Dear Parents and Carers,

During Term 3, we will be reviewing and reporting on some of the achievements we've made against the targets set out in our school plan.

Our three Strategic Directions are:

**Strategic Direction 1 - Student Learning, Engagement and Wellbeing**

**Strategic Direction 2 - Teacher Quality**

**Strategic Direction 3 - Leadership**

Under each of these Strategic Directions, we have established mini-action plans, called milestone plans, that we work towards achieving over the course of the year.

For the remainder of the term through our newsletters, we would like to give the parent and community body some insight into each Strategic Direction and milestone plan.

A brief overview of some of the things we are trying to achieve under Strategic Direction 3 are outlined below:

**Leadership (Executive, Extended Executive and Teachers)**

Over the past few terms, we have lost some of our key leaders, Mrs O’Neill (Principal), Mrs Clarke (Assistant Principal) and Mrs Adam (Extended Executive), as a result of successful appointments in promotional positions. Although these leaders have been sorely missed, their successful promotions demonstrate we have excellent leadership structures and systems in place to support, foster and provide opportunities for our leaders to grow.

We are continuing to strengthen these systems and structures, providing internal and external opportunities for our teachers to develop their leadership skills, their efficacy in improving student learning outcomes and their own professional growth.

All our teachers, extended executive and executive participate in the **Performance and Development Cycle**, which involves three phases: planning, implementing and reviewing. Teachers and Executive work with their supervisors to develop 3-5 big-picture annual goals related to the improvement of teaching and leadership skills, the delivery of educational programs and student learning outcomes. As part of their Performance Development Plan, teachers are involved in professional learning, which is linked to the Australian Professional Standards for teachers and leaders. The
professional learning comes through unpacking the syllabus, collaboratively developing and delivering quality teaching learning sequences, reflecting on their lessons and those of their peer’s lessons, and gaining insightful feedback from their peers and the executive. Our teachers have regular and ongoing professional conversations with their supervisors to reflect upon and review their progress towards their goals. All of our executive team have trained in, or are currently training in, coaching and mentoring practices. We are also running an internal leadership induction program to foster the growth of our executive and extended executive as leaders in our school.

The Local Community

At Ruse Public School we are working with our community to develop positive relationships built upon relational trust, respect, ethical leadership, integrity, reflection and problem based inquiry. We always try to proactively engage with community at every opportunity, in order to improve the learning environment for all our students.

There is such an amazing culture at our school, in which parents, grandparents, and citizens go above and beyond, volunteering daily to make this school so special: the ongoing dedication of our P&C, the parent network group, canteen and second-hand uniform shop volunteers, the volunteers who support our library and class reading programs, those who continually volunteer to coach and transport sporting and creative arts teams to venues all over Sydney, those who stay informed of what’s happening at school and support us in every way they can, and those who take time off work to come and share their child’s achievements and special events such as the carnivals. This support just does not magically happen, and we are so very grateful for it. We will continue to build on our relationships with the community into the future.

Community of Schools

Ruse PS has initiated and fostered authentic, shared leadership of projects with other schools. Systems leadership has included: a focus on assessment with Kentlyn PS; inquiry based learning and Aboriginal Education across the Leumeah Community of Schools; the XO Technology KidsMeet projects across a variety of schools in the Region; The Technology
Teach Meets with a variety of schools across the Region; the engagement project through Narrabri West, Muswellbrook South and Colyton Public Schools; and 21st Century Learning through the Learning Frontiers Project.

XO Kids Meet

Hilltop Public School
Mount Annan Public School
Kentlyn Public School
John Warby Public School
Briar Road Public School
Rosemeadow Public School

Campbelltown Nth Public School
Campbelltown East Public School
Blairmount Public School
Ambarvale Public School
Bradbury Public School
Ashcroft Public School
Leumeah Public School

Back Gate Closure
The Board of Studies will be utilising one of our locked rooms for secure storage. Due to the need for tighter security, the back gate will be locked from 8th October, 2015 to 4th November, 2015.

