

RATHMINES PUBLIC SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Term 2 Week 6 2019



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From the Principal

Dear Parents and Carers,

*I believe there is value in taking some time each year to highlight two important documents which provide our school with direction as we endeavour to develop a safe and supportive learning environment for our students. The **Wellbeing Framework** has been developed by the Department of Education for implementation in all schools. The framework highlights the following expectations in terms of behaviour, discipline and character education:*

- Every school will implement a comprehensive and inclusive strategy to create an environment with clearly defined behavioural expectations.
- All members of the school community should consistently implement the agreed strategy to create a positive teaching and learning environment.
- The school recognises the importance of developing and shaping the character of the individual and maximises opportunities for personal growth.
- Students have a responsibility to be active learners who exercise

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

self-regulation appropriate to their age and level of understanding.

- Parents and caregivers play an important role in working with the school to develop their child's understandings, skills and character.
- Teaching and learning is not disrupted by unacceptable behaviour in the classroom, on the playground and in activities for which the school is responsible.

The **Behaviour Code for Students** which has been formulated by the DEC in conjunction with the Wellbeing Framework is a valuable guide for all students in terms of the school's expectations for student behaviour. **I encourage parents and carers to read through and discuss the code with their children.**

"NSW public schools are committed to providing safe, supportive and responsive learning environments for everyone. We teach and model the behaviours we value in our students.

In NSW Public Schools students are expected to:

- **Respect other students, their teachers and school staff and community members**
- **Follow school and class rules and follow the directions of their teachers**
- **Strive for the highest standards in learning**
- **Respect all members of the school community and show courtesy to all students, teachers and community members**
- **Resolve conflict respectfully, calmly and fairly**
- **Comply with the school's uniform policy or dress code**
- **Attend school every day (unless legally excused)**
- **Respect all property**
- **Not be violent or bring weapons, illegal drugs, alcohol or tobacco into our schools**
- **Not bully, harass, intimidate or discriminate against anyone in our schools**

Schools take strong action in response to behaviour that is detrimental to self or to the achievement of high quality teaching and learning.

Star Struck

Mrs Seymour, Miss Boyd and all the students in the 2019 Star Struck team are going through the final preparations leading up to the extremely busy but always exciting and rewarding Star Struck week which commences after the long weekend. **The dedication and commitment of this group was highlighted this week when they went ahead with their scheduled dance practice under the COLA at 8:00am despite the wild, wet and windy weather!** Last Thursday the children participated in a major rehearsal at the



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!

FRIDAY IS NOW BANKING DAY.

Bank books should be handed to the class teacher at roll call each **Friday** morning. Deposits will be processed and books returned before the end of the day.



From the Principal cont'd

Entertainment Centre for the performances which will take place next week. I take this opportunity to not only wish all team members the best for their upcoming Star Struck experience but also to thank Cherylin and Ellouise for all the energy, enthusiasm and effort they have contributed to supporting our school's involvement in Star Struck 2019 and offer special thanks to **Mark Seymour** for volunteering so much of his time to support our students.

School Debating

Our two school debating teams, the "Rathmines Raiders" and "Rathmines MMnM's" have been developing their debating skills during this term under the guidance of **Mrs Bristow** and **Mr Rucroft**. The children are looking forward to their first home debate of the 2019 season which will be against the Black and Gold teams from **Coal Point Public** on Friday. Many thanks to Helen and Jason for giving up their time to share their expertise and interest in the art of debating with our students.

"Breakfast Club" Donation

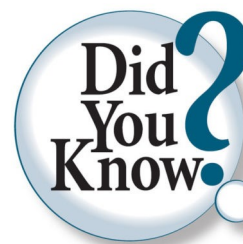
Our school breakfast club is an important aspect of the student well-being program which we are implementing at RPS. Each day up to 80 and sometimes 90 children are served a light breakfast or "top up" by our brekky club volunteers and it is always very pleasing to be able to sit with the children and observe the genuine appreciation they have for this service. The efficient operation of the breakfast club has recently been enhanced by a donation of **\$1000 from the Wangi Lions Club** which has enabled the school to purchase two new commercial grade toasters. On behalf of all our breakfast club volunteers and the Rathmines students I thank the members of the Lions Club for this kind donation.

