Date to Note

Term 4 2013

Week 6

Nov 11 Remembrance Day
   Swimming Scheme
12 Swimming Scheme
13 Swimming Scheme
14 Swimming Scheme
15 Swimming Scheme
   Assembly 45C

Week 7

Nov 20 Yr 6 Lessons Leumeah High School
   22 Assembly KG C

Week 8

Nov 27 Yr 6 Transition Leumeah High School
   28 Leadership speeches and voting for 2014 leaders
   29 Assembly 4SM

Week 9

Dec 3 Principal’s Assembly
   Carols by Candlelight
4 Reverse Christmas Tree
5 Hall of Fame morning tea
   Talent Show 1 pm

Week 10

Dec 10 Presentation Assembly
13 Stage 3 Rewards Day
   K-2 Movies

Week 11

Dec 16 Stage 2 Movies
   Year 6 Farewell
18 Picnic, BBQ, Disco
   Last day of term

Dear parents/carers

The Annual General Meeting of the P&C was held last Tuesday night, 7th November. I would like to publicly thank all members of the 2013 P&C for their work throughout the year. We rely on the P&C to provide much needed funds to support and promote your children’s learning. In 2013, the P&C has:

- opened the canteen 5 days a week with the support of parents and grandparents;
- recommenced sale of 2nd hand uniforms;
- contributed $15000 towards the purchase of xo laptops;
- paid for a new air conditioning unit;
- provided gifts for Mothers’ Day and Fathers’ Day stalls;
- provided raffles for Mothers’ Day, Fathers’ Day, Easter and Christmas;
- run an election day BBQ;
- provided helpers in classrooms;
- assisted teachers by covering books and preparing awards;
- provided canteens at PSSA gala days; and run BookClub throughout the year.

The P&C has also pledged out of next year’s funds to provide $9000 towards the purchase of an electronic sign at the front of the school.

This support from the P&C and parent helpers is very much appreciated.

Congratulations to the incoming P&C executive for 2014. All positions were filled at the meeting and the names of the P&C executive are included in the P&C section of the newsletter. We look forward to another productive year of working closely with our school community.

During the first meeting of the new P&C, representative and leadership uniforms were discussed. We had received our new blazers and it was decided that they would look better for boys teamed with grey pants, a white shirt and a green tie. The girls will wear the blazer teamed with the summer uniform.

Kindergarten orientation concluded last week. The orientation program was very successful and we look forward to welcoming our little kindergarten students to school in 2014.

Swimming Scheme has been conducted over the last 2 weeks. It was great that 60 students took advantage of this wonderful opportunity to learn to swim.

Included in this newsletter is some very important information for parents/carers about cyber safety. For the last

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few years now, we have been educating our students about cyber safety but it is important that parents are aware of what their children are posting on social networking sites. Campbelltown principals and executive were invited to a Campbelltown Local Area Command police forum specifically looking at the issue of cyber safety and how to educate our young people about safe practices.

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
Last week, 8 boys and 8 girls were informed that they had been selected by their Year 5 peers to move onto the next stage in the election process.

The election campaign commenced yesterday with several posters being brought into school and displayed outside the school hall. As posters are brought in by the candidates they will be displayed.

The students will deliver their speeches on Thursday 28th November at 9.15am.

Following the speeches, students and teachers will be invited to vote on a Google Form. Each child, teacher and the principal has one vote. The 5 boys and 5 girls who will form part of the 2014 leadership team will be informed once voting has been completed and the students who missed out on leadership team will also be informed.

The leadership team will be announced at the Principal’s Assembly and the leadership positions will be announced at Presentation Assembly.

Cyber Safety – tips for parents and carers
In this age of increasing technology, more and more children are using the internet regularly. Many children engage in social networking through sites such as Facebook, Kik Messenger, Twitter, Instagram and ASK FM.

We are currently running a cyber safety program to educate Stage 3 children about the dangers of social networking and to help them become responsible digital citizens.

We are also planning to hold parent workshops on Cyber safety and Cyber bullying in the near future. In the meantime, we have included the following tips to assist parents:

- Review the age suitability of any social network your child joins. Most of these networks legally require children to be 13 years of age to hold an account.
- Have your family computer in a shared living space such as the kitchen or lounge room to allow for adequate supervision.
- Check to ensure your child has all privacy settings correctly configured. For example Facebook privacy settings should never be set to public.
- Children should never have usernames that identify them or their age.
- They should not post photos that make them easy to identify or provide personal information about themselves.
- Let your child know that they should report any unwanted contact via the internet.
- Most importantly, parents should have access to their child’s social networking accounts and be monitoring them regularly.

For more detailed advice visit the following website: www.cybersmart.gov.au

If you have any enquiries regarding the cyber safety program in Stage 3, please contact Mrs McPhee.

