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Term 4, Week 6

## PRINCIPAL'S NEWS

### English Language Classes in 2020 for our School Community

We have formed a partnership with St George TAFE and we will be able to offer parents, carers and family members a TAFE level English language course next year. It would run all year and would be for 3hrs every week.

The learning is planned around the needs of the students and would be very practical. There would be a screening assessment to work out the level of English proficiency for our adult learners. If you would like to participate - please see myself or the office. This is great for our school community.

### Excessive Clothing

Many students are wearing too much clothing in the hot weather. Heat stress can occur and students can have a higher risk of overheating and heat stroke. Often students cannot detect signs or symptoms of overheating and teachers do need to step in for the health and safety of students.

We understand some families may wish their child/ren to dress conservatively for religious reasons - which is fine. But wearing tracksuit pants and jumpers are not appropriate in this hot weather.

In some cases students may be asked to remove excessive clothing for their own health and safety. If we are having difficulties with students who do not understand the potential risks from overdressing, parents and carers will be called to discuss this or be asked to come for a meeting. The safety and wellbeing of our students is our key concern.

### Dental visits

These are happening this week. You will get a report on your child's assessment and if further dental treatment is needed, this can also be planned for the free clinic at Hurstville. Thanks

to the parents and carers for the positive feedback about this program.

### Swimming Scheme

This will take place in Weeks 7 and 8. There will be a meeting later in the week about this with the students to remind them about what is required over the 2 weeks. Happy swimming!

### Taronga Mobile Zoo and Seed Harvest Spoon

Nathalie from Seed Harvest Spoon has organised for them to visit us (at no cost) on Wednesday in Week 8. This is a great learning experience for our students to interact with animals from the zoo and to learn a great deal. Thanks Nathalie.

We have applied for a grant for 2020 and committed some of our money to ensure the Seed Harvest Spoon program continues next year. It is such an important part of our learning at RPS.

### Walk Against Domestic Violence

4/5/6K will walk to the Wetlands this Friday to participate in the walk against domestic violence. Families are welcome to attend and share the importance of learning about violence, its impact and what action can be taken. It starts at 10.30am followed by a sausage sizzle lunch.

### 2020 Staff

I can share that Mrs Sophie Roberts has been appointed as our Deputy Principal for next year. She is an experienced Deputy Principal and brings expertise in teaching and learning, mentoring and leadership to our school. She is in part covering the role Miss Clarke has undertaken this year. It is also sad news to share that Miss Clarke will be leaving us at the end of the year and is heading overseas. We wish her all the best and will miss her terribly!

### Ms Nelson's Retirement Assembly

Please mark Friday 6th December in your calendar or diary. It will commence at 9.15am in the hall followed by a celebration morning tea. We would love for you and the RPS community to come and thank Ms Nelson on her contribution to our school

over 40+ years and to wish her well for her well earned retirement.

### Speech and Occupational Therapy

I am happy to share that we have confirmed these programs again for next year. They have had such a huge impact for our students and the programs have increased our teachers' knowledge about how to support students in these areas.

### Thanks to Miss Stacey

Stacey will be finishing up her social work placement next week. We thank her for all her hard work and support of our students, especially through Lego and Breakfast Clubs. Thanks for your care for us here and all the best.

### Scripture

The final day for scripture is Monday 2nd December.

### Yr 6 Farewell

We are having a special celebration to send Yr 6 on their way after 7 years at primary school. Students have received their invitations to attend the Farewell at Club Rivers. Students should wear smart casual clothes they already have - no need to go out and purchase new clothes.

### Preschool End of Year Celebrations and Closure for 2019

P1 will be on Monday 9th December and P2 will be Wednesday 11th - both are from 1-3pm. A letter will come home with more information but we look forward to celebrating the end of preschool for most of our students. Preschool will close on Friday 13th December for the year. It will be closed on Monday 16th, Tuesday 17th and Wednesday 18th December for end of year maintenance and professional learning.

### Uniforms

These are still 25% off for the rest of the year. Grab any clothing needed for next year and save!

## BREAKFAST CLUB

Just a reminder to pop in for breakfast every Thursday at Breakfast Club from 8.30am.  
Everyone is welcome!

