Dear Parent/Carers,

Staffing Update

Last Friday we farewelled Mrs Findlay, who is on maternity leave for the remainder of the year. Mrs Findlay will be missed by the whole Ruse community, but we know she is very much looking forward to this next chapter in her life. We all wish her well for the remainder of her pregnancy and for the birth of her baby. We look forward to her visiting when she is feeling up to it. Mrs Findlay will be replaced by Mrs Van-Deinsen, who will be teaching K/1F for the remainder of the term. In Term 3, Mrs George will return from her maternity leave for 3 days a week and will be job sharing with Mrs Robyn Wilcox.

We recently received news from the Department of Education that they will be permanently filling Mrs Cohen’s vacant position on KC, which is currently being held in a temporary capacity by Ms Justine Laidler. Ms Laidler has done a wonderful job with Kindergarten and I am sure the students and staff will miss her positive and caring attitude. Next term we will be welcoming Mrs Hooley to KC and working closely with her to ensure a smooth transition for the students. Please contact Mr McGillicuddy or Mrs McPhee if you have any questions during this time.

Parent/Carers Workshops

A HUGE thank you goes to all those who responded to our online Parent/Carer Survey. There were over 30 responses from families, and the information you’ve shared with us will be used to inform our planning for parent workshops. The draw for the $5 canteen vouchers will occur this week and the lucky winners will be announced on School Parents.

It’s no too late to fill in the online survey - http://tinyurl.com/rpsparents
Exciting Reading Initiative
One of our amazing parents, who works for a book publishing company called Simon and Schuster, has kindly offered to run an exciting reading initiative with our students. This will involve students being selected to read and review children’s stories, with their reviews being posted on websites such as School Parents, and possibly even iBooks, Dymocks and Angus & Robertson. No personal information about our students will be shared on these websites. Simon and Schuster have agreed to donate each book reviewed by our students through this initiative to our school Library, which is wonderful. If you are aware of any other book publishing company that would like to participate, please contact Mr McGillicuddy to discuss this.

Office Renovations

Last Wednesday a new counter was installed in the front office and we thank parents for their patience, as we had to close the front office for the day. A big thank you goes to Mr Shane Cormack for getting in really early on the day and removing the existing counter. We are also very grateful to our wonderful office staff, particularly Mrs Rigney and Mrs Woodhouse for ensuring everything went smoothly during the installation.

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.
Kids Meet

Last Thursday a group of 6 students from the XO Mechanic Team were selected to participate in a Kids Meet afternoon held at Hilltop Road PS. The ongoing purpose of the Kids Meet is to have a number of schools work together to develop authentic, student-driven projects which foster student voice, leadership and drive engagement in learning.

This Kids Meet focused on the ‘XO Mechanic Role,’ what it should look like and how the program could be implemented in different schools. It was a highly successful day. Our students thoroughly enjoyed the afternoon, participating actively and representing our school with pride. Ruse PS will be hosting a similar afternoon in Week 10 for a number of our local schools.

Assessing and Reporting Student Progress

Student reports will be written this term and sent home to parents on Thursday 18th June. 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.

Students with Health Care Needs

Last Thursday we completed a mandatory refresher course on how to correctly use an Epipen in the case of Anaphylaxis. At Ruse PS we are committed to the health, welfare and safety of all our students. To meet our commitment, we are required to have an updated Health Care Plan for all students with the following health conditions:

- Anaphylaxis
- Diabetes
- Epilepsy
- **Severe** Asthma

We ask that parents/carers let us know if their child is diagnosed with any of these, or any other serious medical conditions, and that the school is updated whenever treatment details change. We are required to have all Health Care Plans signed by parents/carers to ensure that symptom and treatment details are correct, and also ask that parents/carers obtain a doctor’s
signature on plans, to confirm their accuracy, wherever possible. If you wish to discuss Health Care Plan procedures, or need to check and sign your child's current plan, please contact the school office.

Arrival at School

Over the past term, a number of students have been arriving at school early. Unfortunately our school does not commence operation until 8:30am and there is no supervision before this time. Although this is the case, we will continue to open the gates, as we do not want students waiting outside the school grounds near the road. We ask parents to please ensure children do not arrive at school before 8:30am.

School Uniform

Many thanks to parents/carers for their support in ensuring their child comes to school each day in the correct school uniform. It not only looks wonderful but promotes pride in appearance and in being part of our school. As the weather is getting cooler, we encourage all students to wear the correct school jumper.

Preservice University Teachers

You may have noticed a number of additional teachers in the school over the past term. We are hosting some university students who are studying to become teachers and completing practical experience at our school. Our students benefit enormously from the expertise of these visitors, as they add value to our programs while learning teaching and management skills from our teaching staff. This is a great opportunity for us to build the skills of the teachers of tomorrow.

Premier’s Debating Challenge

On Tuesday of Week 7, four students took part in the first round of the Premier’s Debating Challenge at Robert Townson Public School. The topic was “There should be longer school holidays” and the students from Ruse Public School debated for the negative side of the argument. Although the students were unsuccessful on the day, they displayed excellent public speaking skills and delivered well-formed arguments. Well done, Akaisha, Jaylan, Jayde and Taneesha, and good luck in Round 2!

School Spec and Dance Group - Fleur

Kindergarten Enrolments 2016

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

The SRC will be holding a lunch time mufti day disco on Thursday, 11th June. The children may wear neat casual clothes of their choice and the penalty for being out of uniform is a gold coin. The disco will run from 11.30 to 12.30 and all money raised will be donated to “The Kids of Macarthur”. Thank you for your continued interest and support and we look forward to a happy, successful day.

Mrs S Smith
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 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

GALA DAYS - WEEK 8

Please note the following venues for gala days in Week 8, Friday 12th June.

Rugby League - Change of venue to Eschol Park Playing Fields
Soccer - Eschol Park Playing Fields
Netball - Coronation Park, Minto

Could you please ensure that students are in full school sports uniform including a school hat, together with either shin-pads for soccer, and headgear and mouth-guard for rugby league.

Students need to bring plenty of water and their packed lunch, as canteen facilities are not always available.

PSSA Classic Shield Knockout

Round 3 of the knockout will be held at Worrell Park Oval this Wednesday 10th June, at 12:30pm.

Parents, carers and friends are welcome to attend and cheer on the boys.

Please ensure students are wearing the full sports uniform together with their headgear and mouth-guards. Jerseys will be supplied on the day. Remember to also bring plenty of water.

Good luck everyone!

Ms Clark
Sports Coordinator

Zone Cross Country

The Campbelltown Zone Cross Country Carnival was held at Thomas Acres Reserve. Congratulations to all students who were successful in participating at this event. A special mention to Shontelle C and Kynan S who placed 1st in their age groups, and best of luck to all of the nine students participating in the Regional Carnival this Thursday.

Netball Girls Knockout
The girls basketball team played against Camden South in the second round of the knockout. It was an outstanding game and all girls played well, however, unfortunately we were beaten on the day.

Mrs Edwards
Coordinator

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.