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From the Principal

Dear Parents and Carers,

*I am very pleased to be able to share the news that **Mr McNamara** has been appointed to the position of **Relieving Assistant Principal** in a fulltime temporary capacity covering for Mrs Cronje who will be taking extended leave from the start of Term 2. Mr McNamara has extensive experience as a member of our school executive and is highly regarded for the very professional manner in which he fulfils all the responsibilities associated with the role of Assistant Principal. I also take this opportunity to once again thank Mrs Cronje for her contribution to the ongoing development of our school through her part time Assistant Principal role and, on behalf of everyone in our school community, I wish her the best for her well-earned break from teaching.*

ANZAC Assembly and March

On Wednesday of the first week back next term, students in all classes from Year 1 through to Year 6 will come together for a very special

Vision Statement

Rathmines Public School's vision is to pursue and celebrate excellence in all areas and to ensure every student has the opportunity to experience success within a supportive, safe, personalised and engaging learning environment which is free from all forms of discrimination.

Our vision is to educate students for life, to enable them to act with moral and ethical integrity, to foster their sense of wellbeing and to develop their personal values of honesty, resilience, empathy, respect and responsibility.

From the Principal cont'd

ANZAC Day Assembly in the school hall at 10am. During the assembly we will take time to honour all the men and women who have made sacrifices in order to preserve the peace and freedom we experience in Australia today. Our school captains will lead us through a reflection on the history of the ANZACs and the development of the ANZAC spirit which serves as a model for all children and adults. Traditionally, each class will lay a wreath of flowers as part of the ceremony. We ask, where possible, that children contribute flowers or foliage towards their class wreath. There will be some limited seating available for parents and carers who wish to join with us for this special celebration.

Rathmines Public School has an excellent record of participation in the commemorative ANZAC celebrations held in our local communities. I extend an early invitation and encouragement for all children to make the effort to represent our school at one of the ANZAC Marches which will be held in Rathmines and Wangi on Sunday 25th April (first Sunday of Term 2). A special invitation is extended to all of our Kindergarten and Year 6 students to represent Rathmines Public in one of the ANZAC marches during their first and last years of primary education. This year the Rathmines march will commence at 12.45pm, whilst the Wangi march will commence at 10.00am. Those students participating in the Rathmines march should be dressed in full school uniform and meet me at Rathmines ANZAC Memorial near the Bowling Club at 12.15pm. Any students representing our school at the Wangi march should also be dressed in full school uniform and meet Mrs Seymour in front of Wangi Wangi Public School on the corner of Dobell Drive and Puna Street at 9.30am.

Down Syndrome Awareness Day

The members of our special education team have once again excelled in their efforts to help the students in our school gain an increased awareness of the special characteristics of the wonderful children in our three support classes. "Step UP for Down Syndrome" was the theme for our school's celebration of World Down Syndrome Day on Friday of week eight. During the day class students participated in discussions and activities focusing on raising awareness of Down Syndrome, what makes us all unique, and how we can all help each other to feel included. The children in all classes from Kinder to Year 6 wholeheartedly supported the "Rock Your Socks" initiative linked to our celebrations. The idea behind this initiative is that all types, shapes, sizes of the same thing can be unique in their own way, and yet do the same thing. Children understand what socks are, how they look and what they are for, and children understand that no two socks are the same. On behalf of all the staff and students I thank the special education team for the time and effort they contributed to organising the day.

2022 Kinder Enrolments

The enrolment process for the **Kindergarten** class of **2022** will commence at the start of next term. I encourage any parents who wish to enrol a child in Kinder next year to contact the school office as soon as possible. As in past years there will be an opportunity for children to join the "**Rathmines Rascals**" and "**Catalina Kids**" programs which will run over the last four weeks of Term 2 and on Fridays in Term 3. I take this opportunity to highlight the fact that we will have a very limited capacity to accept **out of zone enrolments** from new families due to the large kinder intakes during the past three years and the associated limits on our classroom spaces. It will be particularly important for the school to be able to gauge an accurate picture of the demand for 2022 enrolments as early as possible in order to provide feedback to new families with out of zone applications.

