

RATHMINES PUBLIC SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER

Term 4 Week 6 2019



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From the Principal

Dear Parents and Carers,

The end of a school year is always a busy period for everyone in the school community: family, school and work commitments can combine to place extra demands on our time. Each year we try to provide early notification regarding our end of year events to allow parents and carers to plan ahead.

Parents and Carers are invited to attend the school's annual **Presentation Day** which will be held for the first time at **Avondale College** on **Friday 13th December**. While this gathering of our school community focuses primarily on the presentation of annual Year 6 Awards and the induction of our school leaders for 2020, it also provides class teachers with an opportunity to recognise two students from each grade through the presentation of **Book Awards**. The ceremony will begin at **10:30am** and will conclude by approximately 12:30pm. Please note that **all students are required to come to school for the start of the school day** and then travel by bus to Avondale

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.

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with their class teachers. Parents may elect to take their children home at the conclusion of the ceremony. Amanda Greenwood has asked me to advise everyone that the **canteen will be closed** on Presentation Day to allow our canteen volunteers to attend this important school event.

Parents and carers are also invited to attend the Infants, Stage Two and Stage Three **Affirmation Assemblies** which will be held in our school hall during the second last week of term. During these assemblies all students will be presented with their **Affirmation Certificates** which acknowledge their particular achievements and successes during the current school year. The K-2 assembly will begin at 9:30am on **Wednesday 11th December** followed by Stage 3 and Special Education Unit assembly at 12 noon. The Stage 2 assembly will commence at 12 noon on **Thursday 12th December**.

Grade teachers will provide parents and carers with the organisational details for the traditional **"Party Day"** activities that are being planned for **Monday 16th December** as class celebrations for the end of another school year.

Students in Years 5 and 6 have already received invitations to the **Year 6 Farewell Dinner** which will take place in the school hall on the evening of **Tuesday 17th December** prior to our Year 6 students receiving our traditional whole school farewell and "ringing of the old bell" on the last day of term which will be Wednesday 19th December.

"Thank You" Morning Tea

All students and members of staff at Rathmines Public are very appreciative of the way parents, carers and grandparents support our school through their support of classroom teachers and their involvement in activities such as P & C meetings and events, the school canteen, the garden club, the uniform shop, sports coaching and our school breakfast club. The **"Thank You Morning Tea"** which will be held in the school hall on **Thursday 5th December** at 9:30am is an expression of thanks from the staff and students for this wonderful support. At the conclusion of this gathering the children in our Kinder classes will present two brief performances for the enjoyment of our guests. I am mindful that it is a very busy time of the year but I encourage everyone to come along if at all possible and share in this celebration.

Election of 2020 Student Leaders

I commend all of the students who presented speeches in the hall last Thursday as part of the election process for our 2020 school leaders. It was extremely pleasing to have such a large number of children prepared to contribute to the school in this way. When speaking to the children after the speeches I commended them all on their readiness to participate in this process with the knowledge that only a limited number of students would ultimately be selected to fill the leadership roles next year and also congratulated all students on the extremely high standard of their presentations. The following students will participate in the second round of speeches next Monday: (Boys) **Jamie F, Zane F, Bailey M, Harry T, Braydan S, Brayden K, Cruz S, Kobe G**, (Girls) **Kenya, Charli E, Molly, Mia G, Jamelia, Dakota, Tayla L, Isabella B**. The names of the 2020 School Leaders will be announced on **Monday 2nd December**. Children in the school's four Sports Houses will meet on Tuesday 3rd December to elect the Sports House Captains for next year.

Playground Supervision: Duty of Care

All members of staff are very conscious of the professional responsibility they have to provide a high level of care and supervision while on playground duty. In a memo distributed to all staff last week I focused on the need for staff members to be proactive and to be on the alert for situations or student activities that have the potential to put students at risk of injury. In order to fulfil this obligation it is important to ensure that the person on duty is not distracted by becoming involved in conversations either with other staff members or with parents and carers as this can prevent them from observing and monitoring the behaviour of the students on the playground. With all of the above in mind I ask parents and carers not to

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engage in conversations with staff members while they are on playground duty. Complying with this request will help us to provide the highest standard of care for your children. Teachers on duty generally wear a **high visibility vest** for identification, but asking if a teacher is on duty is also a simple first step before commencing a conversation.

School Swimming Program

Students from Year 2 will commence the annual swimming school at Toronto Indoor Swimming Centre next Monday. Mr Fisher has previously circulated the organisational details for this school activity which continues each day until Friday 6th December. As in past years I would like to draw your attention to the fact that there is a very firm expectation that the general behaviour, levels of self-discipline and cooperation of all students while participating in the program will be exemplary. The potential dangers associated with activities in or near the water necessitate that any students who do not meet expectations in this regard will be excluded for the remainder of the program.

