

# RATHMINES PUBLIC SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Term 3 Week 9 2020



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## From the Principal

Dear Parents and Carers,

As we approach the end of Term 3 I would like to provide you with an update regarding the steps already undertaken in the development of our **School Improvement Plan for 2021 to 2024**, the tasks still to be addressed during the remainder of the 2020 school year and the projected timeframe for completion of the plan.

The review of our **School Vision Statement** and possible adjustments based on responses received from school community members via the SVS Survey is underway and a summary of the feedback and possible changes will be circulated to parents and carers early next term. It is important to note that the updated School Vision Statement will be an important factor in setting our strategic directions for the next four year plan. Members of our school executive team are leading the way in conducting a **situational analysis** for our school with a focus on **Literacy, Numeracy and Wellbeing**.

### 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

I anticipate that by the end of week two next term the three teams will have been able to develop a detailed understanding of the school's strengths and areas for development in regard to the key areas of school performance we are required to address in the school improvement process. The team members have been gathering data based on internal and external assessments (e.g NAPLAN) as well as surveys and interviews with staff members and students. During Term 4 the focus will be on facilitating discussion within the school community to highlight a shared vision for the characteristics that will be key factors in the teaching and learning environment of Rathmines Public School by the end of the 2024 school year, and the incremental steps we will need to take each year in order to achieve that vision. An important part of this process will be having an opportunity for community consultation via our monthly P and C meetings next term if the COVID social distancing restrictions are eased. The actual documentation of the 2021 to 2024 School Improvement Plan will be completed during Term 1 next year.

### **Community Congratulations for Kay Burgess**

On behalf of all members of the Rathmines School community I congratulate **Kay Burgess** on being recognised and honoured for her service to **Marine Rescue NSW** during a special ceremony conducted at the new Marine Rescue base at Swansea Heads on Tuesday in conjunction with the opening of the new base. Kay is the longest serving member of the Lake Macquarie Marine Rescue team while at the same time being the youngest team member! Kay has been a volunteer and has given freely of her time to support Marine Rescue for the past 27



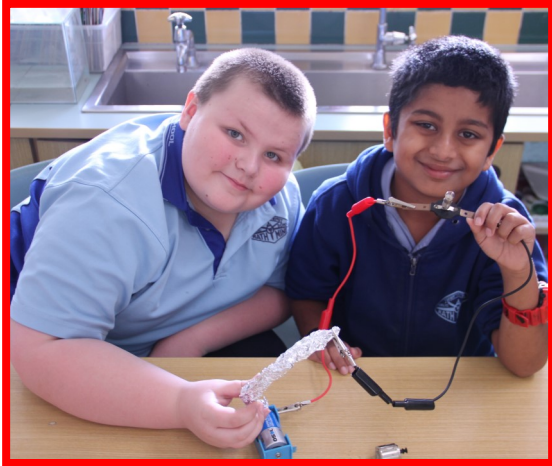
years. Her dedication to the service of others for this extended period of time is a wonderful achievement and sets a great example for our students. Speaking as someone who spends a fair bit of time on the water, and has spent many hours floating around off the coast in small boats, I can vouch for the great service provided by the members of Marine Rescue and I know that the service provided by Kay and all of her team members is greatly appreciated. Kay's story of service was featured on NBN news on Tuesday night and I encourage anyone who missed it to catch the replay so you can share in the special celebration.

### **Science Day**

As a result of the recent additions to social distancing restrictions, the annual Science Day and Science Fair conducted each year by **Mrs Mitchell** and **Mrs Burns** is being held on different days for primary and infants students. Yesterday's hands on science activities for our infants classes turned out to be a very valuable learning experience for all those involved. The children were able to stay in their class groups while rotating through a selection of the following Science activities : - **Rain Clouds, Frog life cycle, Recycling, Marble Maze, Colour Wheels, Circuits, Kaleidoscopes, and Water Fireworks.** The children clearly enjoyed investigating and participating in the activities as can be seen from the feedback provided by Mrs Burns: **"The children's reactions to these activities were priceless. Some quotes from them include....'This was the best day ever' and 'Mine worked! Mine worked!'**

## From the Principal cont'd

I welcome this opportunity to thank Susan and Rachelle for their ongoing contribution to our science program at RPS and for the effort they make to ensure that the Science lessons they structure for all classes from Kinder through to Year 6 are engaging, stimulating and rewarding for all our students.



