Tuesday, 26th November, 2013

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Dates to Note

Term 4 2013

Week 8
Nov 27  Yr 6 Transition Leumeah High School
     29  Assembly 45M

Week 9
Dec  3  Principal’s Assembly 9.30am
       Carols by Candlelight
       4  Reverse Christmas Tree
       5  Hall of Fame morning tea
       Talent Show 1pm

Week 10
Dec 10  Presentation Assembly 9.30am
       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

We look forward to seeing you at school over the next few weeks for our Carol’s Night, Reverse Christmas Tree, Talent Show, Principal’s Assembly and Presentation Assembly. It is a busy but exciting time of year and we appreciate the tremendous support you provide to the school by attending these events.

Our learning and support team is currently working on the purchase of new books and revamping our home reading program for 2014. This initiative is in response to parent feedback.

We have experienced some difficulty with the automatic locking and unlocking system on the back gate following the storm last Friday. We have informed the installer who will return to school as soon as possible to rectify this problem.

Our student numbers look very promising for 2014 however, at this stage students will be returning to school in their 2013 classes. As soon as our student numbers are stable, we will form classes for 2014.

Mr McGillicuddy will be taking long service leave from December 4th for the remainder of the year. We wish him a relaxing and safe holiday.

Have a great week

Annette O’Neill
Principal

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

Parent/grandparent helpers 2014
We are seeking parent and grandparent volunteers to assist with reading programs in 2014. In addition to volunteer support in classrooms, we are also looking for help with our Multilit Reading program. This program requires a commitment of three mornings per week for approximately two hours each day. If you are able to volunteer some time in 2014, please contact Mrs Jenny Wadwell as soon as possible. Any support is greatly appreciated.

Message from Mr Mac
I would just like to say an enormous thank you to the staff, parents, and students of Ruse for welcoming me into their community this year. I am going on Long Service Leave from next Wednesday the 4th December for the remainder of the year, having an extended holiday with my family. Ruse is a fantastic school and I have thoroughly enjoyed teaching here this year. I am looking forward to all the new adventures 2014 will bring.

Student Leadership Update
On Thursday 28th November our prospective school leaders will be presenting their speeches in front of students from Years 2 to 6. After the 8 boys and 8 girls deliver their
speeches, students will return to their classrooms and vote for the student leaders. All votes are anonymous and each student from Years 2 to 5 will get one vote.

The leadership speeches will follow this order during the day:

10.20am – 11.00am The girls will deliver their speeches
11.00am – 11.20am The students will return to their classrooms and vote using their XO laptops.

Break for lunch.

12.30pm – 1.00pm The boys will deliver their speeches
1.00pm - 1.20pm The students will return to their classrooms and vote using their XO laptops.

We would like to wish all the nominees the very best of luck and look forward to hearing their leadership speeches.

Mr McGillicuddy
Coordinator

Preschool Visits

Recently, a group of Year 5 students visited Rainforest Early Learning Centre to work and play with children starting Kindergarten at our school in 2014. In addition to this we have had several visits to our school library from the children and teachers at Ruse Preschool. The children enjoyed story time and were read to by our Year 5 students. The visits were greatly enjoyed by all and are an important aspect of our Kindergarten transition program.

High School Visits and Year 6 forum

Year 6 are working hard in preparation for their transition to high school. In the past couple of weeks a small group of students have been visiting Leumeah High School, working with the staff there and getting to know the peer support team.

Last Wednesday, all Year 6 students visited Leumeah High School, experiencing lessons in TAS, science, music and P.E. They enjoyed a BBQ lunch and got to know some of the staff and students. Year 6 said they had a great time and thought that it was a good way to ease the anxiety of starting high school.

On Monday, we welcomed 2 ex Ruse students, Tiffany and Logan (both members of last year’s leadership team) to talk to Year 6 about what it was like to start high school. Year 6 asked some excellent questions and were provided with some valuable information.

A big thank you to the Year 6 teachers and for the maturity of the Year 6 students, you are well and truly ready to start high school.

Mrs M Clarke
Stage Supervisor

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

Assembly 29/11/13 Change of Time
Primary assembly on Friday will commence at 1.45pm.

Congratulations
Congratulations to Deegan C who was successful in being selected for the Macarthur Rams U/12 Premier Youth League squad for 2014. Well done!

Talent Show
Our annual school talent show will be held next Thursday, December 5th in the school hall at 1pm. Please come along and enjoy the entertainment.

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.
School Banking
This Thursday 28th November will be the last day for banking for the year. Any students who have 10 tokens and haven’t redeemed them for a reward please send them in on Thursday.
Mrs Rigney
School Banking Coordinator

St Thomas More Parish, Ruse
A special Family Mass will be celebrated on Sunday, 15th December, 2013 (3rd Sunday of Advent – Rose Sunday) at St Thomas More Catholic Church, Ruse at 9.00am as a preparation for Christmas. We cordially invite everyone to share Morning Tea after Mass with the Parish Community in the Parish Hall.

Sport

Tiger Tag
On Wednesday 20th November, our top two league tag teams travelled to Kayess Park, Minto for the Tiger Tag finals. They came up against some stiff competition on the day. However, in true Ruse fashion, they held their heads high and played with enthusiasm and displayed excellent sportsmanship the whole day. They played in mixed teams comprising students from years 3-6.

Both the senior and junior teams came equal fourth on the day, with ten teams in total in the finals. I would like to congratulate these students on their tremendous effort and thank you all for your support.
Ms Clark
Sports Coordinator

P&C News

Book Club
Book club will close on the 2nd of December 2013. No late orders will be accepted, to ensure the order is back before end of term. Great gifts for Christmas as stocking fillers. Cheques must be made payable to SCHOLASTIC AUSTRALIA not Ruse Public School.

Fundraising
Chocolate money is due back by the 29th November 2013. Please return the full amount of $48 in an envelope clearly marked with your name and class. If you have chocolates you are unable to sell, please return ASAP so as we can organize someone else to sell them.

Christmas raffle
The Christmas raffle will be drawn on the 4th December 2013 at the Reverse Christmas Tree. To win some great prizes please return your raffle tickets and money by the 2nd December 2013. No late tickets will be accepted. Extra tickets can be obtained from the front office. Good luck and thank you.

Canteen
The canteen will be closed the last week of term 4 due to annual maintenance procedures. The last day that the canteen will be open is the 13th December 2013. Due to the Christmas break, the canteen needs to run stocks right down in the freezers. Please keep this in mind from the end of this week as we may need to offer you child an alternative product for their lunch order.

The canteen is looking for volunteers for 2014 if you or someone you know thinks they can assist please see Dianne Miles, Nadia Khalil at the canteen or leave your contact details at the front office. Thank you.

Uniform Price List
As from 1st December there is a new price list which is attached for your information.

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(Minimum Spending $20.00)

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EXPIRY DATE: __/__/____

AMOUNT: $_________

CARDHOLDER NAME (Please Print): __________________________

SIGNATURE: __________________________

2. Internet Banking or Bank Deposit
   ANZ Bank
   Account: Excel Uniforms
   Account No.: 4960 98813
   BSB: 012 294

3. Cash: No Responsibility Will Be Taken If Sent By Pupil Post

4. Cheque: Not Accepted
UNIFORM SHOP
RUSE PUBLIC SCHOOL

Uniform Shop

Hours

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