



RUSE NEWS



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Dates to Note

Term 4 2013

Week 10

Dec 10 Presentation Assembly
13 Stage 3 Rewards Day
K-2 Movies

Week 11

Dec 16 Stage 2 Movies
Year 6 Farewell
18 Picnic, BBQ, Disco
Last day of term

Term 1 2014

Jan 28 Staff Development Day
29 Yrs 1-6 return to school
Feb 3 Kindergarten commence

Dear parents/carers.

A reminder to parents and carers that Mr McGillicuddy is on long service leave for the remainder of the year. We wish him a relaxing holiday. Mrs Schubert will be teaching 4/5M and Miss Adam will be relieving Assistant Principal.

I'd like to take this opportunity to thank parents and carers for your wonderful support of the school this year.....as I always say...the best school in Campbelltown.

This year we have had enormous growth in the acquisition of technology. We now have a device for every student in the school – supplied by the school. We are one of two schools in the whole of South West Sydney who have wholeheartedly embraced 21st century learning by supplying a laptop for every child. This would not have been possible without the generous support of the school community. Thank you! Thank you! Thank you!

The school and the community have truly worked together as a cohesive unit to provide quality education for every child.

Today represented the culmination of our special assemblies for 2013. I would like to extend a special thank you to the 2013 Year 6 leadership team and wish all of Year 6 success and happiness as they move onto high school.

Congratulations to the incoming leadership team for 2014 who were inducted into their positions at today's assembly.

Captains – Janaya B and Max S

Vice Captains – Georgia F and Robert J

SRC Chairpersons – Gracie S and Morgan M

Prefects – Mackenzie P and Ethan S, Tahilya L and Gabby C.

Next year all our Year 6 leaders, SRC and house and vice captains will all be part of the Student Representative Council, with our Year 6 leaders forming the executive of the SRC.

I would also like to thank all those parents, grandparents and carers who were able to support our school by volunteering their services in 2013. We rely very much on the goodwill and support of families.

If your family will be relocating to another area at the beginning of the 2014 school year, please advise the school office as we are planning for the number of classes and teachers we will require next year.

News

IGA

Thank you to IGA for their generous Community Chest donation of \$2361.55 to Ruse PS. The money they have donated will be used to purchase quality reading materials. We also thank the local community for their support by buying home brand products from IGA.

Paul Thompson's Retirement

Mr Thompson has recently been on sick leave and has retired from his duties as a general assistant at Ruse Public School. Mr Thompson has been at Ruse for many years and we appreciate the maintenance that he has provided and we wish him all the very best for his retirement. Mr Thompson was farewelled during our presentation assembly today which was followed by our morning tea.

Back Gate

In response to our school self-evaluation a few weeks ago, the school installed an automatic locking and unlocking device on the back gate. This device maintained our security while at the same time allowing access during the morning and afternoon to the streets behind the school. Unfortunately, a member of the community took the time to unscrew this expensive automatic lock, cut the electrical wires and replace it with an inferior broken lock. Consequently, the automatic

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locking and unlocking of the back gate didn't occur. I'm hopeful that this doesn't occur again as we will not be able to continually replace such an expensive device. I would ask parents to keep an eye out for any unusual activity around the gate.

Returning to School in 2014

Students will be returning in their 2013 classes until our numbers are stable at the beginning of next year. It appears at this point in time that we will grow to 16 classes so that is good news.

Carol's Night

What a wonderful night last Tuesday night for our Carol's Night. The positive response we had from the parent community as well as the broader community who attended this special night was overwhelming. As well as singing carols, we all enjoyed a scrumptious BBQ, watching children from all grades perform Christmas items as well as the teachers performing their dance routine. A fantastic community event that we will organise again.

Cyber Safety Tips

- Review the age suitability of any social network your child joins. Most of these networks legally require children to be 13 years of age to hold an account.
- Have your family computer in a shared living space such as the kitchen or lounge room to allow for adequate supervision.
- Check to ensure your child has all privacy settings correctly configured. For example Facebook privacy settings should never be set to public.
- Children should never have usernames that identify them or their age.
- They should not post photos that make them easy to identify or provide personal information about themselves.
- Let your child know that they should report any unwanted contact via the internet.
- Most importantly, parents should have access to their child's social networking accounts and be monitoring them regularly.

