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## From the Principal

Dear Parents and Carers,

***“More than a word. Reconciliation takes action”***  
***Reconciliation Australia’s theme for 2021, More than a word. Reconciliation takes action, urges the reconciliation movement towards braver and more impactful action.***

This year during National Reconciliation Week, Reconciliation Australia is inviting all Australians to learn more about Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander cultures and histories and to share that knowledge and help us grow as a nation. National Reconciliation Week starts on 27th May, the day after National Sorry Day and ends on Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> June. The two dates commemorate two significant milestones in the reconciliation journey: the successful 1967 referendum in which there was overwhelming support for Aboriginal people being included in the census, and the High Court Mabo decision which acknowledged native title and was a landmark step in the struggle for land rights. National Reconciliation Week (NRW) is a time for all Australians to learn about our shared histories, cultures and achievements, and to explore how

### 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

each of us can contribute to achieving reconciliation in Australia. During Reconciliation Week children in all classes at our school will be involved in appropriately graded activities designed to foster their knowledge and understanding of Reconciliation and the importance of building positive respectful relationships between Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples and other Australians. In addition this year children will have the opportunity to select an **Acknowledgement of Country** which will be engraved on a plaque and displayed at the entrance to the school administration building as well as in the school hall. I am confident that their engagement in these learning activities will enable them to contribute in their own way towards our school community taking positive steps in our nation's reconciliation journey. I take this opportunity to thank **Erin Gavenlock** and **Michelle Fragar** for the leading role they have played in promoting this very important week of learning in our school year.



**“Reconciliation must live in the hearts, minds and actions of all Australians as we move forward, creating a nation strengthened by respectful relationships between the wider Australian community, and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples.”**

### **School Concert**

Traditionally the RPS school concert program has been presented in the school hall during three evening performances in the last week of Term 3. When planning for the school concert earlier this year we were mindful of the ongoing uncertainties about COVID social distancing restrictions and the possibility of not being able to cater for audience numbers in our school hall. Evaluations conducted after past concerts have also highlighted the fact that the children performing in the concert items always miss out on the opportunity to actually be in the audience and enjoy the entertainment provided by the classes from Kinder to Year 6. With all of the above in mind the decision was made to hire a film production company to record the concert items early in Term 3 and then produce a movie which all community members will be invited to come and watch at the Glendale Theatre Complex on **Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> September**. We have hired four movie theatres for the night to ensure that there will be enough tickets available for all children and family members to attend. Tickets will be available for purchase online. Hopefully this advance notice of our Concert Night will allow all families to “save the date”.

### **P and C Support**

On behalf of the staff and students I thank the members of the P and C for deciding at the Association meeting on Monday night to donate funds to the school for the purchase of practical maths equipment (\$4000) and new computers (\$10000) for use in our classrooms. Both of these initiatives will enhance our efforts to provide an engaging learning environment for our students. In addition the P and C is going to work towards upgrading the adventure playground equipment in Campbelltown as additional money becomes available through fund raising activities conducted this year. The association is keen to provide

## From the Principal cont'd

opportunities for all parents and carers to attend one of the monthly meetings either in person or via ZOOM. To facilitate their efforts to reach out to all community members the association will hold the July meeting on **Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> July at 9:00am** rather than at the normal 7pm meeting time on a Monday.

### **Rascals Welcome**

On behalf of everyone in our school community I welcome all the Kinder 2022 students and their family members who will attend the first session of our **Rathmines Rascals** transition program tomorrow. The rascals play group will run each Friday morning for the rest of this term as a lead in to the more structured **Catalina Kids** program which is conducted on Friday mornings during Term 3. I take this opportunity to once again remind any parents who have children they wish to enroll in Kinder next year to contact the school office and complete an application form as soon as possible. It is particularly important this year for the school to have an early and accurate picture of the demand for Kinder places in 2022.

Yours sincerely,

*Nick Walker*

## 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.





# LIBRARY NEWS

## Author Visit – Dr Cameron Stelzer, The Story Doctor

On Monday 7 and Tuesday 8 June (Week 8), we have a special visit from Author and Illustrator Dr Cameron Stelzer. Dr Cameron is visiting Rathmines Public School to run a variety of workshops. K-2 students will enjoy an interactive Big Screen Book Reading and follow-along drawing activity with Cameron. Year 3-6 students will be taking a behind-the-scenes look at creating a book, and applying their own creative components. Students and teachers are looking forward to two great days! Notes will go home to families this week.



