

RATHMINES PUBLIC SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Term 2 Week 4, 2019



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From the Principal

Dear Parents and Carers,

Reconciliation Australia has announced that the theme of this year's National Reconciliation Week (NRW) is **"Grounded in Truth: Walk Together with Courage"**. Announcing the theme for 2019 Reconciliation Australia's Chief Executive Officer, Karen Mundine, commented on the fact that Reconciliation is ultimately about relationships and that like all effective relationships, the one between Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people and other Australians must be grounded in truth. During this very special week on our national calendar Reconciliation Australia is inviting all Australians to learn more about Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander cultures and histories and to share that knowledge and help us grow as a nation. NRW is held annually from 27th May to 3rd June and is preceded by National Sorry Day on 26th May. The two dates commemorate two significant milestones in the reconciliation journey — the successful 1967 referendum in which there was overwhelming support for Aboriginal people being included in the census, and the High Court Mabo decision which acknowledged native title and was a landmark

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

step in the struggle for land rights. National Reconciliation Week (NRW) is a time for all Australians to learn about our shared histories, cultures and achievements, and to explore how each of us can contribute to achieving reconciliation in Australia. During Reconciliation Week we will hold a special Reconciliation Assembly and children in all classes will be involved in appropriately graded activities designed to foster their knowledge and understanding of Reconciliation and the importance of building positive respectful relationships between Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples and other Australians. I take this opportunity to thank all members of the school's Aboriginal education committee for the leading role they have played in promoting this very important week of learning in our school year.

Catalina Festival

I congratulate and thank **Mrs Russell** and the girls in our **school aerobics team** for giving up their time last Sunday to perform at the Catalina Festival. The girls were wonderful representatives for our school and the entertainment they provided was much appreciated by the large crowd as evidenced by the fact that, after the performance, Mrs Russell was asked by a number of organisations if the aerobics team could perform at their upcoming events!



Capital Works

Work will commence tomorrow on the refurbishment of the 3/4ZS classroom, the Stage 2 verandah and the walkway leading from the administration building to the Stage 1 classrooms. During this time the children in 3/4ZS will "migrate" (once again!) to the school hall. We are endeavouring to minimise disruptions to normal school routines while the capital works are being completed but we will unfortunately have to cancel the infants and primary assemblies.

Sports News

I congratulate the members of our **girls soccer** and **boys touch football** teams on their successful start to their respective PSSA competitions. The girls recorded a convincing win against Wyee Public on Monday and the boys followed this up with a win against Cooranbong yesterday. I thank **Rebecca Priest** and **Niesa Case** for their readiness to give up so much of their time to coach these representative teams.



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.



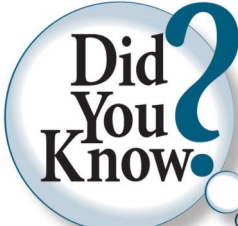
From the Principal cont'd

Each year students have the opportunity to trial for selection in Westlakes Zone teams and, if they perform exceptionally well at that level, they may be selected to represent the Hunter region at NSW PSSA Championships. **Joshua K** is currently in Sydney participating in the NSW PSSA AFL Championships and earlier this term **Beau** had the honour of representing Hunter at the NSW PSSA Basketball Championships in Maitland. I congratulate both boys on their achievements and commend them for being great representatives for our school while competing at the state carnivals.

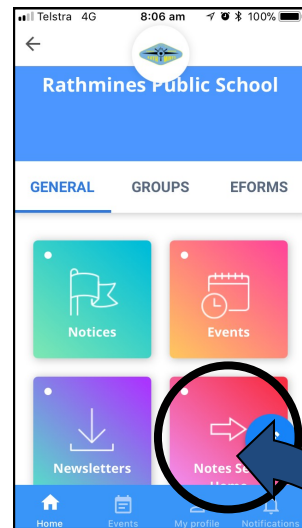
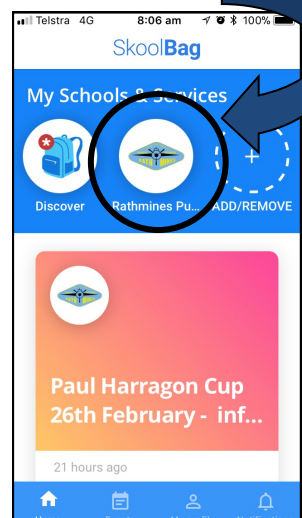


Yours sincerely,

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.

ATTENDANCE REQUIREMENTS

Regular attendance at school is important for students to reach their potential. The school is required by law to record the reason for any absences of students.

Parents/caregivers must ensure their children attend school every day. On occasion, your child may need to be absent from school. Justified reasons for student absences may include:

- being sick or having an infectious disease
- having an unavoidable medical appointment
- being required to attend a recognised religious holiday
- exceptional or urgent family circumstances e.g. attending a funeral

There are several ways to communicate your child's absence to the school.

- Skoolbag App
- Direct school email: rathmines-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au
- Note from the parent/caregiver

Please note: A phone call may be made to the school regarding a student absence, however the parent/caregiver must also provide an explanation in writing.

