Dear parents/carers

Welcome back to term 4 and I’d like to extend a very warm welcome to new families.

Many thanks to Ms Bland for her leadership of Kindergarten and Stage 1 during Mrs McPhee’s absence last term. Her work with the teachers and the children was very much appreciated.

Kindergarten orientation begins today. We have very strong enrolments for kindergarten 2014, however if you are aware of any family who has not enrolled their child, please let them know that the orientation program has commenced.

Over the last week, stages have been conducting their public speaking finals. We look forward to sending children off to the Campbelltown Zone public speaking final next week.

The Great Aussie Bush Camp for stage 3 commences Monday, October 28th and promises to be a wonderful experience for our stage 3 students, their teachers and myself. Final money for camp was due last Friday and parents/carers are reminded that all monies need to be received by the school before camp.

If you are intending for your child to attend Swimming Scheme, please ensure your final payment is received at school by 28th October, 2013.

If your family will be relocating to another area at the beginning of the 2014 school year, please advise the school office as we are planning for the number of classes and teachers we will require next year.

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Student Leadership Policy
Parents are invited to read the draft student leadership policy which is on the school website and available in hard copy from the school office.

There have been a few proposed changes to the way in which the election process will be conducted from now on.

We invite consultation and feedback from parents and carers. Any feedback should be provided to Mr McGillicuddy within the next week as he will be organising and overseeing the election campaign for Year 6 student leaders in 2014. The election campaign process will be commencing later this week.
School Self Evaluation
As part of our annual school self-evaluation process, we are seeking your feedback on various aspects of school life. We would be most grateful if you would take the time to complete the short electronic survey which was sent via email to you yesterday. If you have not provided your email address to the school or if your email address has changed please advise the school.
If you do not have an email address a hard copy of this form is available from the school office.

Special Assemblies
Please take note of dates for special assemblies and events that will occur towards the end of this term.

Public Speaking Ruse PS Finalists
Congratulations to Stage 1 students Brayden Greer and Mason McPhee, Stage 2 students Jayde Perenara and Cooper Stephens and Stage 3 students Morgan McPhee and Robert Jarrett who will be representing our school at the Campbelltown Zone Public Speaking final on Monday 21st October from 9am at Ruse Public School in the hall. Parents are most welcome.
Well done to Chloe Hixon who was the runner up for Stage 1.
Ms Bland
Public Speaking Coordinator

Parent Online Payments
As advised last term, from today 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 Online Payment.

Payments to the P&C for fundraisers or BBQ days 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.

Uniform Shop Hours
Due to Kindergarten Orientation commencing on the 15th October, 2013 the Uniform Shop operating hours have been changed. A full timetable of the operating hours is enclosed.

Keep them safe
It is important to regularly talk with your child about when and where they are at risk of contact with the things they are allergic to and how to avoid this. If you have told them not to take part in sharing food at school, regularly remind them of this.
Reassure them that if they do come into contact with something they are allergic to or they feel unwell at school they won’t get into trouble. They need to tell a teacher immediately.

Consider whether your child should carry their own EpiPen® or Anapen®

If your child has been diagnosed with anaphylaxis you can request that they carry their own EpiPen® or Anapen® to school and at school. A request form has been sent home and is also available from the school office.

If you request that your child carry an EpiPen® or Anapen® with them to school and at school you will still need to provide the school with at least one additional EpiPen® or Anapen® for storage in a central location within the school and for access by staff in an emergency.

The school will contact you about any request you make for your son or daughter to carry their own EpiPen® or Anapen®.

Why does the school need to know if your son or daughter is carrying their own EpiPen® or Anapen®?
Staff need to know your child carries an EpiPen® or Anapen® in an emergency. For this reason this information will be included in your child’s individual health care plan.

They also need to be able to find it quickly so it is important that it be in an easily identifiable and accessible spot (eg. not a locker).

To find out more go to the Department’s public schools website:

School Banking
In 2014 the School Banking Program will be launching a new set of exciting reward items for students to redeem their tokens for. Each reward item will continue to be valued at 10 tokens (ie 10 deposits) and there will be two new reward items for students to choose from each term.

