

# The Cudgegong Courier

A weekly newsletter issued by Rylstone Public School

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# From the Principal

# Around the School

So many positive events have taken place at our school during the past fortnight showing just what a harmonious and hardworking school community we have here at Rylstone.

# Kookaburra March

What a fabulous visit this was! Our infants children entertained the marchers with our own versions of Kookaburra Sits in an Old Gum Tree and Waltzing Matilda. The choir sang Geronimo and Cups which, as always, sounded great. Miah recited a poem about the war years which brought tears to everyone's eyes while the Captains and Prefects were fantastic hosts for our afternoon. Our children gave each marcher a 'care package' with a letter from home, a chocolate and a new pair of socks. This is just what every soldier still looks forward to when overseas. Thanks to the P&C for catering for our afternoon tea. Those scones, lamingtons and Anzac Biscuits were delicious.

# StreetFeast

Once again our Choir entertained the dinner time crowd. And as always they received positive feedback. Thanks to Mrs D'Ilio for instilling the joy of singing in these children. Also I'd like to thank the adults and children from our school who helped set up and dismantle marquees on the day.

# End of Year Play

Our performance extravaganza is certainly drawing closer. Could everyone have their costumes at school by Monday please. We need to add that bit of sparkle to them!

# Swim Scheme

This worthwhile program begins on Monday. It will run for 2 weeks for those children who have permission notes. All information has been sent home to these children.

# Professional Learning

The staff have undergone a variety of training over the recent weeks. Here are a snippet of what we have been involved in:

Assessing and evaluating our Personal Development Plans, Completing How2LEARN, Google Apps for Education, iTunes in the classroom, administration of medicines, Jolly Phonics and CPR.

# Just a couple of Reminders!

<u>Technology</u> – please remember that any device brought to school **must** be handed into the office at the beginning of the day not kept in bags.

 $\underline{\textit{Aerosol deodorant}}$  - children are asked not to bring these to school . Roll-ons may be used instead.

We have locked the small back gate due to safety reasons. The one at the back of the Cottage Museum can be used instead. Sorry for any inconvenience.

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| <u>Dates To Remember</u> |                          |
|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| Term 4                   |                          |
| 20 Nov                   | Final High School trans. |
| 23 Nov                   | 'Learn To Swim' begins   |
| 24 Nov                   | KHS Yr 6 Orientation     |
| 4 Dec                    | 'Learn To Swim' ends     |
|                          | Water Fun Day for        |
|                          | Children not attending   |
|                          | Swim Scheme              |
| 7 Dec                    | Reports go home          |
| 8 Dec                    | SRC Market Day           |
| 9 Dec                    | Xmas church service      |
| 10 Dec                   | 2016 School Captain      |
|                          | speeches 9.30am          |
| 11 Dec                   | Awards Assembly,         |
|                          | Thank you Morning Tea    |
|                          | Yr 6 farewell disco 6pm  |
| 14 Dec                   | Dress Rehearsal          |
| 15 Dec                   | Presentation Night @6pm  |
| 16 Dec                   | Talent Quest             |
|                          | Students' last day       |
| 2016                     |                          |
| 28 Jan                   | Yr 1-6 Students return   |
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As usual if you have any concerns, please don't hesitate to contact the office to make an appointment.

28-29 Jan Best Start Assessments

Kindergarten starts

It would be beneficial if you could let teachers know the nature of any meetings prior to the date so that we can be more organised for you.

Have a good week!

1 Feb

Beverly Balfoort Relieving Principal



### CLASS 5/6

5/6 have been learning different language features and are encouraged to use these in their writing. The focus this week is on presentation in our bookwork and we are trying hard to always have a margin, title, date and write neatly.

In Maths this week, everyone is working well. Our focus is to record our thinking to be able to easily identify mistakes and to inform others of different ways to work out the same problem.

We are continuing our unit on disasters, focusing on bushfires at the moment. We have had interesting discussions on bushfire safety and ensuring we are prepared if this unfortunate event does occur.

We have finalised our dance and are now working on changing lines. We are all very excited about the end of year play. **Ms Oakes** 

# 1/2 NEWS

Year 1/2 are really getting in the groove this week!! We are enjoying learning our dance and are showing great rhythm! This week we have been writing a film review about the movie Rio. Our focus was looking at the different types of celebrations that took place in the movie. In Maths we have been revising our work on time, looking at months of the year and seasons. We enjoyed painting "Some Kids in America" as part of our preparation for the end of year play. Mrs Atkins

# **KINDER**

What a great week we've had in Kinder. This week we have brought our Shadufs into school. They look great and everybody could answer lots of questions about their model. In class we have made Egyptian sandals (yes, we made our own shoes!). We'll be bringing our shadufs and wearing our shoes to assembly on Friday. We have also created a fun acrostic poem all about ... shoes. In Maths we have been learning all about position and following directions. **B Balfoort** 

# BOOK CLUB

Mrs D

The last Book Club order forms for the year should come home with your child today. If you wish to place an order, please return your form and payment to school on or before next THURSDAY November 26<sup>th</sup>.

# CHRISTMAS CAROLS at THE GLOBE, RYLSTONE

The school has been asked if we have any children who would like to sing some Christmas carols at The Globe's annual Carols By Glowlight. It will be held in the garden on the night of Sunday, December 13<sup>th</sup>, beginning at 6pm. This is an expression of interest so that I can get back to The Globe with an answer soon. Could you please return the accompanying slip if your child is interested in attending and singing some of the carols as part of a school representative group?

Mrs D.

