to witness the ability of students at Rathmines Public to rise to the occasion and make a positive contribution to significant school events through their standard of behaviour. The singing of three 'ANZAC' songs and the flower laying by student representatives from all classes were highlights of a very moving ceremony. I offer special congratulations to the following school leaders for the manner in which they conducted the assembly: **Aislinn, Layla, Madison, Grace** and **James**. Special thanks must also be extended to **Helen Bristow, Ellouise Boyd and Troy McNamara** for their efforts in coordinating the assembly preparation, **Craig McDonald** who spoke to the assembly on behalf of the South Lake Macquarie RSL Sub Branch and **Mr Chris Smith** for playing the Last Post and Reveille.*

All students are encouraged to build on this display of respect for the

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

ANZAC heritage through participating in the ANZAC Day marches at Wangi Wangi and Rathmines on 25th April. Our school has an excellent tradition of involvement in these community celebrations. A special invitation is extended to the **Kinder** and **Year 6** students who are in their first and last years of primary school. The march at **Wangi Wangi** will commence at **10:00am** from Wangi Wangi Public School. Children need to meet Miss Case and Mr Picot at **9.30am** in Puna Road (behind Wangi school), while the **Rathmines** commemorative service will begin at **12:00 noon** outside the Rathmines Bowling Club. Mrs Bristow and I will meet the students at **11:45am** to assemble for the march. Students are asked to wear their complete and correct summer uniforms including their school hats. I am mindful that the involvement of children in these celebrations places extra demands on parents and I thank you in advance for your readiness to make this commitment.

2020 Kinder Enrolments

The enrolment process for the **Kindergarten class of 2020** has commenced and I encourage any parents who wish to enrol a child in Kinder next year to contact the school office as soon as possible. As in past years there will be an opportunity for children to join the "**Rathmines Rascals**" and "**Catalina Kids**" programs which will run over the last four weeks of Term 2 and on Fridays in Term 3. A flyer outlining all aspects of the 2020 Kinder transition process will be distributed to all parents and carers as well as the wider Rathmines community in the coming weeks. However, due to the limited places in the Rascals program, I advise parents not to delay in registering their interest for a child to participate.

Sports News

We were fortunate to have sunny weather for the running of our **Primary Cross Country Carnival** on Monday after the event had to be postponed due to the rain last Friday. The cross country course in Rathmines Park has to be one of the best and most picturesque in the Hunter region and all of the competitors clearly enjoyed testing themselves over the two or three kilometre tracks which run adjacent to the lake. On behalf of all the students and staff members I thank **Mr McNamara, Mr Bidstrup and Miss Case** for all their organisational efforts before and on the day of the carnival. Congratulations are extended to the following age champions and students who have been selected to represent our school at the **Westlakes Zone Cross Country Carnival** which will be held at Rathmines Park on **Monday 6th May**:

Age champions:

8/9 yrs Girl-**Chelsey T**

10 yrs Girl-**Tayla K**

11 yrs Girl-**Kenya**

12/13 yrs Girl-**Madeline**


8/9 yrs Boy-**Riley**

10 yrs Boy-**Dustin**


11 yrs Boy-**Zane**

12/13 yrs Boy-**Josh**

Cross Country representatives: Ruby, Tiana T, Milarn, Thomas R, Kaizen, Tiaki, Makenna, Charli E, Isabella B, Alex McD, Berrick, Kaiden, Layla, Makayla C, Ava G, Harry T, Kobe, Cruz S, Madison A, Abby O'C, Jamila, Beau, Cameron, Kai G.



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



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.

Woof!
Monday
is School Banking day.

From the Principal cont'd

All the boys in our school **Rugby 7's team** are to be commended on the way they represented our school while playing in the **Hunter Regional Finals** carnival last week. During the day they played against teams that had qualified for the finals due to their success at gala days held across the Hunter region and it was great to observe the way that they lifted their efforts to match it with the top teams from schools such as Hunter Valley Grammar and Bolwarra Public where rugby is the first choice sport at school and on the weekends! The intensity of attack and defence in every game led to a number of injuries and eventually the team was reduced to six rather battered and bruised players for the final match against Belmont Christian College. I congratulate all the boys on the team spirit and resilience they displayed and especially commend the team captain, **Bailey S**, for leading the way in attack and defence in every game. All players (and their parents) have welcomed the news that **Mason** is all ok, after having been taken to hospital by ambulance for precautionary x-rays when he was injured in our game against Edgeworth Public.



Easter Raffle

Many thanks to all families for the wonderful support given to the Easter Raffle and Sausage Sizzle conducted today by the school's P & C Association. All money raised through the sausage sizzle, the generous donation of Easter eggs and the purchase of raffle tickets will go towards the purchase of teaching and learning resources for use in our classrooms. Thanks also to the bbq chefs and to the many parents, carers and grandparents who came along to watch the hat parade.

