

RATHMINES PUBLIC SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Term 2 Week 8 2020



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From the Principal

Dear Parents and Carers,

I am pleased to be able to notify all members of our school community that on Friday of last week the Department of Education issued updated guidelines relating to the recommencement of a number of school based activities that had been previously restricted due to the COVID 19 social distancing requirements. The following extracts from the department's guidelines are provided as a background for parents and carers:

"With updated health advice and changes to state and national restrictions, schools are able to recommence the majority of school-based activities from either 15 June 2020 or the start of Term 3 (20 July 2020). Some activities are continuing to be considered....."

The majority of school-based activities can recommence, as long as the following measures are observed:

- all visitors and external to school providers must adhere to relevant hygiene, distancing and safety protocols
- Principals may continue to restrict, limit or prohibit activities if they are seen as contrary to the current health advice

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

- external providers and visitors are required to demonstrate compliance with health and safety requirements including adhering to strict guidelines and completing relevant forms
- non-essential adults are still not permitted on school grounds or at school events – this **includes parents/carers** unless specifically approved by the Principal.

Activities/site usage that can take place from Monday 15 June 2020

- School assemblies (limited to 15 minutes and no external visitors)
- Choirs and performing arts at school, with safety protocols in place
- Students may attend other schools for essential curriculum related reasons or placements (e.g. auditions or placement tests)
- Incursions/external providers can provide activities that support delivery of curriculum (e.g. music tutors, sport skills development programs, science demonstrations, drama tutors, Healthy Harold).

Activities/site usage that can take place from beginning of Term 3

- All school sport and activities including competitions aligned with current health advice (including those activities run by external organisations)
- Inter-school student events and competitions (choirs, sport, debating, public speaking, performing arts, Selective Sports High School trials etc)
- SRE/SEE lessons
- P&C meetings – with a strong preference for on-line where possible
- Parent/teacher meetings – where these need to take place – strong preference for online where possible unless involving serious matters that require face to face discussion

Activities under consideration from Term 3

The following events will be reconsidered in Term 3. For now these events must remain on hold.

- School camps
- Excursions
- Parent attendance at assemblies and other school events (e.g. graduation ceremonies or student speech events)
- Parent volunteers – e.g. parent reading helpers (note: canteen and uniform shop volunteers are permitted)
- Interstate excursions
- School based activities that involve large gathering of adults are not permitted at this time.”

One of the very positive aspects of the school culture which exists at RPS is the readiness of staff members to give freely of their time in order to provide children in all classes with the opportunity to participate in a wide range of extra curricula activities. Following the easing of COVID 19 restrictions class teachers and members of our support staff are eager to once again provide these opportunities to our students. The following activities will recommence as from the beginning of next week:

Miss Watson's **Choral Singing** on Wednesday mornings at 8:10 am in the school hall
 Mr Fisher's **Guitar Groups** on Thursday mornings at 8:30 am and during the lunch break
 Mrs Wick's **Senior Girls Dance** on Thursday mornings at 8:30 am
 Mrs Cawley's and Miss Lizdennis's **Junior Dance** on Thursdays at 8:00am and during the recess break
 Miss Watson's **Boys Dance** on Friday mornings at 8:15am
 Mrs Russell's **Aerobics** on Fridays during lunch break.

The **School Band** will recommence at the start of Term 3 with practice sessions being held during lunch breaks on Mondays. Mrs Seymour will be sending out further details to band members before the end of term.

COVID19 has certainly had a big impact on **school and inter school sport** during the first half of the year.

From the Principal cont'd

Cross Country and Athletics carnivals at Zone, Hunter and NSW levels have unfortunately been cancelled along with the majority of PSSA knockout competitions. Miss Case and Mr McNamara are currently exploring ways to facilitate inter school sport on a modified level during Terms 3 and 4. The plan is to work with members of the Westlakes PSSA to organise a number of Gala Days as well as Round Robin Competitions for our netball, touch footy and Oztag teams. I am also hopeful that the **Newcastle Knights** and **NSW Cricket Association** may sponsor some opportunities for inter school sport during the second half of the year. The first step in the revitalizing of our sports programme will be giving all of our primary students the opportunity to test themselves on our school based cross country track when we hold a **modified cross country carnival** in the school grounds on the last day of term. Planning is also underway for the conducting of our annual Athletics Carnival early in Term 3.