Sports News

On behalf of all members of our school community I congratulate **Talei** (Year 6) on being selected in the Hunter PSSA Swimming team which competed at the **NSW PSSA Swimming Championships** in Sydney

From the Principal cont'd

yesterday. Talei's selection resulted from her strong performances at the Westlakes and Hunter PSSA swimming carnivals. Talei is to be commended on swimming a personal best time in her 50 metre race at the regional carnival.

Unfortunately the recent period of wet weather has prevented us from running our traditional cross country carnival this year. The tracks through Rathmines Park and also our school grounds were far too wet for running the carnival in the normal format and in an effort to finalise our representative squad for the Westlakes Cross Country Carnival at the start of next term we had to run the event purely as a selection trial and restrict participation to students who believed they would be in contention for selection in our school team. Congratulations are extended to the following age champions and students who have been selected to represent our school at the **Westlakes Carnival** which is scheduled to be held at Rathmines Park on **Monday 26th April** –

Age champions:

8/9 yrs Girl Hope	10 yrs Girl Tianna T	11 yrs Girl Ruby
8/9 yrs Boy Ethan M	10 yrs Boy Levi E	11 yrs Boy Kaizen
12/13 yrs Girl Tayla K	12/13 yrs Boy Dustin	

Cross Country representatives:

Hope, Sophie M, Airlie, Liana S, Ethan M, Samuel D, Elwood, Oakley, Tianna T, Lexi, Ella T, Lilly O, Levi E, Matthew C, Logan F, Koen, Ruby, Chelsey T, Allora, Aurora, Kaizen, Jack D, Tiaki, Thomas R, Tayla K, Mackenzie, Makenna, Haylee T, Dustin, Alex McD, Kaiden S, Berrick.

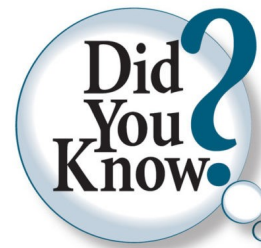
Miss Case and Mr McNamara are looking at the options for running an alternate cross country event which will focus on maximum participation by students in our four sports houses early next term.

Easter Vacation

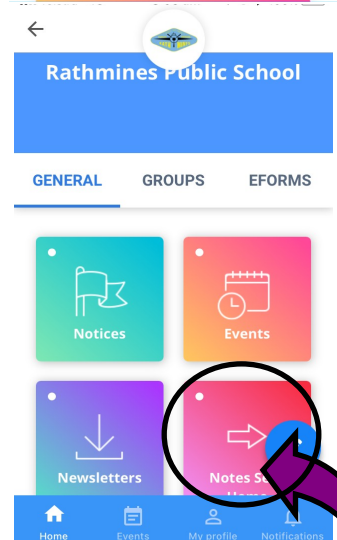
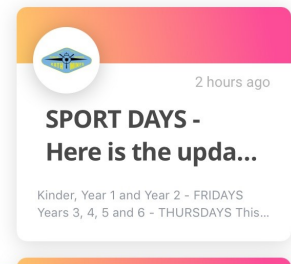
School closes today for the Easter vacation and reopens for students on Tuesday 20th April. I offer best wishes to all staff students and families for a relaxing, safe and happy Easter break

Yours sincerely,

Nick Walker



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.

NAPLAN INFORMATION

NAPLAN Online – Information for parents and carers

What is NAPLAN

The National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) assesses the literacy and numeracy skills of students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9.

Students participate in NAPLAN tests in reading, writing, conventions of language (spelling, grammar and punctuation) and numeracy.

NAPLAN provides an understanding of how individual students are performing at the time of the tests. The tests are just one aspect of a school's assessment and reporting process – it does not replace ongoing assessments made by teachers about student performance.

NAPLAN also provides schools and education authorities with information about how education programs are working and whether young Australians are achieving important educational outcomes in literacy and numeracy.

Moving to NAPLAN Online

Schools in all states and territories are moving from paper tests to online tests. It is expected that all NSW schools will transition to NAPLAN Online by 2022. The move to NAPLAN Online brings new benefits for teachers and students.

What are the benefits of NAPLAN Online?

More precise results with an adaptive design:

Tailored tests adapt to a student's performance and ask questions that match the student's achievement levels.

Better engagement: Research into online assessment indicates that students engage well with online tests as the questions are tailored to their achievement levels.

