Dear parents/carers

Our school enrolment numbers are now stable and there will be no restructuring of classes.

Children have settled in well to the school year and are engaged in class activities as well as playing cooperatively in the playground. At the moment, Kindergarten children are allowed to play on the quadrangle as they develop playground confidence.

Thank you to parents and carers for presenting your children in full school uniform. This sets a very positive tone for our school.

Parent/Teacher/Student Interviews

Our parent teacher interviews have changed in format and purpose this year. A note explaining the new format where personal learning plans are developed collaboratively for your child will be sent home today. You are asked to number time preferences for your discussion with your child’s teacher.

As each child will have a personal learning plan developed, we strongly encourage you to make time to be part of this process.

High School Information Night

A high school information night will be held next Monday 25th February at 5pm in the school hall. We invite parents of Year 4, 5 and 6 students along to the session. Mr Paul Zielinski, principal of Leumeah HS will be the guest speaker.

Medical Information Forms and Emergency Information Cards

Medical information forms, Authority to Publish and Emergency Information cards have been sent home. Please read, complete and send all of these back to school as soon as possible. It is absolutely essential (for your child’s safety) that we have up to date information on your child or children.

Medical Information Forms and
Emergency Information Cards

If your child has a special medical condition that needs to be managed at school, you will...
need to provide a current health care management plan from your doctor and we will need to formulate a health care plan for 2013.

**Morning Supervision**
Parents are reminded that morning supervision begins at 8.30am. We seek your support by asking you to ensure your children arrive at school after 8.30am.

**Email Addresses**
The Ruse News along with other school notes are emailed to parents who have provided email addresses. Please ensure the school has your current email address as soon as possible.

**School Photos**
School photos will be taken on Thursday 7th March, 2013. Photo envelopes have been sent home and each child needs a separate envelope. These envelopes need to be returned to school by WEDNESDAY, 6TH MARCH. Family photo envelopes are available from the front office. Children need to be in full summer uniform for photos.

**School Contributions.**
School contributions are now due. We appreciate all parents who make these contributions as they are allocated directly to purchasing resources to enhance your child's learning.

**YourTutor online homework help for students**
Campbelltown Library Service is again offering YourTutor - an online live homework help service for students from Year 4-12. Students can access YourTutor at home or in the Library from Monday to Friday between 4pm-8pm. YourTutor offers study support from a qualified online tutor covering subjects such as Mathematics, Science, English and assignment research skills. With the addition of legal studies and geography, YourTutor offers a wider subject range than ever before.
Campbelltown Library service offers YourTutor to students free of charge. Students only need their library card number to login to YourTutor from the library's website.

If you would like more information about YourTutor please contact our youth Librarian, Stephanie on 4645 4451.

**Campbelltown City Challenge Walk**
Campbelltown City Challenge Walk will be held on Sunday 10th March, 2013 at Mount Annan Botanic Gardens. For further information you can contact Campbelltown City Council on 4645 4605.

**Have a great week!**

*Annette O’Neill*
Principal

**Sport**

**Gala Days**
This year we are asking parents to make one payment of $30 that will cover summer gala days in terms 1 and 4. Children who have been selected for a team will receive permission notes and contracts by the end of next week. All permission notes and contracts need to be returned with payment by 11th March. The first gala day is Friday 22nd March. No money or notes will be accepted on the day. Anyone experiencing financial difficulties please contact the office in writing. It is compulsory for children who attend gala day to have a school hat.

**P&C News**
The next P&C meeting will be held on the 26th February 2013 at 7pm in the staffroom. All families are welcome to attend and we look forward to seeing some new faces. These meetings are an opportunity to be a part of some of the decision making for the school community and we welcome you along.

**Canteen**
VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED FOR ALL CANTEEN DAYS, especially TUESDAYS. Please see Dianne Miles or Julie Lee in the canteen if you are able to assist.
As of the 19th February 2013 due to the lack of volunteers we have no option but to close the canteen every Tuesday until further notice.

**P & C Committee Position Vacant**
We currently have a vacant position on the P&C committee for fundraising.
The position involves helping with ideas for fundraising and coordinating fundraising events. If anyone is interested please see Kylie Devine for further details.
Please keep in mind there is always help available and this role can be done by two people to share the load.

**Book Club**
Book club orders and money are due back by the 20th February 2013.
Late orders will not be accepted. Cheques are to be made payable to SCHOLASTIC AUSTRALIA and not Ruse Public School. Thank you.

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**Community News**

**For Sale**
2 x 26inch girls mountain bikes in good condition. Like new.
$60 each. Please ring Garry 0424 832079.

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