Zoom Assembly

I congratulate all of our school leaders on the manner in which they conducted our first ever Zoom School Assembly last Friday! The children not only responded really well to the challenge of running the assembly in an empty hall but they also provided great tech support to all teachers by setting up the zoom link in each classroom beforehand. A highlight of the assembly was the presentation of badges by Mr Ruecroft to the following members of our two debating teams:

"Rathmines Raptors" Molly, Brayden S, Harry T, Jamie and Jamelia
"Rathmines Rhinos" Kenya, Cruz S, Orton, Tayla L, and Zane
Debating Officials Amber H, Noah H and Dakotah C

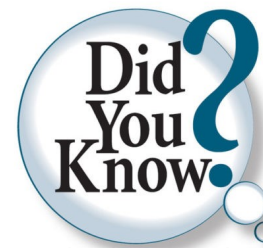
2021 Kinder Transition

Parents and carers with children starting school in kinder at Rathmines next year will receive an email in the next few days with a link to a special welcoming video which is designed to give the children an initial introduction to the experience of a kinder student at our school. This initiative has been implemented in response to our restriction on running the usual Rathmines Rascals playgroup sessions during the second half of this term. Invitations will also be sent out shortly for our 2021 kinder students to participate in a Zoom based Rascals experience during the final weeks of this term. With the gradual easing of social distancing restrictions we are hoping that the "Catalina Kids" program will be able to be conducted with minimum modifications in Term 3. The complementary Catalina Kids t-shirts are expected to be delivered to the school in the next few days and will be sent home to families before the end of term.

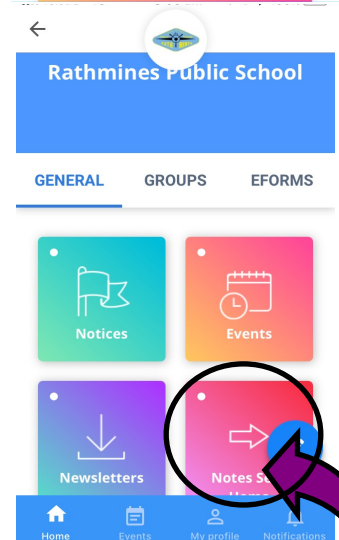
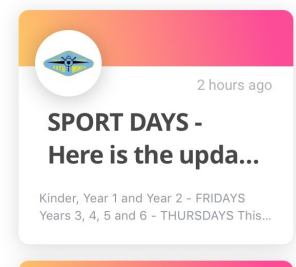
Yours sincerely,

Nick Walker

Principal



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.

GARDENING CLUB



A very big THANK YOU to Wangi Wangi Men's Shed for making our Garden Club signs. We are thrilled with them!



Our spiral herb garden is growing well.



We are delighted to have more frogs move into our frog pond after this much-needed rain!



We love grinding up food for our worm farm.



Keep up the great recycling of your bottles and poppers.

To our wonderful volunteers: Karen, Bev, Shelley and Liz, you make gardening so much fun. Thank you.

SCIENCE FUN IN 2/3R

2/3R had lots of fun making animal hats for their Science topic 'That's My Hat'. Students made their animal hats from a variety of materials and presented them to the class stating how they designed them and then made them.

- Mrs Burns

Science Teacher



UNIFORM ORDER FORM K-2

NAME: _____

CLASS: _____

DATE: _____

CONTACT NUMBER: _____

ITEM	4	6	8	10	12	14	16	PRICE	TOTAL
<i>GIRLS UNIFORM</i>									
Dress								\$55.00	
Hooded Zip Jacket								\$30.00	
or Hooded Jumper								\$25.00	
Hat – Reversible with sports house colour (please tick)	<input type="radio"/> Mariner (RED)	<input type="radio"/> Kingfisher (BLUE)	<input type="radio"/> Catalina (GREEN)	<input type="radio"/> Seagull (YELLOW)				\$15.00	
RPS Cap								\$12.00	
<i>GIRLS SPORTS UNIFORM</i>									
Unisex Polo Shirt								\$25.00	
Unisex Sports Shorts								\$15.00	
or Girls Sports Skort	N/A	N/A	N/A					\$30.00	
Tracksuit Jacket								\$35.00	
Fleece Tracksuit Pants								\$20.00	
Microfibre Tracksuit Pants								\$25.00	
<i>BOYS UNIFORM</i>									
Grey Cargo Shorts								\$17.00	
Grey Shorts Sz3 only								\$17.00	
Mid Blue Shirt								\$16.00	
Grey Long Pants								\$20.00	
Hooded Zip Jacket								\$30.00	
or Hooded Jumper								\$25.00	
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Unisex Sport Shorts								\$15.00	
Tracksuit Jacket								\$35.00	
Fleece Tracksuit Pants								\$20.00	
Microfibre Tracksuit Pants								\$25.00	

