Dear Parents and Carers,

**Recognising Excellence in our Teachers**

On Monday evening at Events Cinemas, Macarthur Square, two of our amazing teachers were acknowledged at the Principal's Network Award Ceremony for Campbelltown, Macarthur and Wollondilly, for their excellence in teaching and service to Public Education. Congratulations to Mrs Shirley Smith for her successful nomination for student engagement and efforts in promoting leadership opportunities for our students.
Congratulations to Ms Samantha Clark for her successful nomination for improving sporting programs and opportunities for our students at Ruse PS. We look forward to nominating more of our fantastic teachers and administration staff next year.

Mrs Shirley Smith
Unfortunately, while leaving the award ceremony on Monday evening, Mrs Smith tripped over and as a result broke her wrist. She spent the night in the hospital waiting for an X-Ray and cast to be put on her wrist. During this time, she did not complain once about the pain and was insisting that she would be back at work next week, after her Long Service Leave. She is currently on Long Service Leave, as her husband Bernie, has just had major open heart surgery and she was taking time to look after him.

Our thoughts and best wishes are with Shirley and her family at this time.

Student Welfare
With the re-introduction of the PBL (Positive Behaviour for Learning) framework, we are observing some tremendous improvements in our students' understanding of behaviour expectations. They are excited about the Mini-Owls in the playground and from the number of awards in the barrel, it is clear to see students are striving to achieve them. At our Gala Days, we have had a number of parents commenting on our students’ exceptional behaviour and great sportsmanship. Another example of this was our Stage 3 students attending camp. There were no negative incidents recorded and the instructors continually commented on the students’ exceptional behaviour. Keep up the fantastic work, Ruse PS students!

Tell Them From Me Survey Results
Over the next few weeks, we will be collating and analysing the Tell Them From Me Survey results. We thank all the teachers, students and parents for their feedback and comments, as this information will help us make improvements to our wonderful school. We will share these results with our community as soon as they have been compiled. We are hoping to have some results ready to share at the upcoming P&C meeting.

Student Attendance
Students are required to attend school every day unless they are sick or have another valid reason. School attendance is closely monitored by the school and the Home School Liaison Officer. All students need to attend school every day, unless unwell, according to the law.

Please remember that all absences will affect your child's learning. Please ensure that you send a note to the school with the date of the absence and an explanation as to why your child was away. If students are absent as little as 8 days a term, by the end of primary school they will have missed a year of schooling.

School Parents Website
The School Parents website is an excellent way we can share information on school events and activities with you immediately. So far we have 193 members linked to our page, which is a large representation from the parent body. If you haven’t registered, please visit the following link and follow the Ruse PS page https://www.schoolparents.com.au

P&C News
The next P&C meeting is 2nd November at 7pm in the staff room. This is the AGM meeting and all are welcome to attend. At this meeting all positions will become vacant. The positions are as follows, please take the time to read through and consider taking on a role. YOUR SCHOOL NEEDS YOU.

President
- Chairs meetings and liaises with Principal. Oversees the general organisation of P&C.

Vice President Fundraising
- Assists the president and organises fundraising.

Vice President Publicity
- assists president and publicises P&C organisation and events in Ruse News.
Secretary
- Takes minutes at the meeting and types up at home, responsible for all correspondence.

Treasurer
- Responsible for all monies. Pays all bills, keeps records and prepares monthly statement and report for meeting.

Assistant Treasurer
- Assists treasurer with the above.

Canteen Coordinator
- Responsible for daily organisation of the canteen. Organises rosters, orders all food, reports at monthly meetings and liaises with the principal and president.

Assistant Canteen Coordinator

Whooping Cough Information
There is an outbreak of whooping cough (pertussis) in NSW, mainly affecting school aged children. Coughing spreads the infection to others nearby. Whooping cough can spread to anyone at home, including younger brothers and sisters. Whooping cough can be especially dangerous for babies.

Whooping cough starts like a cold and progresses to bouts of coughing that can last for many weeks. The infection can occur even in fully-vaccinated children. Older children may just have a cough that is persistent and may be worse at night.

- Children with these symptoms should see a doctor.
- If your doctor diagnoses whooping cough in your school-aged child, please let the school know and keep your child at home until they have taken 5 days of antibiotics. Keep coughing children away from babies.
- Whooping cough vaccines give good protection against infection but immunity fades with time. Check that all your children are up to date with their vaccines, due at 6 weeks, 4 months, 6 months, 4 years and 12 years of age (offered to all Year 7 students through the NSW school-based vaccination program). A booster is also recommended at 18 months of age.

A booster dose of vaccine is also recommended for adults that are in contact with young children, such as school staff and parents. Pregnant women are recommended to have a booster dose during each pregnancy and this is funded by NSW Health. Those who are new parents or carers of babies should consult their general practitioner about appropriate immunisation.