Parents or carers are required to explain any absence of their children within 7 days from the first day of any period of absence. Where an explanation has not been received within the 7-day timeframe, the school will record the absence as unjustified on the student's record.

Late arrivals

It is recommended that students be at school no later than 8.50am so there is enough time for your child to make a smooth transition from playground to classroom. If your child is late, you and the child are to report directly to the office prior to going to the classroom to explain the reason for being late and to obtain a late arrival pass.

Rathmines Public School hours

- First bell at 8.50am
- Class bell at 9am
- End of school day bell at 3pm

LIBRARY NEWS



This Wednesday our school library will again be participating in the annual event National Simultaneous Storytime. All students are invited to the library at lunch where two of our fabulous library monitors will read the book *Alpacas with Maracas* by Matt Cosgrove, share a selection of colouring in activities and keep you entertained with a Lego challenge.

National Simultaneous Storytime (NSS) is held annually by the Australian Library and Information Association (ALIA). Every year a picture book, written and illustrated by an Australian author and illustrator, is read simultaneously in libraries, schools, pre-schools, childcare centres, family homes, bookshops and many other places around the country. Now in its 19th successful year, it is a colourful, vibrant, fun event that aims to promote the value of reading and literacy, using an Australian children's book that explores age-appropriate themes, and addresses key learning areas of the National Curriculum for Foundation to Year 6.

All students are invited to join in the fun!

- 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

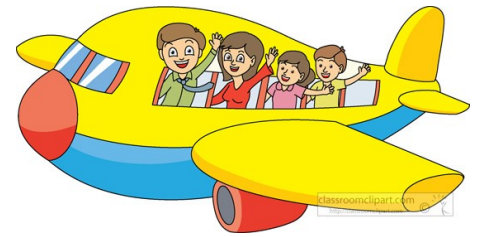
GIRLS SOCCER

On Monday 20th May, the girls Soccer team hosted Round 2 of the PSSA Soccer knockout competition against Wyee Public School. With an amazing effort from our defence line-up and the persistence of our midfield and strikers, the girls were able to bring home a 7-0 victory! What a fantastic result! The team will continue to train, ready for the Round 3 clash in the coming weeks.



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.

STAR STRUCK



2019 Star Struck
No Limits

Newcastle Entertainment Centre

Friday 14 June 10:30am & 7pm	Saturday 15 June 2pm & 7pm
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Tickets through Ticketek 4921 2121
★ www.starstruck.schools.nsw.gov.au ★

On Sale NOW








THANK YOU

Breakfast Club

Rathmines School gratefully acknowledges the financial support of the following:

Wangi District Workers Club

Wangi Lions

Rathmines Bowling Club (Club Catalina)

Catalina Players Inc.

Rathmines IGA

Rathmines & Wangi Pharmacies

Wangi Bakehouse



This continued support allows us to provide Breakfast Club
to students 8.30am to 9.00am Monday to Friday.

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
Tuesday 28th May	Sausage sizzle fundraiser
Thursday 30th May	Star Struck major rehearsal
Monday 3rd June	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 9.30-11.00 Rascals playgroup for 2020 Kinders Girls Softball Gala Day
Wednesday 12th June	Star Struck major rehearsal
Thursday 13th June	Star Struck technical & dress rehearsal
Friday 14th June	Star Struck performances
Infants and Primary Assemblies	Postponed until further notice due to refurbishment of classrooms. Updates will be posted on the Skoolbag app.

CANTEEN ROSTER

Friday 24th May	J.Bennett, L.Kerr, T.Warner, V.Ryan, L.Johnstone
Monday 27th May	L.Kerr, C.Wethered
Wednesday 29th May	J.Sharp, K.Grant
Friday 31st May	J.Gorick, L.Johnstone, J.Jessop, N.Hinchliffe, K.Glyntzos
Monday 3rd June	A.Lillis, B.Bicanic
Wednesday 5th June	L.McAllister, C.Metcalf

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



OFFICE HOURS

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.



Head lice

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

COMMUNITY NOTICES

 **Household Chemical CleanOut**

Waste matters

CleanOut your household chemicals the right way

FREE SERVICE

Saturday 1 June Rathmines

Rathmines Park 9—3.30pm



Looking to make your special event shine? Jenn will put a smile on faces as she transforms them into works of art!



WOWFACE & BODYART
 P: 0412 449 114
 E: wowfaba@gmail.com
 @wowfaceandbodyart

Party Prices 2019/20 * travel may incur extra fee

\$110 - 1 hour	(approx 10 faces)
\$160 - 1.5 hours	(approx 15 faces)
\$200 - 2 hours	(approx 20 faces)

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RATHMINES PUBLIC SCHOOL P&C
PRESENTS

RATHMINES FUN FAIR

SATURDAY 19TH OCTOBER

20 Secret Corner Road, Rathmines

FOOD FUN MARKET STALLS CHILDREN'S ACTIVITIES

10AM - 2PM

FOLLOW US @RATHMINESFUNFAIR



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.

Phone: +0438 224 914

Email:

activeooshrathmines@gmail.com

Website: activeooshnsw.com

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.

Absence Note

My child of class.....

was absent on (date/s).....

due to (reason).....

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