



From the Principal

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Dear Parents and Carers,

I am including a summary of the Skoolbag note sent out last week just in case any members in our school community do not have the App on their phone.

"Schools in **Regional NSW** are currently required to comply with **Level 2** restrictions. The key points that members of our school community need to be aware of are set out below:

Entry to school grounds: Non-essential visitors, including parents and carers, are not permitted in schools. Exemptions to this rule may be granted for external providers such as speech and occupational therapists who are not able to support students remotely, and for scheduled meetings with members of staff that need to be held face to face rather than by phone or zoom.

When children return to school tomorrow morning we will return to the following before and after school procedures which were in place earlier this year.

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.

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After school procedures:

- (1) **Primary children** leaving on the **Secret Corner Rd** side of the school use the exit next to the special education classes.
- (2) Children in the **infants classes** (Kinder, Yr1 and Yr2) leaving on that side of the school use the **main entrance gate** adjacent to the office building.
- (3) **Primary children with younger siblings in infants classes (K, Yr1 and Yr 2)** also use the admin gate if leaving via Secret Corner Rd.
- (4) Primary and infants children (K, Yr1 and Yr2) leaving via **Rosemary Row** use the bus bay exit.

Before School Procedures: A teacher will be on duty at the administration gate (Secret Corner Rd) and the bus bay gate (Rosemary Row) to meet younger students from **8:45am** as they arrive at school. Parents and carers are reminded that children should not arrive at school before 8:30am when teachers come on duty for supervision. "

(Update 22/7) After checking with the teachers who have been rostered onto the "gate welcoming duty" it seems all the students now seem to be comfortable coming into the school grounds by themselves so we will cancel that supervision duty from next Monday. However, if you do have any concerns re your child's entry to school at the start of the day please let the class teacher know.

"Please ensure your child knows which exit gate they are to use. Parents and carers are also asked to follow the NSW Health Dept social distancing expectations and mask wearing recommendations while waiting outside the gates to collect your child/children.

School based activities:

- Assemblies can be held with COVID-safe practices in place. **No visitors permitted.**
- Singing, chanting, group repetition and choirs are permitted if conducted **outside** in a well-ventilated area.
- Bands and ensembles are permitted in line with current health advice.
- Dance or drama are permitted in line with COVID-Safe practices within classes. Library activities are permitted in line with the Infection Control requirements.

Events

- Excursions will be limited to outdoor locations **within the Local Government Area** of the school where the school can demonstrate COVID Safe practices

- Parents and carers may attend for the purposes of school orientation programs (eg Catalina Kids)

Resulting changes and adjustments to school planning:

Unfortunately we have had to make the decision to postpone planning for our **School Concert**. The filming of concert items will be held towards the end of this term if the COVID outbreak in Sydney is brought under control and the current restrictions are eased. The actual **"Movie Night"** will now be held during term four.

Parents and carers of children in classes with excursions planned for this term will receive notification from class teachers re changes or cancellations. "

(Update 22/7) The Stage 3 Excursion to Canberra has had to be cancelled.

"The **Primary Athletics Carnival** planned for this Friday at Wangi will go ahead within COVID safety guidelines if the rain stays away! Please note that there will be no canteen operating at the oval. Children will need to bring their own lunch and drinks. The **Catalina Kids** transition program will go ahead as planned. Parents and Carers will have school access for this transition activity. The **school canteen** will continue to operate as per normal routines.

It is important to note that the situation in the Greater Sydney area is changing rapidly (117 cases today) and we need to be ready as a school community to adapt to increased restrictions if they are applied to

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regional NSW. With this in mind class teachers will check in with their students this week to revise the key strategies underpinning the **online learning programs** which were in place last year. "

