



RUSE NEWS



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Dates to Note

Term 1 2015

Week 6

6 March 1/2A Assembly
Gala Day

Week 7

10 March Zone Swimming Carnival
12 March Selective High School Testing
13 March 34D Assembly

Week 8

20 March 1/2BZ Assembly
Gala Day

Week 9

26 March Grandparents Day
27 March 6S Assembly

Week 10

31 March Celebration of Learning
Parent teacher interviews
Hall Of Fame Morning Tea
Jack Flash & the Jumping Beanstalk – Whole School Performance
Last Day of School Term

School Resumes 21st April 2015

Dear Parents/Carers,

Thank you to the large number of parents and carers who attended our Meet the Teacher Night on Tuesday, 17th February. It was great seeing the conversations in classes between the community and our teachers. Thank you, also, to Schoolparents.com.au who kindly sponsored our free BBQ. This was an opportunity to formally launch the www.schoolparents.com.au website in our school community.

The P&C had their first meeting of the year last Tuesday. The meeting was well attended and provided an opportunity for feedback on the progress of our 2015-2017 School Plan.

Yesterday was our annual swimming carnival. For the second year, it was run as a competitors only carnival. Students all participated enthusiastically and displayed great sportsmanship. Congratulations to all the students who will represent Ruse PS at the Campbelltown Zone Swimming Carnival on 10th March.

The Tell Them From Me student feedback survey

I am delighted that this term, our school, like many others in the state, will participate in a Department of Education and Communities initiative: the *Tell Them From Me* student feedback survey. The survey aims to help improve student learning outcomes and measures factors that are known to affect academic achievement and other student outcomes. The focus of the NSW-wide survey is on student wellbeing, engagement and effective teaching practices. More information about the survey is available at: <http://surveys.cese.nsw.gov.au/information-for-parents>. The survey is a great opportunity for our students to provide our school with valuable and quick feedback on what they think about school life, how engaged they are with school and the different ways that teachers interact with them. Schools in Australia and around the world have used the *Tell Them From Me* survey to help improve how they do things at school. I want to assure you that the survey is confidential and school staff will not be able to identify individual students from their responses. The survey is conducted online and will typically take less than 30 minutes to complete. It will be administered during school hours between 9 March and 2 April. Participating in the survey is entirely voluntary. A consent form and FAQs for parents/carers about the survey is being sent home with students. If you **do not** want your child or children to participate, please return the form to school by **Friday 6th March, 2015**. Copies of the form and FAQs are available from the website above.

Exemption From School

In the past any absences from school due to family holidays were recorded as “Exemptions” and did not impact on a student’s attendance. **Recent amendments to the School Attendance Policy now means any future absences incurred due to a student travelling during the school term will be recorded as “Leave” and will show in their attendance records.** Applications for leave must be submitted to the office in writing in advance. Exemption from Attendance application forms are available from the office.

Volunteers Needed

If you would like to assist in the school canteen or help in your child’s classroom, please contact the school office.



