Dear parents/carers

Last Thursday was the Campbelltown Zone PSSA cross country carnival. Ruse PS students represented our school proudly and as always with great sportsmanship and excellent behaviour. Thank you to Miss Kehlet and Miss Allen for accompanying the children to the carnival. Ruse PS came 3rd overall in the competition.

Last Tuesday 28th May Ruse PS debating team had a debate against Harrington Park PS. Unfortunately, on this occasion, the Ruse students lost the debate but the adjudicator made comment that both teams presented well-constructed arguments. Well done, Ruse debating team and thank you to Ms Bland for coaching the team. We look forward to the next debate.

Yesterday Years 3 and 4 Aboriginal students attended the Healthy Heartbeat program and had a fabulous day at the University of Western Sydney. Thank you to Ms Clark for organising this special experience.

Kindergarten 2014
We are currently accepting enrolments for Kindergarten 2014. If you or a neighbour/friend has a child beginning kindergarten next year, please call at the school office to obtain an enrolment form.

Staffing
Separate letters regarding upcoming changes to staffing have been sent home with each child in KGC and K1Z today.

Emergency Cards and Health Forms
Last term new emergency cards, health forms and authority to publish letters 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 please return as soon as possible to complete this process.

Woolworths Earn and Lean Program
Keep those sticker sheets coming in. The program finishes on 9th June, 2013.

Stewart House Clothing Bags
Now is the time to have that clean out of your wardrobes. Bags were distributed to the classes a couple of weeks ago. Please return the bags to the hall by Tuesday 11th June, 2013.

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

Debating
Last week our debating team participated in their first Premiers Debating Challenge debate at Ruse Public School against Harrington Park Public School. McKenzie Paynter,
Jake Brown, Janaya Barnes and Jay McIntosh narrowly lost the debate on the topic “Years 5 & 6 students should have a job one afternoon a week”. Jack Langford and James Peters supported our team as the chairperson and timekeeper. Congratulations team!
Ms Bland – Debating Coordinator

Stage 3 Excursion to Powerhouse Museum
Last Monday, Stage 3 had a great time visiting the Powerhouse Museum and taking part in the ‘Life in the Gold Rush’ experience. When we first arrived at the museum we were treated to a dramatic performance about the life of two men living on the goldfields. After that, students needed to use pieces of evidence from the period to make assumptions about different groups of people. By the time lunch rolled around, Stage 3 had certainly learned a lot more about this very interesting period of Australia’s history. Following lunch, students took part in a great interactive game where they got to search for gold, sell their gold, steal, marry and even to go to gaol! Overall we had a fantastic day at the museum and the students showed exemplary behaviour – in fact, they were golden!
Miss Kehlet

UWS Healthy Heartbeat Program
On Monday 3rd June, 7 Aboriginal students from Years 3 and 4 travelled to UWS for the Healthy Heartbeat program. This program is run each year by the University to show students what opportunities are available to them if they are thinking about higher education at the end of their school years.

Students completed activities based on the The Human Heart where they listen to each others hearts and looked at heart rates, Physical Fitness for Life focussing on balance, strength and jump skills, The Human Skeleton where they looked at how the body is made up and what the bones are called, Food for Thought which shows students how to eat well for our bodies and Oral hygiene where they got to brush teeth and do dental checks on each other.

During the Food for Life section, students met and interacted with Olympian Jana Pittman who is currently completing a medical degree.

This program will also run in Term 3 for Aboriginal students in Years 5 and 6.
Ms Clark
Aboriginal Education Coordinator

Sport

Zone Cross Country
Last Thursday, 54 students went to represent our school at the Campbelltown Zone Cross Country carnival held at Thomas Acres Reserve. We had great success at the carnival this year, with our school coming third overall – one of our best results in years! All students tried their best and did fantastically, with notable mentions to Ethan Summers (2nd overall 10 year old boys), Elyce Joannidies (2nd overall 12/13 year girls) and Deegan Carlsen (3rd overall 11 year old boys). These three students along with Brok Hill, Zach Ajineh, Gracie Sawyer and Alex Valiente will go on to represent our school at the regional carnival held on 13th June at Hurlstone Agricultural high School. We wish them all the best of luck!
Miss Kehlet and Miss Allen
Gala Day 31st May 2013

What a glorious day we all had last Friday at PSSA sports in the district. Netball was moved to Elderslie with the junior girls winning all their games and the senior girls winning one, losing one and drawing one. Coach Miss Allen was very pleased with how much all the girls had improved, especially those playing again from last year’s teams.

