



# RUSE NEWS



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## Dates to Note

### Term 2 2014

#### Week 8

June 16 ICAS Writing  
17 ICAS Spelling  
18 Naidoc Day Celebrations

#### Week 9

June 24 Celebration of Learning Assembly 9.30am  
27 Last day of term

### Term 3 2014

#### Week 1

July 14 Staff Development Day  
18 State Cross Country

#### Week 2

July 25 Assembly 23H

#### Week 3

July 29 ICAS English  
30 Academic Challenge Stage 3 Sarah Redfern HS  
Aug 1 Athletics Carnival

#### Week 4

Aug 8 Gala Day  
Assembly 12V

#### Week 5

Aug 12 ICAS Maths  
14 Stage 3 excursion - IMAX  
15 Reserve Gala Day

## *Dear parents/carers.*

Last week, Mrs Smith had an accident at home where she injured her shoulder breaking the bone in three places. Mrs Smith will be absent from school for the remainder of the term and 5/6S will be taught by Mrs Schubert. We wish Mrs Smith a speedy recovery.

I have spoken with Mr Carlon and he is gradually getting stronger. He was in hospital for many weeks and his recuperation will take some time. We wish him well and hope that he is soon strong and healthy.

Gala day was held on Friday and the students all represented Ruse PS proudly.

Thank you to the community for their support of Tim N and Sage P. Tim is representing South West Sydney region at the NSW Rugby League carnival this week. We wish him luck.

Both Tim and Sage will represent South West Sydney at the NSW Rugby Union carnival next term.

Congratulations to Ethan S who came 5th at the South West Sydney Cross Country carnival. Well done, Ethan! He will be representing the region at the state carnival next term.

Parents and carers are reminded about our Celebration of Learning Assembly on Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> June at 9.30am.

## Kindergarten Enrolment 2015



Parents and carers are asked to remind friends and neighbours about kindergarten enrolment for 2015. 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.

## Stage 3.....What's On

Students in Stage 3 have been working hard in their classrooms this term.

In Literacy this term, Stage 3 has looked at the different purposes for writing; to persuade, entertain and inform a reader. Of late, the focus has been on producing texts that inform a reader. Whilst engaged in writing activities, students have been learning how to structure texts, and use complex sentences and extensive vocabulary to engage the reader. This links to reading, as students have been collecting information from a variety of sources to construct their texts. They have learnt how to research topics, find key ideas from various sources and categorise this information to make a plan for their writing.

In Numeracy, Stage 3 has covered a number of topics, learning new skills in number, measurement and space. Students have been applying these new skills to solve a variety of real world problems. They have also been focusing

on learning their times tables and are enjoying the challenge of setting learning goals and trying to beat their best times and their teachers.

Stage 3 teachers have continued to embed technology into daily teaching and learning activities. This allows students to apply their skills, whilst engaging in a variety of technology. This term, Stage 3 used technology to research various topics, create pieces of work and work collaboratively with their peers.

All the teachers of Stage 3 would like to thank and congratulate the students on all their hard work throughout Term 2.

## **Fun Run Update**

The Fun Run draw will no longer be held next Tuesday, 24<sup>th</sup> June. It will now be drawn on the first Friday of Term 3, 18<sup>th</sup> July. Can all students, parents and carers please ensure they return all outstanding money to the school office as soon as possible.

## **NAIDOC Week Celebrations**

This year NAIDOC Day falls in the June/July school holidays. As this is the case, Ruse Public School will celebrate NAIDOC Day on Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> June. The day will open with the National Anthem being sung in traditional Aboriginal language at the morning assembly, Welcome to Country, raising of the flag and an overview of what NAIDOC week represents this year. We have a dance performer coming in the afternoon to entertain the students, as well as other educational and fun activities throughout the day. Students may wear casual clothes in the traditional ochre colours of red, black, yellow, white and brown (if possible) to represent the Aboriginal people.

Please remember that the \$4.00 payment for the dance performance is now due.

