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## From the Principal

Dear Parents and Carers,

*I take this opportunity to sincerely thank Miss Lizdenis for all the time and thought that she has contributed to the organisation of the Book Week activities planned for next week, and offer special thanks to Joanna for the additional effort she has made to ensure the children in all classes enjoy a rewarding Book Week experience while still complying with the COVID 19 social distancing restrictions. The **Virtual Zoom Book Parade** on Tuesday will be a "first" for our school and will follow on from the successful ANZAC Day assembly held earlier in the year when student attendance was restricted during the initial COVID period. All of the class items will be filmed by Mr Fisher and Mr Ruecroft and will be subsequently combined into a video which will be available through our school YouTube channel. The children in all classes are looking forward to the Book Week performance on*

### 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

Wednesday and the presentation by our visiting author on Thursday. During library lessons this week students have had a chance to view the wide range of books that are on display as part of the Book Fair and we are very appreciative of the financial support parents and carers have given to this aspect of our Book Week celebrations.

### Staffing Update

I am very pleased to be able to share the news that following a merit selection process completed at the end of last term, **Mr Patrick Wild** has been appointed to the position of **Assistant Principal (Special Education)** at Rathmines Public School as from the start of the 2021 school year. Patrick replaces **Mr Michael Sneesby** who has taken up a permanent position in the student wellbeing unit at the Newcastle Department of Education Office after filling a temporary role in head office over the past three years.

Patrick is currently employed in a permanent capacity as a special education teacher at **Kanwal Public School**. He previously taught special education classes at Muswellbrook South Public from 2012 to 2019 and mainstream classes at Aberdeen Public from 2009 to 2011. Patrick has successfully filled **Relieving Assistant Principal** roles at both Kanwal and Muswellbrook South. The merit selection process highlighted Patrick's passion for, and expertise in providing the best possible learning environment for special education students, his proven educational leadership skills, his belief in the importance of building collaborative and respectful relationships with all members of the school community and his high level of interpersonal and communication skills. Patrick has the capacity to make a special contribution to RPS particularly in the area of Restorative Practice which is a key element in the NSW DOE's "Student Behaviour Strategy" to be implemented in 2021. Patrick is also a highly accomplished musician and is eager to contribute to our creative arts program on a whole school level once "normality" returns: he may even become an additional member of the "Wrathminers" if, due to public demand, they take to the stage once again! **Mr Bidstrup** and **Mrs Laughton** will continue to oversee the operation of the Special Education Unit for the remainder of the year in a relieving capacity. We will have an opportunity to thank them for their efforts in this regard during the final weeks of Term 4.

### COVID Update

The departmental guidelines and regulations regarding social distancing restrictions were updated at the start of the term. This latest advice has been incorporated into all of the events which usually occur during Term 4.

Our Rathmines Rascals and Catalina Kids programmes are being combined into a modified "**Catalina Rascals**" group which commences with a two hour session next Thursday and will continue for the following four weeks. All of the parents and carers with children enrolled in our Kinder classes for next year have been provided with the organisational details for this transition plan. The end of year **Stage Assemblies** and **Presentation Day** will go ahead but unfortunately attendance will need to be limited to staff and students (unless the restrictions are eased further). In order to facilitate "attendance" by the wider school community we are purchasing a Zoom license with the capacity for up to one thousand participants. The instructions for logging in to these events will be circulated to parents and carers closer to the date. The **Year 6 Farewell Dinner** is one event which should be able to be conducted in our school

## From the Principal cont'd

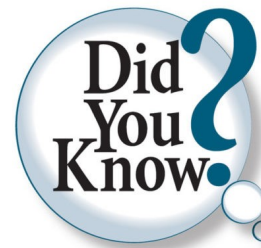
hall without changes to the normal routines. Details regarding a meeting of Year 6 parents and carers interested in helping with the organisation of the farewell dinner will be advertised through the Skoolbag app next week.

