

RATHMINES PUBLIC SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Term 2 Week 2, 2019



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From the Principal

Dear Parents and Carers,

The Australian Curriculum, Assessment and Reporting Authority (ACARA) is responsible for Australia's national reporting program, including the My School website. The My School website is updated annually with the previous year's NAPLAN results.

For several years, ACARA has released information on **schools demonstrating substantially above average gain** in student reading and/or numeracy achievement, as measured by NAPLAN, as students progress from Year 3 to Year 5 and from Year 7 to Year 9. The following extracts of correspondence received at the end of last term from David De Carvalho, the Chief Executive Officer of ACARA, highlight the fact that Rathmines Public has, for the second year in a row, been acknowledged by ACARA in this way.

"My School 2019 - congratulations

I am pleased to advise that ACARA has identified your school as having demonstrated substantially above average gain

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

in reading and/or numeracy achievement, as measured by NAPLAN.

On behalf of ACARA, I would like to extend my congratulations to you and your school community on this achievement. Improvement in student literacy and/or numeracy of this magnitude, as measured by NAPLAN, is significant and worthy of highlighting and acknowledging.

We will be providing journalists with the names of some schools that have been identified as having demonstrated substantially above average gain, as well as with embargoed access to the 2019 My School data. We will provide this information to media so leaders in schools with above average gain can talk about how they achieved these gains, and thereby enable other schools to learn from them."

To be once again recognised by ACARA in this way is further affirmation for the ongoing dedication of all staff members to provide the children in their care with a high quality and engaging learning environment. A review of the factors which contributed to the 2018 NAPLAN results highlights the effectiveness of the Explicit Instruction program which is in the fourth year of implementation at the school, the excellent level of collaboration between teachers and sharing of best practice, the ongoing implementation of the Targeted Early Numeracy program in Kinder and Stage 1 classes, the creative and productive use of technology, and the intervention and support programs which are in place at our school. I have no doubt that the increasing emphasis placed on student wellbeing, and the provision of a safe and supportive learning environment, are also very positive contributing factors.

I congratulate and thank all staff members on behalf of the parents, carers and students in our school community.

ANZAC Commemorations

Students from all grades should be proud of the manner in which they contributed to the ANZAC commemorative ceremonies conducted in the Wangi and Rathmines communities on ANZAC Day. The children once again rose to the occasion and represented our school with distinction. It was wonderful to see so many of our Kinder children marching and I encourage them to continue in this tradition throughout their primary schooling. I commend all the students on their willingness to give up some of their holiday time to attend these important events and thank all the parents and carers



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.



From the Principal cont'd

who facilitated the involvement of our students. I congratulate the school leaders who made special contributions to the community commemorations and thank them for their assistance in running the BBQ held at the school last week for all of our ANZAC March representatives. Special thanks also to **Helen Bristow, Niesa Case** and **James Picot** for helping with supervision of our students during the two marches.



2020 Kinder Enrolments

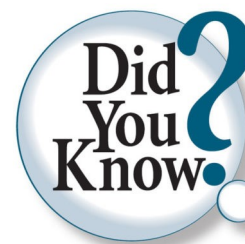
The enrolment process for the Kinder class of 2020 has commenced and I encourage any parents who wish to enrol a child in Kinder next year to contact the school as soon as possible. As in past years there will be an opportunity for children to participate in our Kinder transition program which includes:

- the **"Rathmines Rascals"** program which will run on Monday mornings over the last five weeks of this term
- the **"Catalina Kids"** transition program which will take place each Friday morning during term 3 and
- the traditional **Kindergarten Orientation Days and Parent Information Evening** which are held during term 4.