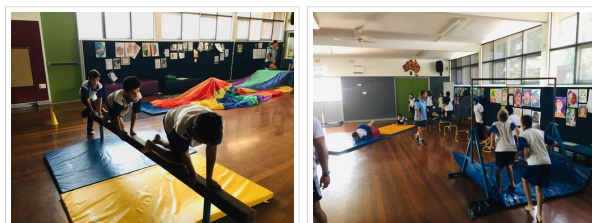


## HAPPENINGS AROUND RPS!

**FEAST** - Years 3-6 students had another cooking session in the kitchen as part of the FEAST program. Using a range of fresh ingredients we made Peach Parfait and French Toast. This week students also treated the rest of the school with some of their creations.



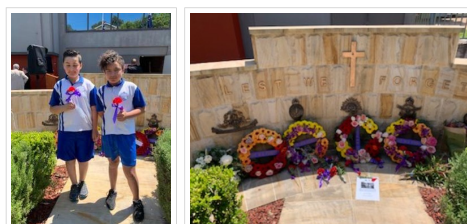
**BE SKILLED BE FIT** - Students engaging in the Be Skilled Be Fit program as part of the Sporting Schools initiative. They had a great time participating in the obstacle course.



**FILM CLUB INTEREST GROUP** - Last week in interest groups students turned on their creative side to make stop motion videos.



**REMEMBERENCE DAY** - Adam and Kahu represented our school at the service last week to commemorate Remembrance Day.





## AUTHOR TALK

On Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> November we had a visit from Richie Cotton who wrote the poetry books 'Giggly Times Giggly Rhymes'. Richie did some readings of his poems and showed some that were animated. The poems were funny and there was lots of laughter!

What some of the children thought:

"I liked the way he could make up poems on the spot"  
Sohaib

"All your imagination pushed together. Imagine lots of things." Retaj

"I loved it. The rhymes were funny." Mary

"The elephant undies poem was my favourite." Mahmoud



**DRUMMING** - Check out some pictures from 4/5/6K's drumming session!



## PRESCHOOL NEWS

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**STATEMENTS** - updated statements will be issued this week. Please ensure you pay the balance of your account by Friday 13<sup>th</sup> December.

HERE ARE SOME PHOTOS FROM OUR PRESCHOOL ORIENTATION DAY - WE CAN'T WAIT TO SEE ALL THESE HAPPY FACES JOIN US IN 2020!



## FROM THE OFFICE

**ALL SCHOOL UNIFORM ITEMS IN STOCK ARE STILL 25% OFF - COME AND GRAB SOME FOR NEXT YEAR!**

REMINDER TO PAY FOR THE END OF YEAR WHOLE SCHOOL PICNIC AT STRATHFIELD PARK ON THURSDAY 12 DECEMBER. PAYMENTS AND NOTES MUST BE BROUGHT BACK BY 5<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER - IT WILL BE A WONDERFUL DAY FOR ALL STUDENTS SO PLEASE MAKE SURE YOU RETURN YOUR NOTES.

### PAYMENTS

A reminder that the office cannot easily provide you with change so please ensure you only place the correct amount inside your envelope when making cash payments.

If you wish to pay online please visit our website on this link [Riverwood Public School](#) and select the "Make a Payment" tab up the top of the page. This allows you to pay via credit card.

**CALENDER OF SCHOOL EVENTS** - Don't forget to check the calendar on SZapp, it has all the school events that are coming up in case you forget any dates.

## ABSENCES

Please notify the school if your child is away through the SZApp. Simply click on the "Absentee" tile and complete the Absentee Form.

If you are planning on taking extended leave of 5 days or more for family reasons you will need to complete an Application for Extended Leave Travel form. Forms are available at the office.

If your child is late for school or leaving school early, parents or carers need to come to the office to either sign them in or out.

## P&C NEWS AND EVENTS

### P&C Meeting Update

Thanks to Lillian, Heather, Rabiah, Elifina and Javeria for coming along to our meeting on Friday. We discussed classes and staffing for 2020, setting school targets to guide improvement, new uniforms, swimming scheme, the Yr 6 farewell and graduation assembly, breakfast club and presentation day.

**ICEBLOCKS AND CHUPA CHUPS** - Every Friday from now until the end of the year the P&C will be selling Zooper Doopa Iceblocks and Lolly Pops for 0.50c. Yum!



## COMMUNITY NEWS & EVENTS

## COME AND TRY NETBALL!!!



### With **CONNELLS POINT NETBALL CLUB**

**New and Old Players  
Girls AND Boys 5yrs+  
Through to seniors**

Thanks to the recent grant from Georges River Council, we now have a brand-new home-base at **Poulton Park, Morshead Drive South Hurstville!**

***Join us for Grand Opening Open Day:***


***SUNDAY 24<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER @ 3pm***



**Season 2020 registrations**

**open from Jan 1**

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