

RAGLAN PUBLIC SCHOOL – NEWSLETTER

Excellence in learning, values and community

Week 10 Term 3

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Principals Report

It has been an amazing term with our children involved in a huge number of events. I thank everyone for their continued support of the school and various activities including attending special events at the school, fundraising, transporting children to and supporting them at sporting events, making costumes, taking quality photographs for us, helping in classrooms, attending meetings with teachers to discuss the progress and development of their children, putting hands into pockets to pay for different events and attending assemblies to celebrate student achievements.

I hope everyone has a great break with their children and I look forward to working with you in Term 4.

Early Birds Parent Workshop

Last Friday 28 parents joined me for a maths workshop while their children attended our Early Birds Program. We worked through a package of maths activities that can be used with their children at home. We also had a chat about our Early Birds Program and received positive feedback on how it is run. Everyone appeared to enjoy the maths activities and found the session to be informative. Thanks to all parents who were able to attend – it was a pleasure working with you!



Swim School

Once again, swim school has been offered to all children at RPS. This is a great opportunity which will take place in weeks 2 and 3 of next term. Thank you to all parents who returned their notes.

Attendance

Our attendance rate has slipped 3% this term which is a pity and we are currently sitting on 93%. I remind you that if you're going away on a family holiday or there is some other exceptional event, you may apply for an exemption at the front office. I encourage you to do this and am happy to answer any questions you have regarding whether your child is eligible for an exemption or to help you with the form should you need it.

PRINCIPALS RECOGNITION

I would like to thank Mrs Natalie Cross and Mrs Sara Waldron for organising the Stage 2 Camp to Lutanda at Mount Victoria and Mrs Michelle Urquhart for assisting the teachers and students. I also thank Mr Jason Fox and Mr Beau Akroyd for attending camp and providing much welcomed additional support.

I congratulate the children for their excellent behaviour and participation in all events and activities while at camp!

Working together as partners in the education of your child.

Meryl Tremain

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Week 10

17/9 Y6 Ice Cream Fundraiser
19/9 **NO ASSEMBLY THIS WEEK**
Early Birds Program 9:15-10:45am
Big Day Out: Pyjama Day/Disco
End of Term 3

Term 4

Week 1

7/10 Staff and students return
9/10 S3 Excursion - V8 Supercars
10/10 Combined Schools PSSA Sport



NOTES SENT HOME

- V8 Supercars Permission Note – S3

STUDENTS LEADING THE WAY

We are proud of.....

OUR STUDENTS OF THE WEEK



Braith Newstead and Kori Black-Thomas are our students of the week. Kori is congratulated for trying hard with his sounds and Braith for the great progress he is making in the area of spelling.

Well done Braith and Kori.

OUR ASSEMBLY AND PLAYGROUND AWARD WINNERS

Summer Jones and Angus Tobin are congratulated for their great listening during assembly. They both received a prize to thank them.



OUR WINNERS OF THE CLASS SHIELD



Congratulations to 2H who are the winners of this week's class shield. Students are to be congratulated for the way in which they ask for help in the classroom.

Sam Hanrahan and Jacob Hill accepted the shield on behalf of 2H.

FUNDRAISING

Year 6 are holding an Ice Cream Day on **Wednesday, 16th September 2014** to raise funds for the Year 6 Farewell. Ice creams will be sold at Recess for \$1 each.



P&C NEWS

Canteen Roster Term 3

19th Sept – Katrina Tobin, Vickie Gockimen

PREMIERS SPELLING BEE – REGIONAL FINALS



Congratulations to Vsna Saban, Ben Cullen-Ward, Seth Brown and Tyson Smith for being our four finalists in the Regional Premiers Spelling Bee competition. They were worthy competitors and have done the school proud.

We thank Mrs Hill for organising the event and ensuring it ran smoothly throughout the day. We also thank Mrs Adrienne Jones for being the announcer and sharing the chair person duties; the P&C ladies for making lunch; Ms Rachel Muggleton for volunteering as a scorer, and our students who assisted on the day: Maddi Pounder, Brianna Urquhart and Tom Rodham.

STAGE 2 CAMP

Stage 2 students had a wonderful time at Lutanda Camp at Mount Victoria, where we experienced some interesting activities that gave us a better understanding of how the original explorers survived in the olden days. We made emergency survival huts, built billy carts that served as bullock drays, played team challenges, orienteered to find markers in the bush, but most importantly, we enjoyed the large in-ground trampolines during free time. The highlights of our trip included making damper in a camp fire and toasting marshmallows. We also enjoyed learning about the Hartley Historic Village where we played roles in a mock court room scene and felt what it was like to be a convict in custody in those days.

A huge thank you must go to the parent volunteers Jason Fox and Beau Akroyd and fellow staff members Michelle Urquhart and Sara Waldron for their endless hours of help, support, organisation and laughter. We had a wonderful time.

Natalie Cross

COMMUNITY NEWS

Holiday tours at **Bathurst Goldfields** will start Monday, 22nd September 2014 between the hours of 10am and 3pm. These will be self-guided tours and include gold panning.

Price is \$15 adults and \$7.50 children or \$35 for a family of 2 adults and 2 children. Come and try your luck!!