Dear parents/carers

Congratulations to our students who received awards from the Campbelltown Zone Public Speaking competition last Monday. The Stage 1 category was won by Mason M, the Stage 2 by Cooper S and the Stage 3 by Morgan M and 2nd place to Robert J. Ruse proved very strong on the day. Thanks to the judges from Greenway Park PS who provided their services in the morning and to Leumeah High School who provided judges for the afternoon session.

Welcome back to Mrs Fletcher from her extended long service leave. Many thanks to Mr Ale and Miss Hewson for replacing Mrs Fletcher during her leave.

Kindergarten orientation has been conducted over the last 2 weeks. We still have an additional 2 weeks for our little visitors to experience a taste of ‘big school.’

The Great Aussie Bush Camp for Stage 3 commenced yesterday. Unfortunately, their departure was delayed as the buses were late. Buses were organised by the camp and they were very apologetic about the unavoidable delay. The children are now all having a wonderful time at Kincumber testing themselves on the variety of fantastic activities.

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.

News

Student Leadership Update
The student election process to select school leaders for 2014 has commenced. Students in Year 5 have been nominated and have submitted an application outlining the reasons they should be considered for election.

The Year 5 students and all teachers will be invited to nominate 8 boys and 8 girls from the pool of interested candidates. The 8 boys and 8 girls who receive the most nominations from the Year 5 students and staff will progress to the next stage of the student elections. Parents will be informed of the outcome for their child. For further information refer to the Student Leadership Policy on our website.

School Self Evaluation
As part of our annual school self-evaluation process, we have sought your feedback on various aspects of school life. Thank you to the parents who have responded to the survey. It provides an opportunity for you to have a say about school life.

Feedback, on the whole has been extremely positive. The Annual School Report will provide a detailed analysis of your feedback and this will also be discussed at the next P&C meeting.

One of the aspects that parents/carers identified was the opening of the back gate. I have just received a quote for
automatic opening of the back gate. We are in the process of organising installation. As trenches need to be dug and electrical work completed this may take a couple of weeks.

It is envisaged that the back gate will be automatically unlocked at 8.45am in the morning and locked again at 9.10am. Children who do not arrive by this time will need to be signed in by their parents as late arrivals at the front office.

In the afternoon, the gate will unlock at 2.55pm and be locked again at 3.15pm.

School Parking
It has come to our attention that there are some issues with parking across the street from the school (behind the bus shelter, in front of the preschool). Residents have complained that their driveways are often partially blocked by parents parking to drop their children off at school. In addition, concerns have been raised about the risk of injury to children walking behind cars which are backing out of driveways. Please monitor your children carefully and also respect the parking rights of residents.

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
On Monday 21st October, Ruse Public School hosted the Zone Public Speaking Competition Final. There were 6 schools including Ruse Public School competing. Our students spoke exceptionally well. Congratulations to Mason M, Cooper S, Morgan M and Robert J. All of these students will now compete at the area competition at Ruse Public School on Thursday 31st October in the school hall from 9am. Family and friends are most welcome to attend. Special thanks to the debating team who helped out with the organising and time keeping on the day.
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: http://www.schools.nsw.edu.au/studentsupport/studenthealth/conditions/anaphylaxis/index.php

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 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 Dollarmites 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 moneybox 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

Sport

PSSA Sport – Term 4

Due to the recent fires and subsequent smoke pollution, gala day was cancelled early in the term. The next scheduled gala day is Friday, week 5.

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

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. Payment is due this Friday, November 1st. Payment will not be accepted on the day.

Ms Clark
Sports Coordinator

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.

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.

Community News

Southern Cross Cultural Exchange

Give your children the wonderful opportunity to have an international big brother or big sister by volunteering to host one of our exceptional international students. These students arrive in February 2014 for 3, 5 or 10 month programs in Australia. For further information visit www.scce.com.au or call toll free on 1800 500501.
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### Uniform Shop

### Hours

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