With exciting new reward items on offer in 2014, please be aware that the Dollarmates moneyboxes will no longer be available next year. To avoid any child missing out on claiming their moneybox, please let your children know of this change and encourage them to redeem their moneybox this school year.

In an effort to ensure your child does not miss out, the rule of one money box per year has been removed. If your child is trying to collect the series of Dollarmite moneyboxes, they are encouraged to do so before the end of the school year. Please understand that they still need to redeem each moneybox for the required 10 tokens.

Swimming Scheme
Last Friday, your child should have brought home a note with details of what to bring and how much is owing. Extra notes are available on our school web site.
Ms Bland
Swim Scheme Coordinator

PSSA Sport – Term 4
Summer PSSA sport has come around again with four sports to be played to wrap up the year, Cricket, T-Ball, Softball and League Tag. Cricket will remain at Eschol Park Playing Fields, T-Ball at Clarke Reserve Kearns and Softball will change to

Sport
Milton Park Ingleburn with League Tag being played for the first time at Rosemeadow Playing Fields.

Students are reminded that they **must have a school hat**. Please make sure they have sunscreen and plenty of fluids with them on the day, as a canteen will not be available at most venues.

Ms Clark  
Sports Coordinator

**PSSA Netball**

News hot off the press and quoting the PSSA Convenor – the Junior girls netball team for 2013 “smashed it”. They won convincingly and are to be congratulated on an outstanding effort. Hopefully we will see some of these girls going on to represent our school in the Netball Knockout in 2014.

Congratulations also go out to their dedicated coach, Miss Allen. Well done all!!

Ms Clark  
Sports Coordinator

**Tiger Tag**

With League Tag proving to be very popular, we have added a Tiger Tag Gala Day at Kayess Park, Minto on Thursday 7th November. 130 students tried out and we were able to select 48 students to compete. Two junior and two senior teams will go head to head with schools from around the Macarthur district. I can’t wait to see how they go, as all the students are very enthusiastic. Notes went out last week and payment for the day is $8.00 and is due back by Friday 1st November. Payment will not be accepted on the day.

Ms Clark  
Sports Coordinator

**Knockout Competition 2014**

PSSA zone knockout entries have been chosen and teams will be selected at a later date. The sports are Netball, Soccer, Rugby League and Boys Basketball. Students who are interested in these knockout teams are encouraged to try out when the dates are announced. With some really strong talent in our school, hopefully we can make it through into further rounds next year. Further details will come in the future.

Ms Clark  
Sports Coordinator

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**President**  
– Chairs meetings and liaises with Principal. Oversees the general organisation of P&C.

**Vice President Fundraising**  
– Assists the president and organises fundraising.

**Vice President Publicity**  
– assists president and publicises P&C organisation and events in Ruse News.

**Secretary**  
– Takes minutes at the meeting and types up at home, responsible for all correspondence.

**Treasurer**  
– responsible for all monies. Pays all bills, keeps records and prepares monthly statement and report for meeting.

**Assistant Treasurer**  
– assists treasurer with the above.

**Canteen Coordinator**  
– responsible for daily organisation of the canteen. Organises rosters, orders all food, reports at monthly meetings and liaises with the principal and president.

**Assistant Canteen Coordinator**  
– assists the canteen coordinator with the above.

**Book Club**

Book club is due back by Tuesday 29th October. No late orders will be accepted. Cheques to be made payable to SCHOLASTIC AUSTRALIA not Ruse Public School.

**Fundraising**

Smencil orders are due back by 25th October. No late orders will be accepted after this date.

A note has gone home in relation to nominating to take home a box of chocolates to sell. Please return this note by 18th October if you would like to participate in this fundraiser.

Last chance – anyone who would like to order a lunch wallet please leave your name and phone at the canteen or front office.

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**Community News**

**Have a great week**

*Annette O’Neill*  
Principal

**P&C News**

The next P&C meeting is the 5th November 2013 at 7pm sharp in the staffroom. This is our AGM and all positions become vacant. All are welcome to attend whether you take on a position or not. If you think you may consider a role please take a look at what the roles entails below.
Tuesday, 15th October, 2013

Term 4 Week 2

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### RUSE PUBLIC SCHOOL

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