Dear Parents / Caregivers,

Welcome back to Term 3. A special welcome to new students and their families who have joined our school.

We hope that all students have had a refreshing two-week break and are looking forward to a very busy, but productive school term.

Over the holidays, we have had some improvements happen in the office. These have included painting of the three renovated offices in the administration block and the installation of some new furniture. This week, we will be installing a large TV monitor in the office to display our student data. This will encourage discussions about strategies to continually support improved learning outcomes.

We would like to say a massive thank you to our General Assistant, Shane, who continually goes above and beyond to make the school look its best.

**Staff Development Day on Monday 13th July, 2015**

For part of the Staff Development Day this term, we met up with our local community of schools, Leumeah PS, Kentlyn PS and Leumeah HS, at Wests Leagues Club. Our teachers networked with teachers from these other schools, participating in a variety of workshops to investigate how the learning needs of our students have changed over time.

Some rigorous discussions occurred about what skills are necessary for the 21st Century learner and what professional learning is required for teachers to support students becoming responsible and productive citizens. Skills such as collaboration, communication, critical thinking, creativity, computing and cross-cultural understanding were at the forefront of discussions.

**Fun Run money - How will this be allocated**
Thank you to all students and their families who participated in the 2015 Fun Run Fundraiser. A total of $10,254.90 was raised. We have started to plan the allocation of this funding to ensure student learning outcomes and wellbeing will benefit. The SRC will be responsible for working with the leadership team to determine priority areas, such as playground equipment and improvements, upgrades to the community conference room, technology and library improvements.

**Uniform and Lost Property**
As we have been having some very cold days this winter, students need to ensure they wear their school jumper. We will continue to encourage students to take greater responsibility for their clothing. If your child has lost his/her jumper, please check the lost property outside the school office. I encourage you to put your child’s name inside the jumper, so that it can be quickly returned if it is left around the school.

**Reading Initiative**
This semester, we will be trialling a reading initiative with a number of students during structured classroom time and some recess breaks. Mrs Davidson has kindly volunteered to give up her time for a couple of hours per day to share her passion for literature by reading a collection of books with our students.

The students participating in the program will then review these books and their opinions will be published in our newsletter or on the schoolparents website. After the reviews have been completed, the books will be donated to our school library for all our students to enjoy. Some of our Stage 2 and 3 students will be nominated to participate in the program independently, completing their readings and the writing of their reviews at home. I would like to thank Mrs Davidson for generously donating her time to this reading initiative.

**Important Information**

**Nationally Consistent Collection of Data on School Students with Disability**

**Notification for Parents and Carers**
From 2015, all Government and non-Government schools across Australia are required to participate annually in the Nationally Consistent Collection of Data on School Students with Disability (NCCD).

All Australian schools will collect data on their students who are receiving adjustments to meet additional learning and support needs in accordance with their obligations under the Disability Discrimination Act 1992 and Disability Standards for Education 2005. This data will be provided to the Australian Government to assist in the development of a consistent, national picture of the education needs of students with disability.

The data provided to the Australian Government by the NSW Department of Education and Communities is provided in such a way that it cannot be used to identify any individual student or school.


**Privacy Protection**
The NSW Department of Education and Communities follows the requirements of the Privacy and Personal Information Protection Act 1998 and the Health Records and Information Privacy Act 2002. Schools will collect, record, store and use data about individual students in line with these requirements. Data security and protection is a priority and students’ personal details will be kept confidential.

Under Clause 52 of the Commonwealth Australian Education Regulation 2013, data collected by the NSW Department of Education and Communities for the NCCD must be provided to the Australian Government Department of Education and Training. This includes the number of students at each level of education, the number in each category of disability and the number at each level of adjustment. The information is provided to the Commonwealth as a series of number sets that cannot be used to identify any individual student or school.

The Australian Government Department of Education and Training follows the requirements of the Commonwealth Privacy Act 1988 when handling any data provided by NSW Department of Education and Communities in connection with the
national data collection. A privacy notice has been developed by the Australian Government to provide students, parents and carers with important privacy information in relation to the data collection. This notice is available on the department’s website at http://education.gov.au/notices

If you have any questions about the data collection please contact the school.

**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.

**Wollongong Science and Planetarium**

On Thursday, July 16th, Stage 3, 4W and 4E visited the Wollongong Science Centre and Planetarium as part of their recent focus on the solar system. Students attended the exciting ‘Liquid Nitrogen Show’, toured the interactive exhibits and visited the planetarium. The students thoroughly enjoyed the day.

![Image of students at Wollongong Science and Planetarium]

**Book Fair**

We will be hosting our annual book fair in Week 3 as part of our Education Week celebrations. The fair will open on Wednesday, July 29th and close on Wednesday, 5th August. Book fair will be open for half an hour before and after school each day as well as throughout the day during our Education Week Open Day on Friday, July 31st. This year we are being provided with an eftpos machine. Once we have sold all but the last copy of a book, it must be ordered. The order will take 1 to 2 weeks to arrive. Please come along and support our school library.