Tailored testing

Tailored testing provides a more precise assessment of students' performance. Students at each year level start with a similar set of questions. Depending on the number of questions they answered correctly, the next set of questions may be more, or less, difficult.

A student's NAPLAN result is based on both the number and difficulty of questions the student answers correctly. A student who completes a more difficult set of questions is more likely to achieve a higher score.

Watch a video (3:06 length) to learn more about tailored testing – <https://youtu.be/oGFseJAM3Ew>

Supporting your child

The best approach for preparing your child for NAPLAN is to encourage your child to do the best they can on the day.

Excessive preparation or the use of coaching providers is not recommended.

Students can use the public demonstration site to familiarise themselves with the tools and type of questions they will experience in NAPLAN Online – <https://www.nap.edu.au/online-assessment/public-demonstration-site>

Students' digital skills

The digital skills required to complete NAPLAN Online are skills that students use in everyday classroom activities.

Students do not need to be able to touch type to complete the test. The online test is not about keyboard skills (just as the paper test is not about handwriting skills).

NAPLAN INFORMATION Cont'd

Withdrawals and exemptions

You can withdraw your child from NAPLAN tests.

A student may be granted a formal exemption if they have:

- a disability that severely limits their capacity to participate in the tests, or
- recently arrived in Australia and have a non-English speaking background.

Contact your child's school for further information and to complete the parent/carer consent form.

Practice tests

NSW schools participating in NAPLAN Online will participate in practice tests between 22 March and 1 April 2021.

The practice test is a trial-run and key preparation activity for NAPLAN Online in May. It is not an assessment of student ability.

Participation in the practice tests is highly beneficial as it allows schools and students to become familiar with the online assessment platform tools and processes.

NAPLAN Online 2021 test window

Practice test window: 22 March – 1 April

NAPLAN Online test window: 11 – 21 May

The assessment window for NAPLAN Online is nine days instead of the three days provided for the paper test. This is to give schools flexibility in scheduling and accommodate schools that may have fewer devices.

What if my child was absent on the day of a scheduled test?

Where possible, schools may arrange catch-up tests for individual students who were absent on the day of a scheduled NAPLAN Online test.

Catch-up tests are not permitted after Friday 21 May 2021.

COVID-19 advice

Parents should keep students at home if they are experiencing flu-like symptoms and monitor NSW Health advice on COVID-19 case locations across the state. For more information, visit <https://www.health.nsw.gov.au/Infectious/covid-19>.

Your child's school will be required to conduct NAPLAN testing in accordance with the latest NSW Government COVID-19 advice.

Year 3 writing test

The Year 3 writing test is conducted on paper at schools participating in NAPLAN Online. All other Year 3 NAPLAN tests will be online tests.

Privacy

NESA is responsible for the collection of personal information from NSW schools to be used during NAPLAN testing and reporting.

All data collection for NAPLAN is managed in accordance with NSW and Federal privacy legislation described in NESA's privacy management plan, which can be found on the NESA website:

<https://educationstandards.nsw.edu.au/wps/portal/nesa/about/who-we-are/privacy/naplan-privacy>

Results

Parents receive two reports showing their child's achievements in NAPLAN; the individual student report (ISR) and additional student report (ASR). The ISR and ASR should always be interpreted with care. Teachers will have the best insight into a child's educational progress.

Reports are usually dispatched to schools towards the end of Term 3. Schools then distribute the reports to parents.

Questions?

If you have any questions, please contact your child's teacher in the first instance.



**NSW Education Standards Authority
NAPLAN team**

Phone: 1300 119 556 or 02 9367 8382

Email: naplan.nsw@nesa.nsw.edu.au

OPPORTUNITY CLASS YEAR 5 2022

Dear Parent/Carer,

Opportunity classes cater for academically gifted and high potential students who may otherwise be without sufficient classmates at their own academic and social level. Successful students will usually have to leave their current school to enrol in a school with an opportunity class for Years 5 and 6.

Testing and assessment

Applications for opportunity class placement are considered mainly on the combined results of the Opportunity Class Placement Test and school assessments. Students who wish to be considered for opportunity class placement will sit the Opportunity Class Placement Test on **Wednesday 21 July 2021**.