### Debating News

The debating season of the **Premier's Debating Challenge** for 2020 has been disrupted by COVID 19 like so many other school activities but thankfully, being able to debate via Zoom has allowed our students to still experience competitive debating. Unfortunately the start to the debating season was delayed when a number of other schools dropped out of the Challenge, but today our two debating teams finally managed to have two official Zoom debates against Coal Point Public School. The first debate was between Rathmines Rhinos (**Orton M, Tayla L, Kenya R and Cruz S**) and Coal Point Black. The topic chosen was "That we should ban primary school kids from having phones" and the Rhinos were the negative team. In a very interesting debate, Rathmines Rhinos was the successful team. This was immediately followed by the debate between Rathmines Raptors (**Braydan S, Molly R, Harry T and Jamilya B**) v Coal Point Gold. For this debate the chosen topic, "That all kids should have to save any money they receive until they turn eighteen" led to some very interesting arguments being put forward by Raptors as the negative team. In a very close debate, Rathmines Raptors came out on top. Congratulations to the debating squad on today's results and many thanks to our very capable officials (**Amber H, Noah H, Dakotah C**) who ensured the Zoom debates ran smoothly. Many thanks also to Mrs

## From the Principal cont'd

**Bristow and Mr Rucroft** for coaching our debating teams and a special thanks to Jason for making the debates possible through the magic of Zoom technology! Both debating teams are looking forward to next Tuesday's debate between the Rhinos and the Raptors. Helen and Jason have commented on the strong sense of competition between both teams and as a result they are expecting to hear some very convincing arguments from the affirmative and the negative sides in this "Rathmines v Rathmines" debate.

### Sports News

In the last newsletter I referred to the initiative taken by our stage 3 teachers to provide the senior students with "in school competitions" in an effort to make up for the cancelation of this year's PSSA knockouts due to COVID 19. The basketball competition hosted by Mr Elston was a great success and, as can be seen from the following report by Miss Case, the Oztag competition was also greatly appreciated by the stage 3 children.



***"Over the past few weeks, the Stage 3 Oztag competition has been the buzz around Rathmines Public School and it wrapped up with a grand final that did not disappoint. The Roosters scored two tries in the opening minutes of the game but the rapid speed of the Knights fullback switched the momentum right before half time. The second half saw both teams at a 4-all draw with five minutes to go. With golden point on everyone's mind, the Roosters finally broke the line and settled the score 5 – 4 with two minutes to go. The Roosters managed to hold on to their victory with an impressive defensive set to take home the win.***

***The seven teams entered in the competition involved the Panthers, Storm, Eels, Roosters, Raiders, Knights and the Rabbitohs. As you would expect, each team poured their heart and soul into every game and they displayed a very high standard of sportsmanship. A group of secret selectors have hand-picked an All-Stars oztag team to take on the teachers' team when they meet in Term 4. The teachers are keen to continue their winning streak after defeating the All Stars in basketball earlier this term."***

On behalf of all the students I thank Niesa for giving up so much of her free time not only to organise the competition but also to referee games every lunchtime for the past two weeks.

### Kinder Transition 2021

At this stage all of our traditional kinder transition programs remain on hold due to the COVID 19 guidelines for schools. I have been advised that schools will be provided with updated guidelines during the second week of the school holidays and I am hopeful that we may be able to implement a

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compressed transition program during Term 4 but this will obviously depend on advice provided by NSW Health. In the meantime Mrs Ruecroft is continuing to use our school website and YouTube channel to not only keep in touch with our kinder students for next year but also to help them to become more familiar with life at RPS through posting short videos of activities in infants classes as well as weekly assembly items.