**Kindergarten Enrolments 2016**

We are now accepting enrolments for 2016. Please call at the office to collect an enrolment pack and return as soon as possible.

**Voluntary Contributions**

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

**Sport**

Congratulations to Kynan S who participated in NSW All-Schools Country Carnival at Sydney Motor Sport Park last Friday.
He ran very well on the day and came 51st. This is an outstanding effort and everyone at Ruse Public School is very proud of him.

**Classic Shield Rugby League Knockout**  
On Wednesday 15th July, the boys went head to head with Thirlmere Public School, in Round 4 of the knockout. We went into the game expecting that Thirlmere would give us a run for our money, but it was quite the contrary. In true Ruse form we had victory in the palm of our hand, with an impressive 50-0 win.

All the boys played exceptionally, with Toutai L scoring in the first minute of the game from the kickoff. What makes this team a standout, is that they play as a TEAM, have excellent ball skills and play a clean game of rugby league.

Samuel Terry and Castle Hill will play at the end of this week, and we will be playing the winner in the final round of the knockout soon. A date and time is yet to be locked in.

Salama M was named player of the match by the NRL, winning the game ball for his efforts.

Well done boys. I am very proud of you all.

Ms Clark  
Sports Coordinator

**Athletics Carnival**  
Just a reminder that payment for Athletics carnival is due. The date has been extended to this Friday 24th July. No payments will be accepted after this date.

**K-2 Athletics Carnival**  
The K-2 Athletics Carnival will be held on the school field on Tuesday 4th August with events running from 9:30 to 11:10. Students will participate in various running, ball skill, throwing, and novelty events across the morning. Students are asked to wear their sports uniform including their hat and to ensure they have a bottle of water. Parents are welcome as spectators on the day.

**ICAS Tests**  
There are two remaining ICAS tests, English and Mathematics. These will be held on Tuesday 28th July (English) and Tuesday 11th August (Mathematics). If your children are participating in these tests, please ensure they are at school on these days. Certificates will be handed out to students at Friday assemblies as they become available.

**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 Eam & 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**  
Book club is due back by Friday 31st July. No later orders will be accepted. Cheques are to be made payable to Scholastic Australia and not Ruse Public School.

The next P&C meeting will be held on Tuesday 11th August at 7pm sharp in the staffroom. All are welcome to attend.
Congratulations to those students who have been selected for State Knockouts or have made State Carnivals this year. We would just like to remind parents that the P&C will donate $50 towards supporting these students and their families with the costs associated with travel, registration, uniforms, etc. Please supply a letter to the P&C informing us of your child’s participation in these representative events and we will make contact with you.

What’s On in KD, KC, K/1F and K/1H
Firstly we’d like to welcome back Mrs George, from leave, who is now working Mondays, Tuesdays and Wednesdays on KC and thank you Miss Laidler for her continued commitment to KC on Thursdays and Fridays.

We would also like to welcome Mrs Hooley onto K/1F. A special thanks to Mrs Van Deisen for her hard work here and for organising our special visitor last term, check out our news below!

During term 2, KC, KD, K/1F and K/1H were looking at the differences between informative and imaginative texts. We focussed on a fairy tale and then wrote information about an animal character from it.

To end the term we were lucky enough to have a very special visitor come to see us! The Gingerbread Man dropped in and sent us on a big chase around the school as we tried to catch him.

After we caught The Gingerbread Man we set up a toy museum showcasing all of Kindergarten’s hand-made toys and made some very yummy Gingerbread Man heads using:

arrowroot biscuits, icing sugar, skittles, snakes and jellybeans.

Community News
CUDGEONG RD PRESCHOOL &
CHILDCARE
(0-6) Age Group

- Hours are from 7.00am – 6.00pm
- All meals provided
- An educational program in line with the Early Years Learning Framework
- A comprehensive school readiness program
- No BOND is required.
- Our children are confident and involved learners in a friendly environment
- Qualified staff
- Your child’s home away from home

Call us on 4626 2140. Or drop in for a visit.

Our address is: 145 Cudgeong Rd, RUSE

T-BALL/BASEBALL REGISTRATION DAY

SUNDAY 19th & 26th July 10am-2pm
WOODLANDS RD BASEBALL COMPLEX
Free sausage sizzle
Cnr Woodlands Rd & Karrabul Rd, St Helen’s Park
Players wanted from ages 5 and up
Come and join the fun
For further information please contact Jenny on 0409 231 303 or email enquiries to ghostsbaseballclub@gmail.com

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2015 SUMMER REGISTRATIONS

*** NEW COMETITION***
LYNNWOOD PARK, ST HELEN’S PARK played MONDAYS
Registrations being held:
Monday 10th & Monday 17th August 15 4.30 – 6.00
at Lynnwood Park

VICTORIA PARK, MINTO played THURSDAYS
Registrations being held:
Thursday 13th & Thursday 20th August 15 4.30 – 6.30
at Victoria Park, Minto

Comp kicks off first week in September 2015
Registration $70 per player
For further details contact
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ST THOMAS MORE SCHOOL FETE
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