

# RAGLAN PUBLIC SCHOOL – NEWSLETTER

Excellence in learning, values and community

## Week 3 Term 2

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## Principals Report

### P&C Meeting

Our first P&C meeting for Term 2 will be held next Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> May at 7pm in our library. Everyone is most welcome to join us.

### NAPLAN

This week, our Year 3 and 5 students are participating in the NAPLAN testing program. It is important that children do the tests, however it is also vitally important that children are not stressed by the experience. NAPLAN was designed as a snapshot look at student learning achievement. It is not a test that should be used to compare student results. The best way to support your child is to ensure they have eaten well, had a good sleep, wish them well and tell them to enjoy the challenge. Please remind your child to bring a water bottle with them.

### School Assembly

We will be holding a special assembly on Friday, 23<sup>rd</sup> May where Rachel Staines (ex- student at RPS) will present the SRC with their badges and prizes from the raffle and colouring competition. I am very proud of the way in which the school community has participated in these fundraising events to support Rachel in her quest to swim at the Paralympics to be held in Rio. A huge thanks to everyone and I know Rachel is extremely grateful for our support.

### Mental Maths Strategies

We teach children a range of different strategies to add and subtract numbers. By showing them several methods for solving maths questions, we're helping them to look for patterns. All this builds a good sense of "number" which means they understand the relationships between different numbers and why different ways to add and subtract work well. The goal is that your child will understand many ways to approach a maths problem and will be able to choose a way that makes the most sense to them. School A to Z has a lot of resources, including help sheets on mental maths strategies, here : [www.bit.ly/JkiUsY](http://www.bit.ly/JkiUsY)

### Too sick for school?

As the cold weather hits, so do the winter bugs. It's often hard to know whether to send your child to school or let them stay home to recover, especially when that means an adult cancelling work. For safety's sake, if your child seems unwell you should always keep them home from school and seek Medical advice. School A to Z and the NSW Health have created an at-a-glance chart to help answer your questions about common childhood illness and how long sick children need to miss school. Find it by typing this link into your web browser [www.bit.ly/1hytn2E](http://www.bit.ly/1hytn2E)

## Class Shield

This week, we continue to encourage children to care for themselves and others with a focus on:

- Keeping our school clean
- Helping others in all settings
- Caring for self and others

## PRINCIPALS RECOGNITION

Last Thursday, the P&C committee coordinated a wonderful Mothers' Day Stall. As usual, the children very much enjoyed purchasing a 'special' gift for their mums! I would like to thank the P&C for arranging this event for our students and all who donated a gift. I also recognise Mr John Grimley and Mrs Natalie Cross for their support of students last Friday at the Paul Kelly Cup and PSSA Netball.

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

*Meryl Tremain*

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

### Week 3

- 13/5 NAPLAN Language and Writing – Y3 & Y5
- 14/5 NAPLAN Reading – Y3 & Y5
- 15/5 NAPLAN Numeracy – Y3 & Y5
- 16/5 NAPLAN catch up day

### Week 4

- 20/5 Leadership Day BMEC  
P&C Meeting
- 21/5 Stage 2 Excursion – Chifley House
- 22/5 **School Athletics Carnival**
- 23/5 Bike Safety Day  
District Cross Country

### Week 5

- 29/5 School Athletics Carnival - wet weather day

## NOTES SENT HOME

- ES1/S1 Excursion to Japanese Gardens, Cowra
- S2 HSIE Excursion
- Bike Safety Check
- Athletics Carnival
- Russell Richardson/David Peachy

## STUDENTS LEADING THE WAY

### PSSA District Netball Carnival

Last Friday, 10 eager and enthusiastic girls went to Orange to compete in the PSSA District Netball Carnival at the PCYC Stadium. We played our first game against Lithgow PS and lost by only 1 point.



We played another 2 games and although we were unable to beat them, we showed great teamwork and were outstanding sportspeople on the day. Thank you to those parents who transported us to Orange and Mrs Cross for coaching us. Congratulations to Summer for being chosen for Western Netball trials.

**Report by Harriet Fitzsimmons and Summer Weekes**



### Paul Kelly Cup



Last Friday at the Paul Kelly Cup, we played AFL against other schools. I was in Boys Team 2 and we played against Cathedral, Assumption and Holy Family. Sadly we lost the 3 games we played but we tried our hardest on the day.

After our games finished, we sat down for lunch and watched the girls' final game. When their game was over, it was time for us to watch Boys Team 1 in the semi-finals. We were all up on the cliffs watching the most intense match ever. Unfortunately, Cathedral defeated them and they went into the grand final.

We all had free time on the field while we waited for our bus to arrive. It was the end of the Paul Kelly Cup and we returned to school.

**Report by Eden Lyle**

### Paul Kelly Cup

On Friday, 9th May 2014, most of the kids in Stage 3 went to George Park to

compete in the Paul Kelly Cup, which is an AFL competition. From Raglan, there were 3 teams. 1 girls team and 2 boys teams.

The schools who came to compete were Assumption, Holy Family, Cathedral, St Phils and of course Raglan.

Boys Team 1, won 2 games and lost 1, but they qualified for the semi-finals. They lost their game against Cathedral in the semis.

It was a great day to play AFL. I would



like to thank our teachers for looking after us on the day. Also thanks to Mrs Vallis and Mrs Curran for looking after the girls' team.

**Report by Tia Muggleton**



### P&C NEWS

#### Canteen Roster Term 2

16/5 Britt Cullen-Ward, Jules Alexander/ Sharon Adam  
19/5 Jo Curran Gill Priest  
23/5 Closed

**Thank you to all who contributed to the Mother's Day stall.** It was a great success and we raised \$700!

**Canteen volunteers are urgently needed for the Athletics Carnival on 22<sup>nd</sup> May.**

There will be no canteen if we don't have enough helpers!

### ASSEMBLY AWARDS

The following students will be presented with an award at this week's assembly at 12pm on Friday.

#### 5 Awards

Charlie-Mai Fox, Tayah Newstead, Deklan Davis, Zac Bensley, Nikki Browne, Kiarna Stanborough, Brayden Alexander, Jonathon Agland, Charlotte Turner, Rhys Morris, Taylor Carpenter, Kaitlin Baldock, Jasmine Howard, Reece Urquhart, Isaac Doolan, Jhye Akroyd, Lachlan Melchers, Bridgette Muldoon, Emily Browne, Thomas Smith, Liam Meekin, Rohan Brown, Jac Cochrane, Alani Swiegers, Kori Black Thomas, Brady Rodham, Tristan Carter, Riley Meekin.

**Congratulations to you all!**

### COMMUNITY NEWS

**Celebrating National Families Week 15<sup>th</sup> - 21<sup>st</sup> May**  
Bathurst Child and Family Network are holding a  
**Bathurst Family Fun Day**

There will be free food, entertainment, demonstrations, games & activities, face painting and jumping castle, with prizes and more.

**Where:** Bicentennial Park (near children's' playground)

**When:** Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> May 11am-2pm

There will be free buses running from Kelso, South, and West Bathurst. Phone Annette on 6331 8944

### Glenray Industries

The annual fundraiser, the Macquarie Mile will be held on Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> May at 11am to 2pm, at Bicentennial Park.

It helps to raise funds for people with a disability who work for our business divisions.

Everyone is welcome to support Glenray.

For more information please contact:

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