Ms S Clark

Aboriginal Education

## **How to help your child with reading**

### **Reading is important**

- Reading has always been an important skill. In our modern world it is more important than ever.
- Children learn about the importance of reading as they watch family members use reading and writing for everyday purposes.
- Reading with your child at home will help your child in all learning areas of school.
- Children see you reading and writing in everyday life – reading for pleasure, sharing a story with your child, using a recipe, making a shopping list, writing a birthday card or reading street signs. This teaches them that reading and writing are useful skills in today's world.
- Often parents are asked by the school to listen to their child read at home. It is a good way of supporting your child's reading. Books may be borrowed from your school library or your local library.
- Be confident that your child will learn to read.

### **What you can do at home to help**

- Be yourself. Involve children in everyday conversations.

- Read aloud to children. It helps them to learn the language of books and will encourage them to enjoy books and reading.
- Talk about books, read together and make reading an enjoyable, shared activity.
- Make sure there is a wide range of reading material for your child at home, both fiction and non-fiction.
- It is important to read to your child in your home language if your first language is not English. Experience shows that using your home language will help your child to learn to read in English.
- Try not to let television intrude on reading time. Make a special time for reading with your child, away from interruption.
- Listen to your child every day, even for a short time.
- Give books as treats and presents.

## **Parent Online Payments**

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 New Online Payment](#).

Payments to the P&C for fundraisers, Bookclub or BBQ days at school 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.

## **Photos**

Envelopes are available at the front office for students to order copies of House Captains, School Leaders, SRC and the Year 6 Muckup photos. Envelopes should be returned to the school office by Friday, 24<sup>th</sup> June, 2014.

## **Lost Property**

We have been getting a huge amount of clothing with no names on them. This clothing is washed and then donated to the second hand uniform pool. Please ensure that your child's name is written on their clothing as it makes it easier to return it to the owner.

## **Sport**

### **South West Region Cross Country Carnival**

On Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> June, seven students from Ruse Public School represented the Campbelltown Zone at the Regional Cross Country carnival. All students represented our school with pride and special congratulations go to Ethan Summers who came 5<sup>th</sup> in his age division and now goes on to represent the region at the State carnival.

### **Gala Days**

It was another action packed day on Friday 13<sup>th</sup> June for Gala Day sports. In Rugby League, the juniors competed against a tough side, unfortunately we suffered several injuries in the first 8 minutes of the game forcing a forfeit. They went on to play two more games finishing with 1 win and 1 loss over the course of the day. The seniors fought a hard battle in their

first game resulting in a loss. They came back in their second game to beat John Warby 5-3. This result saw them go through to the grand final to play Claymore. The boys played well all game, going one-for-one until the end but unfortunately lost 5-4. This means that the Ruse senior boys are the runners up in PSSA Rugby League for 2014. Next term they will be playing Rugby Union.

In Soccer, they also had mixed results with reports that they played very well and demonstrated their excellent skills. Netball were again the champions, winning all their games, which at this stage has them undefeated in A division. Well done to Mrs Hall and Ms Allen for all your hard work coaching. Good luck in Term 3 for the final two rounds.

Congratulations to all students, especially on your fantastic sportsmanship, excellent behaviour and representation of our school.

Ms Clark  
Sports Coordinator

*Annette O'Neill*

**Principal**

## P&C News

A reminder that the next P&C meeting will be in Term 3 Week 5, 12<sup>th</sup> August at 7pm in the staff room. We would like to see as many families as possible.

## Fundraiser

Thank you to all those families who sent in their pie orders. Just a reminder that pies will be available for collection on Wednesday, 25<sup>th</sup> June after 3 pm.

Thank you

## Community News

### Wests Leagues Club Holiday Program

"Get Wild with Wests" will be held on Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> July from 11am-1pm in the Wests Leagues Club Auditorium and will include animal shows, performances and interactions. The cost is \$15 and includes a free soft drink. There are only 100 tickets available so be quick.

"Wests Kids Disco" will be held on Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> July from 11am-1pm. The cost of entry is \$5 and includes free soft drink, prizes and games. This event is for kids 12 years and under.



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