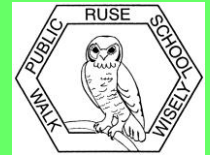




RUSE NEWS



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Dates to Note

Term 1 2013

Week 10

- Apr 2 NSW Swimming Carnival
- 3 NSW Swimming Carnival
- 4 Rugby League gala day
- 5 Assembly KIW
- Gala Day

Week 11

- Apr 9 Celebration of Learning Assembly 9.30am
- 12 Last day of term

Term 2 2013

Week 1

- Apr 29 Staff Development Day
- 30 Staff Development Day
- May 1 Students return to school

Week 2

Week 3

- May 14 NAPLAN Writing, Language Conventions
- 15 NAPLAN Reading
- 16 NAPLAN Numeracy

Dear parents/carers.

We have had ongoing success in the sporting area. On Tuesday 26th March, students from Ruse PS attended the Campbelltown Zone PSSA hockey trials. Three students from Ruse were selected to represent Campbelltown Zone at SWSR carnival on 7th May. Congratulations to Jacob Lipovic, Brennan Gynn and Jay McIntosh for being selected in the squad and good luck for the carnival.

Our Open Rugby League team played John Warby PS last Thursday. It was an extremely exciting game, especially the 2nd half. Due to the fact that John Warby and Ruse were both told different rules from NSWPSA, the coach from John Warby has kindly offered to treat this game as a trial game and play

the knockout in the first week of term 2. Once a date has been finalised, it will be published on the school website. Thanks to Ms Clark for her endless training sessions leading up to the event and to Mr Mac for supporting Ms Clark.



On Thursday morning we had our annual Easter Hat Parade for students in K-2. Many parents, grandparents and friends as well as our little friends at Ruse Preschool attended our morning parade. The hats were very creative and all looked sensational. Thank you to the parents and carers for supporting your children in the creation of these beautiful hats.

The Easter Bunny and his helper made a surprise visit and gave out eggs to the preschool students. As well, they managed to sneak into classrooms and leave eggs for our K-2 students. A great morning was had by all. Thanks to Mrs Venditti for her organisation and to Mrs McPhee for her commentary on the event.



Fun run notes were distributed two weeks ago. We encourage all families to support our major fundraising event for the year.

We thank all parents and carers for their ongoing support of the school in term 1 and wish you all a safe holiday!

Annette O'Neill

Principal

News

Celebration of Learning Assembly

Next Tuesday, 9th April at 9.30am we will be holding our Celebration of Learning Assembly. We will be showcasing some of our student performance groups as well as acknowledging students who have attained Cosmic Citizen, Constellation and Gala Day awards.

We will also officially farewell Sue Heins who was a wonderful staff member and Assistant Principal at Ruse Public School for the past 7 years. All parents and carers are welcome to attend this assembly.

Mr Paul McGillicuddy

SRC Update

Last week our school's SRC held a Superhero Fun Day to raise money for the Kids of Macarthur charity. Thank you to all those children who joined in the fun and helped us raise \$400 for a worthwhile cause. A big congratulation to the winners from each stage.

This year the SRC will be holding lots more fun days to raise money. We will also be involved in making changes around our school. We look forward to a productive year.

Miss Kehlet
Coordinator



Hall of Fame Morning Tea

The Hall of Fame Morning Tea will be held on Thursday 11th April for children who have received an award this term.

Reports on our Management Plan

Literacy

At Ruse Public School we are committed to improving achievement in literacy for all students. This term we have assessed all students and identified their individual learning needs. All students in kindergarten were administered the Best Start Assessment. This provided the teachers with comprehensive assessment data in all aspects of literacy. Students in Stage One were also placed on learning plans according to Best Start data. In Stages 2 and 3, teachers have been working collaboratively to develop authentic comprehensive assessment strategies.

Teachers have been involved in a range of professional development opportunities to support quality teaching in Literacy.

Kindergarten teachers are implementing the L3 (Language, Learning and Literacy) program. This is a reading and writing program which provides explicit small group instruction for children in their first year of school. Teachers who have not previously been trained in this program will be attending regular workshops throughout Term 1 and 2.

We have spent \$3,000 on the purchase of quality literary texts to support student engagement and learning in literacy.

Mrs S McPhee

Numeracy

At the beginning of the year, Ruse Public School was able to purchase new mathematics resources from the Woolworths Earn and Learn program. These new resources will be used to engage students in hands on learning, allowing them to learn essential numeracy skills.

Within the numeracy session, teachers have been providing students with skills to improve their addition and subtraction through TEN groups (K-2) and Place Value groups (3-6). This intensive 10 minute session provides short, sharp and focussed lessons aimed at providing students with a number of efficient strategies to complete addition and subtraction problems.

This term, all students have completed PAT-R Maths, which is a maths assessment that is completed on the computer. Each class teacher is using this information to differentiate the curriculum to cater for all students across the different strands of mathematics.

Miss K Adam

Curriculum and Assessment

This term, the staff have undertaken professional learning around the implementation of the new Australian Curriculum in English. We have completed modules 1 and 2, The Learner and the new curriculum and Teaching for the new curriculum.

