Dear Parents/Carers,

I wish all families a safe and happy holiday break at the end of this week. The school development day for staff is Monday 20th April and all students return to school on Tuesday 21st April.

Farewell Mrs Cohen

Mrs Cohen has received confirmation that she was successful in gaining an Assistant Principal position at another school. This position is permanent.

Mrs Cohen has been with us at Ruse Public School for 5 ½ years, initially as a temporary teacher, and later she was successful in gaining a permanent position through merit selection. Over the last 4 years she has acted as a relieving assistant principal. Mrs Cohen is not only an outstanding classroom teacher but she is also a valued member of our executive team.

We will miss Mrs Cohen but we all wish her great success in her new position which she will take up at the beginning of term 2. Miss Justine Laidler will replace Mrs Cohen until the position is filled permanently.
Welcome Mr Bryce Hageman

Mr Hageman will commence at Ruse Public School on Monday 20th April. He will be relieving Assistant Principal for the remainder of 2015 and possibly 2016. He will replace Mrs Megan Clarke while she is in her Instructional Leadership position at Briar Rd PS. We warmly welcome Mr Hageman to the Ruse school community.

Grandparents Day

Thursday, 26 March was our second Grandparents Day. Over three hundred grandparents visited the school on a beautiful, sunny day. They were amazed by incredible performances, which involved all students. They then had a fabulous time with their grandchildren in the playground. Following that, they enjoyed high tea provided by the school. After this, the grandparents joined their grandchildren in their classrooms, where they exchanged cards and poems.

Thank you to all who attended on the day. It was such a memorable experience for everyone.
Easter Hat Parade

The Easter hat parade was a huge success. Teachers and students were thrilled with the amount of support provided by the community. We would also like to say a thank you to the P&C for providing Easter eggs for our Easter bunny to distribute.

Easter Egg Drive

For the past two weeks Ruse Public School students have been collecting Easter eggs as part of an Easter Egg Drive to help the Kids of Macarthur. The SRC was contacted by this organisation to see if we would like to be part of this project to help to give Easter eggs to sick children in hospital over Easter.

The response has been overwhelming with hundreds of Easter eggs being donated from Ruse families and members of Staff. Yesterday a representative from the Kids of Macarthur came to our school with a photographer from the Advertiser. The story will be published in this weeks of the Advertiser.

Well done once again Kids of Ruse Public School!!!

Shirley Smith
Leadership Coordinator

Anzac Day

On Thursday, April 23rd at 9:15am, Ruse Public School will conduct an Anzac Day service in the school hall. Stage 3 classes have organised the assembly and will be performing during the service. Parents are invited to attend.

On Friday, April 24th, a group of stage 3 students will be attending an Anzac commemoration service at Koshigaya Park. These students will join other local primary school students to perform a song at the service. Our school captains, Braydie Lucas and Jayde Perenara will also attend to lay a wreath and accept a commemorative medal on behalf of the school.

Stage One report

Stage One has had a fantastic start to 2015. This term we have had a close look at wet and dry environments. This has involved us researching as a class and conducting experiments. We have also had a look at how these environments are represented in fictional texts like Lester and Clyde, Refugees and Big Rain Coming. These books have taught us about grammar such as nouns and pronouns and also the structure of a sentence. We are looking forward to an exciting Term 2.
ICAS Tests
If you are considering having your child sit the ICAS Digital Technologies test, please have your registration letter and fees to the school before the end of term as registrations for this test close over the holidays. For all other tests, registrations can be received in the first week of Term 2. Thank you
Carol Ward
Coordinator

Enrichment Afternoon
I would like to congratulate the five students that I took to Thomas Reddell High School for an enrichment afternoon. The girls (Akaisha W, Tayla S, Piper B, Jayde P and Mackenzie H) competed in problem solving challenges and had their scientific skills tested. All girls did Ruse Public School proud by competing fairly and showing their amazing problem solving skills. Well Done Girls.

Belinda McAllister
Coordinator

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

Parent Online Payments
Parents are able to make online payments for amounts owing in excess of $5-00 via a secure payment page. The payment page is accessed through the schools website by selecting the Parent Online Payment link on the front page of the school website Make New Online Payment.

Payments to the P&C for fundraisers, Bookclub or BBQ days at school CANNOT be made via this system.

This is a secure payment system hosted by Westpac to ensure your credit/debit card details are captured in a secure manner; these details are not passed back to the school. For any enquiries please contact the school.

Premier’s Reading Challenge
The Premier’s Reading Challenge is now open for registrations. In order to register your child’s participation visit https://online.det.nsw.edu.au/prc/home.html

You will require your child’s school login details. If your child is unsure of these, please contact the classroom teacher or Mrs McPhee. The rules of the challenge are explained on the website. Books read can be recorded online. Alternatively, you may record the books your child has read on paper and hand this to Mrs McPhee. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Mrs McPhee.

School Banking
School Banking will resume on Thursday 4th May, Week 3.
Mrs Rigney
School Banking Coordinator

P&C News

Easter Raffle Winners
Congratulations!
1st Prize     Taylah H 4/5E
2nd Prize     Chantelle C 5/6M
3rd Prize     Mia P 2/3 W

Canteen Closure
The Canteen will be open on Thursday 2nd April, for lunch only. Children should bring food and drink for recess from home.

Halal Food
The canteen now has a number of Halal options available for purchase. Please ask at the canteen for a menu.
Sport

Cricket

Both the junior and senior cricket teams enjoyed a hugely successful Gala Day for round 2. The junior team won two of their three games, and a special mention should go to Lachlan C who took 11 wickets in two games. The senior team were undefeated for the day, including a tight win against the higher ranked St Helens Park. Luca V was superb in the field, stopping boundaries and taking three fantastic catches.

Softball

We had our last Softball Gala Day for the term on Friday in Week 8. Both the boys and girls teams played excellent matches, with the boys having one win, one loss and a draw. The girls team were unfortunate not to win any of their three matches however they were very incredibly close innings. It has been fantastic to watch the students skills develop over this term and I have been proud of the way they have organised their teams and behaved at the Gala Days while representing our school. I am looking forward to taking them to the next Gala Days in Term 4. Well done Softball!

T Ball Gala Day

Congratulations to all the Stage 2 students who came along to the second Gala Day for T Ball. These students demonstrated great sportsmanship towards their opponents and exemplary behaviour. Both the boys and the girls teams won all of their games and are currently undefeated. All of the students put in a tremendous effort and all their hard work in training is paying off.
Thank you to the parents and families who came to cheer us on!
We can't wait until Term 4!

Regional Swimming Carnival

On Tuesday, March 17th six students from Ruse Public School competed at the regional swimming carnival. This was the largest representative team we have sent to regional level in swimming in more than a decade. All of the students competed well, with many improving on their zone qualifying times. Congratulations Lucy, Shontelle, Sophie, Mason, Isaiah and Sarah!

Annette O'Neill
Principal
CUIDEGONG RD PRESCHOOL & CHILDCARE
(0-6) Age Group

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WHEN - APRIL 13th, 14th, 15th 2015
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COST – OPTION 1: $90.00 for 3 days (9am till 3.00pm)

OPTION 2- $35.00 per day (9.00am till 3.00pm)

OPTION 3- $20.00 per day (9.00am till 12.00 noon)

WHO CAN COME? – Any children from the age of 5 up to 17 beginners welcome

TO REGISTER OR ENQUIRYS PLEASE CALL – Jared 0404-457-088 or Ian 0411-330-107