Dear Parents / Caregivers,

I would just like to say a huge thank you to the students, staff, parents and community for supporting me in the Principal role for Term 2, while Mrs Annette O’Neill was relieving as the Principal at Mt Annan PS. I am very grateful for the opportunity and have thoroughly enjoyed the experience.

We hope that your family has a happy and safe holiday. School returns on Tuesday 14th July, 2015.

Reports

My sincere apologies for the delay in issuing your child’s report. All students K-6 should now have their half yearly report. Please contact the school if you have not received your child’s report. Please remember that parents/carers are welcome at any time to make an appointment with their child’s teacher to discuss any concerns or questions they may have about their child’s progress.

School Visits – Technology Integration

It has been a very busy term, with lots of quality teaching and learning, as well as co-curricular events happening. Last week we had some visiting teachers come to look at how we are integrating technology into our lessons. They were extremely
impressed with the level of engagement of our students and how seamlessly our teachers were integrating the technology. This week we have welcomed another group of teachers, who observed some demonstration lessons in Stage 2 and Stage 3 classes. I would like to thank our teachers, for generously welcoming visitors into your classrooms to observe your wonderful lessons.

Inquiry Based Learning for our Teachers

This term teachers have been integrating some different 21st Century teaching and learning strategies into their teaching. They have each developed a presentation about what they have done differently in their classrooms and they will be sharing this with their colleagues on Wednesday after school. We are all very much looking forward to this.

Parent Surveys

We have received over 30 surveys from our parent community regarding the parent workshops you would be interested in attending. We have randomly selected four names from the list of people who returned the survey, for a $5 x lunch order prize per child. Congratulations to:

- Laura Hixon
- Shannon Blundell
- Erin Small

XO Policy

We have updated our student XO and technology policy and we will be sending it home for parents to sign next term. The updated policy will be put in place to ensure that students use technology for educational purposes responsibly.

Fun Run

Thank you to all students and their families who participated in the 2015 Fun Run Fundraiser. A total of $10254.90 was raised. What a wonderful effort!!!

Prizes:
Winning Infants Class 1/2BZ raised $829.00
Winning Primary Class 4/5W raised $909.00
Greatest Fundraiser - Eli U raised $285.00
First prize gift voucher - Evie M 3/4D
Second prize gift voucher - Braydie L 6S
Third prize gift voucher - Anastasia E K/1H

Have fun shopping kids.

Shirley Smith
Fun Run Coordinator
Premiers Debating Challenge
Week 9 was a busy week for the Ruse Allstars Debating Team. On Monday they debated against Mount Annan Public School, arguing that parents should make children in Years 5 and 6 do 30 minutes of chores each day. On Thursday, they debated against Currans Hill Public School, this time arguing children in Year 5 and above should be able to use social media such as Facebook and Twitter. The Ruse Allstars were successful in both debates. Well done to Akaisha, Jaylan, Jayde, Taneesha, Blair, Lucy and Brielle. Good luck in your fourth round debate early in Term 4!

Public Speaking
On Thursday in Week 8, Jayde, Akaisha, Sarah and Chloe represented Ruse Public School at the Zone Final for the Multicultural Perspectives Public Speaking Competition. All of the girls did a fantastic job presenting their prepared and impromptu speeches. Both Akaisha and Sarah received a Highly Commended from the adjudicator on the day.
Creative Arts

This year a new Cross Network Creative Arts Project has been organised through the Education Department, involving schools from Bankstown to Campbelltown. It combines all forms of creative arts with a performance on Friday 28th August at Bankstown Sports Club. The audition process was very competitive with many students from Ruse trying out.

Our successful students are:

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Separate to this we also submitted four of our strongest artists from years 3 to 6 to enter into the Battle of the Arts on 27th July at Sarah Redfern High School. The students chosen were Dale M, Phoebe O, Ava D and Kevin L

Cross Country

On 11th June, nine students represented our school at the South West Sydney Regional Cross Country Carnival. All of the students performed well and we are so proud of their efforts! Kynan S finished in 4th place and will now go on to represent Ruse Public School at the state carnival. This is an enormous achievement and we wish him the very best!