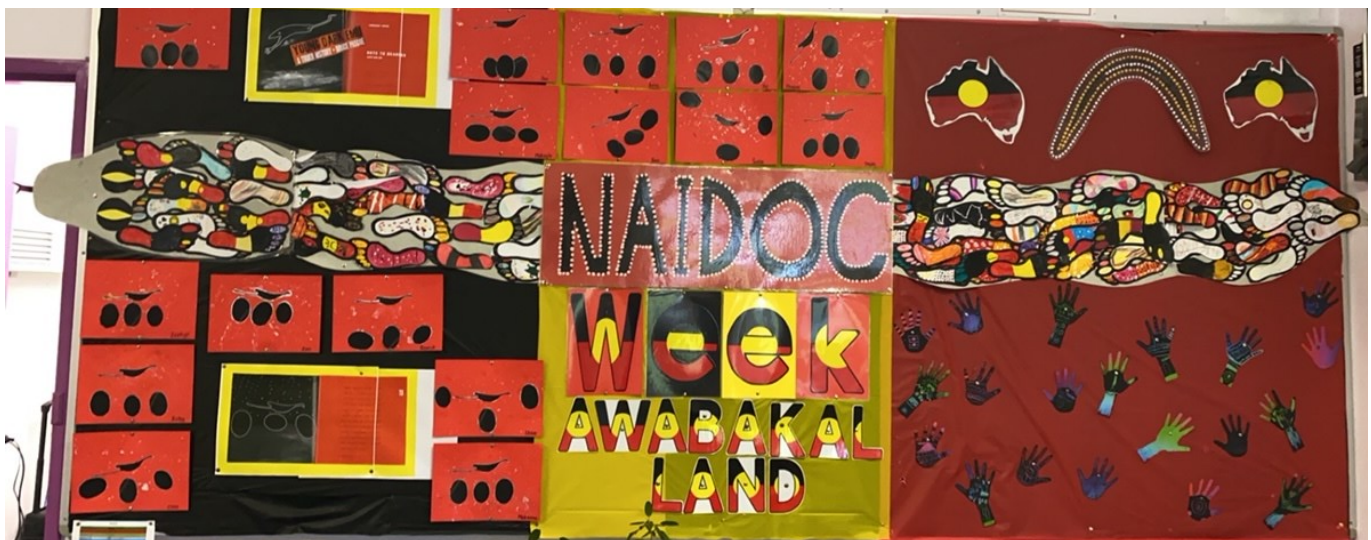
(Update 22/7) Stages two and three are planning to run an online learning day at school next week to check that all children are confident with the processes.

"I will endeavour to keep you up to date regarding any developments or changes that may impact on your child's learning as we move through the first weeks of what will no doubt be a challenging term."

(Update22/7) The 128 positive tests number today indicates that the current Level 2 restrictions for our area will remain in place for an extended period.

NAIDOC Week

Last week the educational focus in all classrooms was on the celebration of NAIDOC Week through student participation in a range of the learning activities implemented by class teachers on the 2021 NAIDOC theme "**Heal Country**". Regrettably the COVID restrictions meant that the **Gurrawin Cultural Awareness** incursion had to be postponed as the company is based in Sydney but we are hoping to revisit this initiative later in the year. Many thanks to **Erin Gavenlock** and **Michelle Fragar** for their efforts coordinating this year's NAIDOC activities and for sharing a host of wonderful teaching resources with class teachers. I offer special congratulations to our WONAI students for their creative and very striking display on the NAIDOC Week theme in our entrance foyer.



Debating News

Face to face debating has once again become a casualty of the COVID restrictions as the inter school competition reverts to the Zoom technology used for last year's debates. I take this opportunity to congratulate the students who will represent our school in debates against two Coal Point Public School teams tomorrow.

Rathmines Rockstars: Makenna, Zen, Chelsey, Ruby.

Rathmines Raiders: Isabella S, Marli, Dustin, Mackenzie

The change to remote debating has certainly not dampened the enthusiasm of the team members who are keen to test the debating skills they have been developing under the guidance of Mr Ruecroft and Mrs Bristow.

Sports News

We were fortunate to be blessed with much improved weather for the **Primary Athletics Carnival** conducted at Wangi Oval on Monday after the carnival had to be postponed last week due to the results

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of our recent wet weather. The children ensured it was a great day through the spirit they displayed when competing in their events and their enthusiastic support for all competitors. It was unfortunate that the students had to sit in stage rather than house groups, and our traditional cheerleading competition had to be put on hold in order to comply with the revised COVID guidelines but the children are definitely becoming used to coping with these COVID adjustments.

I offer special congratulations the children in our special education classes for being such amazing role models for us all through their readiness to participate, and give of their very best, in all events. Special thanks must go to **Miss Case** and **Mr McNamara** for the time and effort they contributed to organising this important event in our sporting calendar. On behalf of all staff and students I congratulate **Catalina** on being the **Champion Athletics House** for 2021 and commend the following age champions and students who have been selected to represent our school in the **Westlakes Zone Carnival** at Glendale Athletics Centre later in the term:

Junior Girl Tianna T
Junior Boy Logan F

11 Yrs Girl Ruby
11Yrs Boy Kaizen

Senior Girl Mackenzie
Senior Boy Dustin



Our Zone Athletics representatives will be :

Dion, Beren, Ivy B, Monique, Elwood, Thomas K, Grace T, Hope, Levi E, Matthew C, Tianna T, Jordyn, Kaizen, Riley, Ruby, Aurora, Alex McD, Dustin, Mackenzie, Marli, Tiaki, Logan F, Sam D, Jenna, Milarn, Kruiz and Haylee T, Will B, Ben M.

