Dear parents/carers

Thank you to Mrs McPhee for relieving as principal while I have been working with executive staff in local high schools in the areas of literacy and numeracy last week.

Teachers have continued their involvement in professional learning for the new English K-6 syllabus and Information Communication Technology during our weekly staff meetings. In addition, some of our teachers have been involved in additional after school professional learning meetings. I thank the staff for their commitment and enthusiasm.

The K-2 excursion was held on Thursday 9th May. All the students had a wonderful day in Sydney.

Yesterday was our annual cross country/fun run. Thank you to Miss Kehlet and Miss Allen for organising the carnival. As well, we appreciate the parents who were able to come along and support this event.

News

Naplan

Last week, our Year 3 and 5 students had a change to their normal learning program as they sat the compulsory NAPLAN assessments. We were extremely proud of how our students persevered through the assessments and the effort they applied to answering the questions. We will keep you informed of the expected timeline for receiving the NAPLAN results. Here is some further information about the assessments from the NAPLAN website:

NAPLAN is the measure through which governments, education authorities, schools, teachers and parents can determine whether or not young Australians are meeting important educational outcomes in literacy and numeracy. The tests provide parents and schools with an understanding of how individual students are performing at the time of the tests. They also provide schools, states and territories with information about how education programs are working and which areas need to be prioritised for improvement.

NAPLAN tests are one aspect of the school’s assessment and reporting process, and do not replace the extensive, ongoing assessments made by teachers about each student’s performance. NAPLAN is not a pass or fail type test. Individual student performance is shown on a national achievement scale for each
On Thursday 9th May, 2013, Ruse Public School students from Kindergarten, Year 1 and Year 2 went on an excursion to the Australian National Maritime Museum. Whilst here, students were broken up into 3 groups and rotated through three different experiences. Students went on a tour of the museum, explored the “Vampire” ship and had time to engage with hands on activities relating to transport.

The following is 2K’s recount of our excursion.

The first thing we saw when we got to the Australian National Maritime Museum was the ‘Vampire’. The ‘Vampire’ is a boat used by the navy. When we explored the boat we saw the rooms where the Captain and sailors slept, the bathrooms, the gun room, the canteen and where the helicopter would have landed.

Then, roger showed us through the museum and told us stories about transport in the olden days. He showed us the whaling boat, the engine of a ferry, a model of the Endeavour, a boat made out of cans and a helicopter that is used by the Navy.

Our last stop was the rescue centre which was a room full of play equipment and different models. In the rescue centre we got to sit on a helicopter, play on the virtual jetski, climb on the rock wall, pretend to save people in the ball pit, go in the smoke room and be on television and read the news.

We had a great day at the Australian National Maritime Museum!!

2K

SRC Report

As a result of issues raised in the SRC this term, a number of new activities for lunch and recess will be introduced. Over the following weeks, students in Years 4-6 are invited to be involved in an OzTag competition to be held at lunchtime with Mr Mac and Miss Kehlet. A drawing and colouring corner will also be in operation at recess time outside the infants classrooms. Later in the term we hope to run a handball competition for all stage groups. Phew! What a busy term.

Looking forward to lots of fun!

Miss Kehlet

Fun Run

Thank you to all the families and friends for your support of our annual Fun Run Fundraiser. We have been pledged approximately $7500. This is an excellent result and now it is time to collect all the pledged money and return it to the school by FRIDAY, JUNE 14TH 2013.

The Final total raised will be announced at the Fun Run draw on TUESDAY 25TH JUNE 2013 at the Celebration of Learning assembly.

Shirley Smith

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.

Cross Country

On Monday 20th May we held our cross country carnival for primary students. A great morning was had by all and we would like to thank the students for their excellent behaviour and the teachers for their hard work. Big congratulations to the winning house – Hume! As a result of the carnival, 56 students have been chosen to compete at the Zone Cross Country Carnival at Thomas Acres Reserve in Rosemeadow on Thursday 30th May. Awesome work to the following students:


Well done to all those involved.

Miss Kehlet and Miss Allen

Cross Country co ordinators
PSSA Sport
Ruse has been very successful this year in sport across the whole school, with more players being selected in PSSA zone teams. Morgan McPhee, Ethan Summers and Adam Djanikian were selected for the Zone Softball which is to be played next week, while Hayden Hooker was selected for the Zone Touch Football team.

In other exciting news, Jay McIntosh was chosen for the SSW Regional Hockey team. Well done Jay – your success is really something to smile about. We can’t wait to hear how you go.

Congratulations to everyone and good luck boys in the zone and regional teams.

In other news, PSSA sport for Rugby League, Netball and Soccer will be played this Friday. Please make sure that your money, permission notes and contracts are all returned, otherwise you won’t be able to attend. You need to remember that a school hat, water bottle and packed lunch are needed on the day. Boys in Rugby League need to bring their headgear and mouthguard to play.

Also, for any interested parents and friends, a junior and senior team for Rugby League has been selected and these boys will be travelling to St Gregorys on 12th June for the Tigers ‘7 A Side’ Legends Shield. Money and permission notes also need to be returned. We welcome everyone to come along and support this wonderful opportunity for these students.

Today, Ruse will go head to head in the Zone Soccer Knockout against Bradbury Public School, to be held at Leumeah High School. I hope the boys are successful making it through to the next round. I will keep you posted with the results.
Ms Clark
Sports Coordinator

Have a great week!

Annette O’Neill
Principal

P&C News
The next P&C meeting will be held on Tuesday 28th May, 2013 at 7pm sharp in the staffroom. All are welcome to attend. Light refreshments will be served.

Canteen
The canteen needs volunteers for Thursdays and Fridays as they are the busiest days. If you can assist, even if only for half a day each week, please see Kylie Devine or leave your contact details at the front office.

Parents please ensure that children hand their lunch orders in no later than 10am each day. We have had a lot of children at lunchtime who have forgotten to put their order in. If we have no left over hot food they will be given a sandwich only.

Fundraising
The P&C are conducting a slice drive and would like as many orders as possible as this is one of our major fundraisers this year. All orders and money need to be returned to school by FRIDAY 24TH MAY 2013. Please note the P&C does not promote door to door knocking for safety reasons.

Pre loved uniforms
The P&C have a limited range of pre loved uniforms available in various sizes. They will be available on Monday afternoons from 2.30 to 3pm at the Canteen. Items range from $2 to $5 depending on quality of items. This will commence on Monday 27th May, 2013.

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