

# RAGLAN PUBLIC SCHOOL – NEWSLETTER

(Excellence in learning, values and community)

**Week 3 Term 4**

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## Principals Report Evacuation Drill

Last Wednesday, we conducted an evacuation and lockdown drill. I was most impressed with the way in which our students responded as they listened to and followed the directions of their teachers.

It is most important for all visitors to sign in before going to a class. This ensures that we know who is in the school should an emergency occur, and like the staff and students they can be accounted for. Your assistance would be greatly appreciated.

## Starting School

*KidsMatter* has produced a "Starting School" set of resources as part of their contribution to Children's Week. Their "Starting School" campaign commences on the 19<sup>th</sup> October. There are videos, activity books and how to access help when a child begins school.

You can access the "Starting School" resources at [www.kidsmatter.edu.au/startingschool](http://www.kidsmatter.edu.au/startingschool)

## Bus Behaviour

A reminder that your children have a responsibility to act in an acceptable and safe manner when travelling to and from school by bus. If there are problems occurring between students on the bus, I urge you to contact the bus company and speak to them about your concerns.

## Choosing the right shoes

School shoes may all look the same but the cost can vary from about \$30 to \$120 and beyond. Does a more expensive shoe mean a better shoe? Find out more:

<http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/wellbeing/health/choosing-the-right-school-shoes>

## Jargon explained

If your child's teacher mentions G&T in the COLA, she's actually talking about gifted and talented classes being held in the covered outdoor learning area.

More school jargon explained:

<http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/homework-and-study/homework-tips/school-jargon-busters>

## Where's the octopus

Wow - it's videos like this that show kids how cool studying science can be. Watch it with them:

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=aoCzZHcwKxI&feature=youtu.be>

## Class Shield

I'm pleased with the number of children who are remembering to bring their hat to school and then wearing it in the playground. Well done to these students.

We will continue to focus on children who are wearing the correct school uniform this week.

## PRINCIPALS RECOGNITION

I would like to recognise Mrs Shaw, Mrs Jolley, Mrs Sharrock, Mr Grimley and Mrs Urquhart for attending swimming lessons with the children each day. It is great to see the progress the children are making. Because of these amazing teachers, our children are part of a program that will ensure their safety while in the water.

**Working together as partners in the education of your child.**

**Meryl Tremain**

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

### Week 3

23/10 Ice Cream Day - \$1 each  
25/10 Transition to Kindergarten  
PSSA Combined Sports

### Week 4

30/10 iLearn  
Ice Cream Day - \$1 each  
31/10 Whole School Performance  
1/11 Transition to Kindergarten  
2014 Kindergarten parent information meeting

## NOTES SENT HOME

- K-2 excursion
- Yr 6 Raffle tickets

## STUDENTS LEADING THE WAY

**We are proud of ...**

## OUR STUDENTS OF THE WEEK



Jackson Vallis, Kayden Fletcher, Lachlan Moore, Talen Taylor (absent) and Bridget Annand are our students of the week. Jackson and Lachlan have been most helpful and supportive towards others at the pool while Talen and Kayden have been trying really hard in their swimming lessons. Bridget is a consistent and conscientious borrower of library books. Well done to these great students!

## ASSEMBLY AND PLAYGROUND AWARD WINNERS



Drew Smith and Charlie-Mai Fox are our award winners this week. Drew is to be congratulated for the way he sits and listens during assembly. Charlie-Mai is to be recognised and thanked for her efforts in helping to keep our school clean. They both received a prize to thank them.

### WINNERS OF THE CLASS SHIELD

Congratulations to K/1S who are the winners of this week's class shield. Students are to be congratulated for wearing their school uniform proudly. Lachlan Vallis and Evie Adams accepted the shield on behalf of K/1S.

### FOOTPRINT AWARD



1H is the winner of this week's Footprint Award. They are to be congratulated for helping keep our school grounds neat and tidy. Abbie Webb and Lucy Howarth accepted the award on behalf of 1H.

### ASSEMBLY AWARDS

The following children will be presented with their Striving Higher Awards at this week's assembly, Friday 25<sup>th</sup> October at 1.45pm

#### 5 Awards

Bailey Maynard, Paige Maynard, Cooper Humphries

#### 10 Awards

Lachlan Melchers, Hannah Findlay, Riley Smith, Hayden Saurine, Sarah Willott, Jack Rotherham, Eben Adams, Lachlan Urquhart, Brianna Adams, Jake Ciccocioppo, Candida Lewis, Jorja Bowman, Naomi Prince, Lily Grimmond, Macson Alexander, Azaria Evans, Angus Meekin, Katelyn Holman, Tayah Newstead, Mitchell Hayward, Lachlan Vallis, Rylie Woodyatt, Charlotte Corby, Preston Turner

### 15 Awards

Brianna Urquhart, Hannah Weekes, Jadis Pounder, Ethan Belmonte, Gabrielle Davis, Benjamin Halvorson, Layla Stark, Lucy Howarth, Bryce Urquhart, Harriet Fitzsimmons, Madelynn Vallis, Lachlan Martin, Cooper Fraser, Bridget Annand, Joshua Carter, Hannah Talbot, Deklin Wilson, Aiden Jones, Jonathon Agland, Nikki Browne, Evie Adams, Riley Henderson, Joshua Nott

### 20 Awards – Banner

Trinity Brown

### 25 Awards

Jett Connell

Congratulations to all these children!

### FUNDRAISING

Ice Cream Day will be held on each Wednesday from Week 3 (**23<sup>rd</sup> October**) to Week 10 (**11<sup>th</sup> December**). This week KB will be organizing the selling of ice creams at Recess for \$1.00 each.

All proceeds from the Ice Cream Days will go towards the Sports in Schools program being held in Week 9. (This program will also be the Big Day Out for Term 4.)

### LIBRARY NEWS

Many thanks to those families who have donated pillowcases. Every pillowcase donated will go into the raffle draw for your child.

**Thankyou**

**Nichole Wade**

### P&C NEWS

#### Canteen Roster Term 4

<b>25/10</b>	Jules Alexander	Britt Cullen-Ward
<b>28/10</b>	Vicki Gokcimen	Vilma Lewis
<b>01/11</b>	Emma Hill	Leandra Fraser

### COMMUNITY NEWS

#### Bathurst RSL Fishing Club BCF Carp Blitz 2013

**Date:** Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> November, 2013

**Place:** Evans Bridge, Macquarie River, Bathurst

**Cost:** Entry by gold coin donation to RSL Fishing Club Trust. All proceeds used to restock native fish in local waterways.

**Bring your fishing gear and have a fun day!**

**There is also a School competition – teams of 3 students, all ages.**

For more information call Eddie Allman on 6331 6764

### Child Tax Offset

This was introduced by the Government in 2001. Many Australians did not know about it and have NOT claimed any benefits.

If your child was born between 1<sup>st</sup> July 2001 and 30<sup>th</sup> June 2004, you may be eligible to receive up to \$12,500 of entitlements. Go to [www.ato.gov.au](http://www.ato.gov.au) for more information.

### It's Worm Time Again

Threadworm infestation can happen anytime and is highly contagious!

For more information on threadworms visit the website [www.combantrin.com.au](http://www.combantrin.com.au)