

RATHMINES PUBLIC SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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From the Principal

Dear Parents and Carers,

All Parents, Carers, Grandparents and family members are invited to join with staff and students for the **Semester One Whole School Assembly** which will commence at **1:30pm** sharp on **Thursday 4th July** in our school hall. The program for the assembly will include performances by Miss Watson's **Choral Singers**, Mr Fisher's **Guitar Group**, Mrs Russell's **Aerobics Team**, and a much anticipated return of the "**Wrathminers**" who have been pleased to welcome **James Picot's** uncle and **Jason Ruecroft's** grandfather into their talented troupe of teacher musicians.

In addition, class items will include:

- a "Minecraft Education" presentation by children in Miss Case's 4C class
- examples of Writing excellence from 5/6M
- "wax museum" presentations by stage three

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

Semester One Reports


The semester one reports which will be sent home in the last week of term are designed to provide parents and carers with feedback regarding student achievement levels as well as areas of strength and areas for development in all of the key learning areas. I take this opportunity to thank all teachers for the time and effort they have contributed to the preparation of the semester one reports. I encourage parents and carers to take the time to read through the reports with their children and to use the documentation as a guide to setting student learning goals to work towards, during the second half of the year. This will greatly enhance the value of the assessment and reporting process. It is always particularly pleasing to read the comments made by class teachers in regard to students' application to, and engagement in, their learning as it is this attitude which is the key to each child reaching his or her potential. Any parents or carers who wish to arrange an interview to discuss the semester one report with their class teacher are asked to contact the relevant teacher at the start of next term.

Djuki Mala experience

The children in our Wondai group were very fortunate to be invited by Toronto Public School to attend an amazing performance by **Djuki Mala** at the Spiegel tent in Civic Park last week. The following quotes from local media give some background to the nature and quality of the Djuki Mala dancers.

"Direct from Elcho Island, Djuki Mala perform a high-energy and stunning fusion of traditional Indigenous culture, contemporary dance and storytelling. Djuki Mala, meaning "chooky mob", began in 2007 when a group of young dancers from Elcho Island in North East Arnhem Land uploaded their interpretation of Zorba The Greek. The clip went viral and has since attracted 2.9 million views on YouTube. In the 12 years since, the show has toured around Australia multiple times, earned five-star reviews at the Edinburgh Fringe Festival and earlier this year they appeared on Canadian breakfast television..... If there is one thing Baykali Ganambar, lead dancer with the dance sensation Djuki Mala wants people to take away from their upcoming performances at the Spiegel tent Newcastle, is a smile from ear to ear."






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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!

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From the Principal cont'd

Our students reveled in the entertainment and certainly left with a smile as can be seen from the the photo taken with the Djuki Mala dancers immediately after the show! On behalf of all the children I thank Mrs Verschoor and Mrs Christie for coordinating and facilitating the Wonai group's involvement in this activity.

STAR STRUCK Congratulations

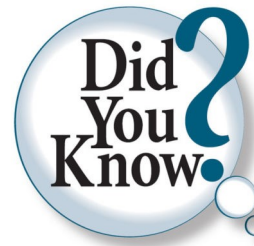
In the previous Rathfinder I expressed my thanks to **Cherylin Seymour, Ellouise Boyd and Mark Seymour** for their contributions to the involvement of our school in the Star Struck "No Limits" production this year and I also congratulated the students on the manner in which they responded to this extra curricular opportunity. After catching up with the children in the "holding pavilion" between performances last Friday I once again came away with a strong sense of appreciation and respect for all members of the RPS Star Struck team. In addition to the transport and supervision logistics, children and teachers have to manage the challenges presented by so many students having to share a small space while waiting to perform. However, the attitude of everyone involved in the enterprise is extremely positive. There is a wonderful sense of teamwork and the most obvious characteristic which clearly motivates all of the organisers, teachers and support staff is the enjoyment and sense of accomplishment that the students gain from being part of the annual "Star Struck experience". See page 5 for Mrs Seymour's report and photos.

