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From the Principal

Dear Parents and Carers,

*Each year I make reference in the Rathfinder to two important documents which provide our school with direction as we endeavour to develop a safe and supportive learning environment for our students. The **Wellbeing Framework** has been developed by the Department of Education for implementation in all schools. The framework highlights the following expectations in terms of behaviour, discipline and character education:*

“Every school will implement a comprehensive and inclusive strategy to create an environment with clearly defined behavioural expectations.

All members of the school community should consistently implement the agreed strategy to create a positive teaching and learning environment.

The school recognises the importance of developing and shaping the character of the individual and maximises opportunities for personal growth

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

Students have a responsibility to be active learners who exercise regulation appropriate to their age and level of understanding.

Parents and caregivers play an important role in working with the school to develop their child's understandings, skills and character.

Teaching and learning is not disrupted by unacceptable behaviour in the classroom, on the playground and in activities for which the school is responsible".

*The **Behaviour Code for Students** which has been formulated by the DEC in conjunction with the Wellbeing Framework is a valuable guide for all students in terms of the school's expectations for student behaviour. I encourage parents and carers to read through and discuss the code with their children.*

"NSW public schools are committed to providing safe, supportive and responsive learning environments for everyone. We teach and model the behaviours we value in our students.

In NSW Public Schools students are expected to:

- *Respect other students, their teachers and school staff and community members*
- *Follow school and class rules and follow the directions of their teachers*
- *Strive for the highest standards in learning*
- *Respect all members of the school community and show courtesy to all students, teachers and community members*
- *Resolve conflict respectfully, calmly and fairly*
- *Comply with the school's uniform policy or dress code*
- *Attend school every day (unless legally excused)*
- *Respect all property*
- *Not be violent or bring weapons, illegal drugs, alcohol or tobacco into our schools*
- *Not bully, harass, intimidate or discriminate against anyone in our schools.*

Schools take strong action in response to behaviour that is detrimental to self or to the achievement of high quality teaching and learning."

*One of the key initiatives in our current **School Plan** is linked to our efforts to achieve positive outcomes in terms of student wellbeing and providing a safe and supportive learning environment.*

*Mr Wild is leading one of our strategic direction teams which is focusing on transitioning Rathmines Public to a Restorative Practice (RP) model which will underpin our student wellbeing processes. Restorative Practice uses rich communication between individuals and in groups to hold people accountable for their choices and repair fractured relationships so that those relationships can flourish. To help us on our journey Patrick has enlisted the expertise of **David Vinegrad** who will be working closely with staff in Term 3 to devise an RP model for our school. David is the Director of "Behaviour Matters", a company dedicated to assisting schools to develop positive and supportive learning environments in which all community members can flourish. He has a wealth of experience in this area of education and has presented on this topic at international RP forums. In order to provide parents and carers with an understanding of the principles that underpin Restorative Practice, David will conduct a **Parent Information Night on Thursday 22nd of July**. In the interim parents and carers may wish to visit the Behaviour Matters website at www.behaviourmatters.org.au*

Mothers Day

*It was wonderful to have such an amazing number of mothers, aunts, grandmothers and women who play special roles in the lives of our students come along and join us for our **Mothers Day Breakfast** last*

From the Principal cont'd

Friday. At one stage the queue stretched from the infants COLA all the way back up past the library but with the help of such a great crew of staff members we were able to ensure all our visitors were served without waiting too long! I thank all of the staff members who assisted in cooking and serving up the bacon and egg rolls from 8:00am and also thank the parents who ran the Mothers Day stall which provided the children in all classes an opportunity to purchase a gift for the Mothers Day celebrations in our community on Sunday.



Sports News

Term 2 is certainly a busy time for students who have been selected to represent our school in one of the many PSSA knockout competitions that are currently underway. The girls and boys soccer teams had differing results in their first round matches against Biddabah and Coal Point Public Schools, but Mrs Priest and Mr McNamara voiced the same words of affirmation when they spoke to the school assembly yesterday about the efforts of both teams. The girls and boys gave 100% to their team performances and were wonderful ambassadors for our school. Biddabah played at an exceptionally high level and deserved their convincing win while the RPS boys came back from being down by three goals to two with five minutes to go and recorded a memorable 4/3 win against Coal Point. Unfortunately the boys league team had to cope with the disappointment of having their Knights Gala Day postponed again due to wet weather and will need to wait till the final week of term for the rescheduled games. Looking ahead the school netball and boys touch teams will play their first round PSSA matches next Thursday and on the following Monday. I take this opportunity to once again thank all the teachers who give freely of their time to coach our school representative teams.

P and C Meeting

The next meeting of the school's P and C Association will be held on **Monday 24th May** at 7pm. The introduction of a "Zoom option" for participation in our last meeting proved to be very successful and as a result we continue to make this option available. The 40 minute restriction on the zoom access has been solved by purchasing an upgrade to our license in order to avoid the zoom participants having to leave the meeting early.

