

# RATHMINES PUBLIC SCHOOL

# NEWSLETTER

Term 3 Week 4 2019



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## From the Principal

Dear Parents and Carers,

In a previous edition of the Rathfinder I have referred to the fact that Rathmines Public has, for the second year in a row, been recognised by ACARA as a high performing school due to the student growth highlighted in the school's NAPLAN results. Earlier this term **Tim McCallum**, the Executive Director for School Performance and **James Brigden**, our local Director for Educational Leadership visited the school to speak with members of the school executive about the factors contributing to our success in this area. Our visitors also took time to visit classrooms and observe a variety of lessons being conducted by Miss Watson, Miss Boyd, Mrs Ruecroft and Mr Elston. The feedback we received at the end of their visit was very positive and provided additional affirmation not only for the teaching strategies we are employing but also for the school culture we are

### 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

fostering at RPS. I take this opportunity to once again thank all members of staff for the contributions they are making in this regard and offer special thanks to the teachers and students who welcomed Tim and James into their classrooms.



### School Concert

Children in all classes are currently working with their class teachers to prepare their entertainment items for their **“A Colourful World”** concert performances at the end of this term. I have been really impressed by the way they have been able to balance their sense of excitement with the need to cooperate with their teachers and continue to display good levels of self discipline. As is to be expected the demands for access to the school hall for concert practices are already high and this demand will no doubt increase as we move closer to the performance dates. With this in mind we have made the decision to cancel infants and primary assemblies during weeks six seven and eight. The presentation of “You Can Do It” and “Student of the Week” awards will still continue but will happen either in class or at our regular whole school assemblies after the lunch breaks. Due to the strong preference for evening performances in past years all three concerts this year will be evening performances.

The dates for the three concert performances are set out below for your reference:

**Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> September, Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> September and Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> September**

Tickets for the three performances will be available for purchase **online via the following website**

<http://bit.ly/2019rpsconcert>

as from 9:00am on Monday **19th August**. Proceeds from the sales of tickets will go towards the installation of air conditioning in the hall.

### Stage Three Excursion

One of the very positive aspects of the school culture at Rathmines Public is the readiness of staff members to give freely of their time in order to provide students with the opportunity to participate in extra curricula activities such as representative sport, public speaking, debating, aerobics, our school bands and dance groups. In addition, students in senior classes participate in a number of excursions focusing on outdoor education and the HSIE curriculum. When speaking to our students I often take the time to remind them that the best way they can express their thanks to the teachers is by the manner in

## From the Principal cont'd

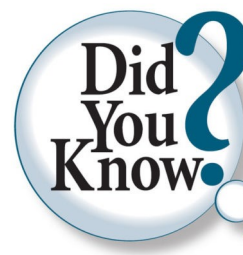
which they conduct themselves while participating in these extra curricula activities. On behalf of all the students and their parents I thank **Mrs Verschoor, Miss Boyd, Mr McNamara and Mr Elston** for accepting the many and varied responsibilities associated with supervising and caring for students during last week's stage three excursion to **Canberra**. I am pleased to be able to affirm the students who participated in this excursion for their exemplary behaviour and the enthusiastic, positive and cooperative attitudes they displayed while away on the trip. The standard of their behaviour was highlighted by the fact that on five separate occasions members of the public spoke to our teachers and asked them to congratulate the students on the way they were conducting themselves!



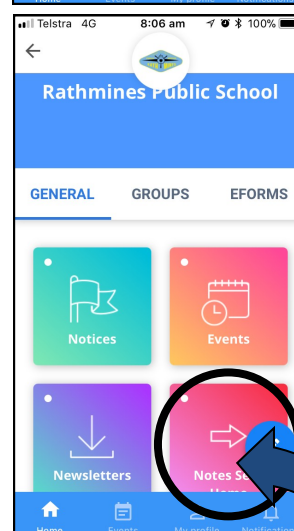
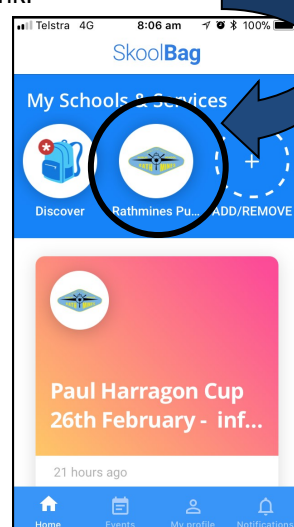
### Debating News

Mrs Bristow has kindly prepared the following debating report which highlights the achievements of our two debating teams during the current debating season:

