Dear parents/carers

Thank you to the P&C for organising The Election Day BBQ. We all worked hard on the day raising a profit of $850. I would like to especially mention our school captain, Brodie Drayton who worked on the day from 7am until we finished the BBQ at 3pm. A great effort by all! Thank you!

Ms Brentnall had her baby on Sunday 8th September. We congratulate Fleur and her husband Scott on the safe arrival of baby Georgia. Mum, Georgia and dad are doing well.

I’d like to take this opportunity to thank the students for a wonderful term 3, the teachers for their commitment, enthusiasm, dedication and hard work preparing engaging lessons for your children as well as the ongoing support of the parent community.

News

XO Laptop News
We are waiting on our last delivery of xo laptops. This final delivery will mean that all our students have one laptop or xo laptop for use when appropriate throughout the day. We are truly 21st century learners at Ruse Public School.

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

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We now have 11 classes equipped with a class set of XO laptops. Each student has been allocated their own XO to use at school. The students are learning how to use the many different applications available on these small, yet powerful machines. We can now access the internet on the XO’s thanks to the hard work behind the scenes from Mr McGillicuddy and the One-Network team. Student engagement in learning is at an all time high as teachers incorporate Xo technology into their lessons.

Classes who do not currently use the XO’s have access to a class set of Lenovo laptops that had been purchased over the last year and were previously used across the school.

Ask your child about the technology they use in their room.

Ms J Bland
Technology Team

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.

School Swimming Scheme
Pink notes regarding School Swimming Scheme were sent home last week. This program is available to students from Years 2-6 who cannot confidently swim 25 metres continuously. Extra notes can be downloaded from our school website or collected from the school office. There are ONLY 60 places. Beyond that, a reserve list will be compiled.

When: Term 4 everyday in weeks 5 & 6 (Monday 4th November – Friday 15th November)
Cost: $60 (full amount) or $20 deposit
Due: Wednesday 18th October (last week term 3)
FULL PAYMENT DUE MONDAY 28th OCTOBER.

Ms J Bland
Swimming Scheme Coordinator

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.

IF YOUR CHILD HAS ANAPHYLAXIS SHOULD HE OR SHE CARRY THEIR OWN EPIPEN® OR ANAPEN® TO AND AT SCHOOL?

What is this article about?
If you have told the school that your child is diagnosed a risk of anaphylaxis you should have received a letter from Mrs O’Neill.
This article provides more information about anaphylaxis. What is an EpiPen® and an Anapen®?
EpiPen® and Anapens® are the emergency treatment for children who are having an anaphylactic reaction.
What is anaphylaxis?
Anaphylaxis is a severe and sometimes sudden allergic reaction. If your child has been diagnosed by a doctor as being at risk of anaphylaxis there are some important things to remember that will help the school to support your child’s health care needs.

Why you need to keep us informed if your child is diagnosed as being at risk of anaphylaxis or if his or her condition changes. This includes if they have an anaphylactic reaction while not at school.
The school can only respond to risks it knows about. Please keep the school office informed so that we can plan to support your child at school.

Why you need to provide the school with your child’s current ASCIA Action Plan for Anaphylaxis and an EpiPen® or Anapen® signed by their doctor
The plan sets out the steps the school needs to follow in an emergency. It is essential for us to have this to keep your child safe.

We will keep a copy of your child’s ASCIA Action Plan for Anaphylaxis stored with your child’s EpiPen® or Anapen®.

Why it is important to talk regularly with your child about some simple steps to help keep them safe

It is important to regularly talk with your child about when and where they are at risk of contact with the things they are allergic to and how to avoid this. If you have told them not to take part in sharing food at school, regularly remind them of this.

Reassure them that if they do come into contact with something they are allergic to or they feel unwell at school they won’t get into trouble. They need to tell a teacher immediately.

Consider whether your child should carry their own EpiPen® or Anapen®

If your child has been diagnosed with anaphylaxis you can request that they carry their own EpiPen® or Anapen® to school and at school. A request form has been sent home and is also available from the school office.

If you request that your child carry an EpiPen® or Anapen® with them to school and at school you will still need to provide the school with at least one additional EpiPen® or Anapen® for storage in a central location within the school and for access by staff in an emergency.

The school will contact you about any request you make for your son or daughter to carry their own EpiPen® or Anapen®.

Why does the school need to know if your son or daughter is carrying their own EpiPen® or Anapen®?

Staff need to know your child carries an EpiPen® or Anapen® in an emergency. For this reason this information will be included in your child’s individual health care plan.

They also need to be able to find it quickly so it is important that it be in an easily identifiable and accessible spot (eg. not a locker).

To find out more go to the Department’s public schools website: 

NAIDOC Day at Leumeah Public School

This year Leumeah Public School is hosting a large Community of Schools (COS) event to celebrate NAIDOC on Thursday 19th September. Students from nine local schools have been invited to attend this special event. On the day, children will participate in various cultural activities. Ronny Gibbs (former Manly NRL player) and Darren Dunn (Indigenous Artist for the NRL) will be two of the special guests that will be attending and running workshops on the day.

Celebrating such an important event is vital to promote cultural awareness and develop relationships between members of various communities. Parents and family members are also invited to attend the event. Local organisations will be attending to promote their facilities and a morning tea will also be provided. We hope to see as many parents/family/friends attend as possible.

Ms Clark
Aboriginal Coordinator

Premier’s Spelling Bee

Last Tuesday, 10 September, 2013 four students represented Ruse Public School at the Regional Spelling Bee. In the morning Stage 2 division, we were represented by Noah Olsen and Cooper Stephens. Tyris Cartilla-Hao and Brandon Lee represented Stage 3 in the afternoon. All students tried their absolute hardest to spell some very difficult and uncommon words. Brendan was our best performer on the day, making it into the top 10 of his division. All students represented us proudly, and as always, were exceptionally behaved.

Here are some photos from the event.

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Have a safe holiday!

Annette O’Neill
Principal

P&C News

The next P&C meeting is Week 5 in Term 4. All are welcome to attend. This will be the AGM where all positions will become vacant. We would love to see all current P&C members and any new families that might be interested to find out more about how to become involved even if not on the committee.

Volunteer Position Vacant
Canteen Coordinator
Oversees the day to day running of the canteen. Orders stock and ensures there are volunteers on each day. Liaises with the president.

Assistant Canteen Coordinator
Assists the canteen coordinator with the above.

Fundraising News
Just a reminder that all Smencil orders are due back on Friday 25th October, 2013. We appreciate your support in our fundraising efforts.

THE CANTEEN WILL BE CLOSED ON FRIDAY 20th SEPTEMBER, 2013

Community News

CUDGEGONG RD PRESCHOOL & 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

After school care:
Hours are from 3pm-6pm.
Children will be collected from within the school grounds and driven to the Centre. Children will be provided with a healthy, satisfying afternoon tea followed by an active afterschool program. We will also offer supervised homework time.
Cost $16 per day
If you would like to enrol your child/ren please call Miss Del on 4626 2140.

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School Holiday Care
For school aged children (5 to 12 years) by Campbelltown City Council
When: 23 September to 4 October 2013
Where: 39 Sunderland Drive, Raby
Eagle Vale Leisure Centre, Eagle Vale
40 Broughton Street, Campbelltown
All centres – 7.30am to 6pm daily

To download enrolment form and full activities program, visit the website at www.campbelltown.nsw.gov.au and follow the links to School Holiday Care. For more information, call our Administration team on 4645 4443.