How to apply

If you would like to have your child considered for Year 5 opportunity class entry in 2022, you need to apply between **Tuesday 20 April 2021** and **Friday 7 May 2021**. You will need to access the online application at: <https://education.nsw.gov.au/public-schools/selective-high-schools-and-opportunity-classes/year-5> . You must **not** use the child's email address.

If you do not have internet access, you could apply at a public library. If you have a disability that prevents you from using a computer, you can contact the Team for assistance after **Tuesday 20 April 2021**.

You must submit only **ONE application** for each student.

Important – the school cannot apply on your behalf.

SCHOOL ATTENDANCE MATTERS!

NSW Department of Education

Why attendance matters

When your child misses school they miss important opportunities to...



Learn



Make friends



Build skills through fun

education.nsw.gov.au



Minutes lost = days lost per year

A couple of minutes here and there doesn't seem like much, but...

When your child misses just...

they miss days per year

5 mins per day



=

3 days



30 mins per day



=

18 days



Patterns of lateness can have a serious impact on your child's education.

education.nsw.gov.au

Days missed = years lost

A day here and there doesn't seem like much, but...

When your child misses just...

they miss weeks per year

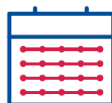
and years over their school life

1 day per fortnight



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4 weeks



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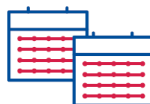
Over 1 year missed

1 day per week



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8 weeks



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Over 2.5 years missed

education.nsw.gov.au

IMPORTANT DATES

DATE	EVENT
Thursday 1st April	Easter Hat Parade
Friday 2nd—Monday 19th April	Student School Holidays
Tuesday 20th April	Students return for Term 2
Wednesday 21st April	ANZAC Day Assembly
Friday 23rd April	9.15am Infants Assembly
Monday 26th April	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Zone Cross Country • 1.00pm Primary Assembly
Tuesday 11th May	NAPLAN begins
Monday 17th May	Rathmines Rascals playgroup begins for Kinder 2022

CANTEEN ROSTER

WEEK 1		WEEK 2	
		Mon 26th April	G.Weston, S.Myers, A.Greenwood
Tues 20th April	P.Perham, M.Matthews, A.Greenwood	Tues 27th April	L.Faint, K.Grant, B.Nicols
Wed 21st April	A.Greenwood, M.Breith, M.Jones	Wed 28th April	M.Breith, A.Greenwood, L.Morris, K.Shen
Thurs 22nd April	C.Brennan, A.Cruickshank, L.Faint,	Thurs 29th April	L.Faint, M.Redgen, C.Linnan
Fri 23rd April	L.Faint, V.Olsen, A.Holt, A.Telfer, V.Ryan, T.Warner	Fri 30th April	J.Sharp, K.Betteridge, K.Jenkins, A.Telfer, L.Johnstone

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/>

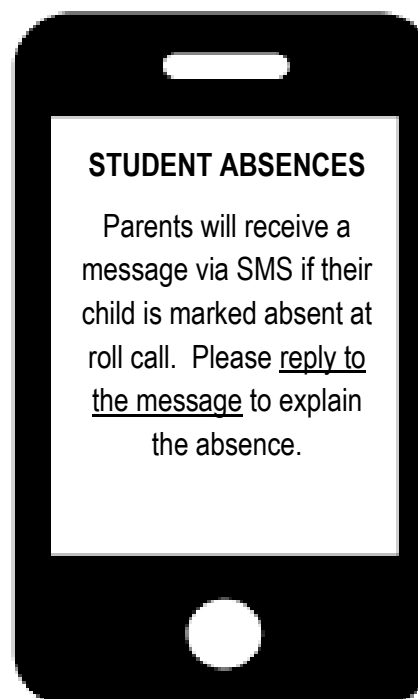
In the MAKE A PAYMENT tab enter your child's name and date of birth to begin the process.

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.



COMMUNITY NOTICES



Jules by the Lake Café

Shop 1/14 Fishing Point Road, Rathmines
Phone: 4975 5551

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Saturday & Sundays Open from 8:30am to 2:00pm

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with table service and affordably priced menu

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SPECIALS**
MONDAY & WEDNESDAY
Chicken Schnitzel
or Steak

Served with chips & salad or vegetables
Available for lunch & dinner. Dine in or takeaway.