Congratulations Kynan, Shontelle, Sarah, Holly, Tamikah, Ryan, Brayden, Ella and Lucy!

PSSA Girls Basketball Knockout

Well done to the girls basketball team on their win over Dalmeny Public School. The opposition had the home ground advantage and brought their cheer squad. It was an intense game but played in good spirit. In the end we were able to win 34-26. The girls played a fantastic game showing support to each other and demonstrating excellent team work. The girls went on to play Jannali East Public School yesterday and were once again successful winning 34-9. They will play Thornleigh West Public School.

Ms J Wheatley
Coordinator
Social Media
We are committed to keeping parents up to date with current and relevant information through our Social Media website - School Parents. [http://www.schoolparents.com.au](http://www.schoolparents.com.au)
If you haven’t registered already, we would love for you to join and follow Ruse Public School.

Library
The library upgrade is finally finished and it looks fantastic! We now have an engaging, flexible, 21st century learning space for the children to enjoy. The library will be operating as normal again from the beginning of next term and we are sure it will be very busy during lunch times! Special thanks to Mrs Dore and Mrs Simpson for their hard work.

Mrs McPhee
Kindergarten Enrolments 2016

We are now accepting enrolments for 2016. Please call in at the office to collect an enrolment pack.

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 Voluntary Contributions 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

Rugby League
What a wonderful season it has been for both the senior and junior boys. Both divisions did really well, with the seniors coming equal 1st place with Blaimount and juniors runners up. In Term 2 the students will be playing Rugby Union, which will be played at the Old Campbelltown Showground.

Both teams played exceptionally well and are to be commended on their great sportsmanship and team work. All the games were very high scoring, demonstrating excellent ball skills. You have done yourselves very proud!

Thanks again to all the parents and carers who came along to support the boys.

Ms Clark
Sports Coordinator

Soccer
Both soccer teams enjoyed success on our last Gala Day for Term 2. Our juniors were not only undefeated, they also did not have a single goal scored against them on the day. Both our attackers and defenders did a wonderful job and played with great sportsmanship and enthusiasm. Our seniors also tasted victory, winning their final game 2-0. They have improved immensely despite not having a single training session due to the rain this term.
Well done to all!

Mr De Wilde

Netball
Our final netball gala day for this term was very successful for both the junior and senior teams. The junior girls lost their first game but pulled together and played really well as a team and won their final two games. It was great to see the junior girls improve their skills and gain confidence as the day went on. The senior girls were undefeated winning all three games convincingly. The girls not only played well but also showed true sportsmanship representing Ruse PS proudly. Well done girls!

Ms McAllister

Woolworths Earn & Learn
We are excited to be taking part in the Woolworths Earn & Learn program. You can help our school by collecting Woolworths Earn & Learn Points. Just collect Woolworths Earn & Learn Points when you shop at Woolworths between Monday 15 July and Tuesday 8 September 2015. We will redeem these for awesome educational resources for our school.

Simply pop them onto a Woolworths Earn & Learn Points Sheet and once it's completed, just bring it back to school or drop it into the Collection Box at your local Woolies. The more we collect, the more we can redeem. There are thousands of products available through the Woolworths Earn & Learn program, and we'd like to get lots of new gear! Products in the range include resources for mathematics, English, science, art & crafts, through to sports gear, library supplies and more.

We are grateful for your support and look forward to a successful program. If you have any questions, please ask at school.

P&C News

The canteen will be closed after the lunch break on Friday, to support with the end of term stock take and cleanup.

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.

School Holiday Tennis Clinic

When: June 29th, 30th and July 1st - “Fun 3 Day Clinic”

Where: Wests Tennis Club - 16 Old Leumeah Rd, Leumeah

Cost:  
Option 1 - $90.00 for 3 days (9am till 3.00pm)
Option 2 - $35.00 per day (9am till 3.00pm)
Option 3 - $20.00 per half day (9am till 12.00 noon)

Who Can Come? Any children from the age of 5 up to 17 beginners welcome

To register or enquiries call - Jared 0404 457088 or Ian 0411 330107.