



# The Cudgegong Courier

A weekly newsletter issued by Rylstone Public School

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## From the Principal

### Swimming Program

Congratulations to everyone who participated in this year's Intensive Learn to Swim Program. I had the privilege of going down to the pool on Monday and the improvement in the students' water confidence and swimming ability is incredible. A huge thank you to all the staff involved.

### Home Reading

The Home Reading Program has come to an end for the year and the staff are currently collating the names of those students who have successfully completed all the required weeks of reading. Those students who will be awarded a Home Reading Medal will receive their medals at our Awards Assembly on Friday 5th December.

### Leadership Speeches

Next Monday, 1st December, our Year Five students who have put themselves forward to be the school leaders for 2015 will be presenting their speeches. The candidates will present their speeches to the school at 9.30am in the school hall. Following the speeches, the school will vote for the people they feel will best represent and lead our school in 2015. Good luck to all the students making speeches next Monday, you would all make wonderful school leaders.

### Scripture Service

Next Tuesday, 2nd December, the school will be walking to the Anglican Church for the annual Scripture Service. This is the final Scripture week for the year and we would like to thank all the scripture volunteers who have dedicated their time each week.

### Awards Assembly

As we wind down another wonderful year at Rylstone Public School we are very excited to celebrate the many achievements our students have attained. Our Awards Assembly will be held on Friday 5th December in the school hall starting at 9.30am. This is a lovely assembly where each child is acknowledged for all their hard work throughout 2014. If you are free please come along. A reminder that all students need to be in full summer school uniform for this special assembly.

### Presentation Night & Concert

The presentation night is fast approaching with all the students practising their performances and dances. Thank you to all the parents and helpers who have been madly sewing outfits and gluing sparkles to the many costumes across the school. We would be lost without your support.

### Head Lice

Just to let everyone know we have an outbreak of head lice! Please make sure you check your family's hair and treat if necessary.

Alexandra Cashman  
Principal

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Week 8 Term 4

### Dates To Remember

#### Term 4

- 17-28 Nov Intensive Swimming
- 30 Nov Tourist train @ Kandos
- 1 Dec 2015 Captains Speeches
- 5 Dec Awards Assembly
- 8 Dec 'Circus' Dress Rehearsal
- 11 Dec Presentation Night
- 15 Dec Yr 6 Farewell Disco
- 16 Dec Market Day
- 17 Dec Talent Quest
- 17 Dec Students last day

#### 2015 Term 1

- 28 Jan Students Yrs 1-6 start



*It is all happening on the Circus Express!  
K/1 Circus Artwork.*





## K-1 NEWS

In Mathematics this week, Kinder have had great fun measuring and making streamer skeletons of themselves. Mrs Curtis was also very impressed by Year One's application to Mathematics when they worked with her. The children have also used the computers to research circuses—not any old circus but flea circuses! They are going to construct their own and compose a text describing what goes on in their flea circus.

Just a reminder to send in socks and shirts for your children's costumes so we can start putting on the finishing touches! This is a busy time of year, so if you're not sure of what's on please feel free to contact me. **Mrs Balfourt**

## SRC REMINDER

Just a reminder:

Market Day 16th December.

Talent Quest 17th December.

Every Wednesday we are selling ice blocks for 60c and frozen oranges for 20c.

## WELFARE NEWS

Lots of laughter today during our 'Crazy Cartoon' captions. We've been studying "Life Bandits" and the things that rob us of our energy—anger being a major bandit. We played some games that showed us how our bodies can feel when angry compared to being calm. We laughed and laughed at the speech bubbles written for our "Statue and Pigeon" cartoon. Yep, you guessed it ... some days you are the statue, some days the pigeon ... how can you go from angry to calm when you are the statue???

Students at RPS know some excellent strategies ....

Year 6 have been working hard at their "This Way Up" program, learning some excellent strategies to recognise and deal with their own signs of anxiety and stress ... no pigeons in sight!!!

Mrs Morgan and I are pleased to report our Circus performance is progressing fabulously. Although we are being paid peanuts and aren't monkeys, the sheer awesomeness of our actors and dancers is definitely payment enough. You'd be a monkey's uncle to miss that show!! **Mrs Curtis**

## VIRTUES WK 8 CREATIVITY

Creativity is the power of imagination. Creativity is a way to develop your special talents. It is seeing something in a new way to solve a problem. Creativity is using your imagination to bring something new into the world.