Sports News

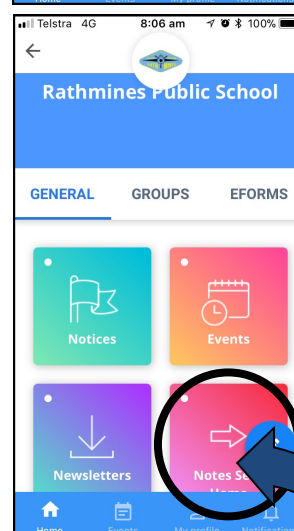
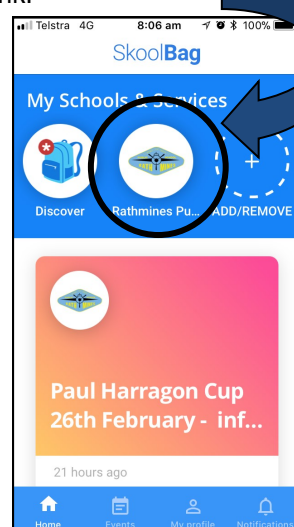
Term Two continues to be a busy period in the sporting calendar. **Mrs Priest** and **Mrs Cox** have included a match report relating to the **girls softball gala day** which was held at Mayfield on Monday and next week, our **girls and boys basketball teams** will travel into Newcastle with **Mr Elston** to represent RPS in the PSSA Hunter Basketball Carnival. I congratulate the softball girls on their team performance and wish the basketball teams the best of luck for their carnival. I also take this chance to thank all members of staff who give up so much of their time to coach our PSSA representative sporting teams.

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.

BEE BOTS

Buzzing with Bee-Bots



The whole school has been 'buzzing' about the arrival of our programmable robots called 'Bee-Bots'! Students program or 'code' Bee-Bots to move forwards, backwards or turn, using buttons on their back. Using these robots requires our students to be critical and creative thinkers. They help prepare our students for our rapidly changing world, by requiring them to use problem solving skills and collaboration. But most importantly they make learning fun! Look out for some other new robots later on in the year and for how we are using online coding. Watch this space!



-Mrs Mitchell

Here students are programming Bee-Bots to sequence the life cycle of a frog.



LIBRARY NEWS

I would like to take this opportunity to thank our lovely library monitors Grace P. and Caitlin W. for hosting our National Simultaneous Story Time. The students who visited the library for this event thoroughly enjoyed the book *Alpacas with Maracas* by Matt Cosgrove being read to them by these two girls and the activities that followed. Rathmines Public School students were among the 1,085,537 children who participated in this event Australia wide. Now in its 19th successful year, it is a colourful, vibrant, fun event that aims to promote the value of reading and literacy. Below are some photos of the event and the Lego challenge for your enjoyment.

- 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

YOU CAN DO IT!

During the last 5 weeks the students from K-6 have been working on the 'You Can Do It' skill getting along.

Getting along means that young children work and play together nicely. It means that children are friendly, tell the truth and care about others. When young children get along, they follow the important rules of the home, school and classroom. They also want to help to make their home and school cleaner and safer.

On Thursday the students mixed together to form our 'You Can Do It' groups. Our Year 6 leaders led us through a PowerPoint highlighting the skills we have studied and then helped us demonstrate these skills to master some tricky skills such as skipping and elastics.

How can you support our 'You Can Do It' program at home?

Recognise positive examples of getting along behaviour

Examples include:

- Plays well with friends
- takes turns when playing with others
- asks nicely to join in a game
- asks for help politely
- listens to others when they talk
- does what his/her parents and teachers ask him/her to do
- Makes an effort to be nice to someone who seems to be upset.



Praise your child for demonstrating getting along behaviour

- 'You are really good at helping others'.
- Thank you for telling the truth'.
- 'Good for you. You are really trying to get along with your friends'
- 'You are a good listener'
- 'Thank you for being patient and waiting until I was finished talking. That is very mature behaviour'.

Practical things you can do to help your child get along:

- Acknowledge and praise your child when he/she is demonstrating good getting along skills.
- Teach your child what to say when he/she meets someone new.
- Teach your child to take turns
- Teach your child the importance of not saying mean things to someone else.
- Provide opportunities for your child to share their things with others.
- Teach your child that they do not have to be the best at everything.



SOFTBALL GALA DAY

On Monday 3rd June, the girls softball team proudly represented our school at the PSSA Softball Gala Day at Stevenson Park, Mayfield West. The girls have been training hard two mornings a week since early term one! The gala day consisted of three games to be played in a knockout format. Due to a couple of teams withdrawing last minute, we were only able to play two of those games and had one bye.