Your local public health unit can provide advice about whooping cough on 1300 066055 or visit the NSW Health website for information for childcare and schools about whooping cough.

Book Club
Book Club closed on 29th October. No late orders will be accepted.

Canteen News
The canteen now sell Slushies at lunch and recess. The cost is $2.00 each.

The canteen are having one last meal deal for the year and information will go home shortly. Please keep an eye out in your child’s bag as pre order will be essential and there will be a cut off date and no late orders will be accepted. Thank you.

The Great Aussie Bush Camp - Stage 3
The Stage 3 students and teachers who attended The Great Aussie Bush Camp from Monday to Wednesday had a fantastic time. The students were strongly encouraged to step out of their comfort zone and try different activities, such as the Giant Swing, the Power Fan, High Ropes, Rock Climbing, Archery and Canoeing.

The students behaviour was exemplary and the instructors were very impressed with all of them. Thank you to Ms Clark, Ms McAllister, Mrs Van Deinsen, Mrs McPhee and Mr Connell for ensuring that the students were safe, as well as encouraging them all to participate in the activities.
Stage 2 Excursion to Camp Wombaroo
Thank you to all of the Stage 2 students who have paid for the excursion to Camp Wombaroo. There are lots of exciting outdoor activities and challenges requiring team work planned for the day.
IMPORTANT NOTICE - The new date for the excursion is the 4th December, 2015. Medical forms for students will be sent home next week.

Healthy Heartbeat
On Monday, 11 Stage 2 Aboriginal students attended Healthy Heartbeat at the University of Western Sydney. Students took part in a range of fun activities aimed at encouraging good nutrition and physical health. They had a fantastic day, working with students from other local schools to develop healthy habits.
Public Speaking
The Campbelltown Area finals for the South West Sydney Oracy Competition were held at Ruse Public School on Monday of Week 3. All students did an outstanding job representing our school. Congratulations to Matthew for winning Early Stage 1 and Jayde for winning Stage 3, and to Ella and Sarah for being the runner-up for Stage 1 and Stage 2. Best wishes to Jayde as she progresses to the Regional Finals on 3rd November.

Gala Day
Cricket
We enjoyed another great day at Eschol Park. It was a scorching hot day and we had many kids away at swimming so both teams worked extra hard on the field. We had a bye to start, so each team only got two games. The seniors won both their games, while the juniors won one from two. A big thank you to Mrs Simpson and Mrs Devine for helping to set up the sun shelter. We would have been cooked with out it.

Softball
The Senior boys and girls Softball teams had a fantastic day at Gala Day 3 on Friday of Week 2. Both teams won all three of their games on the day and played incredibly well. The students demonstrated great sportsmanship towards the other schools they competed against, and also encouraged one another with great enthusiasm. Thank you to the parents and family who came along to cheer us on. Well done, Softballers!

T-Ball
Congratulations to all of the Year 3 and 4 students who competed in the T-Ball Gala Day in Week 2. Both of the boys and girls teams have continued their success and remain undefeated. Ruse students competed with great sportsmanship, supporting their own team and the teams they came up against. Thank you to all of the family and friends who came out to support us on such a hot day.
We’re looking forward to Week 5.

Lost Property
We have a mountain of lost property without names. Can you please ensure that your child’s clothing is marked clearly with their name and class as then it is easily returned.

IMPORTANT ROAD SAFETY REMINDER FOR PARENTS AND CARERS

As the school holidays approach, it is important to remember when walking near roads, on footpaths, near driveways and in car parks always:

- hold your child’s hand. Until they are at least 8 years old children need to hold an adult’s hand. Until they at least 10, children should be closely supervised by an adult and hold hands when crossing the road.
- talk to your child about road safety. Talk about how to be safe when near roads. Be a good role model.

- point out road safety dangers and differences in new environments. This is especially important when on holidays in different surroundings. Roads, footpaths and pedestrian facilities may look different in holiday areas.

The best way to keep your child safe on or near the road is to hold their hand.

Talk with your child daily about road safety.

Remind other adults and carers about this too.

You can find out more at [Transport for NSW](http://roadsafety.transport.nsw.gov.au/stayingsafe/children/pedestriansafety.html)

**Voluntary Contributions**
Voluntary contribution payments are now due. Payments can also be made via the Parent Online Payment method on the school website.

**Uniform Shop**
Uniform shop hours for Term 4 and Term 1 2016 are available from the front office or on the school website. They will also be displayed on the front office window.

**Community News**

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**CUDGEGONG RD**
**PRESCHOOL & CHILDCARE**
(0-6) Age Group

- Hours are from 7.00am to 6.00pm
- All meals are provided
- An educational program in line with the Early Years Learning Framework
- A comprehensive school readiness program
- NO BOND is required
- Our Centre is your child's home away from home

Call us on 4626 2140, or drop in for a visit
Our address is: 142 Cudgenong Rd, RUSE.

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