## PERMISSION NOTE SUMMARY

Costume Donation—\$5 each

## P & C NEWS

Its that time of year again... End of Year RAFFLE !! Any donations towards the hampers would be appreciated & can be sent to the office. To reduce congestion at the door on the night we have sent home a book of tickets with the eldest child. Please return all sold & unsold ticket books with money back to the office by Wednesday 10th December. Raffle will be drawn on Presentation Night and tickets will still be available at the door.

## UNIFORM SHOP

Tomorrow, 28th November, will be your last opportunity to buy uniforms before the Awards Assembly.

Friday 5th December will be your last opportunity to get uniforms for Presentation Night.

Last opening for 2014—Friday 12th December.

Special opening day 2015—Tuesday 27th January 9am-10am.

The uniform shop is open on Friday **afternoons from 3-3.20pm.**

## JOLLY JOKER AT 'THE GLOBE'

Rylstone Public School P&C and the Rylstone Kandos Preschool are the beneficiaries of this fundraiser held each Friday evening at The Globe. This week the total has jackpotted again to **\$2900** This week's ticket sellers are Tania Besant & Bec Mackander.

## COMMUNITY NEWS

### JACKEROO RANCH HORSE RIDING CAMPS

Pre-Xmas: 10-20 Dec. Come anytime from 3 days to

10. 2015: 1st Week Sat. 3rd to 10th January

2nd Week Sat. 10th to 18th January

For all horse-mad children aged 6-16 years. All levels of experience. We specialise in teaching nervous riders and developing their confidence.

Enquiries: Mrs Pattie Hudson on 6337 7173



# Rylstone Public School P & C Association

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17 November 2014

Dear Parents, Carers and Friends,

We are drawing closer to the end of another year and with this comes the Christmas Holiday break and families going away. This can be a difficult time for people to be available to cover the Jolly Joker nights at the Globe, and unfortunately the Jolly Joker continues through the holidays. The Jolly Joker has raised an amazing amount of money for our kids over the past couple of years and has seen the kids and their families benefit from these funds from the purchase of laptops and educational programs, to the donation of funds to alleviate the pressure of expensive excursions for the families.

I am asking for anyone who may be available for a Friday night during the Christmas break to please put their name and contact number down and return it to the school as soon as possible. We have had a few people pull out of the roster due to new babies and moving towns and it would be great to have some new faces added to the mix.

If you are available during this time, please make sure you allocate dates that you will or will not be around so that I can draw up a roster and issue it out in the next week or two.

Thank you so much to all of our helpers that are currently on the roster who give up their personal time to help out. Without you all the Jolly Joker would never have been such a successful fundraiser.

PLEASE RETURN THE SECTION BELOW TO SCHOOL BY FRIDAY 28<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER.

Kind regards,

**Kath Murphy**

P & C President 2014

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**JOLLY JOKER – December – January Roster**

I/We \_\_\_\_\_, can help with the Jolly Joker at The Globe Hotel on the following dates.

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| <input type="checkbox"/> 19 December | <input type="checkbox"/> 2 January  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 26 December | <input type="checkbox"/> 9 January  |
|                                      | <input type="checkbox"/> 16 January |
|                                      | <input type="checkbox"/> 23 January |
|                                      | <input type="checkbox"/> 30 January |

The best number to contact me on is \_\_\_\_\_





**RYLSTONE / KANDOS ROTARY CLUB**

## **CAROLS BY CANDLELIGHT**

in association with the Combined Churches.

**Kandos Community Hall**



**Saturday 20 December 2014**

**FREE Sausage sizzle from 6-00pm**

**Live Music from 6-15pm**

**Carols commence at 7-45pm**

In the event of wet weather the whole event will be conducted in the hall

**Please bring your own chair, rug and torch as we will be in the car park of the hall**

**ALL WELCOME**



## **Rylstone-Kandos Christmas**

### **Carnival**

**Saturday 6 December 2014**

**3pm – 7pm.**

Rylstone Showground

***Bring all the family and friends...and a chair***

**BBQ - steak/sausage sandwiches & cold drinks**

**Chocolate wheel (hams as prizes)**

**FUN for kids – FREE ENTERTAINMENT and heaps of stalls**

**Live entertainment**

Stall-holders encouraged to attend. Must have own insurance attached to application. To book, please contact

**Gary Oakes ph 0458281330**

All stalls free of charge.