TO ORDER

- Complete this form
- Make payment online at rathmines-p.schools.nsw.gov.au
- Write the receipt number on the form
- Return form to school office. Order will be filled and given to your child.

UNIFORM ORDER FORM 3-6

NAME: _____

CLASS: _____

DATE: _____

CONTACT NUMBER: _____

ITEM	4	6	8	10	12	14	16	PRICE	TOTAL
<i>GIRLS UNIFORM</i>									
Check Skort								\$45.00	
Check Skirt								\$40.00	
Peter Pan Blouse								\$22.00	
Hooded Zip Jacket								\$30.00	
or Hooded Jumper								\$25.00	
Hat – Reversible with sports house colour (please tick)	<input type="radio"/> Mariner (RED)	<input type="radio"/> Kingfisher (BLUE)	<input type="radio"/> Catalina (GREEN)	<input type="radio"/> Seagull (YELLOW)				\$15.00	
RPS Cap								\$12.00	
<i>GIRLS SPORTS UNIFORM</i>									
Unisex Polo Shirt								\$25.00	
Unisex Sports Shorts								\$15.00	
or Girls Sports Skort	N/A	N/A	N/A					\$30.00	
Tracksuit Jacket								\$35.00	
Fleece Tracksuit Pants								\$20.00	
Microfibre Tracksuit Pants								\$25.00	
<i>BOYS UNIFORM</i>									
Grey Cargo Shorts								\$17.00	
Mid Blue Shirt								\$16.00	
Grey Long Pants								\$20.00	
Hooded Zip Jacket								\$30.00	
or Hooded Jumper								\$25.00	
Hat – Reversible with sports house colour (please tick)	<input type="radio"/> Mariner (RED)	<input type="radio"/> Kingfisher (BLUE)	<input type="radio"/> Catalina (GREEN)	<input type="radio"/> Seagull (YELLOW)	S-M <input type="radio"/>	M-L <input type="radio"/>	EXL <input type="radio"/>	\$15.00	
RPS Cap								\$12.00	
<i>BOYS SPORTS UNIFORM</i>									
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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.

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.



Active OOSH Rathmines

Winter Vacation Care Program

6th July - 20th July 2020



MONDAY 6TH

The Balancing Man
Be wowed by the talent in this interactive show! Watch carefully as he balances a stack of items. Will they ever fall? Test your skills at balancing after the show!
1pm - 3:30pm

Cupcake Wars

Calling all master chefs! Active OOSH is holding its tastiest competition yet. Break away into teams to make, bake and decorate your very own NAIDOC designed cupcakes to be judged by the OOSH educators.

TUESDAY 7TH

Bop Till You Drop Slime and Disco Party

Be entertained for hours by our special guests! Verse your friends and the educators in group games and dance battles to win the gold medal! Spend the day playing with awesome slime you've created and get to take home.
1pm - 3:30pm

Cool Cartoon World

Exclusive fun with the one and only resident cartoon whiz Alex! Learn how to draw new and exciting NAIDOC designs.

WEDNESDAY 8TH

Games 2U

Outrageous fun you will rave about for days! Choose from the games theatre, bumper balls, hamster ball, laser tag arena, anki overdrive and the ultimate t-shirt cannon! A guaranteed wicked day out with all of your friends.
1pm - 3pm

Cloud Dough Slime

Create fantastic fluffy black, yellow and red slime that won't stick to your clothes or mums furniture! Play with your friends to see who can create the biggest slime bubble!