**KIDS EAT FREE
FOR BREAKFAST
SATURDAY
AND SUNDAYS**
when a full priced adults meal
is purchased – 12 years and under

Conditions apply.

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DOGS WELCOME on the Verandah

Child Friendly


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Full Menu Available for Take-away

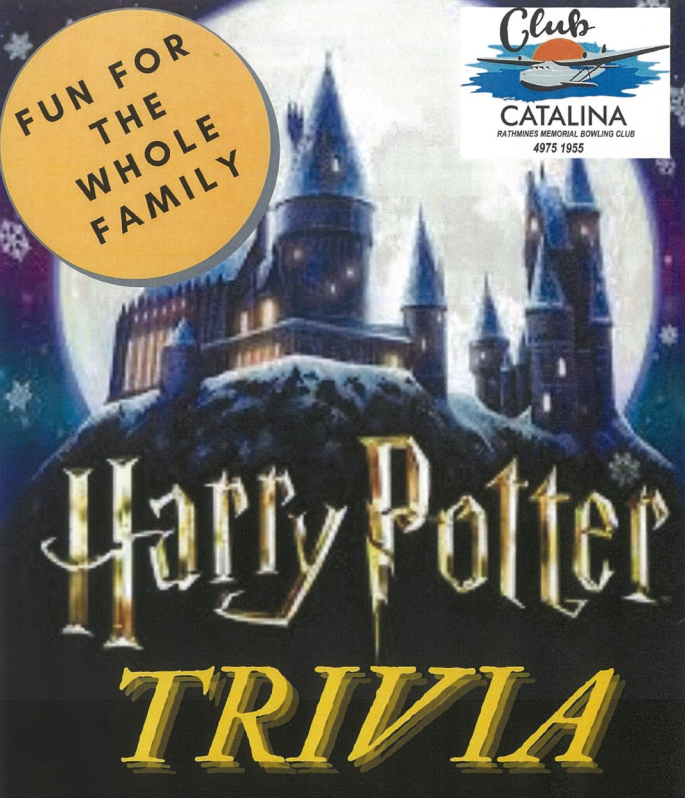
• Burgers • Wraps • Fish & Chips • Milkshakes • Drinks • Coffee • Cake

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**FUN FOR
THE
WHOLE
FAMILY**



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Catalina
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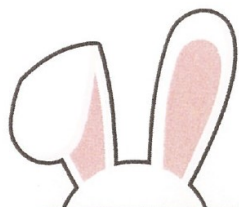


Harry Potter

TRIVIA

SAT THE 17TH APRIL
7.30PM START
FREE / BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL

LOADS OF MAGICAL PRIZES



ACTIVE OOSH RATHMINES VACATION CARE PROGRAM 5TH APRIL 2021 - 19TH APRIL 2021



MONDAY 5TH APRIL

**SORRY! WE'RE
CLOSED**

Happy
Easter

TUESDAY 6TH APRIL

TREE TOPS NETWORK

Bounce, play, discover & explore an exciting new world high up in the tree tops! Experience a new sense of gravity as you bounce around the tree canopies and play a bunch of exciting games including the all time favourite, the gigantic inflatable balls!

EASTER HAT PARADE

Hop along to our eggsclusive Easter hat parade and choccy egg hunt. Decorate your own hat and treasure basket to collect your goodies throughout the day.

WEDNESDAY 7TH APRIL

REVOLUTION SPORTS PARK

Adventure time! Go your hardest on the 50 interconnected trampoline zones, 15 huge inflatables and the gymnastics and parkour arena for as long as you can! Don't forget about the dodgeball and basketball arenas plus the outrageous Extreme Zone. Which is your favourite?

JUMP ROPE FOR HEART

Master new skipping techniques, games and songs while counting how many skips you can do to help raise funds for The Heart Foundation
Gold coin donation!

THURSDAY 8TH APRIL

CRAZY CARNIVALE DAY

Come one, come all to our Crazy Carnivale. Just make sure you bring your energy! Jump through the inflatable Pirates of Bermuda and verse a friend on the dual lane car slide. Try your luck on the dodgem cars and the inflatable obstacle course. Plus more!! Cool off with a frozen snow cone!

