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## From the Principal

Dear Parents and Carers,

Last week the educational focus in all classrooms was on the celebration of NAIDOC Week. In addition to the learning activities implemented by class teachers on the 2020 NAIDOC theme “**Always Was, Always Will Be**” students had the opportunity to work with **Tim Selwyn** from Girra Girra Tours, who presented sessions aimed at fostering the children’s understanding and awareness of Aboriginal history, art and culture. Many thanks to **Mrs Verschoor, Miss Gavenlock** and all members of the school’s



### 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

Aboriginal Education Committee for their wonderful efforts coordinating this year's NAIDOC program. I congratulate the children on the manner in which they engaged with Tim and offer particular congratulations to our primary and infants students for the respectful manner in



which they participated in the smoking ceremonies on Tuesday and Thursday mornings. Many thanks also to the Wonai group students and Erin for their input to the very striking display on the NAIDOC Week theme in our entrance foyer.

### Semester One Reports

The semester one reports which will be sent home next Friday 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. Many thanks to parents, carers and students for taking the time to complete the **self-evaluations** and reflections on their online learning from home experience during the final weeks of Term 1 and the first few weeks of Term 2. Any parents or carers who wish to arrange a **phone interview** to discuss the semester one report with their class teacher are asked to contact the relevant teacher.

### COVID 19 Update

In a recent Skoolbag Notification I highlighted that everyone in our school community is aware of the deteriorating **COVID 19** situation in Victoria and the increasing number of cases in NSW. I also included extracts from the health alerts issued by NSW Health in regard to people travelling from Victoria, and the

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confirmation of a number of cases in the Port Stephens area. When speaking to staff at the start of term, I emphasised that we all need to be mindful that everyone is potentially a carrier and that we could inadvertently pass on the virus to others even though we may feel perfectly healthy ourselves. I take this opportunity to encourage all members of our school community to continue to be vigilant in complying with social distancing and hygiene guidelines as we work together to address the ongoing challenges presented by the COVID 19 pandemic. Please note that the restrictions which were in place at the end of Term 2 in regard to parents, carers and visitors entering the school grounds, will need to stay in place. We are mindful that this is impacting significantly on our **Kinder transition program**. Parents and carers with children enrolled for Kinder next year will receive an email this week from Mrs Ruecroft setting out the interim "virtual/online" measures we will be adopting to keep in touch with the Rathmines Rascals. The complimentary "**Catalina Kids**" T-shirts have arrived; please contact Jenni in the school office if you would like to collect your child's shirt or have an older sibling take it home.

### Cross Country Carnival

We were fortunate to have great weather for our first **school based** Cross Country carnival which was held during the final week of Term 2. I commend all the children for giving of their best when competing on what proved to be a fairly challenging track and offer special congratulations to the following age champions:

8/9yrs Boys	<b>Elwood</b>	8/9yrs Girls	<b>Milarn</b>
10yrs Boys	<b>Kaizen</b>	10yrs Girls	<b>Ruby</b>
11yrs Boys	<b>Alex M</b>	11yrs Girls	<b>Charli E</b>
12yrs Boys	<b>Zane F</b>	12yrs Girls	<b>Kenya</b>