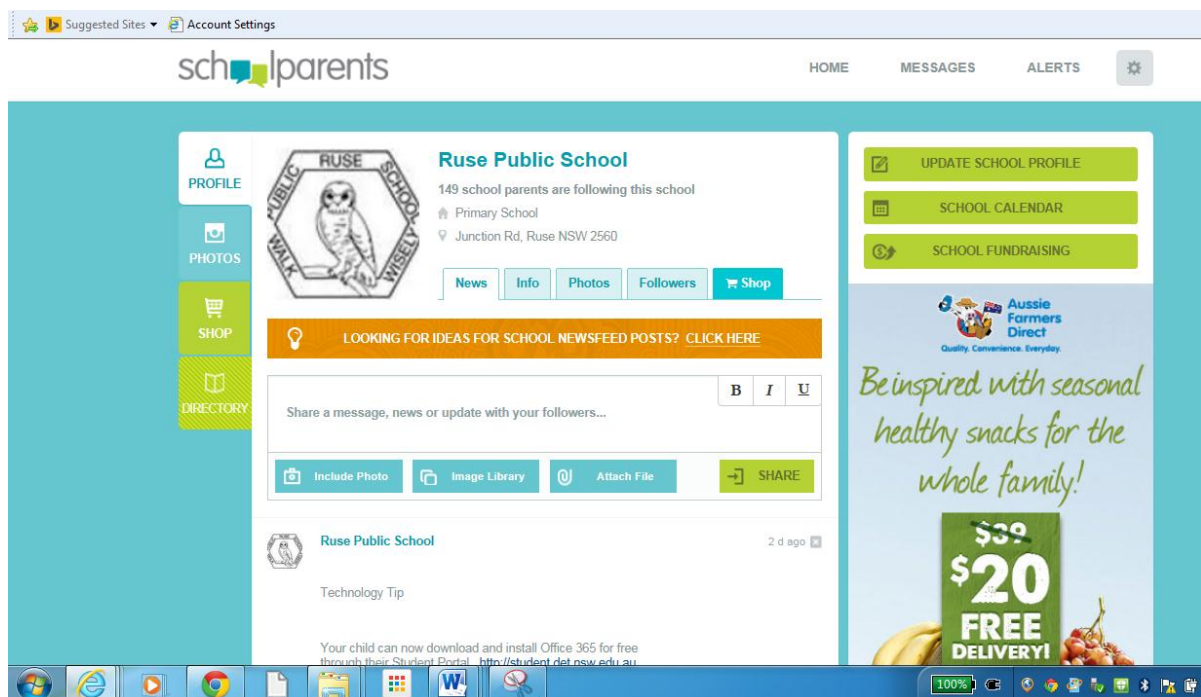
Schoolparents.com.au

Ruse Public School has joined Schoolparents.com.au – the new parent(carer) – only network connecting parents and carers based on the school their child attends.

Schoolparents is free to join.

Our school has a page where you can receive updates on school events. In addition, you can introduce yourself online to parents from your child’s class – great for organising play dates, birthday parties, buying and selling items or just sharing advice.

As a school, we are excited that we are able to create a social media presence in an appropriate, monitored online environment.



Uniform Price Increase

Unfortunately, due to the depreciation of the Australian Dollar, Excel Uniforms have had to increase the price of our uniforms. The price increase will take effect from 1st March, 2015. A new price list is attached.

[\\Detnsw.win/4489/Faculty/Office/Office Shared/Uniforms/Ruse Order Form 010315.pdf](http://Detnsw.win/4489/Faculty/Office/Office Shared/Uniforms/Ruse Order Form 010315.pdf)

Voluntary Contributions

Voluntary Contribution payments are now due. Payments can also be made via the Parent Online Payment method on the school website.

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.

Stage 2 Report

Stage 2 students have settled into their classes really well and from all teachers' reports, student behaviour has been exemplary. This has allowed for productive classrooms, as students are really clear about their responsibilities as learners. The Stage 2 teachers are working really hard to develop learning programs under the new Syllabuses (English, Mathematics and Science). We are doing a lot of professional learning in this area, not only to produce quality teaching and learning experiences for our students, but to make sure our judgement on student assessment is consistent. Students are studying 'Living in Communities' this term in HSIE and we are focusing on interdependence, relationships and perceptions for our English concepts, using the text 'Audrey Goes to Town'. In Science, Stage 2 students are investigating 'Heating Up', learning about heat energy, transference and sustainable practices.

We are trying to keep the costs down, but still ensure a quality learning experience for all our students. We booked a place called Camp Wombaroo on 12th and 13th November 2015; costings are \$145-00 per student. We are restricted to a total number of 120, so it will be first in best dressed.

Stage 2 students have enjoyed the move over to an Android environment on their XO's. It has been a little bit of a learning curve for both students and teachers. We are currently ironing out some of the glitches we've experienced. The students have access to a range of new apps which look amazing. Please ask your child how they are using these devices to support their learning.

If you have any questions or concerns related to your child's learning, please make an appointment to see your child's teacher. We look forward to a very productive and exciting year in Stage 2.

Mr McGillicuddy



Swimming Carnival

Yesterday we held our annual school swimming carnival at The Gordon Fetterplace Aquatic Centre in Bradbury. 59 children competed in the carnival and all of them should be proud of the fantastic effort they put in. The students were well behaved, participated keenly and showed great sportsmanship. It was a very enjoyable day. Congratulations to the following students who have qualified to represent Ruse Public School at the PSSA Zone Carnival on Tuesday, March 10th.

Bailey C, Isaiah P, Kynan S, Brody C, Mason M, Ryan S, Kohen S, Zac W, William C, Sarah P, Sophie D, Shontelle C, Tiahna C, Lucy M, Jayde P, Sarah W

Further information regarding the zone carnival will be given to competitors today.