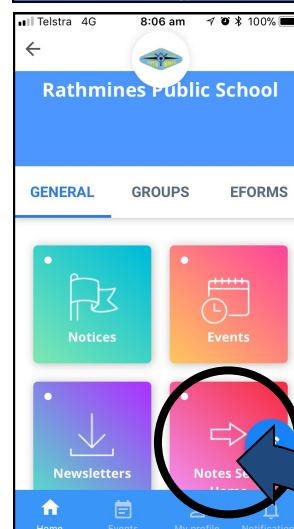
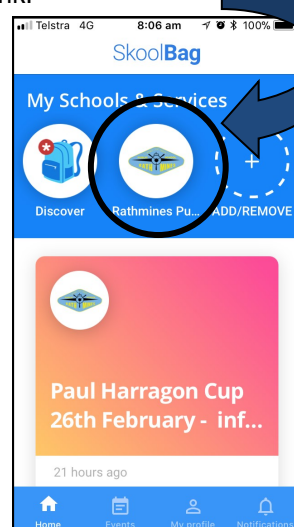
If you know of families who do not have children already enrolled at RPS but are intending to enrol a child in Kinder for next year please advise them to contact the school office in order to complete an expression of interest form. Enrolment interviews for new families will be conducted during week 4 of this term.

Opportunity Class Placements 2020

Opportunity classes cater for academically gifted and talented students who may otherwise be without sufficient classmates at their own academic and social level. These schools help gifted and talented students to learn by grouping them with other gifted and talented students, teaching them in specialised ways and providing educational materials at the appropriate level. Our local Opportunity Class is based at **Birraban Public School**. Parents and carers of students in Year 4 who are considering applying for entry to a Year 5 Opportunity Class in 2020 are advised that the application website is now open and applications close on Friday 17th May. It is



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

important to note that applications must be made online at: <https://education.nsw.au/selective-high-schools-and-opportunity-classes/year-5>

NAPLAN

On Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday next week all Year 3 and Year 5 students will participate in the 2019 National Assessment Program for Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN). NAPLAN assesses Reading, Writing, Spelling, Grammar and Numeracy. Parents and carers are asked to make a special effort to ensure that their child's attendance at school is not disrupted on the NAPLAN testing days. It is important to remember that NAPLAN tests are not pass/fail tests. It is one of a number of important tools used by teachers to measure student progress. NAPLAN assesses the literacy and numeracy skills that students are already learning through the school curriculum. Teachers have ensured that students are familiar with the test formats and have been provided with appropriate support and guidance.