Our first game was played against Biddabah PS. Rathmines and Biddabah played round one last year with a very narrow result. This year the teams were both tied with 9 runs each after the first innings. The second innings put Biddabah in the lead by 4 runs. Unfortunately time had run out to play a third innings with Biddabah awarded the win and Rathmines knocked out of the official competition. This was a shame as our team were in for a very high chance of victory! The second game was played against Wyee PS. The Rathmines girls were able to bring home the win with 16 runs to 6. Woo Hoo!!

All of our girls played extremely well and should be commended for their dedication to the team. Special mention to our pitcher Lara R. and catcher Ally M. for keeping calm under pressure and Kenya for the best catch of the day. Of course none of this would have been possible without the support from the parents on the day and an extra special thank you to Alyce Cox. On top of her special education duties, she has given up early mornings to set up, train and guide our team with her extensive softball experience. You are a gem Ms Cox!

Mrs Priest



SCIENCE NEWS



1W has had fun with Mrs Burns learning about the life cycle of a butterfly, using pasta to represent each life cycle stage.



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
Friday 7th June	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Debating Teams v. Coal Pt - at RPS Wonai Excursion
Tuesday 11th June	Basketball Gala Day
Wednesday 12th June	Star Struck major rehearsal
Thursday 13th June	Star Struck technical & dress rehearsal
Friday 14th June	Star Struck performances
Monday 17th June	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 9.30am Rascals Playgroup 7.00pm P&C Meeting in staffroom
Infants and Primary Assemblies	Postponed until further notice due to refurbishment of classrooms. Updates will be posted on the Skoolbag app.

CANTEEN ROSTER

Friday 7th June	L. Feint, L.Johnstone, R.Jenkins, B.Ward
Monday 10th June	PUBLIC HOLIDAY
Wednesday 12th June	A.Telfer, S.Kay, K.Betteridge
Friday 14th June	R.Cross, R.Jenkins, L.Johnstone, J.Gorick
Monday 17th June	J.Bracken, A.Alley, J.Lowe
Wednesday 19th June	E.Spencer, M. Breith

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



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

Your Invitation

We would like to invite all
Girls & Boys aged 5 to 17 years

Adults are needed to be leaders and part of the group support committee.
Join with your family - and help your children reap the benefits
of over 110 years of doing it right

To be a part of
Carey Bay/ Toronto Scout Group

And attend our
Information & Fun Day

Our aim is for the community to restart your Scout Group

On Sunday June 16th from 10am – 2pm
Scout Hall 74 Excelsior Parade Toronto

Scouts NSW is an approved provider of the Active Kids rebate \$100 voucher
(Registrations for 12 months)

For more information contact:
Diane Bellette – akeladi@bigpond.com
Bryce Hoffmann – 0438 742 910 or DCLMC@hcregion.com.au



Scouts
AUSTRALIA

Wangi Family Day Care

Current vacancies: 1 position on a
Tuesday and 2 positions on a Thursday

For children 2 months to 7 years with flexible hours
and CCS available.

I value a safe and educational play-based learning
environment and provide your child with a 'home
away from home'

My program caters to your child's interests and
needs with a dedication towards teaching school
readiness-based activities. My teaching and
learning programs embrace preparation for school,
friendships, inclusion and responsibility.

Experienced educator with 12 years experience and
registered with Lake Macquarie Family Day Care

Call Julie on 0438 753 031

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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



Active OOSH Rathmines provides professional, cost effective child care for before school, after school and vacation care.

Wanting your child to be involved in extra curricular activities without the running around and cost, look no further then Active OOSH Rathmines. We aim to provide a wide variety of experiences to enhance children's development, encourage individual interests and foster independence. Some of our amazing programs include:

- Cooking classes
 - Little Einsteins (science)
 - Dance
 - Drama
 - Soccer
 - Art
 - Yoga
 - Homework Club
 - Active OOSHIES
- Plus much more!!!



BSC: 6:30am-9:00am ASC: 2:30pm-6:00pm
 Please enquire via phone, email or facebook
 Phone Number: 0438224914
 Email: activeooshathmines@gmail.com
 Facebook: Active OOSH Rathmines

Absence Note

My child of class.....

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

due to (reason).....

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Signed (Parent / Guardian)..... Date:.....

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