In conjunction with the Author Visit, Rathmines PS families have a special opportunity to purchase **signed** and personalised copies of Cameron's books at special prices. Individual books are \$15 each and there are also exclusive book sets available. Students will receive a **separate** order form on the day of their workshop. Forms and payment can be returned the following day, to **Mrs Priest in the library**.

## Library Technicians Day

Have you heard of library technicians? They are professionally trained library workers who make up a substantial and valued part of the library workforce. Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> May was Library Technicians' Day and what better way to celebrate this than finding out more about our very own Lynne Clack. Lynne is one of our longest standing members of staff and our library certainly would not run without her. Lynne is here every Tuesday busily accessioning and covering our new books and helping Mrs Priest keep our library running smoothly! I am extremely grateful for all the work she does and would be lost without her!



**Name:** Lynne Clack

**How long have you worked at RPS for?** Around 18 years in both the front office and library office.

**What is your favorite color?** Purple

**What is your favorite food?** Anything!

**What is your favorite book?** The Min Min by Mavis Thorpe Clark

**What do you like most about your job?** Being in the library

**What takes up the most of your time?** Covering new books

**Do you have any advice for young readers?** Be enthusiastic about reading and try to read as much as you can.

**THANK YOU LYNNE!**

## LIBRARY NEWS Cont'd

### National Simultaneous Storytime 2021

Last Wednesday our school joined in with an amazing 1,980,280 readers at 33,418 locations for National Simultaneous Storytime (NSS). As we all know, NSS is held annually by the Australian Library and Information Association (ALIA). Every year a picture book, written and illustrated by an Australian author and illustrator, is read simultaneously in libraries, schools, pre-schools, childcare centres, family homes, bookshops and many other places around the country.



This year students came together in the library at recess for a very special reading of Give Me Some Space written and illustrated by Philip Bunting. This was read by our wonderful library monitor Leroy. I would like to thank Leroy for his efforts. Everyone thoroughly enjoyed listening to the story.

In addition to this experience we had the NSS 2021 book being read by astronaut Dr Shannon Walker from the International Space



Station (playing on the board) and 9 other space themed activities for student to enjoy. These included: rocket Lego, space coloring, create a galaxy, I spy, astronaut stick puppets and more!

What a wonderful way to celebrate Australian literature. I hope you all enjoyed yourselves!





## YEAR 2 ZOO EXCURSION

Year 2 had a wow of a time at Sydney Zoo last Thursday. Harvey Norman partnered with Sydney Zoo to provide all Year 2 children in public schools with a free zoo pass. We thank Mrs Bowron for organising the fabulous day. The children travelled by coach to the zoo and had the chance to see the animals and hear talks from the keepers. One of the features of the day was the Indigenous talk and face painting.

The children were excellent representatives of our school and displayed enthusiasm and positive behaviour all day.





## NETBALL

Congratulations to the PSSA school netball team for representing Rathmines at the PSSA Gala Day on Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> May in Newcastle. Rathmines played Kotara South in the first round. It was a close game but unfortunately, we were defeated. Stand out defence from Keira and Haylee kept the margin quite close. Mid court players, Tayla, Tiaki and Makenna worked so hard and displayed great team work. Rathmines came up against New Lambton in round two. Marli, Kaizen and Sari shared the shooting positions and they all displayed amazing shooting skills. The team came away with a win. Rathmines came up against Newcastle East in round three. This was a nail biter as the teams went goal for goal right up to the third quarter. Rathmines was defeated by 5 in the end. Chelsey and Tiaki's strong defence in the circle was a stand out. All students represented the school with great sportsmanship and team work. Congratulations on your efforts!



Mrs Laughton

## GIRLS SOCCER

On Monday 10<sup>th</sup> May our Girls PSSA Soccer team travelled to Speers Point to battle out the PSSA Round 1 match against Biddabah Public School.

It was a tough game for a few of our girls who had never played before and unfortunately we did not come home with a win. However, I would like to take this time to thank every single player on our team for their effort during our game. In true Rathmines spirit, we did not give up and the score certainly did not reflect how hard the girls worked. I was very proud of the way you represented RPS! Also, thank you to parents who played taxi on the day.