*"The Premier's Debating Challenge Round Robin season is drawing to a close with only one postponed debate to go. In the past two weeks we had the Round 3 home debate with Rathmines MMnM's v Rathmines Raiders. The topic "That parents should have their Year 6 children babysit their younger siblings" was fiercely debated with the MMnM's as the negative team being successful. Then in Round 4 a debate where both teams, Rathmines MMnM's and Bonnells Bay Beasts, were on equal win totals – 3 out of 3 – the MMnM's went down in what was apparently the closest debate seen at Rathmines. The topic was "That all people under the age of 18 should have to play a team sport at the weekend". Again, the MMnM's were the negative team. This was a very close and interesting debate but Bonnells Bay was the eventual winning team. Both Rathmines teams acquitted themselves very well in these two debates and raised some very interesting points. Next week Rathmines Raiders will travel to Coal Point to conclude their debating season."*



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

On behalf of the students in both of our debating teams I thank **Mrs Bristow** and **Mr Ruecroft** for giving freely of their time not only to coach the students in the art of debating but also to coordinate our school's involvement in this year's debating competition.

### Sports News

Members of our school athletics team certainly enjoyed having the opportunity to compete against the top athletes from our neighbouring schools when they participated in this year's **Westlakes Athletics Carnival** at Glendale Athletics Centre on Monday. Their strong performances on the track and in the field events were matched by the wonderful level of team spirit and cooperation they displayed while in the care of Mrs Bristow, our team manager. I congratulate all of our athletics representatives and especially commend the following students who have been selected to represent Westlakes at the Hunter Regional Carnival on **Friday 30<sup>th</sup> August**:

**Beau S** 12 yrs 100m , Senior High Jump, Senior Long Jump , Senior 200m

**Joshua K** Senior 800m,

**Kaizen** 9yrs Boys 100m

**Cameron** Senior Discus

One of the highlights of the day was Beau's achievement in breaking the long standing record for the Westlakes PSSA while winning his heat of the 12yrs boys 100m race!



### P & C Association Meeting

I encourage all parents and carers to come along to the next meeting of the school's P & C Association which will be held next Monday at 7pm in the school staff room. These meetings serve as a valuable forum for discussion relating not only to fundraising events, the operation of the school canteen and clothing shop but also our ongoing efforts to continually improve and strengthen the learning environment for students in our school.

Yours sincerely,

*Nick Walker*



# GARDENING CLUB

This week our school has had a wonderful time celebrating Schools Tree Day. In keeping with Planet Ark's Aims, Rathmines students connected with nature and increased their understanding of its value and participated in its care through various hands on and fun activities.



Our new mandarin tree



Recycled containers

Garden Club planted a mandarin tree in our School Vegetable Garden.

Classes participated in Nature Treasure Hunts



The perfect recycled container for planting seeds



Nature Treasure Hunt

and planted herb seedlings in recycled containers or eggshells to then take home to grow.

This year's National Day Tree topic was Greening Urban Environments.

# BOOK WEEK



Monday 26th Aug	Tuesday 27th Aug	Wednesday 28th Aug	Thursday 29th Aug	Friday 30th Aug
Book Fair Open for in-class previews	Book Fair open 8:30am-9.00am & 3.00pm– 3:30pm (in the library)	Book Fair open all day. (Closed during parade)  Book Week Parade	Book Fair open 8:30am-9.00am & 3.00pm– 3:30pm (in the library)  9:30am 'Big Dreams' performance. (Students only)	Book Fair closed

In week 6 Rathmines Public School will be hosting our annual Book Week celebrations. My favourite part of the year! A number of activities will be happening around the school that week, as well as our Book Week parade.

The **book fair** will be held in the library from Monday 26th August to Thursday 29th August. Not only is this a major fundraiser for the library, but also a fantastic opportunity for families to extend their home library and support their child's love of reading. Along with items to purchase, families may also purchase a book or contribute towards a book to donate for our library. I have been working closely with the students to create a 'wish list' for our library.

**Special performance.** This year Perform Education will be visiting our school on Thursday 29th August. The theme of their performance is "**Big Dreams**", which is an exciting presentation that includes links to some of the CBCA's short listed books for 2018. Please ensure your child's permission note and money are returned no later than Monday 26th August.

The **Book Week Parade** will be held on Wednesday 28th August starting at 12pm. Students are invited to dress up as their favourite book character for the day. All families welcome! We hope to see many people there to support our students and celebrate a fabulous range of children's literature!

Mrs Priest :)

## YARN KNITTING GROUP

Yarn group will be working on some simple projects to sell at the school fete.

We are in need of CLEAN TINS to decorate. (Creamed corn, tuna, creamed rice tins)



We are also in need of at least 2 more volunteers to visit school on WEDNESDAY LUNCH time between 11am - 11:45am to help with the group. It is hoped that our volunteers will have as much fun as our students!

We have made a limit of 15 children who attend this group.

Mrs B and Mrs Breitzkreuz have approximately 5 students in each group.