### **Spring Vacation**

The 2020 school year continues to be a challenging time for all members of our school community. As Term 3 comes to an end I would like to once again express my appreciation to all parents, carers and staff members for your resilience, cooperation, patience and commitment to working together in order to provide **“a supportive safe and engaging learning environment”** for our students. Best wishes for a relaxing, safe and enjoyable spring vacation. School will resume for the fourth term on Monday 12<sup>th</sup> October.

Yours sincerely,

*Nick Walker*

Principal

## FRUIT AND VEG MONTH



A big THANK YOU to Miss Lizdenis for creating delicious fruit smoothies as part of Fruit and Veg Month. We raised \$55 to donate to the Healthy Kids Association.



# SCHOOL PHOTO DAY

**PHOTO DAY IS**

**WEDNESDAY 21ST OCTOBER**

**Order envelopes will be sent home in Week 1**



## Rathmines Public School 2020 School Photos

**2020 School Photos can be ordered online.**

To view packages and to place your order please visit

[www.newcastleschoolportraits.com](http://www.newcastleschoolportraits.com)

and enter your code.

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Orders to be done before photo day to avoid late fee.

Payments can be made with any Mastercard or Visa cards.

### School Packages

Qty Ordered	<b>A</b> Pack		Cover, Traditional Class Photo, Composite Class Photo. Portraits included: Colour 1-(5x7) 2-(2.5x3.5) 4-Wallets with an extra set in B/W & a 6x12" Enlargement & Free low res Digital Image of individual. Softcover Album 8x10" 30 page to store many years of photos.	<b>\$65</b>
Qty Ordered	<b>B</b> Pack		Cover, Traditional Class Photo, Composite Class Photo. Colour 1-(5x7) 2-(2.5x3.5) 4-Wallets with an extra set in B/W & a 6x12" Enlargement & Free low res Digital Image of individual.	<b>\$45</b>
Qty Ordered	<b>C</b> Pack		Cover, Traditional Class Photo, Composite Class Photo. Free low res Digital Image of individual.	<b>\$38</b>
Qty Ordered	<b>D</b> Pack		Cover, Traditional Class Photo, Composite Class Photo. There are no individual photos in this package.	<b>\$26</b>
Qty Ordered	<b>E</b> Pack		1-(5x7) 2-(2.5x3.5) 4- Wallets & low res digital image.	<b>\$22</b>
Qty Ordered	<b>F</b> Pack		Portraits included: Colour 1-(5x7) 2-(2.5x3.5) 4-Wallets with an extra set in B/W & a 6x12" Enlargement & Free low res Digital Image of individual.	<b>\$65</b>
Qty Ordered	<b>Photo Album</b>		<b>8x10" 30 Page Photo Album</b> A great way to store your child's photos over the years. Photo Album is available for purchase without purchasing a photo pack. These albums contain no photos.	<b>\$25</b>

**Family Package are also available online but must be ordered by 9pm the night before Family photo day.**

### Family Packages

Qty Ordered	<b>Family A</b> Pack		1-(5x7) 2-(2.5x3.5) 4- Wallets & Digital low res image of family.	<b>\$25</b>
Qty Ordered	<b>Family B</b> Pack		1-(5x7) 2-(2.5x3.5) 4- Wallets & 6x12" Enlargement & Digital low res Image of Family.	<b>\$35</b>

# FRUIT AND VEG MONTH



## Fruit & Veg Month 2020

Our school will be participating in Fruit & Veg Month 2020.

The theme for this year's event is '**Planet Fruit & Veg!**'

We need to take better care of ourselves and the planet, so let's teach our kids to eat more fruit and vegetables, to choose local and in-season produce and not to waste fresh food. This year's Fruit & Veg Month is all about looking at fruit and vegetables through the lens of sustainability.

