Dear Parents/Carers,

The teachers and staff at Ruse Public School are continuing to work hard to reach the milestones that we have set out in our school plan. We have invested a lot of time as a whole staff and community to make our plan as strong as possible to improve student learning outcomes for our students. The information below was shared last Tuesday night at our P&C meeting:

### Strategic Direction 1  Student Learning Engagement and Well-being

**Literacy and Numeracy** – We are continuing with our Spirals of Inquiry into the new English Syllabus. This professional learning allows teachers to delve deep into the syllabus to plan valuable learning experiences for their students.

We have linked up with Kentlyn PS and have collaboratively developed assessment tasks based on some of our
syllabus markers. After we have assessed our students, the teachers will moderate the assessment to ensure we have consistent teacher judgement across the schools.

Student Leadership is well on track. Mrs Smith has gone through all the students’ Ruse Medal log books and is making sure that students have been completing their community service and learning their new skill.

Extra Curricular – Students are always participating and enjoying the extra curricular activities. Our jump rope groups, drama groups, public speakers, musicians and artists are always provided with opportunities to share their skills. We are hosting the Regional Drama Group here at our school, and a number of students were successful in getting in. We have recently been informed that William and Brodie Cox received entry into the Regional Band. Jayde and Jaylan Curtis have also secured a place in the Regional Dance Group.

We are also investigating the Jump Rope for Heart program, which was suggested to us by one of our parents.

Student Welfare Practices – We have sourced the expertise of a consultant to work with some of our teachers to improve our student welfare practices. We have a very harmonious school and we rarely have major student welfare concerns. However, this year we would like to review our current systems and practices and will be seeking feedback from our parent working group to do this.

Strategic Direction 2  Teacher Quality
Future Focussed Learning - We are always looking at refining our practices, trying to cater for and engage our 21st Century Learners. We are currently involved in a number of action research projects, both within our school and outside, to improve our teaching and student learning outcomes.
Technology - We have recently set up the XO Mechanic role within the school. The students had to write an EOI for a position and the school executive and technology committee selected the students. These students will lead our XOs and other devices and have an active voice about technology matters in our school. The students will be networking with other schools and learning from students from around the Region.

Strategic Direction 3 Leadership
We have been working hard to keep the ship running well while Mrs O’Neill is out of the school. Our new Executive team have recently trained in Coaching and Mentoring practices to support the teachers on their stages.

We are running a leadership induction program to foster the growth of our new Executive as leaders in our school.

Teachers as Leaders - Last week we implemented the new Professional Learning and Development Framework that was released by the Department at the end of Term 1.

Parent Volunteers
A HUGE thank you to the parents and grandparents who painted our school library! Mr and Mrs Simpson, Mr and Mrs Dore, Mr Milford and Mrs Stanton spent the entire day painting and organising the library. These parents and grandparents worked extremely hard, applying two coats to the library walls, drilling and fixing the shelves back onto the walls and re stacking all the books.
We appreciate it so much! It looks fantastic!

Hard at work:
Dear Parents and Carers,

One of Ruse Public School’s goals in the School Plan is to strengthen relationships with the community:

*Ruse PS strives to strengthen partnerships with the school community to promote effective two way communication, active parent voice in decision making and increased opportunities for community participation in school life.*

The parent network group met last week and discussed how the school could best support its families and community. One idea was to offer parent workshops in literacy and numeracy, along with a free BBQ. This would be a great way for families to meet and parents to learn some useful ways to support their child’s learning. Could you please take five minutes out of your busy day to answer some questions in this short online survey? We are hoping to gauge interest in these workshops to determine whether this would be an initiative worth running.

People who complete the online survey by Friday 5th June, 2015, and type in their name, will go into a draw for a $5 Canteen Lunch Voucher. [http://tinyurl.com/rpsparents](http://tinyurl.com/rpsparents)
High School Students entering the grounds
We have had a number of complaints from parents about some High School students’ conduct when entering and while on our school grounds in the afternoons, particularly on Tuesdays. For safety reasons, we ask visiting High School students to refrain from playing running games and handball in the quadrangle before the school bell, and ask them to wait for their siblings with the parents waiting in the quadrangle. We further ask them not to enter the atriums before the school bell, as it disturbs the learning of our students. We have notified the High School regarding this matter for their attention.

Professional Conversations and the Performance and Development Framework
Last week our teachers embarked on the new Performance and Development Framework released by the Department of Education and Communities at the end of Term 1. Although our school has been effectively implementing a localised framework for a number of years, this new model will assist school executive and teachers with setting professional and personal goals, determining what professional learning is required and analysing and selecting different types of evidence to support accountability and achievement. All professional conversations and goals setting is closely aligned to our school’s current and future directions, which are mapped out in our school plan.

Multicultural Perspectives Public Speaking
Congratulations to the Stage 2 and Stage 3 winners of the Multicultural Perspectives Public Speaking Competition. The Stage 2 winners were Chloe H and Sarah P. The Stage 3 winners were Jayde P and Akaisha W. The students will compete in the Zone Final at Thomas Acres Public School on 11th June. We wish these students good luck in the next level of this state-wide competition.