ULTIMATE GAMERZ TRUCK

Take a break from jumping, running and racing in the Mobile Gamerz truck. It's rolling in for an action packed experience playing the newest games on the PS4, XBOX and Wii.

FRIDAY 9TH APRIL

MARVELLOUS MOVIES

Raya and the Last Dragon
Join Raya the lone warrior as she ventures to find the last dragon in order to finally stop the Druun for good. But will it take more than dragon magic to save the world? Sit back, enjoy a snack and immerse yourself in this fantastic adventure!

SLIME & DISCO PARTY

A day full of entertainment deluxe! Literally bop til you drop at the daytime disco! Plus, challenge your friends in group games and create some super slime that you can take home.

MONDAY 12TH APRIL

SPRINGLOADED

Balance beams, uneven bars, parallel bars, trampolines, sprung floors, carpeted matting, foam pits, ropes, parkour and ninja warrior areas. These are just some of the fun and exciting activities on offer. Come and join in on all the fun!

TIMEZONE

Test out the ultimate attractions and games from around the world. Ride the rainbow with Mario's squad, verse your mates at skee ball and the crazy tower. The ideal location for endless fun & battles with your friends.

TUESDAY 13TH APRIL

HUNTER SPORTS CENTRE

Tackle the jungle fun, trampolines, balance beams, sprung floors, foam pits, aerial madness and tumbling arena! Enter in the Giant Rope Swing Competition to claim the honour of completing the longest power jump!

TACO TUESDAY

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

WEDNESDAY 14TH APRIL

PULSE CLIMBING

Join us for the ultimate climbing experience! Challenge your friends on the colourful and fun filled courses to see how high you can go! You might start the day as a bouldering beginner, but by the end you'll be a boss boulderer!

AO OOSH MUSICAL

Join forces with your ultimate dream team of friends to practise a specialised performance dedicated to the OOSH audience! Perform your masterpiece to be crowned the inaugural musical masterminds.

THURSDAY 15TH APRIL

'THE WITCHES' AT CIVIC THEATRE

Venture into Newcastle's iconic Civic Theatre to watch the colourful, captivating and imaginative world of Roald Dahl live on stage. Brave boys and girls are in for a wicked and wonderful time at the Civic Playhouse. A must see!

ART SOCIAL CLUB

The Art Queen of Newcastle is back by popular demand to help design your very own water colour Easter bunny. Plus, she'll take you step by step through a masterclass adventure to create a paper collage jungle sloth!

FRIDAY 16TH APRIL

DULLBOYS SOCIAL CO

Burn some rubber while throwing a red shell at Luigi or finally nail that 10,000 point hole in Ice Ball to test your luck at winning the fuzzy bear! Plus, take on the craziest sport in town, and the only one that forces you to wear funny shoes. 10 pin bowling!

RITZ & GLITZ

Relax and treat yourself to super trendy nail designs, or have your hair styled into the coolest trends. Don't forget to add a sprinkle of glitter and sparkly gems!



**BOOK NOW @ 0438 224 914 OR
ACTIVEOOSHRATHMINES@GMAIL.COM**



WHAT TO PACK:

- Children must have the following in their backpack each day
- Recess, lunch and snacks.
 - A refillable drink bottle.
 - A sun safe hat.
- Children must wear sun safe clothing and enclosed shoes each day.
- Please ensure all items are clearly labelled with your child's name on them.



Active OOSH hats are available for \$10. If your child does not have a hat, an Active OOSH hat will be provided and \$10 will be added to your account.

MONDAY 19TH APRIL

OAKVALE FARM

Wildlife and water fun all in one! Take part in bottle feeding, cow milking, tractor trailer rides, koala cuddles, feeding kangaroos and much more! Then cool down in the splash bay water park arena! Sun safe swimwear, hat, rash shirt and a towel is mandatory for all OOSH attendees. Please pack a spare set of dry clothes.

AO SCAV HUNT

Come dressed in your best camouflage attire and get your binoculars ready! Use your device while you work together to take snap shots of your treasures and tick them off your list.

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.
- Follow us on Facebook "Active OOSH Rathmines" and on Instagram "Active OOSH" for daily updates and photos of child led play experiences.

