



Education

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Rylstone Review

Term 1, Week 3

Thursday, 15th February 2018

GUITAR

We had to cancel today's guitar lessons as we only had two students (Lily & Halli) who indicated they would like lessons. A minimum of 10 would be required for Mr Burns to continue lessons at RPS this year. Please contact the office asap if you are interested.



From the principal's desk...

A HUGE thank you to everyone who came along to our 'Meet the Teacher' night on Monday. It was great to get to speak to you all. I hope you enjoyed the opportunity to meet your child's teacher and learn about our school's education focus for the year.

THANK YOU to our brilliant P&C who came along and cooked a fabulous sausage sizzle! Everyone thought it was delicious and we really appreciate all that you do!

At our meeting, Ms Burns spoke about our new home reading sheet for the primary. For those who could not make it, we have tried to introduce a more authentic form of home reading rather than just ticking boxes. We are focusing on students being more responsible for their own learning and as such, will have to be responsible for areas of their own home reading. Ms Burns discussed the concept of 'reading for stamina'.

The concept of reading for stamina was introduced last year as part of our 'Daily 5' literacy program. Last year Kindergarten and Class 1-2 fully embraced the Daily 5 and it is now being carried through to the primary classes.

"READING FOR STAMINA is a child's ability to focus and read independently for long-ish periods of time without being distracted or without distracting others.

Reading stamina is something that parents can help students develop. Here's how:

1. Vary the way the reading is done. Parents can think about this in terms of having their child "read to himself, read to someone, and listen to reading." Some combination of the three should make up the reading time, especially for new or struggling readers.

2. Choose "just right" books. If your child is at a stage of being able to read alone, help him choose books that he/ she is able to read independently. This means he should be able to decode almost every word in the book correctly. In this situation, avoid using books that are too difficult to read alone. If your child will be reading with you, choose books that are lively and engaging.

3. Set reasonable goals. Most toddlers and pre-schoolers find it difficult to sit for long periods of time, even with the most engaging book! When starting out, limit book time to just a few

minutes and work up from there. For elementary aged readers, consider starting with 10-15 minutes of reading time, and work up from there. Add a few minutes to your reading time every week or so.

4. Celebrate progress. Without getting too caught up on the number of minutes spent reading, celebrate the time that is spent reading. Share your favourite parts of books read, plan the next visit to the library, and share progress with other family members.

Spending longer periods of time reading means fewer interruptions and more time reading what you love. As your child moves into higher grades, having reading stamina will help your child navigate the longer texts and assignments."

This is an excerpt from the webpage:
www.readingrockets.org/article/building-reading-stamina

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I am on class Mon-Wed and in the office Thur-Fri.

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Dates for your calendar...

February

20th... NRL Wellbeing Blitz

24th... Rylstone Kandos Show

28th... Zone Swimming @ Gulgong

March

9th... Class 3-4 Assembly

16th... Class 5-6 Assembly

23rd... Class 1-2 Assembly

29th... Easter Hat Parade

30th...GOOD FRIDAY

April

2nd...Easter Monday

9th—12th...Parent Teacher Interviews

13th...Kinder Assembly

13th...Last day of Term 1



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P&C News

Uniform Shop

The Uniform Shop is open from 9am - 9.30am every Friday. If you need to make a purchase and are unable to come in at this time, please contact the Uniform Shop Coordinator Sandra Stroud on 0419 149 478.

School Banking

The School Banking program resumes this week. Collection Day for deposits is every Friday morning. Could all students wishing to make a deposit please bring their money and deposit books to the Uniform Shop before Assembly.

P&C Fundraising

Family Fun Bare Foot Bowls Day, Saturday 10th Feb. 2018

What a fabulous afternoon! A big thankyou to our coordinator of this event Jackie Glew. Also, we had some very generous prizes donated from, We've Got It Made, Flick'r by Mandy and Cooper's Country Meat. Thankyou to all the people in the school and community who made the effort to pop down to the club for a couple of hours of great fun.

Bowls And Show Day Raffle – Drawn show Day – Got off to a great start on Bowls Day. First prize is a \$100 voucher to Cherry Red donated by Cherry Red, Second Prize is an Ariat Bag and Pillow donated by Husband's Saddlery and third prize is a hamper donated by Bec and Dave Guilfoyle. Tickets are \$2 each. It would be much appreciated if we had some volunteers come forward to help sell the tickets over the next couple of weeks. Please phone Bec Guilfoyle on: 0477 953 166 if you can help out.

Volunteers And Events Form – Please remember to fill this out. If you have misplaced your note please come to the office and get another.

Jolly Joker 2018 – If you have done so already thankyou for filling out the Volunteers And Events Form. From this we will create an expression of interest form, which will be sent out in the newsletter on the 1st March. This must be returned to the school by the 9th March for the roster to be made up.

Rylstone / Kandos Show 2018 – Helpers are still really needed on show day, Saturday . Please fill out the form in last week's newsletter or get in contact with our coordinator Kath Brennan on: 438 617 922 if you can do anything to help out. This is one of our biggest fundraisers for the year.

Below: Our barefoot bowlers enjoying a spot of fun on Saturday.