Wizz it Up
I would like to congratulate Piper B, Akaisha W, Taneesha Ti, Georgia B, Monique K and Mackenzie H for the great effort at the Wizz it Up day at Thomas Reddall High School on Monday, 25th May. The girls were involved in various problem solving challenges involving literacy, numeracy and science. While they didn’t place on the day the girls gave it their all, tried hard and had a truly enjoyable day. I am proud of the way they represented Ruse Public School. Well done girls.
Kindergarten Enrolments 2016
We are now accepting enrolments for 2016. Please call in at the office to collect an enrolment pack.

SRC Report
The executive of the leadership and the SRC held a meeting at lunchtime on Wednesday. The SRC brought ideas and suggestions about school improvements, canteen requests, sport needs and fundraising. These ideas and suggestions were given to the SRC by their classmates.

The SRC Chairpersons will meet with the canteen president to discuss your ideas. Improvements will be made to lower the basketball posts and new nets will be fitted into the hoops.

SRC fundraising for this term will be:

**Week 5** Favourite sporting team colours mufti day
$557.15 was raised on this day and will be donated to the victims of the devastating earthquake in Nepal. Thank you to all the students who donated money towards this worthy cause.

**Week 7** A mufti day lunchtime disco.
A gold coin is the penalty for being out of school uniform. All money collected on this day will be donated to the “Kids of MacArthur”. We are looking forward to these mufti days and we will be sending home a note with the details.
Thank you
Akaisha and Isaiah

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 school’s 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.

Sport
The PSSA Classic Shield Knockout will be played this Thursday 28th May at Worrell Park Oval. We will be playing Dalmeny Public School at 12:30pm. All the boys need headgear and mouth-guard to play. Football boots are optional. Please come and support all the boys. If there is any parent who would be runner on the day, please come see Ms Clark.

Wests All Schools Rugby League was a great day last week. In true Ruse style, both the junior and senior boys did us proud. They both came second on the day and are to be commended on their efforts. Well done everyone!

PSSA
In the first winter gala day played, Rugby League had a very successful start. Both the senior and junior boys were undefeated on the day, winning games convincingly. I am really looking forward to seeing what they can do in week 8.
Netball also got off to a great start with the senior girls scoring 95 goals on the day across 3 games,
with only 2 scored against them. The junior girls also played very well, as some of them had not been to PSSA gala days before.

In Soccer, although they didn’t have wins, Mr De Wilde was very impressed by how well they played together as a team. They are hoping for a strong comeback for the remaining gala days. Also, a big thank you to all the parents who came to support us across all our sporting opportunities. Well done to all the students.

Ms Clark
Sports Coordinator

Cross Country

Last Monday we held our Cross Country Carnival. Well done to all of the students who ran and congratulations to the students who were successful in securing a place. Awards for this carnival will be handed out at the Week 7 Primary Assembly. Best of luck to the students who are competing at the Zone Cross Country Carnival today.

PSSA Girls Knockout Basketball

Congratulations to the PSSA Girls Knockout Basketball team who played against Camden South Public School last Thursday. The girls were excellent and were able to come away with a very convincing win, 53-8. These girls should be commended on their sportsmanship, as they were helping their opposing team with encouragement and rule clarification along the way. Thank you to Kate Greer and Michelle White who came along as a time keeper and scorer and to the family that came along to support our students.

PSSA Softball Knockout

On Monday the boys and girls PSSA Knockout Softball team played against Panania Public School at Kelso Park in East Hills. Both teams played very well, with their skills improving with each innings. Although the boys didn’t win, they played three innings where they got the other team all out with no runs scored. The girls were also unsuccessful in their match, however, played extremely well. Both teams displayed excellent sportsmanship and were encouraging to one another during play. Thank you to the parents and families who came along to assist and cheer the teams on.

P& C News

Canteen News

The hot dog meal deal orders have now closed and will be held next Friday, 5th June, 2015. The Canteen will still be open on this day.

Book Club

Book club orders are due back by the 5th June 2015. No late orders will be accepted. Cheques to be made payable to Scholastic Australia not Ruse Public School.

Thank you

Thank you to all who attended last week’s P & C meeting. It was nice to see new faces.

Community News

The Wests Kids Disco is on again. Keep the kids entertained and bring them down to Wests on Tuesday 30th June from 11am - 1pm in the Auditorium. Cost is $5 per child which includes a FREE soft drink.

Super Wrestling Heroes - school holiday disco party on Tuesday 7th July at West Leagues Club. Tickets $10 at door. Pre sale $8 or 3 for $20 includes free soft drink. Parents free. Phone 4628 4188.

Introduction to Golf for Girls 7-14 years

Monday 6th July and Thursday 9th July, 2015 at Lakeside Camden Golf Club. Registration forms
available from front office. Entry fee is $15 per day which includes activities, fruit, lunch and lots of prizes. See leaflet on office window. For further information contact Helen Lowe 0438 986169.