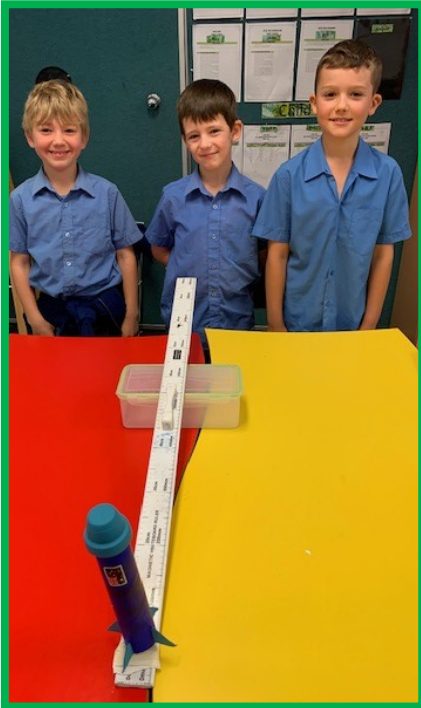
Fruit & Veg Month 2020 runs for the last four weeks of Term 3 – from Monday 31 August to Friday 25 September.

As part of Fruit & Veg Month, students will be involved in various classroom and school-based activities which encourage them to eat more fruit and vegetables.

If you require more information on what activities our school is doing for Fruit & Veg Month, please contact the school or your child's teacher.

Joanna Lizdenis  
Fruit & Veg Month School Coordinator

# SCIENCE NEWS

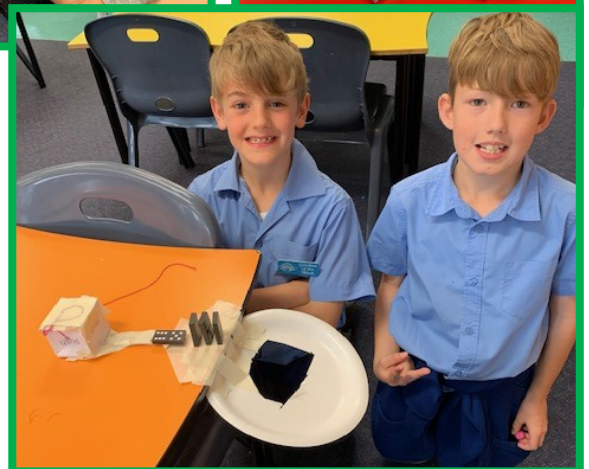


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designed and made some simple machines that will help to make our lives easier.

We had a great time finding solutions to our problems.

- Mrs Burns





# UNIFORM ORDER KINDER TO YEAR 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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TO ORDER

- Complete this form
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- Write the receipt number on the form
- Return form to school office. Order will be filled and given to your child.

# UNIFORM ORDER YEARS 3 TO 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 <small>(please tick)</small>	<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	
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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	
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or Hooded Jumper								\$25.00	
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## 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

Rego pick up days



Saturday  
10<sup>th</sup> October  
from 4pm &  
Wednesday  
14<sup>th</sup> October  
from 6pm  
Programs  
for ages 3+  
available.

Westlakes is

an Inclusive Club that welcomes athletes of all abilities.



**Active Kids  
Vouchers Accepted**

### OZTAG

Term 4 Junior competition to be held at Smith Park, Broadmeadow. Relevant information can be found on the website at:

[www.newcastleoztag.com.au](http://www.newcastleoztag.com.au)

or the junior link at:

[https://sportsfix.net/  
NewcastleJuniorOztag](https://sportsfix.net/NewcastleJuniorOztag)

All enquiries should be sent to [newcastlejnrsoztag.com.au](mailto:newcastlejnrsoztag.com.au)



## HOLIDAY CLINICS

**DATE:** 1/10/2020

**TIME:** 10.00am - 1.00pm

**AGE:** 5-12 years

**COST:** \$40

**WHERE:** Somerset Park Sporting Fields, Thornton



**LEAGUE  
STARS**





# ACTIVE OOSH RATHMINES

## SPRING VACATION CARE PROGRAM

### 28TH SEPTEMBER - 9TH OCTOBER 2020

**MONDAY 28TH****AO OUTDOOR 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!

**TOUCH FOOTY CHAMPS**

Wear your favourite sports colour or jersey for this one! Gather your friends to create your dream team and eliminate the opposition. Show off your best Kalyn Ponga side step and pass!