Sports News

On behalf of everyone in our school community I congratulate **Dustin, Joshua and Beau** on their achievements while they were representing the Hunter Region at the **NSW PSSA Athletics Championships** which were held at Homebush recently. All three boys performed exceptionally well and were wonderful ambassadors for our school while competing against the best primary school athletes from across NSW.



The girls and boys in our **school touch teams** will wrap up their season when they compete in the Hunter League Touch carnival at Maryland next Tuesday. I take this opportunity to congratulate the children in both teams for the manner in which they represented the school this year and offer thanks to **Niesa Case** for giving up so much of her time to help the girls and boys develop their skills and their understanding of how competition touch is played.

Christmas Giving Tree

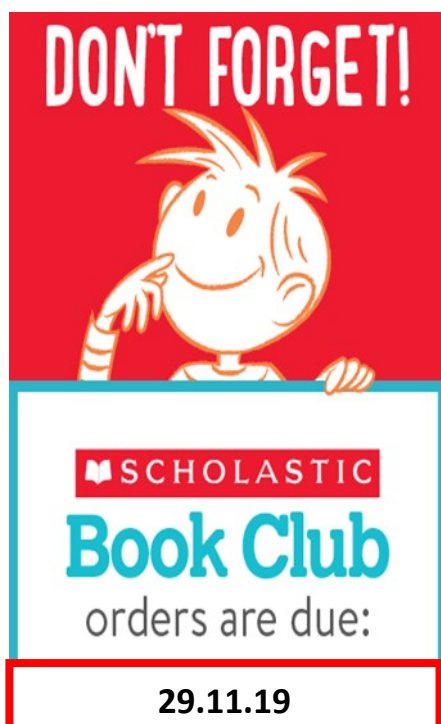
As we approach the Christmas season the sense of excitement and anticipation for children becomes very evident. There are, however, many families in the community that struggle to cope with the extra financial demands that seem to come into play at this time of the year. I am sure parents would agree that there is much to be gained from children being helped to focus on the “giving” aspect of Christmas rather than just the excitement of receiving presents. Children from all classes are invited to purchase a gift and place it under the tree which will be set up in the entrance foyer next week. Gifts will be passed onto one of our local charities at the end of term. If families decide to support this initiative you are asked to **not wrap gifts** as they will need to be unwrapped and checked. This will be of great assistance to those who are distributing the gifts.

Yours sincerely,

Nick Walker

Principal

LIBRARY NEWS



Book Club Issue 8

The last book club catalogue for 2019 was sent home with your child last week. There is an abundance of reasonably priced and good quality texts in this issue. It is a fabulous opportunity to think about Christmas presents and what better gift than books! There is an option on LOOP to tick for a gift so it won't be sent home with your child. All orders for this issue will be received prior to the holidays.

Remember, every order earns 20% back in rewards for the school library!

Thank you sincerely to all those families who have supported the book club and the book fair throughout the year, and helping your child develop a love of reading.

All book club orders will be finalised at close of school Thursday 29th November 2019.

I can't believe we have already reached this time of the year when borrowing from the library is coming to an end. Borrowing for 2019 will finish slightly earlier as the library will be in use for other activities during the last few weeks of term. **All books need to be returned to the library no later the end of week 7.**

Over the next few weeks I will be sending final overdue notices home, so now is a good time to be looking under lounges, beds, in book shelves or cupboards for any books that need to come back to our school library. If you have any questions about overdue books, please write a message on the back of the overdue slip sent home and hand it back to me in the library.

Thank you to all students who have borrowed and returned their books responsibly all year. It has been a pleasure to see you enjoying reading!

Mrs Priest



PRC finishers..... Keep an eye out next week for a note regarding our celebrations!

MINECRAFT



Students in Stage 3 have been using Minecraft Education to build 3D models of houses in

Geography. Students have been learning about how the natural environment shapes places and the ways humans interact with

them. Students had to choose an environment, including but not limited to jungle, arctic, coastal, desert or alpine. They then had to design and build a house for that region, thinking carefully about the advantages and challenges posed by that environment, for example, considering heat and water storage in a desert region.

Mrs Mitchell



Here are some of their amazing houses:



SPORTS TEAMS PHOTOS

Rathmines Public School Specialty Group Photographs

Specialty Group Photographs are available online.

Any orders received by 29th November will receive **FREE** delivery to the school if pick up option is selected during online ordering.

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YEAR 6 PLEASE NOTE

All Year 6 students will receive a complimentary Year 6 Group photo at graduation.

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.

AFFIRMATION ASSEMBLIES



Rathmines Public School Affirmation Assemblies 2019

Please join us in the hall to celebrate the wonderful achievements of all our students in 2019.

Years K-2 Affirmation Assembly:

Wednesday, 11th December 2019 at 9.30am



Years 3 - 4 Affirmation Assembly:

Thursday, 12th December 2019 at 12.00pm

Years 5 - 6 & Special Ed Unit Affirmation Assembly:

Wednesday, 11th December 2019 at 12.00pm



We look forward to celebrating with you.