Zone Athletics Carnival
On Wednesday and Thursday, 41 students represented Ruse Public School at the Zone Athletics Carnival. All of the students put in a massive effort while competing in the various track and field events. Well done to all of the students who made it through to the Zone stage and competed over the two days.

AND... Ruse Public School came 3rd overall, which is an outstanding achievement!

Congratulations students and thank you to the parents and carers who came along to support.
Regional Athletics Carnival
A special congratulations to the following students who made it through to the Regional Athletics Carnival on Wednesday 9th September at Campbelltown Sports Stadium.
Cooper D- 100m, Lucy M- High Jump, Sarah W- High Jump, Brock G- Senior Boys Relay, Luke R- Senior Boys Relay, Zach W- 100m, Senior Boys Relay and Toutai L- 100m, 200m, Senior Boys Relay, High Jump, Long Jump, and Discus.

Toutai L, was successful in placing 3rd for 100m and Discus and will now go to the State Carnival.

Book Parade
and original costume ideas. Following our parade and Celebration of Learning assembly, students enjoyed a picnic lunch. Thank you to all the parents and grandparents who came along to share the day with us. To view more photos, head to our website www.ruse-p.school.nsw.edu.au.

A visit from Russell Matheson to our Kindergarten Students

Russell Matheson, the Federal Member for Macarthur, visited our school on Wednesday 2nd September from 2-3pm to read a story to our Kindergarten students.
Russell was greeted by our student leadership team and then taken to the Library. Students were presented with a beautiful book to keep, which they were all very happy about.
Ruse PS would like to thank Russell for taking the time out of his schedule to visit our wonderful school.
Tell them From Me - The *Partners in Learning* parent feedback survey

Thank you very much to the parents who have completed the Tell them From Me Survey.

**Tuesday 1st September, 55 Surveys have been completed**

**Monday 14th September, 85 Surveys have been completed**

Thanks so much for your responses. If you haven't yet completed the survey we would really appreciate your input. We look forward to using your feedback to make our school even better.

To participate in this anonymous survey, please visit the following link:

https://www.tellthemfromme.com/login.htm

**Username: parent18201**

**Password: Rus4489**

Once you have completed the survey, please cut off the return slip that was provided (also available on School Parents - http://www.schoolparents.com.au) and send it into the school with your child by the end of Term 3, to go in the draw to win a hamper of school supplies and other goodies worth $100.

Thank you

**School Website**

We are always looking at ways to enhance the quality of communication between our school and our parents. One of the key communication channels is our school website [www.ruse-p.schools.nsw.edu.au](http://www.ruse-p.schools.nsw.edu.au). The department is looking at enhancing the quality of our school website and would really like to get your feedback as a parent about the type of functionality on the website that would help improve the communication between the school and you.

We would really appreciate if you could take a couple of minutes to complete the following online survey.

The survey is located at:

https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/WSVSCXG
Thank you for taking the time to give us your feedback and help us make our school website even better.

One-Education

One-Education have frequently supported our school with their time and expertise in the effective implementation of the XO laptops. They are vying for a $50,000 Microsoft Grant for Not For Profit organisations and have asked us to put this message in our Newsletter:

Attention all parents! One Education needs your help. Having provided 50,000 XOs to schools like Ruse over the last 2 years - there is now an opportunity for One Education to win a US$50,000 grant from Microsoft… but we all have to work together! To lend a helping hand, simply go to www.one-education.org and follow the voting instructions that appear on screen. One vote from each of us every day until Sept 23rd will help them continue to help children everywhere.

Kind Regards,
John Vergara
School Partnerships

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.

P&C News
At the last P&C meeting it was discussed and voted on to change the meeting from a Tuesday night to a Monday night. Therefore the next P&C meeting will be in Term 4 on Monday 2nd November in Week 5 at 7pm sharp in the staffroom. As this is our AGM as well as a general meeting, all positions will become vacant. We encourage you to look at positions and consider taking on a role or just simply attending and showing support.

