Term 1 Dates

Week 4
- Feb 22  P&C Meeting 7pm
- Feb 26  School Photos

Week 5
- Mar 2  Ghana Beat My Drum

Week 6
- Mar 8  Zone Swimming Carnival
- Mar 10  Selective High School Placement Test
- Mar 11  Gala Day

Week 7
- Mar 29  Leadership Camp Wedderburn
- Apr 1  Gala Day

Week 10
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Week 11
- Last Day of School 8th April, 2016

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The P&C run canteen

The P&C would really like your help in the canteen. If you can spare a day or two throughout the term, it would be greatly appreciated and valued.

The P&C canteen runs purely on a volunteer basis and without community support, the school and the P&C may need to investigate other options. Last year, it was suggested that we seek the support of our community by putting out a calendar and asking parents who can volunteer 1-2 days a term to support with the operation of the canteen. If you are able to assist, please cut this section out of the Newsletter and send it into school.

Thanks, Kylie Devine

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EFTPOS IS COMING!!!

Attention Kylie Devine,

I am able to assist in the canteen on the circled date/s in Term 1. I have left my name and a contact number below:

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Volunteer’s Name/s: ___________________________ Contact Number: __________________
Dear Parents,

Meet the Teacher Evening (SD 3 - Leadership - School Parent Partnerships)
Thank you to the parents who attended our Meet the Teacher Evening and our dedicated teachers for their work in organising everything. There were some very important messages shared with our parents and carers on the night about the school year and the different programs running. The feedback from both teachers and parents indicated that it was a very meaningful and worthwhile night.
We have a wonderful school, with committed parents and carers, hardworking teachers and SASS staff, who are focussed on improving learning outcomes for our students. A special thanks to Mr Bob Rogers for saving the day on the BBQ.
We understand that due to other commitments some of our parents couldn’t make it. We are hoping to post some of the information and topics that were covered by the different stages on our School Parents website.

Positive Behaviour for Learning Update (SD1 - Student Learning, Engagement & Wellbeing)
In accordance with our school plan, we are reviewing our school discipline code and student wellbeing practices. Some fantastic initiatives are already in place and students are getting reaquainted with our school rules through explicit teaching and frequent, ongoing rewards. Some initiatives have included:
- The new school mascots that were designed by a very talented Year 6 student in 2015, Ava D
- The introduction of Mini Owl Awards in the playground. These are used to quickly and frequent reward our students during break times. From our barrell of winners three students are randomly selected each Monday morning to receive a $3 canteen voucher. Last week’s winners are below.
- We have also incorporated Mini Owl Awards into all of our classroom management systems. Students earn these awards for their behaviour and application in class and one student is randomly selected each week to receive an ice block. These awards are tracked by the classroom teachers and monitored by our student leaders. Please ask your child how they are going with these awards.
- New behavioural expectations have been designed for all areas around the school.
- Explicit social skills lessons are taught around these expectations. A whole school scope and sequence is being designed for consistent teaching of the rules across the school.
- Consistent language is being used by our staff across the entire school.
- Our electronic data collection system has been reviewed and updated.
- Playground folders are nearly finalised for teachers to track misdemeanours in the playground.
This very dedicated team has made some great progress over the past year and you we will continue to see some fantastic changes happening around the school.

Well done to all our students who have received a Mini Owl Awards over the past few weeks.

At Ruse Public School, we are Safe, Respectful Learners
Last week we published our student leaders in the newsletter. We apologise that a couple of names were not included in that list and we are republishing them as a sign of good faith. We are certain that all our student leaders will take on these roles with great enthusiasm and diligence.

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Student Leadership Camp (SD1 - Student Learning, Engagement & Wellbeing & Leadership - Community of School)
The student leadership camp has moved dates from Thursday 25th of February to **Monday 29th of February**. The date was changed to accommodate the High School attending with their student leaders. We are forging stronger relationship with Leumeah High School this year, to share quality practices, to make transition to High School smoother for our students and to ensure all our students’ skills, talents and abilities are recognised when moving onto High School. We will be sharing other initiatives with you over the course of the year.

Speech Pathology at Ruse Public School (SD1 - Student Learning, Engagement & Wellbeing)
This term at Ruse Public School, Dayna Soden will be running a Speech Pathology program one day each week targeting expressive and receptive language difficulties. This program aims to screen a number of children from Kindergarten to Year Two with specific language difficulties. Following these screens, children will be placed in small groups and receive 1x 30 minute group session each Wednesday throughout term one. Dayna is also here to support our teaching staff and guide in-class support systems. It is important to keep in mind that these screens and group session do not replace private speech assessment and therapy. Children who receive private speech therapy have individualised programs designed specifically for them. If your child is receiving private therapy it is extremely important that they continue to do so.

