



RUSE NEWS



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Dates to Note

Term 3 2014

Week 6

Aug 20 Netball Workshop – Minto
22 Assembly 12M

Week 7

Aug 27 Zone Athletics
28 Zone Athletics
29 Assembly 56S

Week 8

Sept 3 Indigenous Literacy Day Opera House
Great Book Swap
4 Journey to the Centre of the Earth Performance
5 Gala Day
Assembly IGC

Week 9

Sept 10 Area Athletics
12 Reserve Gala Day
Assembly 56K

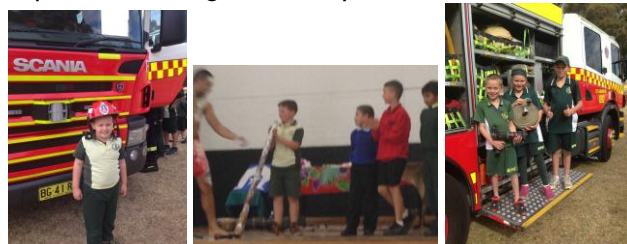
Week 10

Sept 16 Celebration of Learning Assembly 9.30am
Parent teacher interviews
19 Last day of term

Dear parents/carers.

We welcome Miss Thompson to IGC. She is replacing Mrs George who is on long term sick leave. Mrs George will not return to Ruse PS this year.

I had the pleasure of attending the opening ceremony of the NAIDOC Event 2014 held at Robert Townson PS last Monday. The event opened with a Welcome to Country by Uncle Ivan which was followed by various dancing and singing performances from the Robert Townson Community of Schools. The children who attended had some wonderful experiences throughout the day.



Thank you to the parents/carers who attended the Community Forum last week. We provided two opportunities – one in the morning and one at night for

community members to attend. Your feedback was very valuable to us and will be used in our next three year plan.

Stage 3 went on their excursion to the IMAX theatre last Thursday. As always, Ruse students' behaviour was exemplary. There is a report from the day included later in the newsletter.

Parents and carers will have received information about booking interviews online. Many schools have moved to online bookings and reports from these schools are very positive about this process. If you do not have access to the Internet, you can phone the school office and make a booking for your interview with your child's teacher this way.

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.

How did we spend the Fun Run Money?

We raised approximately \$8000 in the annual Fun Run. We spent this \$8000 as well as an additional \$3000 on literacy books. Some of this money was spent on quality books/novels for classrooms and the other part of this money was spent on purchasing new readers. We will require parent volunteers to assist with the covering of these books before they go into classrooms.

Parent Working Bee to assist with Book Covering

We have just purchased \$3000 worth of new books which we will be using to create class libraries in all classrooms. We need to cover the books before they can be distributed. We are asking for volunteers to participate in a book covering morning in the library on Wednesday September 10th. We need as many volunteers as we can get due to the large number of books. We will be providing a morning tea and see this as great opportunity for parents to not only volunteer but to meet other parents.

We are relying on community support to ensure the children have access to these high quality books as soon as possible. If any grandparents would like to help as well, it would be greatly appreciated. If you are available to help please contact the office on 0246257811.

Mrs McPhee

Stage 2

This term Stage Two have been working on a thematic literacy unit. The theme of our unit is 'Outback Australia. Some classes have been reading the book 'Audrey of the Outback' whilst others have been studying 'The Barrumbi Kids'. Both units look at what life is like in the outback compared to life in the city.

Audrey of the Outback is set in the 1930's so in some classes children have also been comparing life now with life in the 'olden days'.

Students in 4/5AM and 4/5C recently participated in a video conference with the Australian School of the Air. This was a great opportunity to learn about what school is like for children in isolated communities. 3/4W have been busy writing letters to Audrey and mailing them in their class post box. In 3R the children have made fabulous outback themed artworks.

2/3H and 2/3F are making digital stories about life at Ruse to share with children from an outback school.

We are all looking to our excursion to Mowbray Farm next term!

Stage Two Teachers

Stage 3 IMAX Theatre Excursion

Students in Stage 3 have been studying Antarctica in class this term and were able to build on their knowledge base during an excursion to IMAX Darling Harbour on Thursday 14th August. They travelled to the city by bus and once they arrived, enjoyed fruit break by the harbour. Students then watched the short film 'Antarctica' which allowed them to experience what life is really like on the planet's largest, driest desert. After a short break, students watched a second film 'Shackleton's Antarctic Adventure', a true story of legendary explorer Ernest Shackleton's ill-fated Trans-Antarctic expedition. This was a great day that allowed students to build real world connections to what they have been learning.

Parent/Teacher/Student Interviews

Interviews will be held on Monday 15th and Tuesday 16th September, 2014 in the school Assembly Hall.

Due to prior commitments Mrs Dunshea will be conducting interviews on Monday 8th and Tuesday 9th September, 2014.

This year we have attained the services of School Interviews Online to book interviews. You can now book interviews at times that suit **YOUR FAMILY BEST**.

Parents should go to www.schoolinterviews.com.au enter the school event code **T99M5** and follow the three simple steps. For parents who don't have access to the internet at home, at work, at a friend's house or on their phones, they may phone the school on 4625 7811 to make a booking with the school office.

A note was sent home with all students this week and can also be found on our school website.

School Banking

As I will be on long service leave there will be no banking from 21st August until the end of term.

Thank you

Mrs Rigney

Extra-curricular News –

Three lunchtimes a week for the past 5 weeks, Stage Three have been involved in a lunchtime OzTag competition. Each team is made up of mixed teams of Year 5 and Year 6 students. We are now halfway through our competition and are having a whole lot of fun. Mr Ale and myself would like to congratulate all students on their sportsmanship and we look forward to the rest of the competition.

Miss Kehlet

Sport

Soccer

The Gala Day Soccer teams had a fantastic day at their competition.

We played Leumeah B, Campbelltown North and Leumeah A. Juniors had a draw and 2 losses. Seniors had a draw, a win and a loss. All teams played well with some good results all round. Well done boys and girls.

Netball

Once again both the Junior and Senior Netball teams competed fairly and enthusiastically at the third winter gala day. The Senior team successfully won both of their games and remain undefeated. The Junior team won 1 of the games and had a draw in the other. I look forward to watching the teams compete later in the term.

Rugby Union

We had the pleasure of taking both the Senior and Junior Rugby Union teams to Gala Day in Week 4. Both teams put in an outstanding effort with our senior team winning 5 games and drawing the last. Unfortunately our junior boys were unsuccessful in securing a win. We are very proud of the behaviour displayed on the day by all the students and can't wait to get back on the field in Week 8.

Mr DeWilde and Miss Wheatley

Annette O'Neill

Principal

P&C News

Uniform Shop

Amended times for the uniform shop as follows:
Closed – Tuesday 26th and Thursday 28th. The uniform shop will resume normal trading the following week.
Sorry for any inconvenience.
Ms Small
Uniform Coordinator

Thank you to those parents who attended the last P&C meeting.

Book Club

Book Club is due back Monday, 1st September, 2014.

Fundraising

Father's day raffle tickets are due back Friday, 29th August, 2014 and will be drawn at the assembly on Monday morning 1st September, 2014.

The Father's day stall will be held on Tuesday, 2nd September and Wednesday 3rd September, 2014.



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