

RUSE NEWS



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Dates to Note

Term 3 2013

Week 8 Sept 6 Gala Day Assembly IV

Week 9

Sept 10 Regional Spelling

- 11 SSW Primary Athletics Carnival
- 13 Assembly 5/6K

Week 10

- Sept 17 Celebration of Learning Assembly 9.30am
 - 18 Crazy Clothes Mufti Day SRC Fundraiser
 - 18 Hall of Fame morning tea
 - 20 Last day of term

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Week I

Oct 7 Public Holiday

Week 2

Oct 15 Kindergarten Orientation

- 16 NSW PSSA Athletics
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- 18 Gala Day
 - Infants Assembly KIW

Dear parents/carers.

We welcome Mrs Helen Kelly to 6S for the remainder of term 3. Mrs Kelly is replacing Mrs Smith while she is on long service leave.

Parents and carers are reminded that Ms Bland will be Relieving Assistant Principal, supervising Kindergarten and Stage I while Mrs McPhee is on long service leave.

Miss Terechovs will be taking leave from Tuesday 3^{rd} September until 12^{th} September. She will be replaced by Mrs Schubert during this time.

Thanks to the P&C for the Father's Day raffle and for organising the Fathers' Day stall last week. I know some dads, pops, grandads and carers would have received lovely gifts on Sunday.

News

Leaving in 2014

If your child is not returning in 2014 could you please advise the office as soon as possible as we are currently working on classing for 2014.

Kindergarten Enrolment 2014



Parents and carers are asked to remind friends and neighbours about kindergarten enrolment for 2014. This year we will be extending our orientation program and commencing this early in term 4. For this reason, we need our enrolments finalised by the end of term 3.

Election BBQ

Parents/carers are reminded about the election BBQ on Saturday 7^{th} September. Any parents who are able to assist

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with the BBQ are asked to contact Kylie Devine through the school office.

Crazy Clothes Day

On Wednesday 18th September, our SRC will be holding a mufti day to raise money for the "Kids of Macarthur Foundation". The day's theme will be "Crazy Clothes" and students are encouraged to go as crazy as possible! You might like to wear mismatched shoes, do your hair in a crazy style or wear some bizarre (but sensible) clothes. We will have a competition showcase on the day and certificates and prizes will be awarded. The cost for this fundraiser is a gold coin donation. We hope you will support our crazy fundraiser.

Miss Kehlet SRC Coordinator

Hall of Fame Morning tea

The Hall of Fame morning tea will be held on Wednesday 18th September. This is a special morning tea with the principal to celebrate children receiving this prestigious award. As there is always so much food, parents/carers are advised not to send any additional food for lunch. Please ensure your child has a recess snack.

Vision Team News

The Vision Support Team based in Building D at Ruse Public School works across the Macarthur region to provide support to children K-12 with a range of vision impairments in both mainstream and Special Schools. Our role is to ensure that all children are able to access the curriculum and participate in all learning experiences just as their fully sighted peers do. This may mean that we teach Braille to blind children, cane skills, assistive technologies, provide large print books and worksheets for children with low vision, and provide professional development and support to all school staff. Each student has unique learning needs based on their degree of vision impairment and we work collaboratively with all schools to ensure they are reaching their full potential.

One difficulty we face is finding a range of high quality resources for literacy learning. In 2006 the Braille code changed and we found that all our resources were outdated. These books aren't available to purchase, and we were unable to buy any from overseas as they used a different Braille code as well. We can borrow some books from the State Braille and Large Print Service but they have to be returned, and they don't always have a book our students want. We also support students in Special Schools who are often unable to hold a paper book or turn the pages. We wanted digital books for reading on SmartBoards and touch screen computers, which allow children some independence in turning pages.

In 2011 we started a partnership with student teachers in the Master of Teaching (Primary) degree course at the University of Western Sydney. They are working with us to make Braille/ Tactile books, and digital books and we now have a growing library of wonderful books that are making a huge difference to all our students. In that same year we applied for a National Australia Bank Schools First Seed Award to help fund the partnership and were fortunate to be successful in winning \$25 000. This year we applied for their Impact Award which rewards ongoing partnerships that are making a significant difference for students, and were again fortunate in winning a \$30 000 grant. This money has enabled us to buy a wide range of resources to support the UWS partnership and our students, and will benefit the Vision Team for many years.

