

RAGLAN PUBLIC SCHOOL – NEWSLETTER

(Excellence in learning, values and community)

Week 2 Term 1

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Principals Report

Welcome Back Everyone.

I hope everyone had a fabulous Christmas and New Year. A warm welcome to all new families and their children. I also welcome our 34 delightful Kindy students who start school tomorrow following their Best Start Assessment.

A highlight of my year is the first day of school. It is amazing how fresh the children look and I love watching how much they enjoy seeing each other. I am most pleased with the way in which they have come to school this year, I ready for a new year of learning.

Mr Peard has taken up the position of relieving principal at Capertee PS for 2014. I welcome Mrs Shaw to the position of relieving Assistant Principal. I also welcome Mrs Sara Waldron who is joining us for the year while Mr Peard is at Capertee.

2014 Classes

Our class groups are:

KB	Miss Bower
K/1S	Mrs Scanes
1H	Mrs Hemming
2H	Mrs Hill
2/3S	Mrs Sharrock
3/4W	Mrs Waldron
3/4C	Mrs Cross
5/6J	Mrs Jolley
5/6G	Mr Grimley

Mrs Shaw has taken on the role of Reading Recovery and Release from Face to Face Teacher. Mrs Fidock continues in the LAST position, Mrs O'Connor is also providing release from face to face teaching while Mrs Wade steers the Library ship.

Parent Teacher Meetings

We will be holding parent/teacher information sessions on Tuesday, 11th February after school. Times are:

3 - 3.30pm	KB and K/1S
3:30 – 4pm	1H and 2H
4 – 4:30pm	5/6G and 5/6J
4:30 – 5pm	2/3S, 3/4W and 3/4C

We look forward to meeting with you to discuss the year ahead.

Children who are picked up or walk home leave school from the Godfrey street top gate. I remind parents that it is important to be on time to pick up your child/children. If for some reason you are unable to be at school by pick up time, please let your child and the school know so they can wait for you in the quadrangle.

On most days, I go to the top gate to assist students leaving the school. If parents have not arrived to pick up their child/children by the time I leave the area, I ask them

to come and wait at the front office.

However there are times when I am not able to go to the front gate. Therefore, it is most important that parents please ensure they inform their child/children before children come to school in the morning where they need to go after school, and how they are getting home. This will ensure that children do not get distressed in the afternoon and wait for you in the school grounds.

It is Department regulation that only staff vehicles are allowed within school grounds unless given permission from the Principal.

Some Things to Consider

1. Are your contact and emergency contact details up to date at the front office? Please make sure you let us know if any of your details have changed

2. Do you want to meet with your child's class teacher? If you do, I encourage you to organise a parent-teacher meeting by sending a note with your child to their class teacher to organise a time & date convenient to you both.

3. Are you interested in becoming more actively involved in our school community? If you are, come and join our amazing P&C every 3rd Tuesday of the month at 7pm in the school library. There is something for everyone with an active P & C and a range of sub-committees.

PRINCIPALS RECOGNITION

I would like to recognise Mrs Carole Shaw and her team for a great swimming carnival yesterday. It was extremely well organised and it ran very smoothly. I thank Mrs Shaw for her continued commitment to ensuring our students are provided with so many opportunities in the area of sport

Working together as partners in the education of your child.

Meryl Tremain

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Week 2

5/2	Kinders first day
6/2	Swimming ribbons presented in the Hall
7/2	Whole school assembly 1:45pm

Week 3

11/2	Parent Teacher information meetings
12/2	Assembly Penrith Panthers 2pm
14/2	No school assembly

Swimming Carnival 2014

Yesterday's carnival was an outstanding day. The students once again proved that their behaviour is excellent. I was particularly pleased with the number of students who participated in events, and the high level of ability they displayed. The support of all students throughout the day was to be commended. I would also like to acknowledge

the students who participated in the 25 metre events. It was clear many of them will be ready to compete over the longer distance next year.