### Election of 2021 School Leaders

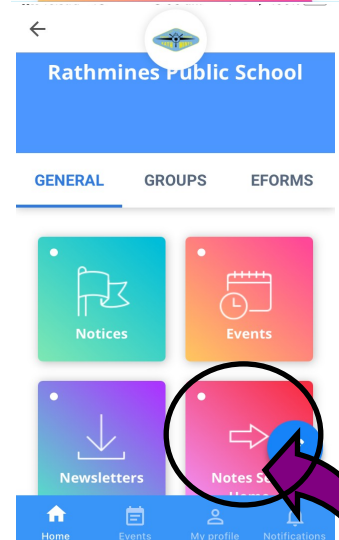
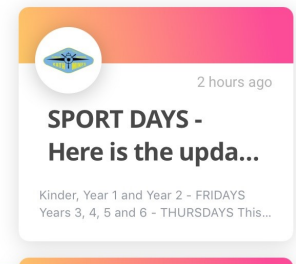
During Week 4 members of the current student leadership team will speak to all of the Year 5 students about the rewards and responsibilities associated with being a student leader at our school. This will be the first step in the process which will eventually lead to the selection of our school's student leaders for 2021. Members of the Year 5 class who decide to stand for election will present speeches to their peers and students from Year 2, Year 3 and Year 4 via Zoom on Friday of Week 6 (November 20th). After an initial round of voting by Year 5 and the SRC representatives from other classes, this group will be shortlisted prior to a second round of speeches in Week 8 and the final selection of our 2021 student leaders. I encourage all students in Year 5 to think carefully about the information and advice presented by the Year 6 student leaders and to consider making a special contribution to Rathmines Public in 2021 by participating in this election process.

### Sports News

The long awaited OZTAG match between the students' All Stars team and the Staff Golden Oldies was played on Tuesday before a sell-out crowd at RPS stadium. After their loss to the teachers in the basketball clash last term the students were super keen to even the score. In anticipation of a hotly contested game, the organisers called on the services of the legendary NRL referee **Bill Harrigan** to officiate. Bill was famous for not hesitating in sending players to the bin so it was not surprising that **Mr Fisher** was "binned" within three minutes of kick off for expressing doubts about one of Bill's decisions. With their star player off the field the defence from the teachers fell apart and the students scored a runaway try. However the Golden Oldies fired up again after James found a way to get out of the bin and Miss Case used her pace to score a length of the field try. Unfortunately she was binned by Bill for being too good and soon after Mr Elston followed her to the bin for dropping a simple pass. In an unusual move the referee actually sent **Jackson K**, one of the more enthusiastic spectators in the crowd, to the bin for calling out too loudly from the sideline. At fulltime the scores were locked up at three all and the "Drop Off" ruling came into play. With the teams reduced to five and then four players on each side, and with 10 seconds left on the clock Zane followed through on a grubber kick close to the line, Mr Picot fumbled the ball in the in-goal, and Zane pounced on



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



*the ball to seal a great victory for the students.*

*Mrs Wicks has provided the following report on the Stage 3 netball competition which has been held during lunchbreaks over the past three weeks.*

“Last Thursday, after two highly competitive semi-finals, the Firebirds and Magpies went head to head in the grand final of the Rathmines Netball competition.

The Firebirds started strong and took an early lead. They defeated the Magpies 9-1 and both teams played with enthusiasm and sportsmanship.

Congratulations to Kenya, Noah, Cruz, Sharni, Sari, Brayden, Logan, Tayla and Abigail who made up the winning Firebirds team. “

*On behalf of all the students I thank Ellouise for giving up so much of her time to organise and supervise this extra sports activity for our senior students.*

## From the Principal cont'd

### Demographic Survey

The survey which is being sent home today with this edition of the Rathfinder is designed to update the education department's data base relating the **occupation of parents and carers** with children enrolled in our school. **It is important to note that the data impacts the level of resourcing received by a government school each year.** This information would have been provided when the original enrolment forms were completed but we are mindful that employment circumstances change over time and that this is especially so in the current economic climate. Your cooperation in completing the form promptly and sending it back to the school office as soon as possible will be much appreciated.

Yours sincerely,

*Nick Walker*

Principal

**Please remember to pack your child's**

**WATER BOTTLE EVERY DAY.**

**School bubblers are still unavailable and the school has only a limited supply of disposable cups.**

**Collapsible drink bottles are a great idea when there is limited space in your child's school bag.**

# LIBRARY NEWS

## Book Week Announcements

In week 3 at Rathmines Public School we will be hosting our annual Book Week celebrations.

Below is the schedule for next week.

Monday 26 <sup>th</sup> October	Tuesday 27 <sup>th</sup> October	Wednesday 28 <sup>th</sup> October	Thursday 29 <sup>th</sup> October	Friday 30 <sup>th</sup> October
Book Fair Open (During Library Time)	Book Fair Open (During Library Time)  Dress Up Day  Virtual Zoom Book Week Assembly	Book Fair Open (During Library Time)  Book Week Performance (in Hall) "The Greatest Discovery"  KS1 & S1 9:10am S2 10:40am S3 12:10pm	Book Fair Closed  Samantha Bayly Author Visit (in Hall)  9:00am – K1C & 1C 9:20am – KF & KR 9:40am – 1W & 2/3R 10:00am – 3/4GS & 3R 10:20am – 4M & 5/6E 10:40 – 5C & 6W 11:00 – 2F & 2V	Book Fair Closed

The Book Fair this year is **completely online** and during the week your child should have received a wish list. If you would like to purchase something from the Book Fair for your child you must go to the website on the back of the wish list which is: [www.scholastic.com.au/payment](http://www.scholastic.com.au/payment)

Please write the receipt number on the back of the wish list and the amount paid. Your child **must** bring this back on their Library Day, if you are unsure on your student's library day please ask their teacher.

