Dear Parents and Carers,

As I mentioned in our Presentation Day Assembly this week, I am very proud to be the new Principal of Ruse Public School and I am really looking forward to working with all our students, parents, carers, grandparents and teachers into the future.

To our wonderful students:

Thank you for being such kind, responsible, safe and respectful students. During this year, I have seen so many of you achieving great personal success in and out of the classroom. I have observed academic excellence in classrooms with your fantastic bookwork, artworks and technology presentations. I have seen you participate and achieve greatness in the sporting, cross-country, athletics and swimming events, creative arts initiatives, kids meets, public speaking and debating competitions, school spectacular performances, and much, much more.

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I have been fortunate enough to receive so many positive comments about your behaviour and citizenship from many different people, from our casual teachers, to our sporting coaches, and to our community members. Students at Ruse are provided with many opportunities to connect, succeed and thrive at school and we are committed to encouraging you to step outside your comfort zone and grow as individuals.

I would like to congratulate our Year 6 students. You have been great role models for all of the other students at our school this year. We wish you well as you move on to high school. I know you will fondly remember your time here at Ruse and we are all looking forward to hearing about your continued successes in High School. Congratulations to the outgoing Year 6 student leaders. You have done an outstanding job this year, taking on your extra responsibilities with pride and great commitment. Your voice has certainly been heard and we are very proud of you.
Congratulations also to the Year 5 students who have been elected into the 2016 student leadership team.

I would like to acknowledge our Parents and Carers

We have an amazing culture here at our school, where parents, grandparents, carers, friends and citizens always go above and beyond, volunteering daily to make our school so special.

The ongoing dedication of our P&C, led by Mrs Kylie Devine, is truly valued and appreciated by us all. A huge thank you goes out to our canteen volunteers, our current coordinator, Mrs Annette Read, and our previous coordinator, Mrs Kylie Prior, who have all taken great pride in providing healthy meals and snacks for our students on a daily basis. Thank you to Ms Erin Small, for her wonderful efforts in the uniform shop and Mrs Maria Quintana, who looked after the second-hand uniforms.
Our parent community makes our school such a wonderful place to work. Term after term our generous parent community jump in to support and lend a hand wherever it is needed.

Just a couple of examples over past two weeks include: Our School Spectacular parents, who assisted with prop designs and lived on limited sleep over the performance weekend. Bob Rogers, who cooks a mean BBQ, cooking over 450 sausages for our extremely successful Carols by Torchlight night. And, just yesterday, Pam Stanton, Janiene Cahill and Kylie Devine ran our amazing P&C raffle with 11 fantastic prizes for our school community members.

We value our community’s honest feedback through meetings, emails, surveys and interviews and we will continue to work together to make Ruse an excellent school for our students. Next year we are going to work hard to provide parents with a window into our classrooms, so that they are informed partners in our students’ learning journeys.

**Thank you very much to all our staff for their hard work and dedication**

We have had an incredibly busy year implementing the first year of our three-year school plan. I have really valued all teachers’ support and input in working towards achieving our milestones and success measure and just recently, setting the future directions for next year.
I am very confident that we are on the right track and we will continue to provide amazing opportunities for our students into the future.

I will thank the staff generally as a whole because they have put in countless hours with planning interesting lessons and many extra-curricular activities, such as SRC, dance troupe, performance group, jump rope, public speaking, debating, fun run, BBQs, the annual talent show, Education and One of the things that is so evident with the staff here at Ruse is just how much they care about each and every one of the children they teach.

NAIDOC Week celebrations, excursions, overnight camps, sport clinics, kids meets, creative arts performances, School Spectacular and special events - just to name a few. Here are just a couple of photos from these events:

To our executive and extended executive staff – Mrs McPhee, Mr Hageman, Mrs Dunshea, Ms Clark, Mrs Hall, Mrs Wadwell and Mrs George: thank you for all the work you have done for Ruse this year.

We are also very fortunate to have wonderful School Learning Support Officers who work so hard in our classrooms and in the playground, supporting the class teachers and all our students. We thank you for your ongoing support.
To our office staff: Mrs Woodhouse and Mrs Rigney, we thank you for all your work in the office and for being the friendly and caring face of our school. Thank you to our wonderful GA, Shane Cormack, who has saved the school a lot of money this year in maintenance costs with his incredible work ethic and can-do attitude. Thank you to our cleaners Raed, Paul and Mo for their work every day to keep our school at its best.

I would like to wish all our Ruse families a safe and happy Christmas break.

We look forward to seeing you next year.

Paul McGillicuddy
Principal

Camp Wombaroo
Camp Wombaroo was so much fun. We were in Group 2. The first activity we did was mini games. We played the game Ant Hospital. We had to run around and tip people. When you were tipped 4 other people had to carry you to the hospital made from rope. We also had to run through a skipping rope without touching the rope. Our second activity was archery and it was fun. The instructor was teaching us how to shoot the arrow at the target. We all got to shoot 4 arrows at the target. It took me 4 goes to hit the target but it was worth it. Our last activity was canoeing. There were 2 people in each boat. We got really wet but it was great.

By Kynan S and Brayden G
Learning Support Presentation
Thanks to the parents and carers who came to the presentation on our Learning Support Team model, which explained how support is accessed and allocated to our students. Following the presentation, which was led by Mrs McPhee and Mrs Wadwell, we received some really great feedback from those in attendance. The main suggestions for improvement were better communications between the classroom teachers and the families at home about what the children are learning, what additional support they may require, and how families can assist. We shared ideas about using applications such as Seesaw and Class Dojo next year to better communicate with our families, providing a window into the classroom.