Feedback from School Self Evaluation
Thank you to the parents and carers who responded to the School Life survey. The response and comments from parents and carers reflected very positively on our school. Two issues that arose from the survey were the quality of home readers and the opening of the back gate.

An audit of home readers is currently taking place and we will purchase new readers for 2014. Current class readers will become home readers.

The automatic unlocking system has been installed on the back gate. The back gate automatically unlocks at 8.30am and locks again at 9.10am. It then unlocks in the afternoon at 2.55pm and locks again at 3.15pm. Students and parents who use this back gate are asked to close the gate behind them – it will not be tied open.

Campbelltown Area Public Speaking Finals
Well done to Mason M (Stage 1) representative, Cooper S (Stage 2 runner up), Robert J (Stage 3 runner up) and Morgan M (Stage 3 winner) who spoke exceptionally well at the Campbelltown Area Public Speaking final held at Ruse Public School on Thursday, 31st October. All runners up and winners received a trophy. There was a very high standard of competition from many other schools in the area. A big thank you again to the debating team who hosted and kept time during the competition. Their leadership was complimented by many other visiting staff and parents to our school.
Ms J Bland
Public Speaking Coordinato

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South West Sydney Regional Public Speaking Finals
Today, Morgan M represented the Campbelltown area at the South West Sydney Regional Public Speaking Final. Morgan was required to present a prepared speech on one of the selected topics. In addition, he was given 5 minutes to prepare an impromptu speech which was to be delivered in 2 minutes. Morgan engaged the audience presenting both his prepared and impromptu speeches with flair and confidence. Morgan was awarded ‘Runner up’ for this competition. Special congratulations to Morgan. Morgan took the opportunity of trialling our new representative and leadership uniform.

Special Assemblies
Parents and carers are asked to take note of special assemblies and events as the year draws to a close.

Preschool Visits
As part of our kindergarten transition program, this week and next week children from Ruse Preschool will be visiting the school library for story time. We hope this will help increase the children’s familiarity with the “big school” environment prior to commencing school next year.

In addition, Mrs McPhee will be accompanying a group of Year 5 students to Rainforest Early Learning Centre on Thursday, 14th November. Rainforest Preschool are unable to visit our school so this will be a great way to introduce the children to students who will be in Year 6 next year and who will be able to support them in their transition to school. Further visits to other local preschools are currently being planned.

Bronze, Silver, Gold Awards 2013
These students are eligible to receive their bronze, silver or gold award this year. These will be awarded at the Principal’s Assembly at the end of Term 4. Can you please check the list, as we don’t want anyone to miss out on their award. To be eligible to receive these awards the students must have achieved the following:
Bronze = 3 Principal’s Awards
Silver = 5 Principal’s Awards
Gold = 7 Principal’s Awards

A Principal’s Award consists of Cosmic Citizen, Constellation Award and a second Super Nova. To earn a Cosmic Citizen, students must demonstrate outstanding behaviour and service to the class and school. They must be an excellent citizen of Ruse Public School.

There are only 2 Cosmic Citizens per term awarded to K-2 and 3 Cosmic Citizens awarded to 3-6 per term.
Bronze

Silver

Gold

Year 6 Transition Lessons
Year 6 students are currently in the process of completing their transition to high school program with Leumeah High School. Last week, a group of 12 students, including our student leaders went to Leumeah high School for an afternoon of activities. These students participated in peer support, orientation through the school and some high school readiness lessons. This same group of students will be visiting Leumeah high School on 13th and 27th November. (Please note the change of day due to the whole grade transition program).

All of Year 6 will be attending transition lessons at Leumeah High School on 20th November. These lessons include English, TAS, Science and CAPA. Please note ALL year 6 students will attend this day and notes need to be returned by Friday 15th November.

On 4th December, all year 6 students will participate in the NSW secondary schools orientation to High School day. This has been organised by the public high school your child will be attending in 2014. Information regarding this day will be enclosed in the information package you receive from your child’s high school.
Uniform Shop Hours
Operating hours for the school uniform shop have returned to normal. The shop will be open on Tuesdays at 8.30am and on Thursdays at 2.30pm.

Library News
This week is the last week for library borrowing. Next week (Week 7) all books will need to be returned for our yearly stocktake. Please check bookcases, car etc for overdue books and return as soon as possible.
Thank you.

School Banking
Students who have 10 tokens or more must redeem their award before the end of the year. Please send in tokens and reward wanted. Also school banking will finish on 28th November, 2013.