# RPS CHOIR AT STREETFEAST 2015

20 Children from the primary section of our school represented Rylstone Public School at StreetFeast on Saturday, November 7th. A special thanks to each of them for giving up their own playtime prior to the day to rehearse for their performance and then turning up on the day, at the prearranged time, beautifully dressed and for singing so magnificently. thoroughly entertained the large crowd with a selection of 5 songs. Between each song the crowd responded with loud and appreciative applause. At the conclusion of their set of songs, Mr Monaghan, who spearheaded the organisation behind StreetFeast, presented our school captain with a cheque for \$200. Miah graciously accepted this on behalf of the choir. During the performance, one man gave the choir \$50 cash because he "had never before seen children enjoy music and singing as a group so much!" Might I sum up by thanking the parents of these children for supporting their choice to perform at a community event on behalf of their school, getting them there on time and clapping and cheering so enthusiastically. I certainly appreciate your support. And to the choir..YOU KIDS ROCK! (A very proud) Mrs D.

# SRC

Our fabulous SRC have looked at their budget and voted to spend the money they have raised this year. They bought lots and lots of Tonka Trucks for our sandpit. They also bought 2 sets of Sumblox, which are maths blocks—sounds a bit boring but when they saw a video about them they thought they were fabulous. Their next big event will be our Market Day on the 8th December. On this day children can bring in old toys, books etc and sell them. Items can be priced up to \$5. They can also make cakes, slices, craft items, run games or guessing competitions. It's a fun day with lots of bargains to be had. The children pay \$2 for their stall site and everything they make is theirs to keep. (Usually they end up spending it all on the other stalls!) **B Balfoort** 



# P & C NEWS

Next P & C Meeting: Monday 7th December at 5pm (then to The Globe Hotel for our Christmas Dinner)

# P&C NEWS

Firstly, we would like to say a massive thank you to all the parents & children that helped with setting up & packing up at StreetFeast. With all your help the P & C was presented with a cheque for \$1000!!!

Secondly we have a few busy weeks ahead...

Next Friday 27th we will get together to discuss the food stall for the Rylstone Show 2016, We will meet at the the Rylstone Club for lunch at 11:30am. All Welcome.

CANDLES - Forms are now out for the Candle Drive. Please support this & get ready for Christmas. Orders close Thurs 3rd Dec, collection Mon 7th Dec.

CHRISTMAS DINNER Mon 7th Dec - All P & C Members, volunteers & staff are welcome to come for dinner at The Globe Hotel at 6pm (we ask you pay for your own meals & drinks) RSVP to Bec Mackander 0428517048.

DISCO Fri 11th Dec - The Canteen will be open with mini hot dogs, chocolates, lollies, chips & drinks available. Price list to go out with next newsletter.

PRESENTATION NIGHT Tues 15th Dec - "End of year Raffle" tickets are attached \$2 each with 3 Hampers up for grabs! Please could all books be returned to school by Tue 15th Dec (sold or unsold). We have started sending raffle tickets home in advance in order to reduce the 'bottle neck' on entry to the hall. Every year we ask if families could donate to the raffle please drop items to the office prior to the 15th. On the night of presentation & end of year play we would appreciate if families could bring a plate of food to share for supper at intermission.

Bec Mackander—P&C Secretary

# 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. Ticket sellers for the next two weeks are 20/11—Nikki O & Kerry R; 27/11—Gemma S, Bec G & Jackie G. The jackpot is \$4700. Be there on Friday night to be in with a chance!

# UNIFORM SHOP

The Uniform Shop is open on Friday <u>mornings</u> from 9am-9.20am. Payment is required at the time of purchase and if you are unable to visit in person on Friday mornings just drop your order and payment at the office during the week and I will fill it when I come in on the Friday.

Tammy, Uniform Co-ordinator

# **COMMUNITY NEWS**



# **ENROLMENTS FOR 2016**

"Give your child a great start to their school life".

Please phone Sandra or Leanne on 02 6379 4273 or

Come on into the Preschool and collect an enrolment form

Looking forward to having your family join our Preschool

Like us on Facebook – Rylstone Kandos Preschool





# Sport and Recreation's Swim and Survive lessons

Australian summers usually involve plenty of fun in and around the water, but no parent should forget how important it is to make sure children stay safe.

Sport and Recreation's Swim and Survive classes for preschoolers and school-aged children help youngsters learn important ways to be safe and enjoy our pools, rivers, beaches and lakes.

The intensive nine-day programs provide wonderful results, and are great fun as well. Plus, family discounts make our program affordable for all the children in the family.

Sport and Recreation runs Swim and Survive classes in pools throughout regional NSW.

Our instructors are nationally qualified and screened for their suitability to work with children.

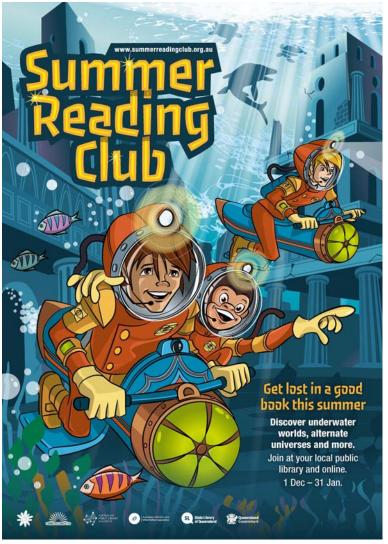
Prices for nine lessons are \$69 for school-aged children and \$49 for preschoolers (prices exclude pool entry fee).

For more information or to make a booking, visit sportandrecreation.nsw.gov.au/swimandsurvive or phone 13 13 02











# RYLSTONE / KANDOS ROTARY CLUB

# Family Christmas Carnival Kandos Memorial Swimming Pool

Chocolate Wheel (Hams as prizes), BBQ, Stalls, Saturday 5 December 2015 Free Family Entry from 3pm Carnival 3pm till 6-30pm



Rides, Water Slide & Music