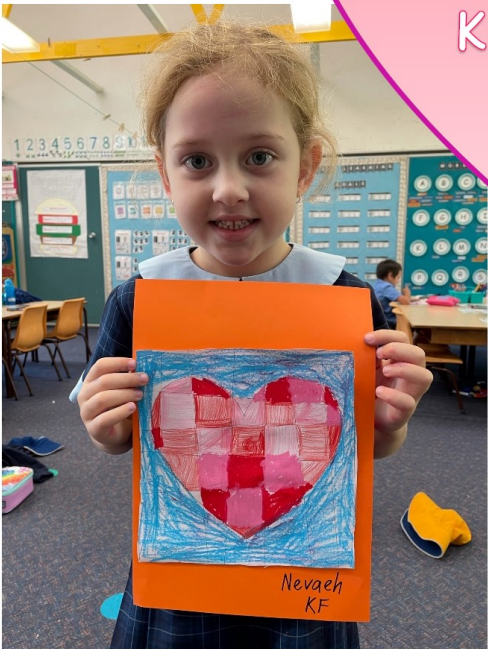
Yours sincerely,

Nick Walker

ART CLUB



Art Club
Week 5
Kindergarten



TINNED FOOD

Please do not send food to school in tin cans. The metal is very sharp and we have had injuries to both students and adults. Food should be put into an airtight container at home before being packed into school lunch boxes.



STEWART HOUSE DONATION DRIVE

Donation envelopes have been sent home. Donations of \$2 or more will be entered into a draw to win a \$4,000 holiday destination of your choice. Envelopes should be returned to the school office by **FRIDAY 21ST MAY**.

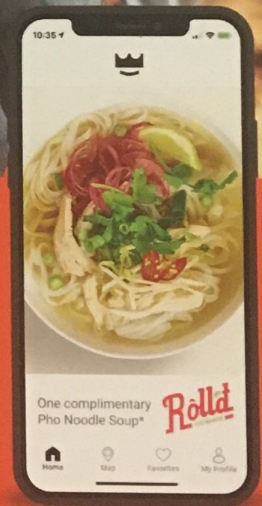


P&C FUNDRAISING

Entertainment

Fundraising with Entertainment

20% of every Membership we sell, goes directly to our fundraising



More ways to enjoy every day

From dining to shopping, to travel, get more of what you love & give back to our cause.

Share in the good, with up to 50% off & 2 for 1 deals in your city and across Australia and New Zealand.

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*Member offers are subject T&Cs. Check individual offers on the Entertainment Membership website.

IMPORTANT DATES

DATE

EVENT

Friday 14th May

9.15am Infants Assembly

Wednesday 19th May

Starstruck Choreography Day

Thursday 20th May

- Year 2 excursion to Sydney Zoo
- Netball Gala Day

Friday 21st May

- Infants Assembly 9.15am
- Kinder Jolly Phonics Dress Up Day
- Stewart House envelopes due back

Monday 24th May

- Boys Touch Football at Nords Wharf 1pm
- Primary Assembly 1pm
- P&C meeting 7pm in library and via Zoom

Friday 28th May

- Rascals transition 9am—10.50am
- Hunter Cross Country
- Infants Assembly 2.15pm

CANTEEN ROSTER

WEEK 5

**Mon 17th
May**

L.Kerr

**Tues 18th
May**

L.Faint, M.Matthews

**Wed 19th
May**

L.Johnstone, M.Jones,
S.Moore

**Thurs 20th
May**

A.Cruickshank, B.Lulham

**Fri 21st
May**

V.Ryan, T.Warner, M.Clare,
K.Jenkins

WEEK 6

**Mon 24th
May**

G.Weston, S.Myers

**Tues 25th
May**

L.Cook, K.Grant

**Wed 26th
May**

L.Johnstone, S.Moore, K.Shen,
L.Morris

**Thurs 27th
May**

M.Redgen, C.Linnan,
P.Perham, C.Cruickshank

**Fri 28th
May**

V.Olsen, B.Ward, K.Betteridge,
A.Telfer, A.Lishman

ROAD SAFETY AROUND SCHOOLS

LAKE
MACQUARIE
CITY

Safety

around schools

Road rules in school zones

Pedestrian crossings

You cannot stop within 20 metres before a pedestrian crossing or 10 metres after a pedestrian crossing unless there is a control sign permitting parking.

Minimum penalty: \$464 and two demerit points

Double parking

You may not stop on the road alongside to another vehicle at any time even to drop off or pick up passengers.

Minimum penalty: \$349 and two demerit points

Parking on a verge

You cannot stop or park on a verge area (footpath, nature strip, dividing strip or kerb).

Minimum penalty: \$349 and two demerit points

Slow down

Stick to the 40km/h speed limit in a school zone and look out for children who may be about.

Kiss and ride

Some schools have 'kiss and ride' or 'drop-off and pick-up zones' for children in 'No Parking' zones. If your school has a program in place, remember to always drop off or pick up your child from the designated zone and follow the school's procedures. You can stop in a kiss and ride area for two minutes only to pick up passengers and you must stay within three metres of the vehicle.