Debating Report

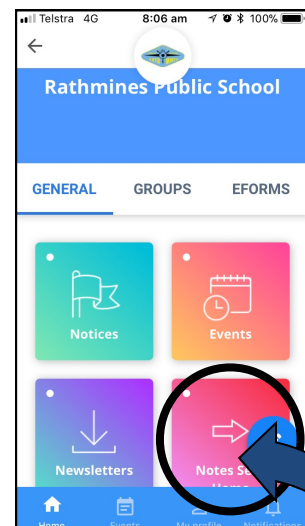
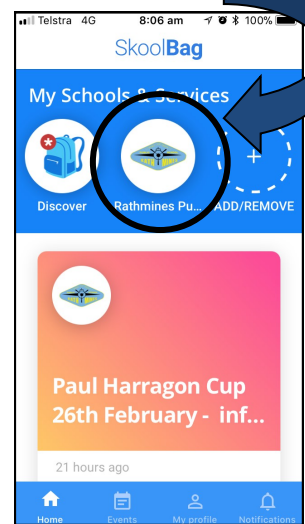
The debating season started on a very positive note for our two debating teams when they both won their opening debates against teams from Coal Point Public. The MMnMs successfully presented the affirmative case on the topic that "There should be no homework" while the "Raiders" were able to convince the adjudicator of the strength of the negative position on the topic that "All classes should have a pet". I congratulate the children in both teams on their successes and once again thank **Mrs Bristow and Mr Ruecroft** for coaching our debating teams this year.

Sports News

There can be no doubt that the involvement of students in representative sporting teams has the potential to yield many positive outcomes in terms of character development. Readiness to work as part of a team, commitment to training, resilience and humility are all personal qualities which can be fostered through competitive sport. However, the development of a genuine sense of sportsmanship is possibly our highest priority as we often have to counter behaviour modelled by high profile sporting teams. The repeated celebrations by the USA women's soccer team when they defeated Thailand 13 goals to nil in their World Cup pool



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

match is a good example of this non-sportsmanlike behaviour which our children unfortunately observe or hear about. With all of the above in mind it was extremely pleasing to receive the following letter from a teacher at another school after **Mr Elston** took our girls and boys basketball teams to the **Hunter PSSA Basketball Gala Day** last week.

"My name is Karly Fischer. I coached the Booragul Public School Basketball team at the PSSA gala day today. We were lucky enough to play Rathmines Public School first in the Boys and Girls knockout competition. I was blown away by the sportsmanship and kindness your students demonstrated. We took a team of young, very inexperienced basketball players to the tournament. We had students from Year 3 all the way through to Year 6, none of whom had ever played a basketball game before today. When playing Rathmines Public School, I could see my students losing hope and I was so worried that they were going to have an upsetting day. It was at this point that your students began to step back and go out of their way to assist the students from Booragul. They gave some tips, slowed the pace of the game down and eased up on their defence. The Rathmines students decided among themselves to help my students score some points and share the ball around to all players on our team. This kind gesture gave my students so much confidence and ensured that they had a wonderful day. I believe that every student who represented Rathmines today were great ambassadors for your school. The students and teacher should be commended for the kindness and sportsmanship they showed. Please pass on my gratitude to your students as they made sure my students had a great experience."

I congratulate all the members of the girls and boys basketball teams not only on their achievement in reaching the semi final and final of their respective competitions but also on building up the reputation of our school by the way they conducted themselves at this carnival.

Yours sincerely,

Nick Walker

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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.



KINDER AND YEAR 1 PARENTS

Please pack spare undies and tights/ pants in your child's bag.

School supplies of spare clothing are very limited and if we have nothing suitable, we will need to contact you to bring a change of clothes to school.

Thank you.

STAR STRUCK 2019 'NO LIMITS!'

Last week, the 18 members of our Star Struck team had a fabulously memorable and exhausting week at The Newcastle Entertainment Centre with two days of rehearsals and four Performances.