### **Cross Country House Champion - Seagull**



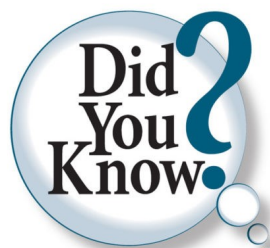
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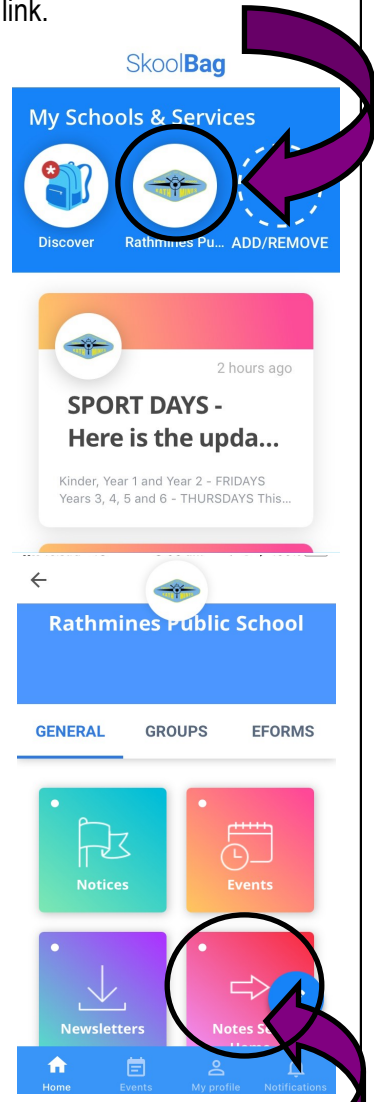
Many thanks to **Niesa Case** and **Troy McNamara** for all the time and effort they contributed to organising the carnival and especially for their readiness to make adjustments to our normal sports programme so that students would not miss out on having the chance to participate in one of our annual sports events despite the limitations arising from COVID 19.



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.

# LIBRARY NEWS

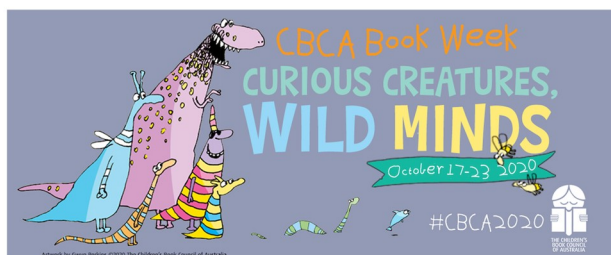
## School Library News

### Upcoming Events

The Children's Book Council Australia has just announced the shortlisted books for 2020 and we are lucky enough to have some of them in our own library.

The theme for this year's book week is "Curious Creatures, Wild Minds".

Throughout the term the students will be discussing the theme and learning about the different authors and books nominated for this year's awards.



Come and check out the CBCA 2020 books under our amazing wall design

### Library Legends

I'd like to give a big thank you to the very dedicated library monitors that make it their duty to come and give up their recess to help out in the library. They are very committed and driven young men and women and I really appreciate all your hard work.

**Brayden C, Amber, Molly, Braydan S, Jackson, Jemma, Olivia, Jamie, Harrison and Ethan.**



**Miss Lizdenis**

# RUBY CLASS NEWS

Check out our NAIDOC craft!

We started our NAIDOC celebrations last term and it has taken many hours to complete this wonderful wall exhibit.



# UNIFORM ORDER FORM K-2

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

CLASS: \_\_\_\_\_

DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

CONTACT NUMBER: \_\_\_\_\_

ITEM	4	6	8	10	12	14	16	PRICE	TOTAL
<b><i>GIRLS UNIFORM</i></b>									
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	
<b><i>GIRLS SPORTS UNIFORM</i></b>									
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	
<b><i>BOYS UNIFORM</i></b>									
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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RPS Cap								\$12.00	
<b><i>BOYS SPORTS UNIFORM</i></b>									
Unisex Polo Shirt								\$25.00	
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](http://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
<b><i>GIRLS UNIFORM</i></b>									
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	
<b><i>GIRLS SPORTS UNIFORM</i></b>									
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	
<b><i>BOYS UNIFORM</i></b>									
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	
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## COMMUNITY NOTICES



### GIRL GUIDES AUSTRALIA

*Where your daughter carves her own journey.*

Find out more at  
[aplacetogrow.org.au](http://aplacetogrow.org.au)

## SCHOOL INFORMATION

### 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

## 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, Toronto, Wangi Wangi and Blackalls Park Public School.

#### ENQUIRIES & BOOKINGS.

**Phone:** 0438224914

**Email:** activeoosh Rathmines@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.