**TUESDAY 29TH****GAME SHOW TIME**

Join our quirky host, Benny O for a hilarious and interactive game show. Compete in wicked challenges and crazy puzzles. You'll be on the edge of your seat to see who's crowned the champ!

**LASER TAG 2U**

Extreme fun for all! Use inflatable walls and bunkers to transform OOSH into a real life gaming arena. Design your own field using trees, outdoor furniture and anything you can think of!

**WEDNESDAY 30TH****ART SOCIAL WITH LUCY**

By popular demand our art queen is back to help you design the funkiest tie dye shirt in town. A step by step flamingo will follow during her exclusive master class.

**GAMES 2U**

The crowd favourite is back! Outrageous fun you will rave about for days! Choose from the games theatre, slot car races, hamster ball and the ultimate water tag comp!

**THURSDAY 1ST****FIT KIDS "HUNGER GAMES"**

Get excited for the best outdoor game on the planet. Team up with your friends and conquer all the challenges that come your way. Start as a beginner and end the day a champion!

**MONSTER SKATE PARK**

A shout out to all daredevils! Guaranteed wicked time experiencing action sports with the best coaches in the world. Use a skateboard or scooter to master your skills and new talents.

**FRIDAY 2ND****LAKE MAC OLYMPICS**

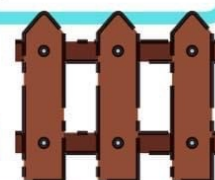
Represent a local suburb and participate in the fun filled activities to score points throughout the day for your team. Create your team flag and personalised chant to cheer your mates on!

**FRIED RICE FRIDAY**

The tastiest Chinese banquet in town. Choose from a range of classic Chinese ingredients and tantalise your taste buds when you create your own specialised fried rice bowl.



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**ACTIVEOOSHRATHMINES@GMAIL.COM**

**MONDAY 5TH**

*Sorry* We're  
**CLOSED**

ENJOY A FUN, SAFE AND  
WELL DESERVED LONG  
WEEKEND.  
SEE YOU TOMORROW!

**TUESDAY 6TH****AWESOME ANIMAL ADVENTURES**

So many cute baby animals! We're talking lambs, goats, rabbits, guinea pigs, reptiles and birds! Get up close and personal while you learn about our furry, feathered and scaly friends.

**GAMERZ VAN**

Get excited for a gaming party on wheels with your friends! Play the Xbox, PS4 and Wii. Be prepared for some friendly fun and competition.

**WEDNESDAY 7TH****THE MUSIC BUS**

Jump aboard and rock out a jam session in the Music Bus! Enter the talent show with your friends, have a crack at some musical games, awesome craftivities and a disco! Prizes galore to be won!

**UNICORN EXPERIENCE**

You asked for Flash the Unicorn to visit again and you are in luck! Step into the enchanting forest and spend the day dancing, brushing & plaiting his hair.

**THURSDAY 8TH****EVOLUTION SPORTS SQUAD**

Experience the evolution of sports and participate in a range of sports featuring javelin, dodgeball, tug of war and the crowd favourite... bubble soccer!

**BOP TILL YOU DROP**

**SLIME & DISCO PARTY**  
Entertainment deluxe! Verse your friends in group games and spend the rest of the day playing with the awesome slime you've created and get to take home.

**FRIDAY 9TH****DETECTIVE D AT AD**

This roller coaster of fun will teleport everyone into a world where every blink is a clue. Do you think you could trick a professional? Would you like to be a part of a real life detective movie?

**NEWY ICE CREAM TRUCK**

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

**\$70 PER DAY PRIOR TO CCS BEING APPLIED.**

**ALL INCURSIONS, BREAKFAST AND AFTERNOON TEA IS INCLUDED.**

**IMPORTANT INFORMATION**

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