The **Book Week Dress Up Day** is on Tuesday the 27<sup>th</sup>. Each class will be presenting a Book Week Performance which will be recorded and uploaded onto Rathmines Public School's YouTube channel for you to be able to see your child in their amazing book week costume.

Teacher Librarian - Joanna Lizdenis

## SCHOOL INFORMATION

**KINDER AND YEAR 1 PARENTS**  
**Please pack spare undies and 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.



### **SCHOOL OFFICE** **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.**

For the safety and well-being of all our students, please ensure

### **NO NUTS** **OF ANY KIND**

are brought to school. This includes any type of nut butter, chocolate nut spread like Nutella and any snack foods containing nuts.



### **MAKING A PAYMENT?**

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

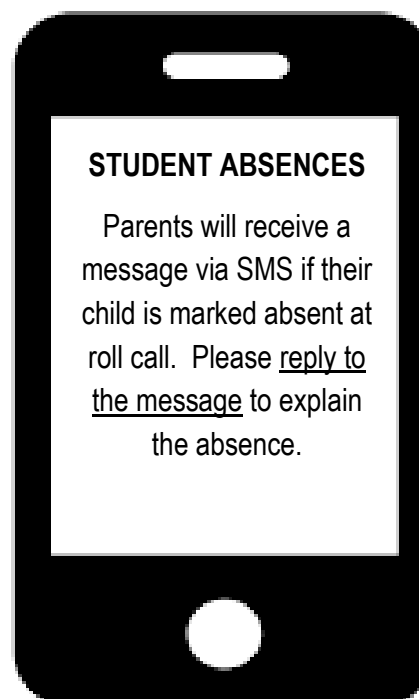
In the MAKE A PAYMENT tab enter your child's name and date of birth to begin the process.

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.



## IMPORTANT DATES

DATE	EVENT
Tuesday 27th October	Book Parade for students only. The parade will be filmed and uploaded to the school's YouTube page for parents to watch.
Wednesday 28th October	Book Week Visiting Performance
Thursday 5th November	Catalina Kids kinder transition 9.10am—10.50am.
Thursday 12th November	Catalina Kids kinder transition 9.10am—10.50am
Thursday 19th November	Catalina Kids kinder transition 9.10am—10.50am
Tuesday 24th November	Primary Science Fair
Thursday 5th November	Catalina Kids kinder transition 9.10am—10.50am
Tuesday 1st December	Year 6 High School Orientation

### UNIFORM SHOP

Order forms should still be handed to the office and payment made online at  
[rathmines-p.schools.nsw.gov.au](http://rathmines-p.schools.nsw.gov.au)

All uniform orders will be filled on **Tuesdays only**. The completed orders will then be given to your child to take home.



# COMMUNITY NOTICES


 **The Athlete's Foot**

## GET FITTED BY THE EXPERTS TODAY

In Partnership with  
**RATHMINES PUBLIC SCHOOL**

### \$5 DONATED BACK TO YOUR SCHOOL

Every time you buy a pair of shoes.





## TERM 4 AFTER SCHOOL CLASSES

**NEW LOCATION: Newcastle & Lake Macquarie**

**Date:** Starts Tuesday 20th Oct for 8 weeks

**Days/Times:** Tuesdays 4.30-5.30pm & Thursdays 5.00-6.00pm

**Ages:** 5-12 year olds

**Venue:** Warners Bay at Feighan Oval

**Theme:** GeckoACTIVE multi-sport program

**Cost:** \$130 for 8 weeks (includes a FREE kids Gecko tee shirt)

**TO BOOK:** Carolyn & Mark on 0420 920 866 or [carolyn@geckosports.com.au](mailto:carolyn@geckosports.com.au) • [geckosports.com.au](http://geckosports.com.au)

Active Kids Government Vouchers Accepted  
Franchise opportunities available | 1300 432 565



## GIRL GUIDES AUSTRALIA NSW ACT NT

### WHAT GOT ME HOOKED WAS BEING AMONGST GIRLS WHO LOVED THE SAME THINGS I DID

GRACE JARVIS, GIRL GUIDE

Join us 

 **ToGROW**



The Coastal Valleys Region Girl Guides have vacancies for Girls aged from 5 – 14 years of age

We meet in all areas so if you would like to come along and Try it for 2 weeks free of charge you can phone our Membership Advisor Sandra Herbert on 0418 160 402 or e-mail [HERBSHAVEN@bigpond.com](mailto:HERBSHAVEN@bigpond.com) for more information

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## **The Family Referral Service (FRS) is an early intervention service for families in the Hunter, Central Coast and Lithgow Regions.**

The role of the FRS is to assist vulnerable children, young people and families who do not meet the statutory threshold of "risk of significant harm" to access specific and appropriate support services in their local area.

