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## From the Principal

Dear Parents and Carers,

Mrs Seymour and all the students in the **2021 Star Struck team** are going through the final countdown leading up to the hectic but always exciting and rewarding **Star Struck** programme of performances which will commence with the full dress rehearsal next Thursday and will be followed by the **“Rise Up”** concert performances on Friday and Saturday. I take this opportunity to not only wish all team members the best for their upcoming Star Struck experience but also to thank **Cherylin** once again for all the energy, enthusiasm and effort she has contributed to supporting our school’s involvement in Star Struck 2021, and her husband Mark for volunteering so much of his time to support our students. Rathmines Public has a proud history of participation in Star Struck and I am sure the 2021 RPS Star Struck team will continue this tradition and will be outstanding representatives for our school.

### School Concert

All students from Kinder to Year 6 gathered in the school hall this morning for our first rehearsal of the two songs that will be featured in the finale to our 2021 School Concert which is to be filmed in Week 4 of next term and

### 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

presented to the school community on **Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> September** at the Glendale Cinema Complex. The enthusiasm and excitement which was so evident this morning has also been on display as the children prepare their concert items with their class teachers.

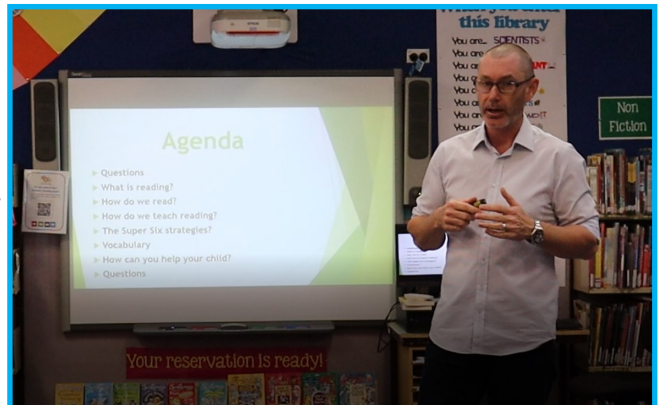
### Staffing Update

Mrs Roddam has made the decision to take an additional day on leave each week as from the start of term three. In an effort to minimise the number of shared class teaching arrangements we have in place at the school I have asked Megan Bowron to accept responsibility for teaching the Year 2R class in a fulltime capacity for the second half of the 2021 school year. Mrs Bowron has developed an excellent relationship with the Year 2 children while teaching them on Tuesdays and Wednesdays during the first semester and I have no doubt she will continue to provide them with a supportive and engaging learning environment when she assumes full responsibility for teaching the class next term. I take this opportunity to thank Mrs Roddam for the professionalism, commitment and dedication that she has displayed while teaching the children in a part time capacity during the first two terms. As part of this restructure in teaching responsibilities Mrs Roddam will teach Mrs Cawley's Year 1/2C on Thursdays and Mrs Russell's 3R class on Fridays. In an additional change for the Year 2R class they will be "relocating" their classroom to the new portable building prior to the end of term. The children have been excited to observe the new smartboard and class furniture being delivered last week and they are no doubt looking forward to taking up residence in their more spacious classroom accommodation.

**Mrs Wicks** has taken maternity leave as she and her husband Rhys look forward to the birth of their first child. I am sure everyone in our school community joins with me in thanking Ellouise for her wonderful contribution to Rathmines Public in her fulltime role as a Year 6 teacher for two years and more recently as one of our part time COVID support teachers. **Brittney Crawford** will join our staff in a part time capacity next term to provide COVID support in stage three as well as providing Beginning Teacher Support (BTS) release time for Miss Dole (Year 6) and Miss Burns (Year 1).

### Parent Reading Sessions

One of the priorities included in the current school plan relates to the strengthening of the partnership between the school and parents in order to achieve positive outcomes for our students. The two parent information sessions conducted by **Mr Elston** on Monday of this week focusing on the development of Reading skills were designed to enhance parents understanding not only of the strategies employed by class teachers in the teaching of reading but also the steps that parents can take to support their children's reading development at home. I am sure the parents and carers who attended one of the sessions share my sense of appreciation for Mr Elston's readiness to give freely of his time and to share his expertise in this area. A video of Matt's presentation will be made available on the school website for those who were unable to attend the sessions due to other commitments.



### New Teaching Resources

Students in all classes will benefit from the recent purchase of new literacy and numeracy resources with funds donated to the school by the P and C Association. A wide range of practical Maths resources arrived at school this week and have been allocated to all



## From the Principal cont'd

classes from Kinder to Year 6. In addition, the children in our infants classes (and their parents!) will now have access to additional “home readers” which were purchased in order to cater for our increased number of students from Kinder to Year 2.