Thank you,

Mrs B

## NATIONALLY CONSISTANT COLLECTION OF DATA

Dear parents, guardians and carers

Every year, all schools in Australia participate in the Nationally Consistent Collection of Data on School Students with Disability (NCCD). The NCCD process requires schools to identify supports provided to students with disability. This information assists schools to formally recognise the supports and adjustments provided to students with disability and consider how they can strengthen the support of students with disability. The NCCD also provides state and federal governments with the information they need to plan more broadly for the support of students with disability.

Further information about the NCCD can be found at (<https://www.nccd.edu.au>).


## PARENTS ONLINE SAFETY GUIDE

Many parents and caregivers **feel out of their depth** when it comes to understanding their children's use of devices and the internet. The **Office of the eSafety Commissioner** has published new resources aimed specifically to help parents and carers, with tips and advice on ensuring safe and enjoyable experiences online. **The resource is available for access via a browser** and downloads are available in multiple languages. In addition, for parents unfamiliar with using computers, **a free hardcopy can be ordered**, again in different languages. The resource is highly recommended.

<https://www.esafety.gov.au/parents/online-safety-guide>



# SCHOOL NOTICES



READING IS MY SECRET POWER!

## BOOK WEEK 2019

BOOK FAIR 27TH-29TH AUG  
BOOK PARADE 28TH AUG  
VISITING PERFORMANCE  
29TH AUG

Notes and details coming soon

### Parliament And Civics Education Rebate – Canberra Excursion

*Students from Rathmines Public School will soon be undertaking an education tour of the national capital. Students will be given the opportunity to participate in a variety of educational programs with a focus on Australia's history, culture, heritage and democracy.*

*The Australian Government recognises the importance of all young Australians being able to visit the national capital as part of their Civics and Citizenship education. To assist families in meeting the cost of the excursion the Australian Government is contributing funding of \$20 per student under the Parliament and Civics Education Rebate program towards those costs. The rebate is paid directly to the school upon completion of the excursion and has already been factored into the cost of the excursion.*



### MAKING A PAYMENT?

To pay by card simply go online to  
<https://rathmines-p.schools.nsw.gov.au/>

In the MAKE A PAYMENT 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 16th August	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Touch Football Gala Day</li> <li>• Infants Assembly 2.15pm</li> </ul>
Monday 19th August	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Concert tickets go on sale 9am</li> <li>• P&amp;C Meeting in staff room 7pm,</li> </ul>
Thursday 22nd—Friday 23rd	Special Ed Camp
Friday 23rd August	Debating at Coal Point PS
Monday 26th -Thursday 29th	Book Fair in library
Wednesday 28th August	Book Parade
Thursday 29th August	Visiting Book Week performance (students only)
Tuesday 10th-Thursday 12th Sept	School Concert

## CANTEEN ROSTER

Friday 16th August	L.Johnstone, R.Jenkins (am), T. Warner, V.Ryan
Monday 19th August	L.Kerr, M.Redgen
Wednesday 21st August	L.McAllister, C.Metcalf
Friday 23rd August	L.Johnstone, R.Jenkins (am), J.Gorick, N.Hinchliffe, J.Jessop
Monday 26th August	J.Lowe, G.Weston
Wednesday 28th August	K.Betteridge, S.Kay

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

### Westlakes Athletics Club

Wangi Oval: Donnelly Rd, Arcadia Vale

W: [www.westlakeslac.org.au](http://www.westlakeslac.org.au)

E: [westlakesathleticsclub@gmail.com](mailto:westlakesathleticsclub@gmail.com)

Facebook: @westlakesathletics



Come and try/Orientation

Friday 9<sup>th</sup>, 16<sup>th</sup>, 23<sup>rd</sup> & 30<sup>th</sup>

August 2019 from 6pm

Programs for ages 3+  
available.

Westlakes is an Inclusive  
Club that welcomes athletes  
of all abilities.

**Active Kids Vouchers Accepted**



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
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by Alan Richardson



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**\*\*\* All drinks must be purchased at the Bar \*\*\***

## Saturdays at Wangi Workers' Club

Market Street, Wangi Wangi

**3, 10, 17 August,**

**31 Aug, 7, 14 September**

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

**Tickets \$55 per head**



**Bookings/Enquiries**

**Maddy – 0419 253 868**

**[Catalina.players.inc@gmail.com](mailto:Catalina.players.inc@gmail.com)**



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PUBLIC SCHOOL**

The poster features a vibrant background with a blue sky, white clouds, and colorful triangular bunting flags strung across the top. On the left and right sides, there are clusters of colorful balloons in shades of blue, pink, yellow, and orange. A large black circle is centered on the page, containing the event title in bold, stylized letters. Below the circle, a white banner with black text displays the date. Further down, the location is listed in bold black text. A black banner with white text lists the activities, and another black banner with white text shows the time. At the bottom, the text 'FOLLOW US @RATHMINESFUNFAIR' is displayed in bold black letters. The entire poster is framed by a green border at the bottom.

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**



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Phone Number: 0438224914

Email: [activeooshathmines@gmail.com](mailto: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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