THURSDAY 9TH

Super Air Combat Droning

Code the day away while you fly spectacular drones! Make your dynamic drone do crazy stunts and put on an incredible air show to impress all of your friends and the educators!
1:30pm - 3:30pm

Trendy Tie Dying

Design the trendiest tee's on the block! Splash the NAIDOC colours over your boring white items to design an awesome black, yellow and red pattern. (BYO white clothing)

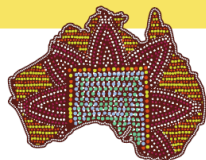
FRIDAY 10TH

Fit Fantastic Fun

Don't miss your chance to experience this brand new bootcamp! Guaranteed to be two fun-filled hours with nothing but laughter and smiles! Do you and your friends have what it takes to be crowned the OOSH team champions?
1:30pm - 3:30pm

Naidoc Celebration

Connect with our Indigenous cultures by participating in a range of traditional games, art and dance workshops, and Dreamtime stories to celebrate NAIDOC week.



BOOK NOW @ 0438 224 914 OR
activeooshrathmines@gmail.com



MONDAY 13TH

Bricks 4 Kidz Lego Land

Construction gurus! Today is the day to let your imagination go wild with creative play. Build your skills using technical models with motors and batteries to make your Lego creation come to life!

Ultimate Gamerz Van

Enjoy a gaming party on wheels! Play the Xbox 1, PS4 and Wii. Use the giant screens inside the gaming theatre for friendly fun and competition with your friends.

TUESDAY 14TH

Wheelie Good Day

Bring your bike, scooter or skateboard to show us how it's done on the ramp and rail run. Can you beat your personal best in the obstacle course time trials?

Helmets are compulsory!
12pm - 4pm

Lucy's Art Class

The incredibly talented Lucy is back to help you create 3D bubble wrap bees and special still life plants during her exclusive master class.
9:30am - 11:30am

WEDNESDAY 15TH

Wicked Gamers Day Out

An unbeatable day of super sized fun! Start your day with giant Connect 4, Jenga and Twister before finishing off with a game of giant chess and O's & X's!
10:30am - 2:30pm

Mexican Fiesta

Amigos, it's time for our Mexican Fiesta! Decide on your perfect ingredients and tantalise your taste buds when you chop, dice, grate, create and eat your very own tasty taco! Taco-bout a delicious afternoon!

THURSDAY 16TH

Big Sky Mobile Cinema

Bring your comfiest pillow and find the ultimate spot on the front grass to watch an all-time favourite movie on the outdoor big screen. Plus, there will be popcorn!
10:30am - 2:30pm

Ritz and Glitz

Get glammed up and pampered celebrity style at the AOR beauty salon. Sit back and relax while you get your nails painted and hair braided with a sprinkle of glitter and sparkly gems.

FRIDAY 17TH

The Muttley Dog Crew

A delightful doggy day! This spectacular show is complete with an overload of fun and cuteness all wrapped up in one. Get ready to have your hearts melted with the Muttley Crew's pack of super dogs.
2pm - 3:30pm

National Pyjama Day

Come dressed in your favourite PJ's and bring a gold coin donation to help The Pyjama Foundation raise awareness and funds for children in foster care.

Daily fee is \$70 before CCS is applied.

All incursions, breakfast and afternoon tea is included.



IMPORTANT INFORMATION

- Authorisation forms must be completed prior to your child participating in any activities.
- The service will continue to align with all COVID-19 requirements, promoting good hygiene and limiting the number of children in each area of our service.
- Please ensure all children's items are clearly labelled with their full name.

MONDAY 20TH

Picnic in the Park + Hot Chippie Lunch

Test your skills in the ultimate playground obstacle course time trial challenge. Who will record a world record lap time? Gather your dream team and compete in the ultimate relay sprint off. Verse the educators in a game of continuous cricket, soccer, dodgeball and red rover cross over 1,2,3 to see who gets bragging rights!

Craving Cold Rock

Experience first class delivery at its best! Cool down and choose your favourite ice cream flavour mixed with your choice of sweet to satisfy your taste buds. A well earned treat to end the school holidays!



IMPORTANT INFORMATION

- Follow us on Facebook "Active OOSH Rathmines" for daily updates and photos of child led play experiences.
- A nutritious breakfast and afternoon tea is provided each day.
- Parents must ensure their child has a packed recess, lunch and a refillable drink bottle each day.
- Children must wear sun safe clothing, enclosed shoes and a hat each day.