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From the Principal

Dear Parents and Carers,

The semester one reports which will be sent home tomorrow 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 over the holidays 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. **Any parents or carers who wish to arrange an interview to discuss the semester one report with their class teacher are asked to contact the relevant teacher at the start of next term.**

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

Catalina Kids

The last gathering for the **Rathmines Rascals** will take place tomorrow. Many of the students already enrolled for Kinder for 2022 have been coming along and enjoying the "Rascals experience" each Friday morning. I am sure I speak on behalf of all the parents and their little rascals in thanking Mrs Ruecroft, Mrs Burns and Mrs Blackmore for implementing our Rascals program: it really has been wonderful to observe the manner in which the children have responded to the various activities that have been planned for the group each week. The kinder transition process will continue next term with the commencement of the Catalina Kids program which will be run each Friday morning from 9:00am till 11:00am. It is important that all parents of children participating in the Catalina Kids program send in completed **student enrolment forms** as well as the Catalina participation form by Wednesday of week one next term. The Catalina Kids will be given their complementary tee shirts either tomorrow or at their first Catalina session.

Star Struck Congratulations

In the last newsletter I expressed my thanks to **Cherylin Seymour** and **Mark Seymour** for their contributions to the involvement of our school in Star Struck this year and I also congratulated the students on the manner in which they responded to this extracurricular opportunity. Nadine Hinchliffe, the President of our school's Parents and Citizens Association, visited the Star Struck team in between their performances on Saturday and kindly presented the students with some special treats on behalf of the association in recognition of not only their performances on stage, but also the patience, cooperation and teamwork they displayed while waiting to perform. We will take time at an assembly early next term to formally congratulate the following Star Struck students as a group and also present Mr Seymour's traditional awards to individual students:

Olive, Mackenzie, Marli, Zoe, Charlie, Kaizen, Ella, Makenna, Ruby, Cleo, Talei, Chelsey,
Dustin, Zen, Haylee, Chloe and Tayla



Restorative Practice initiative

One of the key goals included in our new School Plan focuses on the introduction of Restorative Practice principles as part of a revised Student Wellbeing policy. Mr Wild is leading a core group of teachers who

From the Principal cont'd

will be trialling this approach during the second half of this year. As part of this implementation strategy Patrick has arranged for **David Vinegrad**, who is a lead practitioner in this field to visit the school for two days in week two of next term. During his visit Dave will work with the members of the pilot group, will run a professional development session for the whole staff, and will host a Parent Information session for parents and carers on **Thursday 22nd July** at 7pm in the school library. Hopefully this advanced notification will allow as many community members as possible to attend this important presentation. To facilitate maximum attendance Patrick is offering to provide a “child minding” service in the school hall for parents and carers who wish to attend the information session. See page 7 for further information.

School Concert

Students in all classes have been managing to balance their sense of excitement about their participation in the preparation of their concert items with the need to stay focused on giving of their best and cooperating with their class teachers as we approach the end of this busy term. The concert preparation in all classes from kinder through to Year 6 is leading up to the production of our **School Concert Movie** during two days of filming by a production crew on **Tuesday and Wednesday (3rd and 4th August)** in Week 4 of next term. We are very keen to ensure no students miss out on being included in the Concert Movie and with this in mind it will be important to ensure all students attend school on both of those days. The dress/tech rehearsals will take place on Tuesday and Wednesday of Week 3 (27th/28th July).

Sports News

The students in our primary classes are looking forward to participating in their **Athletics Carnival** at Wangi Oval on Friday of the first week back next term. This school event serves a dual purpose in that it is used to select the athletes who will represent our school at the **Zone Athletics Carnival on 26th July** at Glendale and it also provides a wonderful opportunity for promoting team and school spirit. In this regard I encourage all students to not only give of their very best when representing their sports houses in the various events but also to be enthusiastic when cheering on all of the competitors throughout the day. Trials for the various field events have been conducted at school during the past few weeks. Parents and carers are reminded that due to safety factors and specialist equipment relating to high jump, participation is restricted to children who have provided the school with **written parental permission** confirming that they have received coaching from a qualified athletics coach (e.g. Little Athletics)

Winter Holidays

Looking back over Term 2 it is easy to understand while all members in our school community are looking forward to the winter vacation. The ten weeks of this term always incorporate the following range of school and community events over and above the regular teaching and learning programs that are implemented in our classrooms on a daily basis: NAPLAN for Years 3 and 5, Reconciliation Week, ANZAC Day commemorations, the hectic schedule of PSSA sporting carnivals and trials, preparation and participation in Star Struck, and the mid-year assessment and reporting procedures. This year class teachers have had the added challenge of school concert preparation while the members of the executive have been overseeing the implementation of our new Strategic Improvement Plan and have been working through the process of External Validation. I thank all staff members and students for their efforts during this term and offer best wishes to everyone for a relaxing and safe holiday break. The third term will resume for students on Tuesday 13th July.