Sport
PSSA Sport – Term 4
Playing in extreme heat last Friday was very hard for all students. All teams tried their best, despite the struggles faced by the high temperatures.
In t-Ball the girls won all 3 of their games, with the boys winning their first game from 3 played.
Softball decided to play friendly games instead of scoring for winners on the day.
In League tag, it was clear that the heat had a big impact on all students with seniors not successful in all games and juniors winning their last game only.
Cricket finished on a more positive note, with the juniors winning all 3 games and seniors winning 2 of 3 games played.
With water being consumed endlessly, ice being eaten all day, no breeze and high temperatures, all students are to be commended for their tremendous effort. Well done!
Ms Clark
Sports Coordinator

Tiger Tag
With the heat not getting the better of us all on the day, students from Years 3-6 participated in a Gala Day at Kayess Park last week. The junior Ruse 1 team came 2nd overall on the day, with Senior Ruse 1 team winning the day overall.
The other junior and senior teams played very well also on the day with wonderful teamwork.
The finals for our Juniors and Seniors will be played at Kayess Park on Wednesday, 20th November.
I would also like to thank the parents who came to help support us on the day, especially Mrs White, Ms Greer and Mrs Teague for spraying the kids to keep them cool in the heat.
Ms Clark
Sports Coordinator

Have a great week
Annette O’Neill
Principal

P&C News
Thank you to all who attended last week’s P & C meeting and AGM. All positions were filled and are as follows for 2014:
President: Kylie Devine
Secretary: Susie Perenara
Treasurer: Leanne Draper
Assistant Treasurer: Gavin Thomas
Vice President Publicity: Justine Uluibau
Vice President Fundraising: Melissa Button
Assistant Fundraiser: Janiene Cahill
Canteen Coordinator: Dianne Miles
Assistant Canteen Coordinator: Nadia Khalil
Book Club Coordinator: Kylie Devine

Thank you to all who took on positions for 2014. I would also like to thank Justine Middleton Lyons for her efforts in 2013 as Secretary. Due to work commitments she was unable to keep her role.

Fundraising News
To all families who have taken chocolates to sell, we ask that you sell them as soon as possible and return the $48 in an envelope to the front office clearly marked with your child’s name and class so we can mark you off the list when returned. We have extended the return date until 29th November due to the delay in getting them to families.

Christmas raffle tickets have now gone home with great prizes to be won. Please buy the tickets or sell to family and return money and tickets with name and phone number to school by 2nd December. No late tickets will be accepted as it will be drawn at the reverse Christmas Tree on 4th December in the school hall. Tickets are $1 each or 3 for $2.

The P&C would like thank all families for their ongoing support of our fundraisers.

Canteen News
There are no longer the following items as they are classified red in our healthy food chart.
Chocolate thick shakes
Flame grilled chicken burger patties
Yoghurt frogs
Eucalyptus drops

The chicken burger patties have been replaced with a crunchy chicken breast fillet. The eucalyptus drops will now

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only be available during winter months due to the reclassification.

The canteen is looking for volunteers for 2014. If you can assist please contact Dianne Miles, Nadia Khalil or Kylie Devine with your name, number and preferred day.

**Pre Loved Uniforms**

Every Monday from 2.30pm outside the canteen pre loved uniforms will be available for sale. All lost property that hasn’t a name has been washed and sent to pre loved uniforms. Parents, can you please ensure that your child’s name is clearly marked on clothing?

**Book Club**

Book Club will close on 2nd December, 2013. No late orders will be accepted. Please make sure that cheques are made out to Scholastic Australia and not Ruse Public School.

**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](http://www.scce.com.au) or call toll free on 1800 500501.
LEGEND SHOPPING TOURS
Leunakah High School
F & C Fundraiser

Shopping Tour Itinerary
Sunday 17th November 2013
$55.00 per person (includes lunch)
Contact Sue Cook - 0449 920 905

Depart - 7.30am
Leunakah High School, Wyangala Crescent - Parking at school

Anticipated order of calls:
- Surf Direct
  - Large range of men and boys underwear
- Ekimastore Manchester
- Reckon On Linen
  - Bed linen, bath towels, pillows, quilts, gift lines
- Ringgrove Shower Warehouse
  - For Shower Galore - something for everyone
- Home and Gift Warehouse
  - Famous brands, 5 & 7, vintage Oliver Spencer
- K & B Foods
  - Well known brands - Fisher Price, Playmobil, Lego, Sesame Street

LUNCH BREAK
Intersection Tavern

MENU:
Your choice of:
- Vegetarian Catered for
  * Chicken Lasagna
  * Fish and Chips
  * Keto Meal
  * Thin Beef Salad
  * Wraps

Tea/Coffee

- BTC Families
  - Ladies Casual Wear
- Handbag Factory (Parangal)
  - Great value - lots of bargains
- Dolei Di Oro
  - Truffles, chocolates, nuts and confectionery, Christmas Gifts
- Pure Gourmet
  - 354 Flavours to choose from - natural ingredients
- Victoria’s Restaurant Addams
  - Mansioners, Kiln Sausages, Famous Sausages

Return: Approximately 6.45pm

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UNIFORM SHOP  
RUSE PUBLIC SCHOOL  

Uniform Shop  
Hours  

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