### Visiting Author

Dr Cameron Stelzer’s visit to our school on Monday and Tuesday of this week proved to be an outstanding success with the infants and primary students revelling in their respective interactive workshops which were targeted at “bringing reading and writing to life” and incorporated Dr Cameron’s extremely popular and award winning “Pie Rats” and “Scallywags” series. I am conscious of the considerable amount of time and effort in regard to preliminary planning and “on the day” coordination that is needed to ensure that these events run smoothly. Staff and students are indebted to **Mrs Priest** for the role she has played in this regard. I thank Rebecca for providing our students with this great literacy experience and also take this opportunity to thank her for her ongoing commitment to ensuring our school library is a centre of learning and engagement for our students.

### Sports News

**Kaizen** and **Dustin** are to be congratulated on reaching the “Possibles v Probables” stage of the Hunter PSSA Rugby Union trials last week following their participation in preliminary skills and contact sessions. Dustin is to be especially commended on his subsequent selection in the **Hunter PSSA Rugby Team** which will compete at the **NSW Primary Schools Rugby Championships** at Mudgee later in Term 3. Dustin has the distinction of being the first student from Rathmines Public to represent Hunter PSSA in rugby and we wish him all the best for the next stage in the selection process. The NSW Waratahs could certainly benefit from some additional rugby talent coming up through the ranks!

The boys in our school rugby league team are hoping for dry weather as we move towards the end of term following the postponement of the **Knights Rugby League** carnival on two occasions due to wet weather earlier this term. The carnival has been rescheduled to Thursday in Week 10 and hopefully the boys will get the chance on this occasion to test their skills and teamwork against other schools in the Newcastle region. The girls in the school’s **PSSA Touch** team have been training hard with Miss Case in preparation for their first round match today against Hillsborough Public. In other touch footy news **Kaizen** and **Tiaki** were selected to represent Westlakes at the Hunter Touch trials last Friday. I congratulate the boys and wish the girls the best for their game next week.

### OOSH License renewal

I am very pleased to be able to confirm that **Active OOSH** has been successful in tendering for the license to operate the OOSH facility at our school during the next five year license agreement. The company has provided the parents and carers in our school with a high standard of service during the past five years and the plans they highlighted in their submission reflect their readiness not to just maintain that standard, but to work towards continued improvements through the implementation of new and exciting initiatives designed to provide the highest standard of before and after school care for our students.



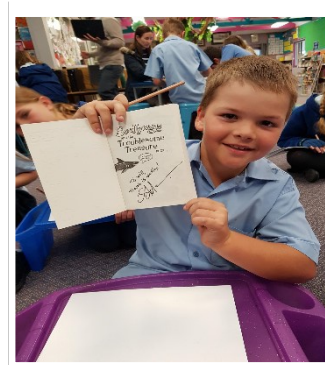
Yours sincerely,

*Nick Walker*

# LIBRARY NEWS

## Author Visit – Dr Cameron Stelzer

On Monday 7 and Tuesday 8 June (Week 8), we had a special visit from Author and Illustrator Dr Cameron Stelzer. Over the two days our students participated in a variety of workshops including an interactive book reading, drawing activities, behind-the-scenes look at creating a book, and tips for applying their own creative components. All student thoroughly enjoyed this experience! We now have many inspired little authors buzzing around our school. Dr Cameron not only ran the workshops but also made himself available during break times to allow some of our students to show him stories they have been working on at home.



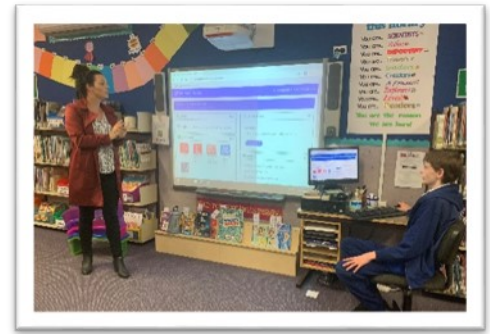
## Students Teaching Students - ORBIT

Last Thursday one of our tech savvy students from Emerald class gave his peers a demonstration on how to find and use ORBIT. ORBIT is the student interface of our school's library system. Assisted by Mrs Priest, Alex was able to show his peers how to find ORBIT by logging in to his student portal and navigate to Oliver Library. He was then able to show students how to search for a book, reserve a book, personalise his profile and much more. This was very informative to our Diamond, Ruby and Emerald students. Thank you Alex!