The intent is to prevent a difficult situation that a family, young person or child may be experiencing from escalating to a crisis requiring a statutory response from the child protection system.

## **What services does the Family Referral Service provide?**

The FRS provides services to both the agencies supporting families in need, and directly to the families. The FRS will:

- facilitate and improve access to services for vulnerable and disadvantaged children and families by providing appropriate information, support and advocacy
- provide telephone and face-to-face services in community locations and clients' homes
- provide referrals to Indigenous-specific services for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children and families where appropriate and possible
- provide feedback pathways for callers and services as part of quality improvement processes at both a service and system level
- work towards developing a stronger regional network of non-government, government and individual service providers who can meet the needs of families.

## **How the service works**

Straight forward referrals are managed by the telephone service. More complex referrals (eg. where there are complex or multiple support needs, or a family has entered and exited services multiple times) are followed up by our outreach workers.

FRS outreach workers are based in multiple sites across the Hunter, Central Coast and Lithgow regions, and are available for face-to-face appointments in the community. They work closely with families to support them accessing services for up to six weeks.

**Monday to Friday 9am to 5pm**

**All enquiries to 1300 006 480**

**Email: [familyreferral@benevolent.org.au](mailto:familyreferral@benevolent.org.au)**

### **Broadmeadow Office**

Level 2  
165 Lambton Road  
Broadmeadow NSW 2292

### **Gosford Office**

Ground Floor  
237 Mann Street  
Gosford NSW 2250

### **Maitland Office**

Level 1 – 14 Garnett Road  
Maitland NSW 2323

### **Muswellbrook Office**

3/168 Bridge Street  
Muswellbrook NSW 2333

## PARENT OCCUPATION UPDATE

Please fill in the information below and return to the school office by **Friday 30th October**.

This information helps the government on matters that may affect resourcing to our school.

Students Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent /Carer 1 with whom this student normally lives

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Occupation: \_\_\_\_\_

Occupation Group (Please Tick)

	Group 8	Have not been in paid work in the last 12 months
	Group 4	Machine operators, hospitality staff, assistants, labourers and related workers
	Group 3	Tradespeople, clerks and skilled office, sales and service staff
	Group 2	Other business managers, arts/media/sportspersons and associated professionals
	Group 1	Senior Management in large business organisation, government administration and defence, and qualified professionals

Parent /Carer 2 with whom this student normally lives

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Occupation: \_\_\_\_\_

Occupation Group (please tick)

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# ACTIVE OOSH RATHMINES

## 2020 Parent Information Flyer

### SERVICE DETAILS.

#### HOURS OF OPERATION.

**Before School:** 6:30am – 9:30am

**After School:** 1:30pm – 6pm

**Vacation Care:** 6:30am – 6pm

#### OUR SERVICE PRICES.

**BSC:** \$20.00

**ASC:** \$25.00

**Vacation Care:** \$70.00

Child Care Subsidy benefit can be claimed through Centrelink.

#### SCHOOLS WE SERVICE.

We offer a drop off and collection service for children attending Rathmines, Arcadia Vale, Coal Point, Wangi Wangi and Blackalls Park Public School.

#### ENQUIRIES & BOOKINGS.

**Phone:** 0438224914

**Email:** activeooshathmines@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 primary school aged children. We aim to provide a service that is supportive, stimulating, caring and inclusive. We value family partnerships and have an open door policy where families are encouraged to be actively involved in our service. All children are given the opportunity to learn and grow through play and enjoy a large variety 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 younger children with positive transitions to Primary School.

#### Homework.

OOSH homework club operates at the service before and after school care. 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 program extra curricular activities everyday based on the children and families interests. Some of the activities include:

- Dynamic Mosaics art club.
- OOSH MasterChef.
- Little Einstein's science.
- Yoga, dancing and drama.
- Specialised sport clinics.
- Cultural groups.
- Crafty Creations.

#### Daily Activities on offer.

There are a wide variety of activities on offer at the service that include:

- Drama and dance.
- Science experiments.
- Arcade games.
- Sustainability activities.
- Imaginative and creative play.
- Board and card games.
- Lego and construction activities.
- Sporting clinics.
- DIY slime and playdough.

#### 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 inside and outside.