Yours sincerely,

Nick Walker

LIBRARY NEWS

Author Visit Continued...

As of this week, all orders from Dr Cameron Seltzer's visit have been sent home. Students were over the moon to see their signed books! One student even showed me his 'Wild Wolf' shirt poking out from the top of his uniform this morning! Seeing this joy from students certainly makes visits from talented authors worthwhile. Especially knowing how much Dr Cameron inspired and excited our students. Below are two writing samples created during one of the Stage 3 workshops with Dr Cameron. Isabella S created tension with her spooky story and Aurora P was challenged to introduce a character without giving away who it was. Can you guess who the character is?

His scarlet red robe twirled as he jumped onto his broom. The glasses were hanging on the top of his nose as he tried to catch the golden snitch.

The lightning scar on his forehead was burning as the wind blew against it. His jet black hair blocked his view as he crashed into the Gryffindor stand. He fell to the ground and his emerald eyes filled with tears.

Aurora P

Sarah sniffled. It felt like thunder in the darkness. Amy clung closer, taking baby doll steps into the hallway. Amy felt the cold, hard, metal scrape across her dainty fingers, trying to see through the everlasting fog. Slowly devouring them, luring them in.

Sarah dug into her denim jeans, pulling out the tattered note she found on her desk. "Doctor 1253 gone". Amy's legs gave in. It felt like they had been walking forever in the hotel. Sarah picked her up and froze. There was a creak. Behind them, getting closer. Creak again. Amy heard a crescendo of thumping. Sarah looked to her sides. Not bearing to look. When her eyes lit up.

1253 on the door. Amy peered behind it. Nothing. No figure, just fog. She sighed. Until a face was right there in HER FACE. The duo screamed. They slide backward, then black.

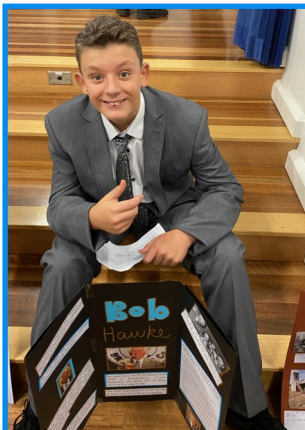
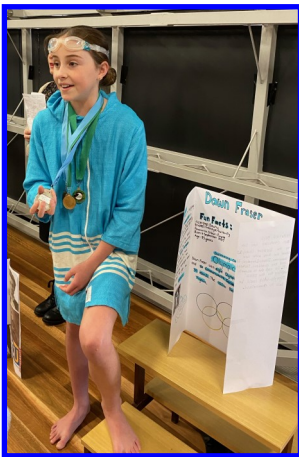
Isabella S



WAX MUSEUM—HISTORY STAGE 3

This week 'Madame Tussauds' came to our school hall. Stage 3 students have been studying the unit, 'Australia as Nation' for History. Students completed a project on a famous Australian. Dressed as their person, students posed in our hall as statues in a 'wax museum'. Invited guests (other classes) attended the museum and were able to 'press' a button to hear students deliver a speech about their famous Australian. Students were able to display their projects at the same time. All students should be congratulated on their efforts. Their hard work made this an interesting event for others to attend and allowed them to demonstrate their learning in a fun, engaging way.

Mrs Mitchell, Miss Case and Miss Dole



WONAI GROUP

Maruung Bangayi

At Rathmines School we are learning Awabakal Language. Each fortnight children in our Wonai group will give us a new Awabakal word or phrase to learn. This fortnight's phrase is 'maruung bangayi' which means 'have a good day'.

KINDER 2022 RASCALS

Rascal Sand Craft

Last week the rascals made these wonderful sand pictures of Australian Animals.

They look fabulous!



BEHAVIOUR MANAGEMENT GUEST SPEAKER

Don't miss this rare opportunity to hear one of Australia's eminent Child Behaviour experts.

Dave Vinegrad - Restorative Practice Expert

Thursday 22nd July 7:00 - 8:30

Rathmines PS Library

Cost: Nil

- ◇ ***This event will also be zoomed for viewing at home.***
- ◇ ***A movie will be playing in the hall and supervised by staff to allow parents to take advantage of this great opportunity.***



David is a well-known presenter with extensive experience in the area of behaviour management both nationally and internationally. He has highly developed skills as a facilitator, trainer and presenter, and is widely recognised as an international expert on restorative justice and behaviour management. He has played a major role in the introduction of restorative practice into schools in Australia and internationally. David is an experienced counsellor and mediator including high level management of critical incidents and school-based trauma. David has over 30 years of experience working with teachers and students in a variety of diverse educational settings undertaking and developing a wide range of roles including his recent work in Singapore, China and Brazil.