Please find the link to the presentation that was delivered during the day and the night session.

https://docs.google.com/presentation/d/12WMbOqOxOx-Dc9R3ftl_RY608bDDh-oGXoomZostg0SY/edit#slide=id.p4

A Night Under the Stars - Christmas Carols Evening.
Thank you so much to everyone in the Ruse Public School community who supported our annual Christmas Carols evening ‘A night under the stars’. It was pleasing to see so many children and their families present and enjoying in the festivities on the night. All students thoroughly enjoyed themselves and were proud of their performances in front of our whole school community. We are all very proud of each and every student that performed on the night.
I am pleased to announce that we raised over $1700 for our school from this event that will go towards our academic projects in 2016.
I would like to thank you all for your support of this event and we all look forward to another successful Christmas celebration as a community next year!

SRC
As you are aware, the SRC held a food drive over three days last week. In those three days they received an overwhelming response from the Ruse community. The final total of items reached just over 1800! This is evidence of the wonderful, caring parents and care-givers of our school, and is by no means the first time you’ve helped others less fortunate. St Vincent de Paul’s Nagle Centre arrived with their ute and had to do two trips back to their depot in Campbelltown. To say the Nagle Centre was astounded by the donations would be a huge understatement. In fact, they were blown away by the generosity and the short length of our food drive. These 1800 plus items will be used to provide meals for homeless people who visit their centre and care packages for needy families over the Christmas season.
The SRC worked hard over the three days, collecting, sorting and bagging food. The class that brought in the most items was 4/5W (212 items) and will receive a treat from the canteen this week. Many other classes were very close.
Thank you to the Year 5 boys who gave up their full lunch break to help load the groceries - you know who you are - well done!

Once again, a big thank you to all the families who took part in our worthy SRC project. We wish you a happy, joyous and safe Christmas.
Mrs S Smith
On behalf of Ruse Primary SRC
School Spectacular
On the weekend of 27th and 28th November, 11 students from Ruse Public School performed in the 2015 Schools Spectacular at the Qantas Credit Union Arena. It was an amazing experience for students, parents and teachers involved. Ruse Public School staff and community are so proud of these students and we thank all parents involved for their help and support.

Coates Hire
A special thank you to Coates Hire for their generous donation of the lights for the Carols by Candlelight held last week.

School Opal Card
Children who already hold bus passes will automatically receive a School Opal card in 2016. Parents can go online to complete an application form for new passes, print it out and return it to school.

Crossing Person
Jim, our crossing person has regrettably advised that he is now unable to accept the generous gifts from the Ruse community due to some change in policy with the Road and Maritime Services. He would like to thank the Ruse community for their generous gifts over the past few years.

End of Term Fun Days
To celebrate the end of the year, students in all stages will be attending fun days. The following activities have been planned:

9th December  - Stage 3 Kingpin Bowling
11th December - Early Stage 1 and Stage 1 - Dumaresq Street Cinema to see “The Peanuts Movie”
               - Stage 2 - Dumaresq Street Cinema to see - “Hotel Transylvania 2”

P & C News
I would like to thank all the volunteers for their efforts this year and welcome the new incoming P&C for 2016. I hope that it is another productive year with lots of helpers. I would also like to thank the executive and staff for their ongoing support of the P&C and keeping community involvement a priority within our school. On behalf of the P&C and myself, I would like to thank all families for their ongoing support throughout the year and wish all families a Merry Christmas and a prosperous New Year.

Kylie Devine
P&C President
Canteen News
The canteen need new volunteers to help out next year. If you can spare some time please contact Annette Read in the canteen. Any time you can give would be greatly appreciated.

The canteen is open to the end of term, however, on the Wednesday will **ONLY** be open until the end of lunch due to stocktaking that needs to take place.

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
Wests Leagues Holiday Program
The Children’s Christmas Cinderella Show will be held on Sunday 20th December from 11am-12.30pm in the Wests Auditorium. Cost is $13 each with a candy cane. The club is offering a Special Parents Pass for 1 adult and 2 kids for $35.

Wests Kids Disco is on again on Thursday 14th January from 11am - 1pm in the Auditorium. Cost is $5 per child. For further details call reception on 4628 4188 for tickets or see the website: [www.westslc.com.au](http://www.westslc.com.au)

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For more information, check us out on our website [www.cucsc.org.au](http://www.cucsc.org.au),
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SCHOOL HOLIDAY TENNIS CLINICS

WHEN ARE THE CLINICS HELD? Monday – Wednesday both weeks.

DECEMBER 2015  21st- 22nd – 23rd (FIRST CLINIC)
JANUARY 2016  18th- 19th – 20th (SECOND CLINIC)
WHERE – Wests Tennis Club - 16 Old Leumeah Rd Leumeah
COST – $30.00 for 3 days (9am till 3pm)
OPTION 2 - $35.00 per day (9am till 3pm)
OPTION 3 - $20.00 per day (9am till 12 noon)
WHO CAN COME? – Any children from the age of 5 up to 17 (beginners welcome)
TO REGISTER OR MAKE ENQUIRIES PLEASE CALL IAN ON 0411 330 107