In Soccer, the boys and girls also had a great day with their coach Mrs Clarke very pleased with their results. The juniors lost 2 games and the seniors won 2 with both teams having a bye for the third game.

Rugby League was again a fantastic day. The boys came up against State Knockout champions Claymore who were very tough to beat. Both the senior and junior boys found it very hard against such tough line ups, with several boys in the senior team being winded early on in the first half. The junior boys only lost to claymore by 1 try. The rest of the day, however, was a great success with Ruse winning the rest of their games in both the senior and junior divisions against John Warby (which was a very sweet victory) and Rosemeadow A sides.

The next gala day will be held on Friday of Week 8, 21st June 2013.

Congratulations for the great sportsmanship shown by all players from our school across all PSSA sports.
Ms Clark
Sports Coordinator

Have a great week!

Annette O’Neill
Principal

P&C News

Did you know Ruse Public School Sponsors a Child?

Did you know that Ruse Public school sponsors a child from Indonesia? Ruse has been sponsoring Arya Saputra for some time now. Arya is turning 9 years old on June 10th this year. We have attached a photo of Arya and one of his drawings that he sent us. The P & C would like to encourage any child to either write to Arya or send a photo of themselves. Please forward any letters or pictures to the office so that we can pass them onto Arya. You could also encourage your child to make a special birthday card if you like. With our sponsorship Arya is able to attend school, get an education, have clothes and food provided.
Would you like to nominate an outstanding teacher from Ruse Public School?

The Australian Scholarship Group (ASG) is currently calling for nominations for the National Excellence in Teaching Awards (NEiTA). This is your chance to recognize your child’s teacher. The awards provide an opportunity to say a special thank you to inspirational teachers and leaders who demonstrate effectiveness, innovation, and excellence in their profession. You can go to the website www.neita.com.au and look on the left hand side of the page for the orange icon for NEiTA awards. Nominations close on July 31.

Thank you to all who attended the last P&C meeting. Our next meeting will not be until Term 3 Week 5, 13th August, 2013 at 7pm sharp in the staffroom. All are welcome to attend.

Account balances:
General $6,586.51, Canteen $6,676.89, Maxi $20,060.65

Other Business:
- Dianne Miles resigned from Canteen Coordinator
- Red food day for last day of term
- National teaching awards
- The P&C have a sponsor child named Arya Saputra

Book Club

Book club is due back by the 18th June 2013. No late orders will be accepted. Cheques are to be made payable to Scholastic Australia not Ruse Public School.

Fundraising

The slice drive orders will be back on 12th June, 2013. They are to be collected from “D” Block (Development Centre) from 2.30pm on that day by the child whose name is on the order or by the parent if the order is large and not able to be carried by the child. Thank you to all who have ordered.

Canteen News

Unfortunately at our last meeting we received a letter of resignation from our canteen coordinator Dianne Miles. Dianne has now got a full time job and we wish her well in her new position. We would also like to thank her for her time as coordinator of our school canteen. As this now leaves us without a coordinator we will need to advertise the position. In the meantime the canteen will continue to operate with Kylie Devine who will oversee the day to day running. Thank you to all those ladies currently volunteering.

***********POSITIONS VACANT***********

Canteen Coordinator and Assistant Canteen Coordinator

Canteen Coordinator – responsible for daily organization of the canteen. Organizes rosters, orders all food, reports at monthly meetings and liaises with the principal and president.

Assistant Canteen Coordinator – assists the canteen coordinator with the above.

Please remember this role can be done by two so if you think you may be suited and have someone who can help you, please see Kylie Devine.

If you are shopping at the Good Guys, please remember to ask for your Good Guys Dollars and return them to the school with a copy of your receipt.

Community News

John Warby Pre School
John Warby Pre School currently has 26 vacancies. The program is a 5 day a fortnight program run during school hours. The maximum fee is $10 per day, ASTI parents pay half this and parents on a health care card only pay $1 per day. This pre school is available to anyone within our area.

Cudgegong Road Pre School and Childcare Before and After School Care – Under New Management
Before school care is $16 per day – we serve breakfast and we drop your child/ren off at school.

After school care $16 per day – we pick your child/ren up from school, we serve light afternoon tea, outdoor play, weather permitting and help with homework should it be required.

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Director and Owner
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