Mrs Priest



## P&C FUNDRAISING

# Entertainment

Fundraising with Entertainment

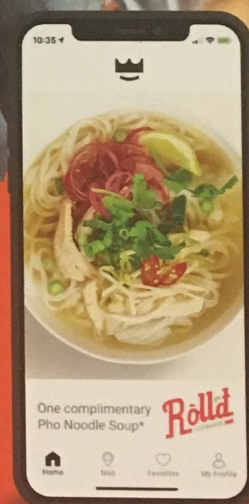
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## IMPORTANT DATES

### DATE

### EVENT

**Friday 28th May**

- Rascals transition 9.10am—10.50am
- Hunter Cross Country
- Infants Assembly 9.15am

**Monday 31st May**

Stage 2 Rumbalara excursion

**Tuesday 1st June**

Stage 2 Rumbalara excursion

**Thursday 3rd June**

Starstruck Cast B rehearsal

**Friday 4th June**

- Rascals transition 9.10am—10.50am
- Infants Assembly 9.15am

**Monday 7th June**

- Author visit K-6
- Primary Assembly 1.00pm
- Reading Info Sessions for parents 3.15pm and 6.00pm

**Tuesday 8th June**

Author visit K-6

## CANTEEN ROSTER

### WEEK 7

**Mon 31st May** M.Breith, A.Greenwood, E.Sampson

**Tues 1st June** L.Faint, J.Bracken

**Wed 2nd June** L.Johnstone, S.Moore, M.Jones,

**Thurs 3rd June** E.Gray, P.Perham, L.Faint, M.Redgen

**Fri 4th June** V.Ryan, T.Warner, M.Clare, N.Ruse, A.Telfer

### WEEK 8

**Mon 7th June** A.Wilkinson, A.Lilliss

**Tues 8th June** M.Kelly, L.Faint, M.Matthews

**Wed 9th June** L.Johnstone, S.Moore, S.Guicciardi

**Thurs 10th June** K.Hopkins, M.Redgen, L.Faint

**Fri 11th June** V.Olsen, M.Clare, B.Ward, K.Betteridge, A.Telfer

# 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.



## STUDENT BANKING IS BACK

### FRIDAY IS BANKING DAY.

Bank books should be handed to the class teacher at roll call each **Friday** morning. Deposits will be processed and books returned before the end of the day.



## **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/>

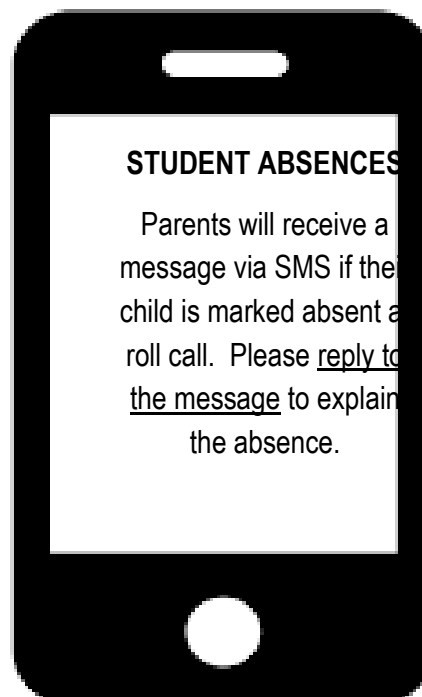
In the MAKE A PAYMENT tab enter your child's name and date of birth to begin the process.

Cash and EFTPOS are accepted at the school office **before 3pm.**



## **STUDENT ABSENCES**

Parents will receive a message via SMS if the child is marked absent at roll call. Please reply to the message to explain the absence.





