Dear parents/carers

Welcome back to Ruse PS for term 2. I would also like to extend a very warm welcome to new families. We trust you will enjoy your time here at Ruse.

Congratulations to the Open Rugby League team who played a very exciting game against John Warby PS. All players performed really well and displayed great sportsmanship. The final score was 12-10. Thank you to Ms Clark for training the students, to Mr McGillicuddy for his assistance with training and to Mr Rogers for his assistance with managing the team.

Congratulations to all the students who have been selected for Campbelltown zone representative squads. Rick Thorn and Sage Pone were selected for the Rugby Union squad and Morgan McPhee, Ethan Summers, Adam Djaniikian and Hayden Hooker were selected for the zone softball teams.

Kindergarten and Stage 1 are off to their excursion on Thursday to the Maritime Museum. We hope they all have a wonderful day.

Students in Year 3 and 5 will be sitting NAPLAN tests next week. We ask that parents ensure their students are at school on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday for these tests. Any child who does miss any tests will need to complete them on Friday which is the catch up day.

Thank you to the P&C for the organisation of the Mothers’ Day raffle and Mothers’ Day stall. The raffle raised $200. Thank you to parents for supporting the P&C fundraising.

Term 2 Dates to Note

**Week 2**
- May 6 Boys and girls Softball trials
- May 7 Mother’s Day stall
- May 8 Mother’s Day stall
- May 9 Stage 1 excursion to Maritime Museum
- May 10 Assembly K/1B
- Sponsorship forms returned

**Week 3**
- May 13 Boys Touch trials
- May 14 NAPLAN Writing, Language Conventions
- May 15 NAPLAN Reading
- May 16 NAPLAN Numeracy
- May 17 Assembly 4C

**Week 4**
- May 20 School cross country
- May 21 ICAS – Computer
- May 23 AFL Knockout game
- May 24 Gala Day
- Assembly K/1Z

**Week 5**
- May 27 Stage 3 Excursion to Powerhouse Museum
- May 28 P&C Meeting 7pm
- May 31 Campbelltown PSSA Cross Country
- Assembly 4/5M

**Week 6**
- June 3 Heartbeat UWS Yr 3 & 4 Aboriginal students
- June 4 NSW PSSA U11 Rugby League
- June 5 NSW PSSA U11 Rugby League
- June 6 ICAS Science
- June 7 NSW PSSA U11 Rugby League
- June 8 Assembly KGC

**Week 7**
- June 10 Queen’s Birthday Public Holiday
- June 12 7s Rugby League at St Gregs Yrs 3-6
- June 13 SSW Regional Cross Country Hurlstone
- June 14 Fun run money returned
- Assembly 3/4B

**Week 8**
- June 17 ICAS Writing
- June 18 ICAS Spelling

18 PSSA Opens Rugby League
June 19 “Power of One” performance
PSSA Opens Rugby League
20 PSSA Opens Rugby League
21 Gala Day
Assembly 2/3K

28 Last day of term
Opportunity Class 2014
If your child is in Year 4 and you believe he or she is gifted and talented, you may like to apply for Opportunity Class (OC) placement in 2014. The local OC classes are located at Leumeah PS, Bradbury PS and St Andrews PS.

If you are considering applying for the OC class, please make an appointment to discuss this with your child’s class teacher.

Offers for OC placement are made on the basis of the OC class placement test along with school assessment.

Please complete the “Intention to apply: Year 5 entry to an opportunity class in 2014” and send this back to the school office. This slip is not an application. You will need to either apply online or request a paper application from the school office.

Student Attendance Update
Leave
As most of our parents are aware all absences must be covered by written notification. If your child is sick please remember to notify your child’s teacher on their first day back at school. Any family holidays or extended absence you may be planning should also be communicated to the school prior to that absence. In this case the school will ask that you complete an Exemption from School form which means that this leave is not listed on your child’s official record card. On certain occasions it may be necessary for your child to take special leave from school eg, funerals, special family events or family emergencies. On these occasions your child may also be eligible for an exemption so please contact the school so that we can effectively determine the type of leave necessary.

Professional Learning
The staff has been engaged in professional learning focusing on the new English syllabus. This training commenced in term 1 and will continue throughout the year in preparation for full implementation of the new national curriculum – English in 2014.

In addition, teachers have been involved in technology professional learning including the use of software and iPads.

Teachers of Kindergarten students will continue their once per fortnight training in the L3 program. This program is aimed at providing teachers with the strategies to improve student achievement in literacy.

Emergency Cards and Health Forms
Last term new emergency cards, health forms and authority to publish were sent home for completion. As at the end of last term there are still outstanding forms to be returned. If you have not returned these forms could they please be returned as soon as possible to complete this process.

Voluntary Contributions
School voluntary contribution of $20 per child is now due.

Photos
The Leadership team and SRC photos are displayed on the front door of the office. If you wish to purchase a photo a payment envelope can be collected from the front office. All envelopes to be returned by Monday 13th May.

Woolworths Earn and Learn Program
In the past, the school has been able to ‘purchase’ many resources using points earned in this program. We appreciate your support of the school by being involved in this program. The box is situated in the front entry. Could you please make sure that stickers are attached on the sheet and not put just stickers into the box.

Have a great week!

Annette O’Neill
Principal

P&C News
The next P&C meeting is Tuesday 28th May at 7pm sharp in the staffroom. All are welcome to attend. Refreshments are being provided. Hope to see some new faces.

Book Club
Issue 3 of book club is due back on Friday 17th May. Cheques are to be made payable to Scholastic Australia NOT Ruse Public School. No later orders will be accepted.

Canteen
The canteen will re open on Mondays from 13th May. Thank you to the mums who have made this possible. Also a big thankyou to the mums/nans/carers on the other days for keeping our canteen open.

The canteen could still use some help particularly on Thursday and Friday as these days are very busy. If you can assist please contact Kylie Devine or leave your name and number at the front office.

Fundraising
Due to the excursion on Thursday 9th May the Mother’s Day stall will be held on Tuesday 7th and Wednesday 8th May. Please ensure you send money with your child so they do not miss out. Items range from $2 to $10.
Slice Drive
The P&C have distributed slice drive forms for families to collect orders for our term 2 fundraiser. Please collect as many orders as possible and return to the front office by 24th May, 2013 with the money. No orders will be accepted after the 24th to ensure delivery back to school is not delayed. Please note the P&C does not encourage children to go door knocking to get orders, safety first.

If any families are shopping at Good Guys in Campbelltown, please remember to ask for your good guys dollars when making a purchase and return them to the front office attached to a copy of your receipt.

Mother’s Day Raffle Winners
1st prize – Tiffany Forshaw
2nd prize – Ryan Sweeney
3rd prize – Ryan Nadort

Congratulations to all winners and Happy Mother’s Day to all our mums/nans/carers.

Community News
Ruse Football Soccer Club
Vacancies exist in teams for Ruse Football Club particularly in the U7’s and U8’s as well as U16 girls and U18boys. For further information please contact the Club Secretary, Colin Campbell on 0408 286531 or email Secretary@rusefc.com.au