For more detailed advice visit the following website:
www.cybersmart.gov.au

Talent Show

Last Thursday, we held our annual school talent show. The audience were wowed by the diverse talents of the students at Ruse Public School. The show was thoroughly enjoyed by both the audience and the participants. Well done to all of the students who performed!

Congratulations to the winners and runners up (Jayde P, It's My Party, Stay and Wrong Direction.)



Reminder Primary BBQ and Class Parties

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Just a reminder to parents that the notes and money are due for the primary BBQ. Also information has gone home regarding class parties. Please ensure the money is paid by Friday 13th December 2013.

Parent Online Payments

As advised last term, from today parents are able to make online payments for amounts owing in excess of \$5-00 via a secure payment page. The payment page is accessed through the schools website by selecting the Parent Online Payment link on the front page of the school website [Make Online Payment](#).

Payments to the P&C for fundraisers or BBQ days CANNOT be made via this system.

This is a secure payment system hosted by Westpac to ensure your credit/debit card details are captured in a secure manner; these details are not passed back to the school. For any enquiries please contact the School.

Sport

What a wonderful year of sport Ruse has had. With many successes under our belt in PSSA sport, zone teams, regionals and knockouts, the students are to be commended on their tremendous effort. We have been very lucky to have had NRL and Rugby Union visit for development days which has been evident in the overall results. We have shown the Macarthur District that we are not afraid of teamwork and our sportsmanship should also be recognised.

The dedicated teachers have spent many hours of coaching and programming for all these teams as well as home sport activities which look at fundamental movements that include hand-eye coordination skills. We are very proud of the opportunities that Ruse has been able to provide these students and look forward to continuing and improving our programs in 2014. A special mention must go to Ms Allen who has also been helping as a sports coordinator this year, even coming back with the Junior A's netball trophy, Well done!

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A huge thank you must go out to all the carers, parents, grandparents and friends, who come to the carnivals to cheer us on, bring water, wash jerseys and encourage the students to do their best. Your support has been unwavering and I know the students just love having you there.

Please remember that the 2014 Swimming carnival is early next year, therefore a note will come home soon in regards to this. Keep watching this space for updates on zone team opportunities, PSSA gala days, knockouts and much more in 2014.

THANK YOU EVERYONE!!!

Ms Clark

Sports Coordinator

Best wishes to all families for the festive season and we hope you have a relaxing and enjoyable holiday.

Annette O'Neill

Principal

P&C News

The P&C would like to thank all families for their support this year with the fundraisers that have been conducted. The outcome has meant handing over money to the school to help with the continuation of our technology pledge.

Thank you to all P&C members from 2013 for all their efforts this year, your time and input is very valuable.

The P & C hope that all families have a very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year and look forward to your support in 2014.

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Holiday Program Campbelltown PCYC

Zumba kids: 14th January 10am-2pm

Beginner archery: 16th January 10am-2pm (8yrs-12)

Mixed sport day finishing with a movie: 21st January 10am-3pm.

Each day lunch will be provided. The cost is \$25 per day.

For more information please call Campbelltown PCYC 9603 8229 or email Campbelltown@pcycnsw.org.au

Missing Cat

Ginger cat with white bib on chest and under jaw.

9 months old long, lean and half the size of a mature cat.

Will you check he isn't in your garage or under your house.

Micro chipped and de sexed, Timid.

Reward For information leading to his safe return

Contact: 68 Leichhardt St Ruse (house next to walkway going into Ruse Public School)

PH: 46 250 335

UNIFORM SHOP RUSE PUBLIC SCHOOL

Uniform Shop

Closed From 13 December 2013 for Holiday

Uniform shop trading hours in 2014

28 Jan 14	Tuesday	8:30 - 10:00
29 Jan 14	Wednesday	8:30 - 10:00
30 Jan 14	Thursday	8:30 - 10:00
31 Jan 14	Friday	8:30 - 10:00
3 Feb 14	Monday	8:30 - 10:00
6 Feb 14	Thursday	2:00 - 3:30 pm

Then Return to normal on

8:30 - 10:00 am every Tuesday

&

2:00 - 3:30 pm every Thursday

Any enquires can be made direct to Excel Uniforms

Phone 0405 506 383/Email rps@exceluniforms.com.au

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