MOVEMBER

PLEASE HELP THE 'RPS MO BROS' RAISE MONEY AND AWARENESS OF MEN'S HEALTH THIS 'MOVEMBER'!

A number of dapper gentlemen from the RPS teaching community are banding together to raise money and awareness of men's health, and more specifically suicide prevention. Globally, the rate of suicide is alarmingly high, particularly in men. Too many men are 'toughing it out', keeping their feelings to themselves and struggling in silence. Movember is aiming to reduce the rate of male suicide by 25% by 2030.

Any donations to this worthy cause will be much appreciated!
 Donate to our team at <https://moteam.co/rps-mo-bros-1?mc=1>
 Thanks in advance guys!

This is the latest progress shot of our impressive 'mos'.

The RPS 'Mo Bros'

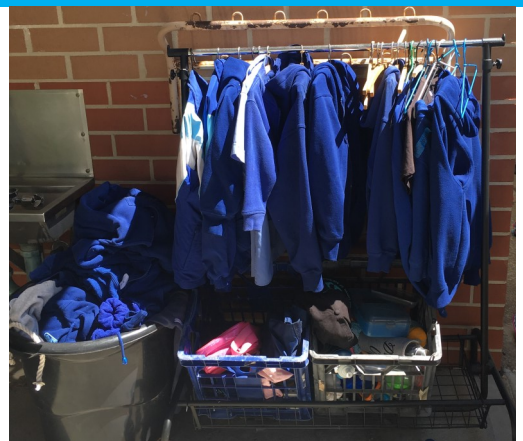


LOST PROPERTY

Please Please **PLEASE**

CHECK LOST PROPERTY FOR YOUR CHILD'S
 BELONGINGS. MANY ITEMS HAVE NAMES!

LOCATED OUTSIDE THE LIBRARY



CARING FOR OUR FARMERS



Caring for Our Farmers

Community Service

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OUR FARMERS NEED OUR HELP!!

We are a locally owned and based Transport Company looking to help Mike from 'Caring for Our Farmers' send a convoy of trucks to the bush.

How YOU can Help

We are asking the Community to help out with supplies.

Donations of Bottled Drinking Water, Tea, Coffee, Sugar, Dog Food and Toiletries such as Toilet Paper and Bars of Soaps.

Drop off Locations & Times/Dates

RATHMINES PUBLIC SCHOOL

on

Tuesday 3rd & Wednesday 4th December

Between 8:45am & 12 noon

STRICTLY NO CASH OR GIFTCARDS PLEASE (Anybody wishing to make a monetary donation please refer to the Caring for Our Farmers Facebook page).

IMPORTANT DATES

DATE	EVENT
Friday 22nd November	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Supercars Excursion Infants Assembly 2.15pm
Monday 25th November	Swim School starts for year 2
Tuesday 26th November	Touch Gala Day
Friday 29th November	Infants Assembly 2.15pm
Monday 2nd December	Primary Assembly 2.15pm (Final for 2019)
Tuesday 3rd December	Year 6 Toronto High Orientation Day
Tuesday 3rd & Wednesday 4th	Drought Appeal donations can be brought to school—see page 9 for further information

END OF YEAR DATES

DATE	EVENT
Thursday 5th December	Thank You morning tea and Kinder concert
Wednesday 11th December	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Affirmation Assembly K-2 9.30am in the hall Affirmation Assembly Yrs 5-6 12pm in hall
Thursday 12th December	Affirmation Assembly Yrs 3-4 12pm in the hall
Friday 13th December	Presentation Day at Avondale, Cooranbong 10.30am
Monday 16th December	Party Day / K-2 Movie Day
Tuesday 17th December	Year 6 Farewell
Wednesday 18th December	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Year 6 clap-out 2.30pm Last Day of school for all students

CANTEEN ROSTER

Friday 22nd November	L.Johnstone, R.Jenkins (am), A.Telfer, R.Stocker, L.Feint, J.Gorick, T.Warner, V.Ryan
Monday 25th November	J.Gorick, J.Bracken, A.Alley
Wednesday 27th November	J.Sharp, K.Grant, M.Breith
Friday 29th November	L.Johnstone, R.Jenkins(am), L.Feint, J.Gorick, N.Hinchliffe
Monday 2nd December	G.Weston, J.Lowe
Wednesday 4th December	M.Breith, A.Telfer

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Please come and support the
 Santa Lolly Run at our BBQ
 fundraiser.

Saturday 30th November
8:30am - 1pm
Rathmines Butchery

 [wangisantalollyrun](https://www.facebook.com/wangisantalollyrun)



Catholic Families: Forming our Children in Faith

St Joseph's Parish, Toronto is now taking applications for the 2020 Sacraments Journey for children who will be in Year 3 or higher to prepare for their First Reconciliation, Confirmation and First Holy Communion. If you would like your child to take part in this journey, please contact Brendon Mannyx at the Parish Office on 4959 2777 or email torparish@mn.catholic.org.au for more information.



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