Yours sincerely,

Nick Walker

WONAI GROUP

Nginuwa

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 'Nginuwa' which means 'goodbye'.

FOOTBALL CLINIC

On Wednesday 21st July two of our year 5 WONAI students, Allora and Logan, were invited to attend a football clinic at Speers Point football facility. This clinic was hosted by indigenous soccer superstar Gema Simon, along with some players from the Newcastle Jets.

Allora and Logan had a fantastic time listening and participating in skill development activities. They spent time chatting to other indigenous students and enjoying a sausage sizzle lunch.

Well done Allora and Logan. We know you represented our school proudly and had a wonderful time.



UNWELL STUDENTS

If your child shows any signs of being unwell please keep them home. If they have any of the following symptoms they must have a COVID test—

- ⇒ Runny nose
- ⇒ Sore throat
- ⇒ Cough
- ⇒ Temperature above 37.4



Once they have received a negative result and their symptoms have resolved, they are free to return to school.

If your child has diarrhea or has vomited, they must wait for 24 hours after the last episode before returning to school.

PLEASE REMEMBER TO ADVISE THE SCHOOL OF YOUR CHILD'S ABSENCE.

The continued good health of our students and staff is dependent upon all of us taking extra care to reduce transmission.

Thank you.

IMPORTANT DATES

DATE	EVENT
Friday 23rd July	Catalina Kids 9-11am
Thursday 29th July	Kindergarten 100 days celebration
Friday 30th July	Catalina Kids 9—11am
Friday 6th August	Catalina Kids 9—11am
Friday 13th August	Catalina Kids 9—11am
Monday 16th August to Thursday 19th August	Book Week and Book Fair (to be confirmed)

CANTEEN ROSTER

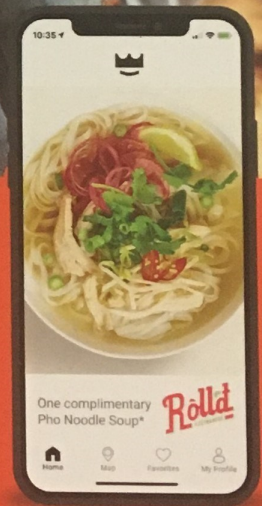
<u>WEEK 3</u>		<u>WEEK 4</u>	
Mon 26th July	G.Weston, S.Myers	Mon 2nd August	L.Faint
Tues 27th July	L.McAllister, A.Lilliss, L.Faint	Tues 3rd August	L.Faint, K.Grant
Wed 28th July	L.Johnstone, S.Moore, A.Greenwood, M.Jones	Wed 4th August	A.Greenwood, L.Johnstone, S.Moore
Thurs 29th July	L.Faint, M.Redgen, K.Hopkins	Thurs 5th August	M.Redgen, A.Greenwood
Fri 30th July	L.Faint, T.Warner, V.Ryan, A.Telfer, M.Clare	Fri 6th August	V.Olsen, A.Telfer, B.Ward, K.Betteridge, A.Greenwood

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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/>

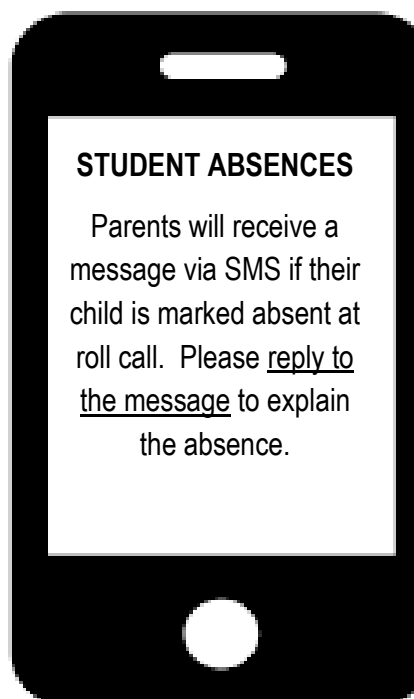
In the MAKE A PAYMENT tab enter your child's name and date of birth to begin the process.

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.





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

Phone: 0438 224 914

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Website: activeooshnsw.com

Facebook: Active OOSH Rathmines

Address: Rathmines Public School - Secret Corner Road, Rathmines.

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



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.

EXTRA CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES



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