<http://www.behaviourmatters.org.au/>

STARSTRUCK



Wow! What an amazing show!

Over the weekend of the 17th and 18th June, we had the absolute pleasure of taking 17 committed and beautifully behaved dancers to perform in this year's Star Struck show called "Rise Up!" The children began their Star Struck experience months ago with weekly practices, auditions and rehearsals, culminating in two performances at the Newcastle Entertainment Centre. They really need to be congratulated on the way they represented our school. Thank you to all the children involved and the parents who supported this worthwhile and magical experience. A very special thank you to our P&C who also supported our children with well-wishes and a box of goodies to enjoy to celebrate their achievement.

Cherylin and Mark Seymour



ART CLUB



Art Club
Stage 1 and
Stage 3



IMPORTANT DATES

DATE	EVENT
Friday 25th June	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 9.10am Rascals transition program 9.15am Infants Assembly LAST DAY TERM 2
Tuesday 13th July	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Students return to school for Term 3 NAIDOC Week
Wednesday 14th July	Visiting performers for NAIDOC Week
Friday 16th July	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Athletics Carnival for Years 2-6 Wangi Oval Catalina Kids 9-11am Infants Assembly 9.15am
Monday 19th July	Primary Assembly 1.00pm
Thursday 22nd July	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Girls Soccer Gala Day Restorative Practice Parent Session 7pm
Friday 23rd July	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Catalina Kids 9-11am Infants Assembly 9.15am

CANTEEN ROSTER

<u>WEEK 1</u>		<u>WEEK 2</u>	
Mon 12th July	STUDENT-FREE DAY	Mon 19th July	A. Wilkinson
Tues 13th July	L.Cook, M. Matthews	Tues 20th July	J.Bracken, C.Kelly
Wed 14th July	L.Johnstone, S.Moore	Wed 21st July	L.Morris, L.Johnstone
Thurs 15th July	M.Redgen, A. Holt	Thurs 22nd July	B.Lulham, E.Gray
Fri 16th July	T.Warner, V.Ryan, A.Telfer, M.Clare	Fri 23rd July	V.Olsen, A.Lishman, B.Ward, K.Betteridge

P&C FUNDRAISING

Entertainment

Fundraising with Entertainment

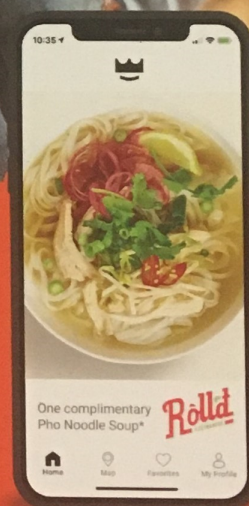
20% of every Membership we sell, goes directly to our fundraising



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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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Order your Memberships online today!

www.entbook.com.au/3464s3

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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.



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 their child is marked absent at roll call. Please reply to the message to explain the absence.

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28TH JUNE - 12TH JULY 2021



<p>Monday 28th June</p> <p>MARVELLOUS MOVIES 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>MINUTE TO WIN IT 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>Tuesday 29th June</p> <p>WINTER WONDERLAND CARNIVAL 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>OOSH FACTOR 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>Wednesday 30th June</p> <p>SNOW TIME IN THE GARDENS 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>ART ATTACK Take part in the Royal Active OOSH Art Show. Enter your favourite design to be crowned the very first AO Picasso!</p>	<p>Thursday 1st July</p> <p>HUDSON'S CIRCUS 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>HANDBALL WORLD CUP 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>Friday 2nd July</p> <p>UNREAL VIRTUAL REALITY 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>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!</p>
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<p>Monday 5th July</p> <p>GAMES 2U 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>SWEET VALLEY BABY ANIMALS 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>Tuesday 6th July</p> <p>SPRINGLOADED TRAMP PARK 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>TREMENDOUS TIMEZONE 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 & battles with your friends.</p>	<p>Wednesday 7th July</p> <p>DULLYBOYS SOCIAL CO 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>ART SOCIAL CLUB 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>Thursday 8th July</p> <p>BOP TILL YOU DROP SLIME & DANCE PARTY 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>9D MOBILE CINEMA 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>Friday 9th July</p> <p>ALICE IN WONDERLAND 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>NAIDOC DAY 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.