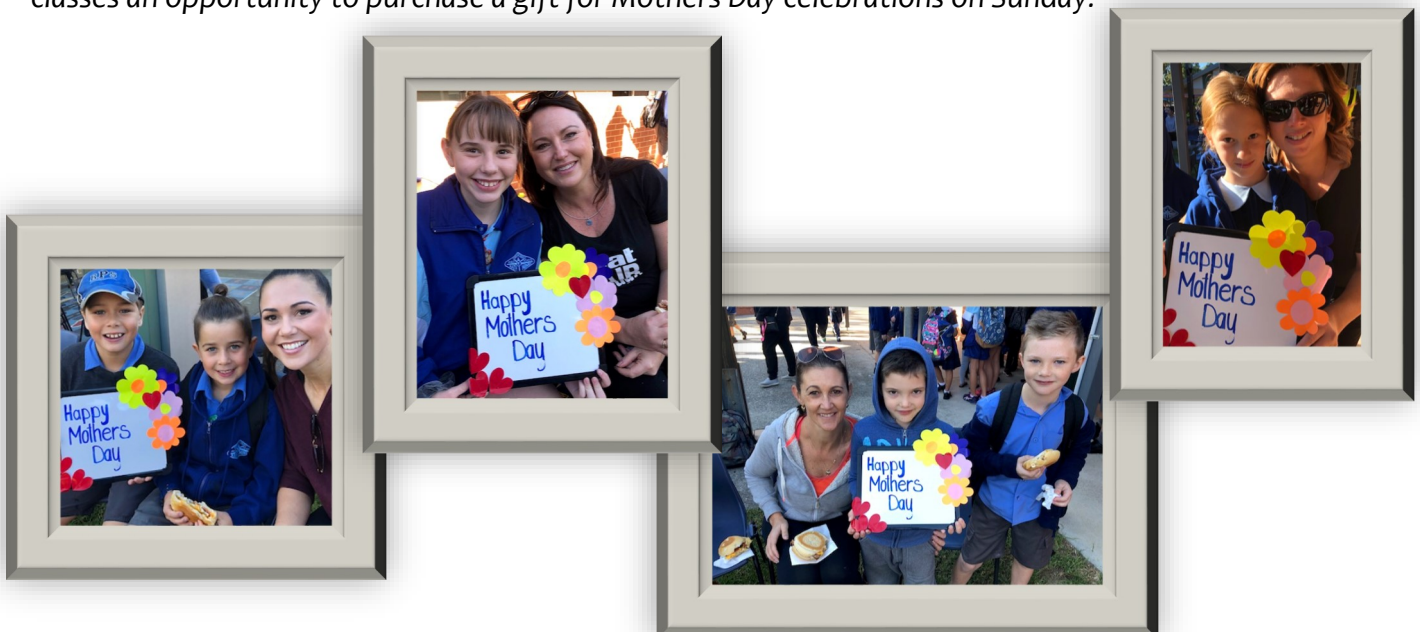
Star Struck 2019

Our school has a long tradition of involvement in Star Struck. Students in our senior classes have once again been given an opportunity to be selected in the Star Struck team and to be involved in the 2019 production of **"No Limits"**. This is an amazing opportunity to combine with many schools from the Central Coast and Hunter regions to perform an extravaganza of dance, drama and music at The Newcastle Entertainment Centre. We are indebted to **Cherylin Seymour** and **Ellouise Boyd** for contributing so much time and effort to coordinating our school's involvement in Star Struck 2019. I take this opportunity to also congratulate the following members of our Star Struck team and to wish them the best for what I am sure will be a rewarding and inspiring experience:

Maddie S, Will F, Abby O-W, Aislinn, Madison A, Layla, Cameron, Natalie, Ava G, Almira, Jade G, Aimee, Charli E, Mia G, Isabella B, Dakota, Lara R and Grace P.

Mothers Day

It was wonderful to have so many mothers, aunts, grandmothers and women who play special roles in the lives of our students come along and join us for our **Mothers Day Breakfast** this morning. I thank all of the staff members who assisted in cooking and serving up the high quality bacon and egg rolls from 8:00am and also thank the parents who ran the Mothers Day stall which provided the children in all classes an opportunity to purchase a gift for Mothers Day celebrations on Sunday.



From the Principal cont'd

Sports News

I congratulate all of the students who represented our school at the **Westlakes Cross Country Carnival** on Monday not only for their efforts while competing but also for their exemplary behaviour while waiting for their races. It is always very pleasing to observe the high levels of self discipline and cooperation displayed by our students in comparison to the behaviour exhibited by some students from other schools when they are attending Zone sports events. Special congratulations are extended to **Josh** and **Harrison** who were selected to represent Westlakes at the **Hunter Cross Country Carnival on Friday 31st May**.

Our school **netball team** is training hard in preparation for their second round PSSA match against Coal Point Public next week. Miss Boyd was very pleased with the skills and teamwork displayed by the girls and boys in their convincing win against Cooranbong Public last week and commented particularly on how quickly the boys have adapted to the rules of netball.

I am sure all staff, parents and students join with me in congratulating **Cameron** on his achievements at the **NSW PSSA Swimming Championships**. Cameron trained very hard in the lead up to this elite swimming event and was rewarded with a 4th place in the 50m backstroke, a 5th in the 50m butterfly and a 7th placing in the 50m freestyle!

Yours sincerely,

Nick Walker

EXTENDED LEAVE

ARE YOU GOING ON A HOLIDAY DURING SCHOOL TERM?



If so, you will need to complete an *Application for Extended Leave form*. Please see Jen or Kate in the office before you go, or email the school for a copy.



Thanks.

LIBRARY NEWS



Premiers' Reading Challenge.

Don't forget that the PRC is nearly half way through! All Stage 2 and 3 students should have at least 8 books on their log by next week to be on track.

If you are logging books online go to <https://online.det.nsw.edu.au/prc/home.html> and use the same user name and password students use to log on the school computers. Alternatively, either scan the PRC QR code that is displayed around the school or use the link placed on the student portal.

Some students have elected to use a paper log. Make sure you keep this in a safe place ready to show me on check in days and to hand in at the end of the challenge.

Mrs Priest

WOOLWORTHS EARN AND LEARN

We are excited to be taking part in the 2019 Woolworths Earn & Learn program.

During the previous campaign, we were able to purchase some great resources with the points we earned (15,800 stickers), thanks to you!