Elizabeth Beach Holiday Winners

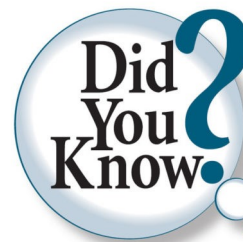
Congratulations to the Beatty family who were the winners of the weekend holiday at **Pacific Palms Caravan Park**. The names of all families who returned their **2019 Care Records** documentation by the due date went into the hat and one of our Special Ed students picked the winning ticket today. On behalf of our school community I sincerely thank **John Morley**, the manager of the caravan park, for donating this great prize. I am sure the Beatty family will have a wonderful time relaxing in such a beautiful part of the coast.

Autumn Holidays

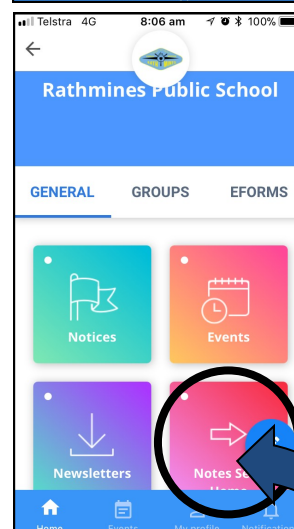
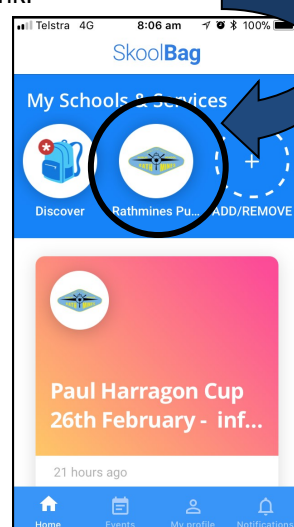
School will close for the autumn vacation tomorrow and will reopen on **Tuesday 30th April**. Best wishes to students, their families and members of staff for a relaxing and enjoyable break.

Yours sincerely,

Nick Walker



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.

STARSTRUCK

There is no limit to the talent of students at Rathmines!

Star Struck 2019 “NO Limits!”

Star Struck is a NSW Department of Education annual performing arts event for the Hunter and Central Coast. It is a showcase of dance, drama and music performed by students from Kindergarten to Year 12 from a vast network of NSW public schools.

Students from across the Hunter involved in Star Struck had the opportunity to audition for specialist dance groups for the show. Madison in year 6 and Mia in year 5 from Rathmines Public School were successful in gaining a position in the Primary Jazz Ensemble for the show to perform the item “Wings”. The girls performed at the Star Struck Launch at The Rooftop, Kotara Shopping Centre on Thursday night.

Madison was also successful in gaining a selection for the ballet ensemble to perform “When You Wish Upon a Star”. The girls will also dance with the rest of our Rathmines Star Struck group along with other schools for the items of ‘Kung Fu Fighting’ and ‘Can You Imagine That?’

Star Struck provides performance and learning opportunities for students in the arts and fosters an appreciation of the performing arts. The program brings together students from very small Primary Schools to large comprehensive High Schools from diverse backgrounds.

Star Struck is one of the largest performance events presented in the area and, as such, enjoys immense local support.

The tickets are available through Ticketek



Friday 14th June, 2019

ALL PERFORMERS

Newcastle Entertainment Centre **SHOW 1** 10.30am – 1.30pm

Newcastle Entertainment Centre **SHOW 2** 7.00pm – 10.00pm

Saturday 15th June, 2019

ALL PERFORMERS

Newcastle Entertainment Centre **SHOW 3** 2:00pm – 5:00pm

Newcastle Entertainment Centre **SHOW 4** 7:00pm - 10:00pm

GARDENING CLUB

Garden Club has got off to a wonderful start this year! The children have thoroughly enjoyed all the hands on activities.



Reaping the rewards of what we have



Choosing what plants to grow next



Our first stall...there will be more fresh produce to be sold later in the year. Thank you to those who contributed.



Enjoying the wonder of raising our own seeds from last year's crop.



Esitrot the Tortoise



A loved and healthy garden. Well Done Garden Club!

Whilst this hive of activity has been going on in our busy small groups lead by teachers and our volunteers, the children have simultaneously learnt a great deal about sustainable gardening: seed raising, composting and beneficial bugs that are being drawn to our garden by our Bug City built by the Austins.

A very big thank you to our incredible volunteers, Liz Johnstone and Bev & John Austin who have made these special experiences so enjoyable for our children. You are helping to form a wonderful garden community here at our school.

