Dear parents/carers

Welcome back to term 3 and a very warm welcome to our new families.

Welcome to Ms Terechovs who will be teaching K1Z and to Mr Ale who will be our release from face to face teacher until Mrs Fletcher returns in term 4.

This term will be a very busy term with Education Week next week, parent teacher interviews in Week 4 and the athletics carnival in Week 6. We look forward to seeing parents in the school on these occasions.

Student medical forms

During Terms 3 and 4 we will be updating our medical records systems to ensure we have the most up-to-date information on your child's health.

The new medical forms have been sent home and will need to be filled out and returned to us as soon as you can.

The good news is we have already started collecting some of this information, which means less for you to do.

The new forms will help us collect your child's important medical information and the introduction of new systems will mean we'll be able to better manage the daily and emergency health needs of your child.

We appreciate your support as we start collecting the information, and if you have any questions please call.

Thank you…Thank you!!!

One Laptop per Child Australia is a small not for profit organisation that has recently received $12 million dollars of funding from the Federal Government to subsidise identified schools for the purchase of laptops.

Thank you to the following families/businesses for their donations for Laptops.

Perenara family - $1500
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Dates to Note

Term 3 2013

Week 2
July 24 Healthy Heartbeat UWS Yrs 5 & 6 Aboriginal Students

Week 3
July 29 Education Week
30 Stage 2 Excursion
31 Book Fair
ICAS English
Academic Challenge
Aug 1 Open Day, Assembly, Barbecue, Yr 6 Raffle
2 Maths Off 12.10pm

Week 4
Aug 6 Parent Teacher Interviews
9 Gala Day

Week 5
Aug 13 Boy’s cricket trials
16 Assembly 3/4B

Week 6
Aug 19 Primary Athletics Carnival
22 Book Parade and Bonkers Day

Week 7
Aug 28 PSSA Athletics Carnival
29 PSSA Athletics Carnival
30 Assembly 2/3A

Week 8
Sept 6 Gala Day

Week 9
Sept 11 SSW Primary Athletics Carnival
13 Assembly 5/6K

Week 10
Sept 17 Celebration of Learning Assembly 9.30am
20 Last day of term
One Laptop Per Child Australia is working towards the vision of ensuring that every child is connected to the same learning opportunities regardless of geographical or social divide. They do this by inspiring children, teachers and their communities to learn through innovation with One Education program and XO laptops technology. There is a limit of 50,000 laptops, and schools across Australia are taking advantage of this wonderful opportunity.

We would love to be able to provide our students with another 110 laptops – a laptop for every student.

Recently, I sent letters to the community inviting individuals or businesses to donate to this worthy cause. I would like to acknowledge and thank the following individuals or businesses for their generous donations: The Perenara family, Ruse Tavern, Arctic Air and Electrical, Treestyler Pty Ltd, The Peters family, The Smails family and Greer family.

Businesses or individuals who donate in excess of $500 will be acknowledged in the newsletter as well as on the school website.

**School Website**

Parents and carers are reminded to check the school website as well as the calendar in the Ruse News for upcoming events. If your child has lost a permission note, you can easily download and print one at home. Please ensure you send money and notes in by the appropriate date to avoid your child missing an event. If you require student assistance, please contact Mrs O’Neill.

**Kindergarten Enrolment 2014**

Parents and carers are asked to remind friends and neighbours about kindergarten enrolment for 2014. This year we will be extending our orientation program and commencing this early in term 4. For this reason, we need our enrolments finalised by the end of term 3.

**Personalised Learning and Support Tool (PLASST) 2013 Trial**

During the next few weeks our school, along with other public schools in the area, will be participating in the trial of a new tool (PLASST) being developed by the Department of Education and Communities for teachers to identify the learning and support needs of their students.

This trial is focussed on the development of a sound and reliable online tool that, when finalised, can be used by teachers in collaboration with parents and carers to identify the strengths and educational needs of students with additional learning and support needs. This information will assist schools in planning and personalising learning and support for individual students who require adjustments in their day to day learning.

The trial will involve teachers completing an online questionnaire about the educational needs of some of their students. Students themselves will not be required to complete any additional work or be formally assessed as part of the trial. This trial will not impact on students’ education provisions.

Further information about the PLASST trial, including the collection and use of data in the trial, will be provided by the school in a letter to parents and carers.

If you have any questions about the PLASST trial, would like to discuss your child’s involvement or would prefer that your child does not participate, please telephone the school on 46257811.

**Telephone Interpreter Service**

If you need help with English to make an enquiry contact the Telephone Interpreter Service on 131 450 and ask for an interpreter in your language. The operator will call the number you provide and get an interpreter on the line to assist you with your conversation. You will not be charged for this service.

**Education Week**

Education week is in week 3 this term. Our open day, assembly, BBQ and year 6 raffle is on Thursday 1st August and we encourage all parents and carers to come along. We are

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also hoping to have received our first order of xo laptops and we would like our community to see these in action.

**Education Week Diary**

**Monday:** 12.10 Premier’s Spelling Bee Hall

**Tuesday:** Stage 2 Excursion ‘The Rocks’

**Wednesday:** 9.15 Education Week Scripture Service  
Academic Challenge – team of students to attend Sarah Redfern HS

**Thursday:** 9.30 Education Week Assembly  
Open classrooms  
BBQ  
Year 6 raffle

**Friday:** 12.10 Maths Off

**Parent / teacher / student interviews**

Early in term 1, parents and carers were invited to goal setting interviews with their child and child’s teacher. We are conducting follow-up interviews in Week 4 this term to evaluate and discuss your child’s progress towards goals. We hope that parents, carers and students take the time to attend these discussions.

**Uniform Shop**

The uniform shop will now open on Tuesday morning from; 8.30am – 10am. Thursday will remain the same

**Have a great week!**

*Annette O’Neill*  
Principal

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**Book Club**

Book Club closes 2nd August 2013. No late orders will be accepted. Cheques to be made payable to Scholastic Australia not RUSE PUBLIC SCHOOL...

**Fundraising**

Our fundraiser for this term is the Lunch wallets $10.00 and All Rounders $12.00. If you would like to order one of these please fill out the order form and return to school by the 2nd August. They are a great way to place your child’s lunch order at school and whilst reducing waste have a more durable life, than the paper lunch bags we currently use in the canteen.

**Canteen**

****Position Vacant**************

**Canteen Coordinator**

This position is responsible for overseeing the running of the canteen, ensures there are enough volunteers and finding replacements should a volunteer not be available. Orders the stock for the canteen and liaises with the President.

**Assistant Canteen Coordinator**

Assists the Canteen Coordinator with the day to day running of the canteen, particularly in their absence.

**Good Guys**

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 as the dollars are not valid unless receipt is attached.

If you were a family who put some Good Guy dollars in at the school at the end of Term 2, can you please see Kylie Devine and arrange to forward the receipt as it wasn’t put in at the time the Good Guy dollars were. Thank you

Thank you

Kylie Devine

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Community News

Cudgegong Road Pre School & Child Care Offers Before & After School Care

Before school care:
Hours are from 7am-9am.
Children will start their day with a healthy breakfast of toast and/or cereal and enjoy a range of quiet activities in preparation for their school day. Children will be driven to school each day and supervised by appropriately qualified staff.
Cost: $16 per day

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