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# ACTIVE OOSH RATHMINES

28TH JUNE - 12TH JULY 2021



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| <p><b>Monday 28th June</b></p> <p><b>MARVELLOUS MOVIES</b><br/>         Sit back, enjoy a snack and indulge in the story of a capuchin monkey who travels from Cuba to Miami to become a star of the stage. Join this epic adventure to witness amazing locations never seen before in animation.</p> <p><b>MINUTE TO WIN IT</b><br/>         Will you be a world record holder? Race against the clock to challenge yourself mentally and physically. Get your friends together to see who will be crowned the minute to win it champion! Who will win the grandest prize of all?</p> | <p><b>Tuesday 29th June</b></p> <p><b>WINTER WONDERLAND CARNIVAL</b><br/>         Playing in a winter wonderland. Try your luck on the festive carnival rides, dodgem cars, swinging chairs and the inflatable obstacle courses. Wait, there's more. Fairy floss and popcorn stations to keep you warm!</p> <p><b>OOSH FACTOR</b><br/>         Audition for your spot on the OOSH Factor stage. Showcase your singing, dancing and acting talents to try and spin an Educators chair! Who will win the ultimate OOSH Golden Globe?</p> | <p><b>Wednesday 30th June</b></p> <p><b>SNOW TIME IN THE GARDENS</b><br/>         Hunter Valley Gardens celebrate the coolest season of all! Glide on the giant ice skating rink, slide down the mega ice toboggan and build a snowman in the man-made Snow Play Zone. Get amongst the super slide, ferris wheel, speedy swing chair and the traditional carousel for a guaranteed fun day out.</p> <p><b>ART ATTACK</b><br/>         Take part in the Royal Active OOSH Art Show. Enter your favourite design to be crowned the very first AO Picasso!</p> | <p><b>Thursday 1st July</b></p> <p><b>HUDSON'S CIRCUS</b><br/>         A mind boggling production that's a new twist on traditional circus with the best performers from around the world and awesome animal acts. Come and see sensational acrobats, performing stallions, brazilian macaques, llamas and camels. Celebrity appearances from the flipping disc dogs and goldie the clown.</p> <p><b>HANDBALL WORLD CUP</b><br/>         Make the ultimate team and verse the educators to win the gold, silver or bronze medal. Who will take bragging rights, the OOSHIES or educators?</p> | <p><b>Friday 2nd July</b></p> <p><b>UNREAL VIRTUAL REALITY</b><br/>         Escape to your new reality! Put on your goggles and step into the ultimate land of paradise. While you're there show off your creativity with art and design. Or for the real risk takers, jump into some extreme and vivid adventures!</p> <p><b>RITZ &amp; GLITZ</b><br/>         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!</p> |
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| <p><b>Monday 5th July</b></p> <p><b>GAMES 2U</b><br/>         The crowd favourite is back! Get ready for some outrageous fun you will rave about for days! Choose from the games theatre, laser tag arena, hamster ball and the giant yard games.</p> <p><b>SWEET VALLEY BABY ANIMALS</b><br/>         There's a farm yard at AO! Get up close and personal with piglets, lambs, rabbits, baby goats, chickens, ducks and ducklings. Feed the awesome animals and pose for a cool pic.</p> | <p><b>Tuesday 6th July</b></p> <p><b>SPRINGLOADED TRAMP PARK</b><br/>         Balance beams, uneven bars, parallel bars, trampolines, sprung floors, carpeted matting, foam pits, ropes, parkour and ninja warrior arenas. These are just some of the fun and exciting activities on offer. Come and join in on all the fun!</p> <p><b>TREMENDOUS TIMEZONE</b><br/>         Test out the ultimate attractions from around the world. Ride the rainbow with Mario's squad, verse your mates at the crazy tower. This is the ideal location for endless fun &amp; battles with your friends.</p> | <p><b>Wednesday 7th July</b></p> <p><b>DULLYBOYS SOCIAL CO</b><br/>         Burn some rubber while throwing a red shell at Luigi or test your luck at winning the fuzzy bear! Take on the most craziest sport in town, and the only one that forces you to wear funny shoes. 10 pin bowling!</p> <p><b>ART SOCIAL CLUB</b><br/>         The Art Queen of Newcastle is back by popular demand to help design your very tie dye design. Spend the afternoon drawing and painting the grooviest llama master piece.</p> | <p><b>Thursday 8th July</b></p> <p><b>BOP TILL YOU DROP SLIME &amp; DANCE PARTY</b><br/>         A full day of entertainment deluxe! Bop till you drop at the daytime disco! Plus, challenge your friends in group games and create some super slime that you can take home.</p> <p><b>9D MOBILE CINEMA</b><br/>         Enjoy the special effects and action of the genuine simulator ride like never experienced before. Pick your animated movie with surround sound, and dramatic effects such as rain, fog, lightning, wind, snow, touch, feel and more.</p> | <p><b>Friday 9th July</b></p> <p><b>ALICE IN WONDERLAND</b><br/>         Travel down the rabbit hole with Hunter Drama in our 10th Anniversary production of Disney's Alice in Wonderland Junior. Join the ever curious Alice's journey while she innocently enough chases the White Rabbit and ends up beating the Queen of Hearts at her own game!</p> <p><b>NAIDOC DAY</b><br/>         Connect with our Indigenous cultures by participating in a range of traditional games, art and dance workshops and Dreamtime stories to celebrate NAIDOC Week.</p> |
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### WHAT TO PACK

- Recess, lunch and snacks.
- A refillable drink bottle.
- 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.
- A sun safe hat.
- 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 12th July

#### HUNTER VALLEY ZOO

Watch out for the king of the jungle while you hand feed the farmyard animals, koalas and kangaroos with your personalised feeding bags. Just beware of the greedy goats! Enjoy a picnic lunch with a picturesque view.

#### 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.

### 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.