Leadership

The SRC led by the Year 6 leadership team are currently planning a project to undertake this year. They have met to share ideas and plan fundraising events.

Leaders in Years 5 and 6 will attend the leadership camp at Wedderburn on Monday, 9th March, 2015. This will be a fun, challenging day in which the students will participate in a variety of team building and physical challenges. These students are working towards earning a Ruse Leadership Medal. In addition to participating in the camp, students will also be required to learn a new skill and carry out 12 hours of community service.

Premier's Reading Challenge

The Premier's Reading Challenge is now open for registrations. In order to register your child's participation visit <https://online.det.nsw.edu.au/prc/home.html>

You will require your child's school login details. If your child is unsure of these, please contact the classroom teacher or Mrs McPhee. The rules of the challenge are explained on the website. Books read can be recorded online. Alternatively, you may record the books your child has read on paper and hand this to Mrs McPhee. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Mrs McPhee.

School Banking

Welcome back to school banking. Start banking and you could win a trip to Disneyland. To enter all you need to do is make 25 or more school banking deposits during 2015 and you will be automatically entered into the competition. Find out more at commbank.com.au/schoolbanking.

YourTutor – Free online homework help for students

Campbelltown City Library Service is once again offering YourTutor – an online homework help service. It provides free on-demand access to a professional tutor for students in Years 3 to 12. For further information contact Youth Librarian, Stephanie on 4645 4451.

Transport Roads and Maritime Services

The above department is currently advertising School Crossing Supervisor positions in this area and are seeking people in the community to fill these positions. The School Crossing Supervisor is responsible for providing controlled school crossing services, at designated school crossing sites, to contribute to improved safety of people on NSW roads. For further information please call the School Crossing Supervisor Program on 1300 728543.



P&C News**Preloved Uniforms**

Maria Quintana is the preloved uniform contact for the school and can be reached on 0416 639 383. Maria is available through the canteen on Mondays, Tuesdays and Wednesdays. The hours and days for preloved uniforms are Tuesday afternoons 2:45pm-3:15pm and Friday Mornings 8:45am-9:15am.

Fundraising

Stickybeaks Lunch wallet orders have now closed and orders will be processed in the coming weeks.

Easter Raffle

Letters will be coming home this week regarding the Easter Raffle. We would appreciate your support in selling raffle tickets.

Canteen Notices

Attached is a picture of a new product that will be available from this week in the canteen, Nachos with Spaghetti Bolognese Sauce. This is available to order for lunch at a cost of \$3.50. This product will replace Chicken and Corn Rolls. From Term 2 we will be having a special \$5 lunch order consisting of a hot dog, a choc chip muffin and a soft drink. This will happen once a month on a nominated day. More details to follow.

Sport**PSSA News**

Just a reminder that our first Gala Day for the year is this Friday, 6th March. Students will need to be at school by 8.50am. They need to bring plenty to drink and eat as we cannot guarantee canteens will be available at all venues on the day. All students **MUST HAVE A SCHOOL HAT** to participate. The following Gala Day will be Week 8, Friday 20th March.

Softball – Milton Park, T-Ball – Ambarvale Playing Fields, Cricket – Eschol Park.

PSSA Zone Trials

Congratulations to the following students who have been selected to represent sport at a zone level.

Zachary W – Touch Football and Basketball, Holly G – Touch Football and Basketball, Tamikah L – Touch Football, Sarah W – Basketball.

Students who have received Soccer and Under11's Rugby League zone trial notes please take your permission notes this Thursday to your trials. Good luck to everyone!

Ms Clark

Sports Coordinator

Annette O'Neill
Principal

Community News



Jeanette Briggs Dance Academy

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If you or your child(ren) are interested in getting fit, in a fun and exciting way, come experience our friendly club and join **Instructress Glenda Gaskell**

Preschoolers	4pm — 4.30pm
5 — 8 years	4.30pm — 5.30pm
9 — 12 years	5.30pm — 6.30pm
Seniors 13+	6.30pm — 7.30pm
Ladies	7.30pm — 8.30pm

**Classes recommence on
11th February 2015**

Class Fees
 Preschoolers \$6.50 per lesson
 5 years and above \$8.00 per lesson

Classes are held every **Wednesday** during School Term at Ruse Community Centre
 Oberon Road, Ruse.

Please contact Glenda to register
 4625 5237 or 0411 255 235