President
- Chairs meetings and liaises with Principal. Oversees the general organisation of P&C.

Vice President Fundraising
- Assists the president and organises fundraising.

Vice President Publicity
- Assists president and publicises P&C organisation and events in Ruse News.

Secretary
- Takes minutes at the meeting and types up at home, responsible for all correspondence.

Treasurer
- Responsible for all monies. Pays all bills, keeps records and prepares monthly statement and report for meeting.

Assistant Treasurer
- Assists treasurer with the above.

Canteen Coordinator
- Responsible for daily organisation of the canteen. Organises rosters, orders all food, reports at monthly meetings and liaises with the principal and president.

Assistant Canteen Coordinator

Canteen News
On Friday, 18th September the Canteen will operate as normal till lunchtime and then will be closed for recess.

Uniform Updates
Just a reminder for any preloved clothing items, parents or carers can also contact Maria to arrange alternative times to try on clothing if required. Maria 0416 639383.
Uniform Shop
Uniform shop hours for Term 4 and Term 1 2016 are available from the front office or on the school website. It will also be displayed on the front office window.

Community News

**PCYC Campbelltown’s**

**School Holiday Activities**

**AFL & Cricket (6-12yrs)** Tuesday 22nd Sept
**Soccer (4-12yrs)** Wednesday 23rd Sept
**Gymnastics & Zumba (6-12yrs)** Thursday 24th Sept
**Tennis & Oz-Tag (6-12yrs)** Tuesday 29th Sept
**Archery (6-16yrs)** Wednesday 30th Sept
**Gymnastics & Zumba (6-12yrs)** Thursday 1st Oct

10am until 4pm (except archery 10am - 3pm).
Each day we finish with popcorn and a movie on our indoor big screen.
Lunch is included.

Price per day:
- $30 for non-members (includes PCYC membership)
- $25 for current members

Book for 4 or more days only pay:
- $85 for non-members (includes PCYC membership)
- $80 for current members.

$5 discount for two or more in the same family.

**Bookings are essential.**
Payment must be made before day of the activity.
95 Main Road, Minto 2566
Phone: (02) 9603 8229

**SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAM**

**THE MAGIC BASKETBALL**
SUN 16 SEP
This camp is designed for players of all abilities, and group and teams are mixed to register their players. All basketball Australia “enough hoops, enough space” approach, non-camping approach, both team play and individual skill development.

Program Information:
- **Session 1:** Tuesday 22nd Wednesday 23rd September 2015
- **Session 2:** Tuesday 29th Wednesday 30th September 2015
- Age 9-12yr
- Time: 9am - 3pm
- Lunch hour 12 - 1pm
- Cost: $60 per day or $120 for 2 days
- Location: Campbelltown Basketball Centre 14/281 Anzac Parade
- Contact: [macarthurbasketballclub@macarthurbball.org](mailto:macarthurbasketballclub@macarthurbball.org)

**MINTO INDOOR SPORTS CENTRE**

Our multi-sports program runs on selected days between 9am and 3pm. The Multi-sports Fun program covers a level of various sports with children experiencing fun-filled days of sports, games and activities in a safe and enjoyable environment. Develop the skills of the game whilst gaining an understanding of the rules.

**SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAM**

**KIDS Club**
Various games and activities focusing on fun and participation while developing motor skills.

**Session 1:** Thursday 24th Friday 25th September 2015
**Session 2:** Thursday 1st Friday 2nd October 2015

- **Time:** 9am to 3pm
- **Cost:** $15 per session
- **Age Group:** 4 to 9 years
- **Bring:** Water bottle, sports shoes and clothes.

**Bookings are ESSENTIAL**
Register at the Centre or Contact [02] 9600 1371

**MINO INDOOR SPORTS CENTRE**

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