Tiny Owls Playgroup (SD 2 - Leadership, Community Partnerships)
Ruse Public School is running a playgroup beginning next Thursday the 25th of February. It will run each Thursday by an enthusiastic and skilled staff member. It is a great way for Mums, Dads, Grandparents and carers to enjoy some adult conversation whilst your babies and children participate in play and craft activities. The playgroup is not exclusive to families that attend Ruse Public School so if you know any preschool aged children whose parents may be interested please pass on the details. We look forward to meeting some new and old faces to playgroup.

Swimming Carnival (SD1 - Student Learning, Engagement & Wellbeing)
Last Tuesday, we held our annual school swimming carnival. Thank you to the swimmers and spectators for a fantastic day! Thank you to all of the parents and grandparents who helped on the day. The following students have qualified to represent Ruse Public School at the Campbelltown Zone Carnival on Tuesday, March 8th:

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These students will receive information about the carnival shortly. Any inquiries should be directed to Ms Wheatley.

The *Tell Them From Me* student feedback survey (SD1 - Student Learning, Engagement & Wellbeing)

I am delighted that this term, our school, like many others in the state, will again participate in a Department of Education initiative: the *Tell Them From Me* student feedback survey. The survey aims to help improve student learning outcomes and measures factors that are known to affect academic achievement and other student outcomes. The focus of the NSW-wide survey is on student wellbeing, engagement and effective teaching practices.


The survey is a great opportunity for our students to provide our school with valuable and quick feedback on what they think about school life, how engaged they are with school and the different ways that teachers interact with them. Schools in Australia and around the world have used the *Tell Them From Me* survey to help improve how they do things at school.
I want to assure you that the survey is confidential and school staff will not be able to identify individual students or parents/carers from their responses. The survey is conducted online and will typically take less than 30 minutes to complete. It will be administered during school hours between 14 March and 8 April. Participating in the survey is entirely voluntary.

A consent form and a list of frequently asked questions (FAQs) for parents/carers about the survey is being sent home with students. If you do not want your child/ren to participate, please return the consent form to school by Friday 26 February. The FAQs and copies of the consent form, including translated consent forms, are available from the website above.

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**Sacramental Dates for 2016 - St Thomas More**

**First Reconciliation:** (For baptised children in Year 3 and above). **Parent/Carer Information Night:** Wednesday 17th February at 7.30pm in the Parish Church. Parents/Carers have to attend for your child to make this Sacrament. Classes will commence on Sunday 21st February.

**First Holy Communion (Eucharist):** (For baptised children in Year 3 and above and have made the Sacrament of Reconciliation). **Parent/Carer Information Night:** Wednesday 6th April at 7.30pm in the Parish Church. Parents/Carers have to attend for your child to make this Sacrament. Classes will commence on Sunday 24th April.

**Confirmation:** Date to be announced.

If you have any enquiries regarding any of the Sacraments please do not hesitate to contact the Parish Office on 4628 2967 during office hours.

**School Opal Card**

A letter was received from Interline Bus Company advising from 15th February drivers will be asking all students who currently have an Opal card that they must tap on when entering the bus and tap off when departing the bus. This will be a trial for when the moratorium finishes on 1st March, 2016.

**Book Club**

Book club orders were due back today, 17th February, 2016. No late orders will be accepted.

**25th Anniversary Campbelltown City Challenge Walk**

The 25th Anniversary Challenge Walk at The Australian Botanic Garden, Mount Annan will be held on Sunday 13 March, 2016. A leaflet will be posted on the office window and an entry form can be obtained if anyone is interested.

**Head Lice**

At this time of the year head lice are prevalent and we would ask parents to check their children’s hair on a regular basis.
CRYSTAL DANCE

Crystal Dance is happening at A B Central. (52 Riverside Drive, Airds)
Children ages 6-12
Jazz / Hip Hop
Monday Evenings @ 6:15pm - 7pm
Only $10 pp
Contact Crystal on 0422 842 646 for more info and to register.

Tiny Owls
Playgroup
Thursdays 9:30–11:00am (during 2016 school terms, starting Feb 25th)
Fun - Relaxed - Friendly
Please register your interest at the school office or by calling
46257811.
Ruse Public School Junction Rd, Ruse
‘D’ Block (past the canteen & down the stairs)

Campbelltown Uniting Church
Soccer Club

Want to play football in 2016?
For more than 40 years, CUCSC has been dedicated to providing a positive, family friendly environment to play and enjoy football.
With teams catering for kids aged under 6, to the experienced over 35 adults, there is a team to suit your age and playing ability. Dedicated ladies teams for ages 12 and up.
Registrations from $90!
Registration days:
Campbelltown Uniting Church – Allman St, Campbelltown: Saturdays Jan 30, Feb 6 & 13 11am-2pm
Lynwood Park – Rangers Road, St Helens Park: Wednesday, February 10 10am – 8pm
Online registrations accepted from early January
For more information, check us out on our website www.cucsc.org.au,
or on Facebook www.facebook.com/CampbelltownUnitingChurchSoccerClub
0403708418

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