This year, Star Struck celebrated its 27th anniversary and featured the talents of over 3500 students from more than 120 Hunter primary and secondary state schools. Our students joined with other schools to perform in two dances as well as the primary schools finale. They made many new friends, as well as Star Struck memories that they will keep for a lifetime.

Our first dance was a very colourful “Can You Imagine That?” from Mary Poppins Returns, and then we transformed into Batman’s side kick super hero Robin for our second dance “Kung Fu Fighting”. The students were amazing at changing costumes, hair and makeup ready for each dance.



In addition to these two dances, Madison Andrew performed in a beautiful Featured Primary ballet item of “Second Star to the Right” complete with twinkling lights. Madison along with Mia Greenwood also performed in a very energetic Featured Primary Jazz item of “Wings”.



Mr Seymour and I would like to thank all the members of our Star Struck team for their sense of fun, enthusiasm and cooperation during Star Struck Week.

Cherylin Seymour

IMPORTANT DATES

DATE	EVENT
Monday 24th June	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Rascals 9.30—11am Touch Football Boys and Girls teams
Wednesday 26th June	Debating at Bonnells Bay PS
Thursday 24th June	Aboriginal excursion stages 2 & 3, 7.15am
Wednesday 3rd July	Tennis stage 2, 8.00am
Thursday 4th July	Whole School Assembly
Friday 5th July	Kinders 100 Days
Monday 8th—Monday 22nd July	School Holidays
Friday 26th July	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Athletics Carnival Years 3-6 Catalina Kids 9.00-11.00am
Monday 29th July	Hunter Dance Festival Senior Girls Dance

CANTEEN ROSTER

Friday 21st June	S.Matthew, T.Warner, V.Ryan, R.Jenkins(am), L.Johnstone
Monday 24th June	L.Kerr, C.Wethered, A.Lillis
Wednesday 26th June	J.Sharp, K.Grant
Friday 28th June	J.Gorick, N.Hinchliffe, J.Jessop, R.Jenkins (am), K.Glyntzos
Monday 1st July	G. Weston, L.Bicanic
Wednesday 3rd July	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



All NSW school-enrolled children are eligible for **two \$100 Active Kids vouchers**. The vouchers can be used with any approved Active Kids provider, to help cover costs towards registration or membership fees for sport and active recreation. **Voucher one is valid January to December** and **voucher two is valid July to December**. After 1 July 2019, the second voucher can be claimed immediately after the first voucher.

How to claim your vouchers

- 1 Visit service.nsw.gov.au and login to your MyServiceNSW Account
- 2 Click on the Active Kids icon found in your SERVICE tab
- 3 Fill out the requested information (you will need your current Medicare card)
- 4 Print a copy of each voucher or email it to yourself

Visit sport.nsw.gov.au/activekids for terms & conditions and FAQs

How to use your vouchers

- 1 Find a provider by visiting our website: sport.nsw.gov.au/activekids
- 2 Once you have chosen an activity give the voucher number to your activity provider, or log onto your provider's website and enter the voucher number



*Vouchers can always be found in your MyServiceNSW account by looking in the My Applications tab

USE YOUR BRAIN

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TAKE THE BUS TO SCHOOL AND MAKE BEANIES COOL

On Tuesday 30th July 2019, Hunter Valley Buses will be donating 10 cents per school Opal tap for school students using their school bus.

Transport for NSW will be providing Hunter Valley Buses with the total school Opal taps for the day so we can contribute to finding better treatments and ultimately to finding a cure for brain cancer.

Participating is simple, wear your beanies and tap on and tap off with your school Opal card when boarding and alighting your school bus.

Make your taps count... to apply or update your child's details visit <https://apps.transport.nsw.gov.au/ssts>

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3, 10, 17 August,

31 Aug, 7, 14 September

6.30pm Hors D'oeuvres/Sherry Bar ... 7pm Showtime

Tickets **\$55** per head



Bookings/Enquiries

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PRESENTS

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10AM - 2PM

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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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