Our professional learning will continue throughout this year, in readiness for the Australian Curriculum in English to be fully implemented in 2014. As a staff, we have been working on developing authentic assessments in English and Maths. This is an ongoing process and we are continuing our work on this throughout the year.

Parents would also be aware of our commitment to developing learning plans for each of our students. This began with discussions with each student to identify their strengths and areas of need. We then moved into 3 way conferences (student, teacher and parents) to develop a set of goals for each student. Teachers are still contacting parents who were unable to attend the 3 way conferences to develop goals within these families. A copy of the learning plan for each child will be sent home this term. Our work in curriculum and assessment is an ongoing

process as we develop, refine and introduce practices in this area.

Mrs M Clarke

Leadership and Management

As part of the leadership and management portfolio, we have been working hard to provide a range of leadership opportunities for teachers across the school. The development of our leadership capacity is an important goal.

We have introduced the national Professional Teaching Standards which are embedded in our teacher assessment review. These standards ensure our teachers perform at the national expected standards.

Our student leadership team (captains, vice captains and prefects) have been kept very busy this term with a number of duties they perform to assist in the smooth running of the school.

Our members of our Student Representative Council are developing their leadership skills under the guidance of Miss Kehlet. They have made suggestions for playground initiatives and they will be presenting their suggestions to the teachers in the administration meeting on Thursday morning.

Our sports captains and vice captains as well as peer mediators have supported the school through active involvement in their roles. The peer mediators are responsible for handing out equipment on the school oval every lunchtime. This job is done very effectively with very little loss of equipment.

Mr P McGillicuddy

Anzac Day Service

This year ANZAC Day falls within the school holidays. A school ceremony will take place on Friday 12th April. As a school, we will be acknowledging and remembering the courage, mateship and sacrifice of those who fought and died in all the wars, from the New Zealand War in 1863 to conflicts of today.

Mrs R Zamudio

Coordinator

Absentee Booklets

When your child is absent from school it is a legal requirement that an explanation be given to the school on return. An absentee booklet has been

prepared and sent home today for your convenience when your child is absent.

Sport

It has been another busy term with trials for Zone Soccer, Hockey and Rugby League taking place. The talent has been outstanding with several children being chosen for these teams.

In Rugby League Zach West and Brok Hill were chosen for the Under 11's side, with Rick Thorn chosen in the Open's side.

Soccer saw some more great talent trial, with Gabrielle Clarke, Zach Ajineh, Brandon Lee and Alex Valiente all successful. Also Jessica Yates was chosen for the Zone Girls Soccer team.

In hockey three great players became our latest to shine, with Jacob Lipovic, Brennan Gynn and Jay McIntosh all being selected for Zone.

I congratulate all these boys on their hard efforts and for representing our school with enthusiasm.

Ms Clark

Sports Coordinator

P&C News

The next P&C meeting is in Term 2, Week 5 on Tuesday 28th May at 7pm. All are welcome to attend. Light refreshments will be served.

Book Club

Issue 2 of book club has now closed and will be back before the end of term.

Canteen News

The Canteen will be closed every Monday from 8th April due to lack of volunteers. If you can assist please contact Dianne at the canteen.

Fundraising

Thank you to all who purchased tickets in the Easter Raffle. The raffle was drawn last Monday and the winners were:

1st prize - Emma Cowley 3/4B

2nd prize - Jamie Murphy 3/4B

3rd prize - Ryan Van de Nadort K/1Z

We raised approximately \$400.00.

The tickets for our Mother's Day raffle have gone out to families. If you would like to be in the raffle to win a great gift for mum, please ensure you have

purchased and returned them by 3rd May, 2013. The raffle will be drawn on Monday 6th May at the morning assembly.

The Mother's Day stall will be held on 8th and 9th May 2013. A note will go home on the first day of Term 2 advising parents of gifts available at the stall. It is advised that you put money in an envelope with your child's name and preferences of at least 3 gifts so if something has already sold out we have an idea of your second or third preferences. This will ensure that you get something you want. Gifts will range from \$2 to \$10 on the day.

A reminder that if you are shopping at the Good Guys Campbelltown please ask at the checkout for your 'Good Guy dollars'. Once you have them please attach to a copy of your receipt and leave at the front office at school.

Community News

CatholicCare Counselling Services

At CatholicCare Campbelltown we have dedicated and experienced family and relationship counsellors who can assist individuals, families, couples, teens and children. We also have a dedicated service called "Keeping kids in Mind" for parents and families who have separated which incorporates parent group education and case management support. For further enquiries please call 42 549316.

Ingleburn Hockey Club

Ingleburn Hockey club is currently seeking players for the U13 girls team (11 & 12 year old girls). For further information contact Lauren Thompson at pawpaw22@optusnet.com.au

School Holiday Tennis Clinics

School holiday tennis clinics will be held on April 15th, 16th, 17th, 18th and 19th April at Wests Tennis Club. Enrolment forms are available from the front office or call Jared Zeeman on 0404 457088 or Ian Brabazon on 0411 330107 for further information.



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