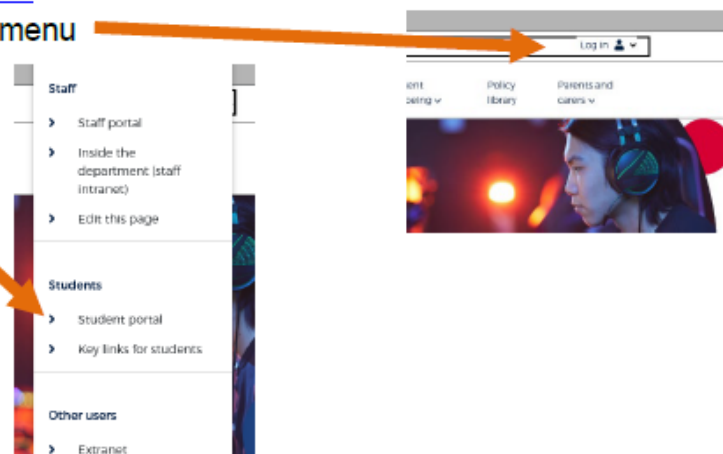


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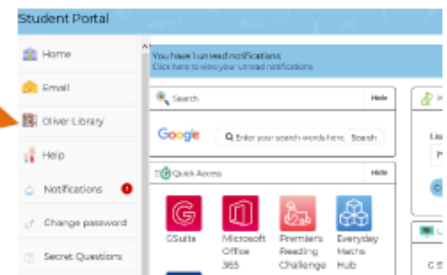
All classes 3-6 have been shown how to do this in library lessons and the best part is that you can do this from the library, classroom, home or even on holidays! All you need is your school log in details (same as the ones we use to log on to the school computers) and an internet connection. Below are the steps if parents would like to have a go:



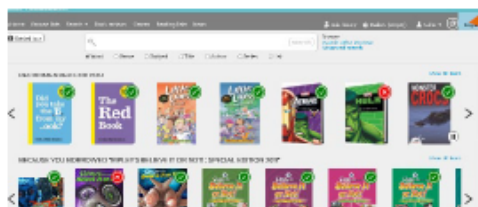
1. Go to <https://education.nsw.gov.au/>
2. Click log on in the top right hand menu (Make sure you click student!)



3. Use your school login details.
4. Now you are in your student portal. Click Oliver Library in the menu on the left hand side of the screen.



5. If your page looks like this, click on the ORBIT button



Now you have your personalised library page!



## WONAI GROUP

### Kaayi

At Rathmines School we are learning Awabakal Language. Each fortnight children in our Wonai group will give us a new Awabakal word to learn. This fortnight's word is "kaayi" which means hello/hey there.

Congratulations to Taylor and Koah who were chosen to participate in the performance at the NRL Indigenous Round, Knights football game



Sorry Day 26th May was acknowledged by our school.

This is Frankie from Diamond Class.

# KINDER 2022 RASCALS



*Rascals showing off  
their fish bowls after  
doing an  
Under the Sea  
theme last week*



# STARSTRUCK



## Newcastle Entertainment Centre

**Friday 18 June**

11.30am (Cast A)

7pm (Cast B)

**Saturday 19 June**

1.30pm (Cast B)

7pm (Cast A)



Tickets through Ticketek—phone 4921 2121



[www.starstruck.schools.nsw.gov.au](http://www.starstruck.schools.nsw.gov.au)



## P&C FUNDRAISING

# Entertainment

Fundraising with Entertainment

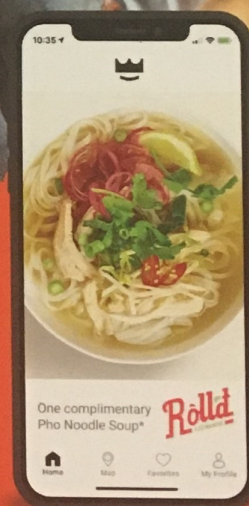
20% of every Membership we sell, goes directly to our fundraising



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## IMPORTANT DATES

DATE	EVENT
Friday 11th June	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>9.10am Rascals transition program</li> <li>9.15am Infants Assembly</li> </ul>
Monday 14th June	PUBLIC HOLIDAY—NO SCHOOL
Thursday 17th June	Starstruck Rehearsals Cast B
Friday 18th June	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>9.10am Rascals transition program</li> <li>9.15am Infants Assembly</li> <li>Starstruck—Newcastle Entertainment Centre</li> </ul>
Monday 21st June	1.00pm Primary Assembly
Thursday 24th June	Knights League Knockout
Friday 25th June	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>9.10am Rascals transition program</li> <li>9.15am Infants Assembly</li> <li>LAST DAY TERM 2</li> </ul>
Tuesday 13th July	Students return to school for Term 3

## CANTEEN ROSTER

<u>WEEK 7</u>		<u>WEEK 8</u>	
Mon 14th June	PUBLIC HOLIDAY	Mon 21st June	G.Weston
Tues 15th June	M.Matthews, L.Cook	Tues 22nd June	L.Cook, K.Grant
Wed 16th June	L.Johnstone, S.Moore, S.Guicciardi	Wed 23rd June	L.Johnstone, S.Moore, K.Shen, L.Morris
Thurs 17th June	A.Holt, M.Redgen	Thurs 24th June	M.Redgen
Fri 18th June	V.Ryan, T.Warner, M.Clarke, A.Telfer	Fri 25th June	V.Olsen, B.Ward, K.Betteridge, A.Telfer, A.Lishman

# 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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# ACTIVE OOSH RATHMINES

28TH JUNE - 12TH JULY 2021



<p><b>Monday 28th June</b></p> <p><b>MARVELLOUS MOVIES</b>        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>        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>        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>        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>        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>        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>        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 macaws, llamas and camels. Celebrity appearances from the flipping disc dogs and goldie the clown.</p> <p><b>HANDBALL WORLD CUP</b>        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>        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>        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>        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>        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>        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>        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>        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>        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>        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>        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>        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>        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.