My sincere thanks go to all the parent helpers: Rachel, Sue, Kim, Jenny, Amanda, Carmel, Shelly, Kristy, Kiri, Jo, Damien, Sharon, Karen and Michelle. Your help allows us to run the carnival, and your positive and enthusiastic attitude makes it a pleasure to work with you.

Once again my heartfelt thanks.

Carole Shaw

Records Tumble

Not one, but four records were broken yesterday, an indication of the strength of our junior swimmers.

Nikki Browne smashed an 18 year old record held by Kristy Charnock in the 8 years girls 50m Freestyle, reducing it from 54.2 seconds to a stunning 46.85.

Her big sister Emily was not to be denied, and broke Natalie Cartwright's 1998 Junior Girls Backstroke by 2.35 seconds, and also Kristy Charnock's 1997 9 years Freestyle record by 1.5 seconds.

Emilee Curran also set her name in the record books breaking the 50m Freestyle record set by Zayli Keen in 2009 by a commendable 3.2 seconds.

Congratulations girls on some outstanding personal achievements.



My First Day Back

I was so excited and scared at the same time! I was in Year 5....ahhh! I said to my best friend, MadeyInn "I wonder what teacher we'll have?" When the bell went we went into the hall and my class was the last class to be called out. Guess what! I'm in Mrs Jolley's class! We did a test for the Reading Box and we made out tray labels which Mrs Jolley laminated for us. Our first day back was awesome.

By Harriet Fitzsimmons

My First Day of Year 6

I woke up early because it was the first day of Year 6! I put on my school uniform with my new black shoes and my white socks. I brushed my hair, had eggs for breakfast then made our way to the bus. My friend Laura and I get to have lots of privileges now that we're in Year 6!

By Madison Pounder

First Day Back at RPS

I woke to the surprise that there was only one hour until school started for the year. When I arrived I was smothered with hugs. Everyone entered the hall and I was finally put in my class. I am in Mrs Jolley's class which made me very jolly! We discussed rules, rosters and more on the first day. We also did handwriting and art!

By Olivia Falconer

29th January 2014

On Wednesday I was so excited to see my friends, Emily, Laura, Madison, Julia, Ingrid and Tia. We started talking about our holidays and it was so exciting to see all the teachers. What was the most exciting was hearing who our teacher is for the year. It was nice meeting Leylah and her nice sister Alyssa. Alyssa lives near me!

By Brianna Urquhart

First Day Back

The most exciting part of the day would be walking in the door and seeing all my friends. Our hearts raced waiting for the bell to ring. We were all feeling suspense about who our teacher would be for 2014. You do a lot of organisation on the first day.

By Jack Bennett

First Day at Raglan Public School

On the 29th of January was my first day of school at Raglan Public School because I'm new to the school.

I was very afraid of what would happen, who my teacher would be and if I'd make any friends. I held onto my bag with a tight grip and with my Mum and sister, I walked to the principal with a brave face. I was put with a lovely girl called Brianna. When the bell went we found out who our teacher was and mine was Mrs Jolley. We went to class and did our tray labels and some assessments. I went to recess hoping that my day would still go well. I stayed with Brianna and met all of her friends. We also did some work in the classroom to get ourselves ready for the year. I became library monitor at lunch so now I really believe that I could not go to a better school.

By Alyssa Hall

LIBRARY NEWS

Homemade Library bags are available- \$2 each
ALL proceeds go towards purchasing new books.
Nichole Wade

P&C NEWS

Canteen Roster Term 1

7/2	Liz Symes	Katrina Tobin
10th	Dianne Hanrahan	Bev Masters

COMMUNITY NEWS

BEGINNER CLARINET LESSONS
Are available in Raglan

For more information call Liz on
6337 3636 after 3.30pm

Meet Penrith Panthers players at the Bathurst JRL clubs sign on day!

WHERE: Carrington Park, Bathurst

WHEN: Wednesday 12th FEBRUARY, 2014
4:00pm – 5:00pm (5yrs – 16yrs)