From now until June 25th, 2019, you can collect stickers at Woolworths that go towards Earn & Learn points. For every \$10 you spend at Woolworths (excluding the purchase of tobacco, liquor and gift cards), you will receive a sticker. These stickers can then be given to your children to collect on a special sticker sheet. Once it is completed, they can simply bring it back here to school (our box is in the office) or you can drop them into your local Woolworths collection box.



The more points we earn, the more we can redeem from a choice of over 10,000 educational resources including mathematics and English resources, art & crafts materials and much, much more!

We are grateful for your support and look forward to a successful program .

- Mrs McNulty

NETBALL NEWS

Last Thursday, the boys and girls PSSA netball team played round 1 against Cooranbong PS. The team played excellently and won the game 23-10. Congratulations to Lara, Ava, Layla, Beau, Jamelia, Kenya, Bailey, Cameron and William. The team will play round 2 against Coal Point PS next Wednesday.



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 10th May	2.15pm Infants Assembly
Tuesday 14th-Thursday 16th May	NAPLAN Years 3 and 5
Wednesday 15th May	12.15pm Girls Netball at Coal Point
Thursday 16th May	Touch Football (girls and boys) at Cooranbong
Friday 17th May	2.15pm Infants Assembly
Monday 20th May	9.30am Girls Soccer v. Wyee at Rathmines
	2.15pm Primary Assembly

CANTEEN ROSTER

Friday 10th May	L.Feint, L.Johnstone, B.Ward, T.Warner
Monday 13th May	G.Weston, J.Lowe
Wednesday 15th May	A.Telfer, K.Betteridge, S.Kay
Friday 17th May	J.Gorick, R.Cross, S.Matthews, L.Johnstone
Monday 20th May	J.Bracken, A.Alley
Wednesday 22nd May	E.Spencer, M. Breith

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

POSITION VACANT



VOLUNTEER BANKING COORDINATOR NEEDED. If you can spare an hour or two each Monday morning at school to process student banking, we would love to hear from you! Please direct any enquiries to the office.

COMMUNITY NOTICES



BRASS BAND & PERCUSSION WORKSHOP

Sunday 26 May 2019 9am—3pm

Westlakes Music Centre, Rathmines

Come and join the band for an exciting day of Brass and Percussion!

Professional Brass & Percussion Tutors will help you to improve your playing.
Experience the fun of playing in a Brass Band.

Play in a concert at the end of the day for your parents and friends.

Lunch and refreshments provided free for participants.



NO COST to participants. Bring your own instrument.

To register your interest email torontobrassband@gmail.com

Include in your email your name, age, school, instrument and how long you have played

YOU'RE INVITED TO WANGI WANGI FIRE STATION



**OPEN DAY
2019**

FROM 10AM - 2PM
SAT 18TH MAY

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1st May 2019

Dear Parent/Carer,

Hunter Valley Buses (HVB) are writing to you as a provider of school bus services to your child's school. HVB would like to address some concerns regarding the current use of School Opal Cards.

Transport for NSW (TfNSW) provides eligible school students with free or subsidised travel under the School Student Transport Scheme (SSTS) between home and school during school terms. There is no provision under the scheme to fund the carriage of students to or from any other location.

When using a School Opal Card, it is a condition of use that students must tap on at the beginning of a trip and tap off at the end of a trip at an Opal Card reader.

Our data indicates that only 40% of students with School Opal Cards are using them correctly.

Data gathered from Opal taps are used to determine the number of services provided to your school. If students don't tap on and tap off, lack of perceived patronage could lead to a service appearing underutilised, prompting a review of the number of services provided.

As a part of our campaign and ongoing commitment to provide the level of service needed for your school, HVB may have visible presence of Customer Support Officers both on buses and at schools to assist students in the correct use of School Opal Cards.

HVB are asking that students become aware of the following travel options to avoid any possible repercussions with either our Customer Support Team or TfNSW Revenue Protection Officers:

School Opal Card

Eligible students can apply or update their details online at:

<https://apps.transport.nsw.gov.au/ssts>

Students who are not eligible for a free School Opal Card have the following options:

School Term Bus Pass

Students who don't qualify for free school travel, may be eligible to purchase a School Term Bus Pass

<https://apps.transport.nsw.gov.au/ssts/#/termBusPass>





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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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.