If your school does not have a 'kiss and ride' program in place please use the 'No Parking' zone to drop off and pick up passengers.

PARKING RESTRICTION SIGNS



You cannot stop here

A driver must not stop in a no stopping zone.

Minimum penalty: \$349 and two demerit points



You cannot stop here

You are not allowed to stop your vehicle unless you are driving a bus.

Minimum penalty: \$349 and two demerit points



You can stop here for two minutes only

You have no more than two minutes to drop off or pick up passengers or goods and the driver must stay within three metres of the vehicle.

Minimum penalty: \$194 and two demerit points



You cannot stop here

Unless a current Mobility Parking Scheme (MPS) permit is displayed.

Minimum penalty: \$581 and one demerit point

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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/>

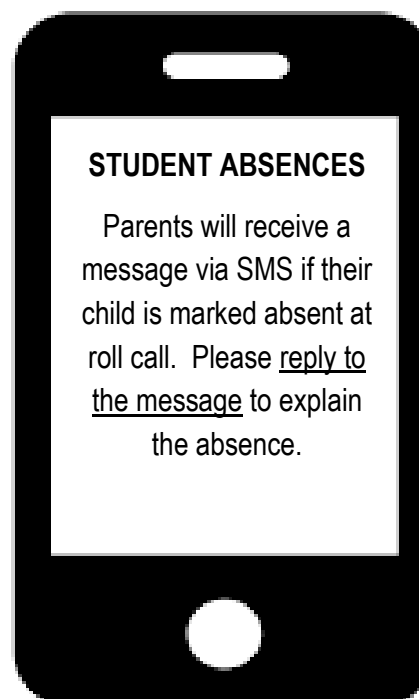
In the MAKE A PAYMENT tab enter your child's name and date of birth to begin the process.

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.



COMMUNITY NOTICES

Healthy Lunch Box recipe

Zucchini muffins



Ingredients

2 zucchinis, grated & liquid squeezed out
 1 carrot, grated
 125g tin corn kernels, drained
 1 small red onion, finely diced
 1 cup baby spinach leaves, chopped
 1 cup wholemeal self-raising flour
 6 eggs, beaten
 1 cup reduced-fat tasty cheese, grated

Method

Preheat oven to 180°C. Line a 12-hole muffin tin with muffin liners.

Heat a non-stick frypan over medium heat and cook the onion until translucent. Allow to cool.

Place all ingredients into a large mixing bowl and mix until well combined.

Divide the mixture between the 12 muffin liners. Bake for 25 to 30 minutes or until muffins are golden and a skewer comes out clean.

For more recipes visit:
healthylunchbox.com.au



Cancer Council
 Healthy Lunch Box

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ACTIVE OOSH RATHMINES

2021 PARENT INFORMATION FLYER

SERVICE INFORMATION

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: \$72.00

(Before CCS is applied)

NOTE: No casual booking or enrolment fees are incurred to family accounts.

SCHOOLS WE SERVICE

We offer a drop off and collection service for children attending Rathmines, Wangi Wangi, Arcadia Vale, Coal Point and Blackalls Park Public Schools.

HEALTHY MENU

Active OOSH provide a nutritious breakfast and afternoon tea every day. The meals are designed to be healthy and offer new tastes and textures so eating can be an educational and cultural experience. Children with food allergies or dietary requirements are catered for in our inclusive programming practices.

ENQUIRIES & BOOKINGS

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ACTIVE OOSH

Active OOSH provide before school, after school and vacation care programs 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 that enter the Active OOSH doors are given the opportunity to learn and grow through play and enjoy a wide variety of activities and experiences as a result of our child focused programming.

The K - 2 zone is a designated area within the service for children in Kindergarten, Year 1 and Year 2. The K - 2 Zone provides a safe place for our younger children to engage in a range of age appropriate games and activities.

**KINDY - YEAR 2
ZONE**



Our Point of Difference

We excel in providing an extensive variety of engaging and enjoyable experiences for children of all ages and abilities to enjoy on a daily basis. As part of this, we are continually planning and programming new and exciting activities for our children to partake in. All of our incursions, excursions, extra curricular activities, homework tuition, resources, transportation and meals are inclusive in the above fees. No enrolment or administration fee is charged to families.

PERSONALISED HOMEWORK CLUB



EXTRA CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

We offer tailored, small group learning experiences with our qualified educators. These sessions are at no additional cost to families. Children can work on their homework tasks such as projects, spelling words, home readers and speeches. Alternatively, our qualified educators can create a personalised program to suit your child's individual needs.

Active OOSH has a range of extra curricular activities to choose from each day, including:

- Art Social Club
- Specialised Sport Clinics
- Junior Master Chef
- Little Einstein's Science Club
- Yoga, Dance and Drama Classes
- Cultural Group Activities
- Sustainability Activities
- Arcade, Board and Card Games
- Imaginative and Creative Play
- Lego and Construction Activities