Now that the UK and USA have agreed to adopt Unified English Braille we will be able to purchase a wide range of books to extend our library further. This partnership showcases the benefits of strong community engagement with schools, and how student learning is enhanced through the provision of high quality resources. It's also wonderful to see how much pleasure our students are having with these books; developing a love of reading is so important for all students and having these great books makes their literacy learning a rewarding experience for everyone.



Sport Campbelltown Zone Athletics Carnival

On Wednesday 28th and Thursday 29th August, we took our school athletics team to the Zone Carnival. We were represented in all events on the day. A special mention goes to Grace Sawyer and Toutai Lolohea who participated in track finals at the carnival. They were both successful and will be representing Ruse Public School at the Regional Carnival on 11th September. Toutai will participate in the 100m event and Grace the 800m. We wish them the best of luck.

Miss Kehlet and Miss Allen

Have a great week!

Annette O'Neíll

Principal

P&C News

The results of the P&C Father's Day raffle are as follows: Ist prize – Sarah Eskelinen 2nd prize – Brock Fox 3rd prize – T Lucas 4th prize – Ray Cerezo 5th prize – Zeth Gomez

Book Club

Book Club will close on 4th September, 2013. No late orders will be accepted. Cheques are to be made payable to Scholastic Australia not RUSE PUBLIC SCHOOL.

Canteen News

Volunteers are still needed for Monday and Tuesday. If you can assist please see Kylie Devine. If we are unable to get more volunteers we may be forced to close the canteen on those days.

New Canteen Products

We have introduced new (made with real chicken breast) chicken burgers, chicken tenderloins, yummy drummies and chicken and corn rolls.

Chocolate paddle pop thick shakes are being phased out.

Both these changes are in order to remain within the healthy canteen guidelines.

Hot and cold milos are \$1.00, Custard milos are \$1.20

Please ensure you have the current 2013 canteen price list so your child is not disappointed when they can't buy the item they want.

The P&C hope all fathers and grandfathers had a happy Father's Day and enjoyed their presents.

Fundraising News

If anyone is interested in ordering Lunch Order Bags could they please leave their name and how many bags they require at the front office. If we can generate enough orders we will place a second order with Stickybeaks.





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CUDGEGONG RD PRESCHOOL & CHILD CARE OFFERS BEFORE & AFTER SCHOOL CARE

Before school care:

Hours are from 7am-9am.

Children will start their day with a healthy breakfast of toast and/or cereal and enjoy a range of quiet activities in preparation for their school day. Children will be driven to school each day and supervised by appropriately qualified staff.

Cost: \$16 per day

After school care:

Hours are from 3pm-6pm.

Children will be collected from within the school grounds and driven to the Centre. Children will be provided with a healthy, satisfying afternoon tea followed by an active

Tuesday, 3rd September, 2013

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afterschool program. We will also offer supervised homework time.

Cost \$16 per day

If you would like to enrol your child/ren please call Miss Del on 4626 2140.



IT'S REGISTRATION TIME FOR CRICKET!!

CLUBS ACROSS THE DISTRICT NEED YOU.

CONTACT cdca.info@gmail.com OR

0421 696 665 FOR YOUR NEAREST CLUB

SCHOOL HOLIDAY TENNIS

CLINIC @ CENTRE COURT TENNIS

Jared Zeeman & Ian Brabazon

WHEN: September 23rd, 24th, 25th, 26th, 27th

WHERE: West Tennis Club - 16 Old Leumeah Rd

Leumeah

COST: OPTION | \$150 for 5 days (9am-3pm)

OPTION 2 \$35 PER DAY (9am-3pm)

OPTION 3 \$20 for a half day (9am-

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WHO CAN COME? Any children from the age

of 5 up to 17 beginners welcome

For enquiries call Jared 0404 457088 or Ian 0411 330107

School Holiday Care

For school aged children (5 to 12 years) by Campbelltown City Council When: 23 September to 4 October 2013 Where: 39 Sunderland Drive, Raby Eagle Vale Leisure Centre, Eagle Vale 40 Broughton Street, Campbelltown All centres – 7.30am to 6pm daily

To download enrolment form and full activities program, visit the website at <u>www.campbelltown.nsw.gov.au</u> and follow the links to School Holiday Care. For more information, call our Administration team on 4645 4443.