Our club is growing and help would be very welcomed and appreciated. If you are keen to join us as a [volunteer](#) at Tuesday recess, please leave your name and contact details with Jen at the office.

The Garden Club Team: Liz Johnstone, Bev Austin, Tina Buining-Horn, Steph Moore and Clare Taylor.

YOU CAN DO IT !

During Term One, Rathmines Public School has been working on developing our organisational skills. We have followed the 'You Can Do It' program and have discussed different ways we can be organised at home and at school.

Examples of Organised Behaviour:

- Making sure I understand my teachers instructions before I begin work
- Having all my school supplies ready
- Having a neat desk and school bag so I can find everything
- Planning when I'm going to do my homework so I have enough time
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How can Parents help develop organisational skills at home?

- Display visual routines so children can help get themselves ready each morning.
- Encourage goal setting such as "Over the holidays I will learn to make my bed".
- Set clear times for homework and home reading so students know the expectations.
- Allow students to help with packing or setting up for special events.

Last week the school joined together into mixed groups for our first 'You Can Do It' whole school session. Our Year 6 leaders led wonderful lessons based on the skill

of organisation. This featured a presentation and a hands on activity that was completely led by the Year 6 students. It was wonderful to see all of our students working together in different classrooms and sharing their learning.

We look forward to our next whole school session next term.

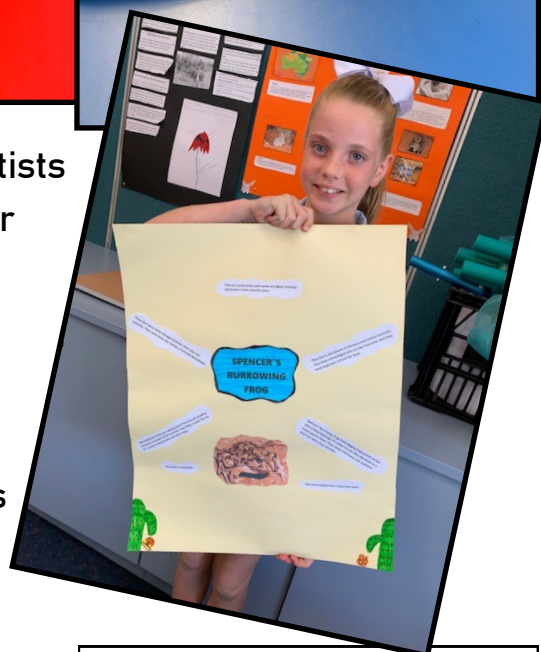
-Mrs Verschoor, YCDI Coordinator



SCIENCE FUN



Some budding scientists
studying leaf litter
And
Presentations
On
Desert Survivors



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



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

IMPORTANT DATES

| DATE | EVENT |
|--------------------|---|
| Friday 12th April | 2.15pm Infants Assembly Last day of Term 1 |
| Monday 29th April | Staff Development Day (no school for students) Uniform Shop 9.30—10.00 |
| Tuesday 30th April | Students return for Term 2 |
| Thursday 2nd May | Star Struck Rehearsal at Broadmeadow |
| Monday 6th May | Zone Cross Country at Rathmines foreshore |
| Wednesday 8th May | Star Struck rehearsal at Broadmeadow |

CANTEEN ROSTER

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|-------------------|---|
| Friday 12th April | L.Kerr, L.Feint, L.Johnstone, J.Gorick |
| Monday 29th April | Staff Development Day (no school) |
| Wednesday 1st May | L.Feint, A.Greenwood |
| Friday 3rd May | J.Gorick, B.Jenkins (am), L.Johnstone, L.Kerr |
| Monday 6th May | A.Lilliss, L.Bicanic |
| Wednesday 8th May | L.McAllister, S.Kay, K.Betteridge |

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

UNIFORM SHOP



PLEASE NOTE SPECIAL TIME

MONDAY 29TH APRIL 9.30—10.00 IN THE HALL

At other times 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 from the office.

COMMUNITY NOTICES

= ANZAC DAY =

THURSDAY 25TH APRIL - WANGI RSL

DAWN SERVICE

Assemble at front of Club at the Cenotaph
5.30am: Dawn Service to commence

CLUB MORNING SERVICES

Club opens at 6.00am
\$5.00 Breakfast Service in Club for attendees of the dawn service.
9.30am ALL BARS CLOSED

CLUB TRADING & ACTIVITIES

Club opens at conclusion of Service
Armoured Vehicles on foreshore
1.00pm - 4.00pm " TWO UP " in the Beer Garden
4.00pm Local Artist " REG SINCLAIR " Live



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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 you white garment to design a wicked pattern.

(BYO white item)

Super Survivor

You have been chosen to compete in the OOSH survival! 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

12:30pm - 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 game 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 educator 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 29th 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?

