

Rylstone Review

Term 2, Week 4

Thursday, 23rd May 2019

CRAZY HAIR DAY TOMORROW

Starting at
10:30am with the
Crazy Hair Parade
followed by our
Will who is having
his beautiful curls
clipped to raise
money for the
Juvenile Diabetes
Research
Foundation

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From the principal's desk...

Absentee Policy

Since 2015 the Department of Education has had in place a policy that states public school students will need permission from their school principal to miss school during a term unless they are taking part in elite sport, the arts or the entertainment industry. Parents are required to submit an Application for Extended Leave – Travel form, an itinerary and copies of plane tickets, along with a justification outlining the benefits of the proposed trip. Family trips outside of school holidays will be classified as 'unjustified absences' on a student's permanent record. Please contact the office for a copy of the Application for Leave form.

Election Day

Last Saturday we had a Federal election polling booth here at our school. Once again our P&C rose to the occasion and whipped up an amazing sausage sizzle and cake stall. Thank you to everyone who contributed to the day. Especially Sandra Stroud, Tim and Kelly Lus, Bec and Hilary Guilfoyle, Alisa Burlington, Ronnie Hudson and many others who baked and delivered cakes and slices. It was surprising how many people came to me to compliment us on our beautiful grounds with many people taking photos and videos of our gardens and buildings!

Homework Club / OOSH

After asking for expressions of interest in the last newsletter, we have come up empty handed. No one has applied to run the homework club and only 2 families expressed an interest in having their children attend. As such, it appears we will not be going ahead with our

Homework Club due to lack of interest. Our Out Of School Hours is also on hold as all OOSH applications have been in caretaker mode due to the last few elections and no applications are being processed or moved.

National Simultaneous Storytelling

Yesterday was National Simultaneous Storytelling Day and the chosen book was 'Alpacas with Maracas'.

The students absolutely loved it and were read the book as a giant group K-6. They enjoyed the activities completed back in class! It was a great opportunity to celebrate our school and reading.



Please don't hesitate to contact me on Jodee.Burcher@det.nsw.edu.au or make an appointment by calling the office on 6379 1404.

Jodee Burcher
Principal

Dates for your calendar ...

May

23-24th...Gulgong Eisteddfod
24th...JDRF Crazy Hair Day
25 & 26th...Gulgong Eisteddfod
27th...P&C 3:30pm
31st...Personal Development Nurse talk (Yrs 5-6)

June

6th...Zone Cross Country
10th...Queen's Birthday Long Weekend
12th...Responsible Pet Ownership (Southern Ocean)

July

3rd...Yr7 Transition talk

Around the classrooms...

Southern Ocean (K-2)

Kinder

Kindergarten has had a fabulous week this week. The students have been working very hard with their sight words and letter formation this week.

In Maths, we have been looking at 'Time'. They have been using language like 'morning, afternoon, yesterday and tomorrow' to explain when certain events happen. When do you usually brush your teeth? We have also started to look at subtraction and have been telling very interesting little stories about Superheroes to work out subtraction problems.

Batgirl heard that there were 5 cats stuck on a roof top. When she got there, she could only see 4 cats. How many cats had already made it safely down?

The students use counters or mini-whiteboards to show their answers!

Their big book this week is called 'The kick-a-lot shoes', it is about a very mean witch that causes havoc around town by kicking everyone in sight. It doesn't end well for the mean old witch!

On Monday afternoon Southern Ocean went out to explore the school grounds before coming back in for our Science unit, 'Changes all around'. The students had to take 3 photos of things around the school.

1-2

We have been happily swimming around in the Southern Ocean. We have been learning about Addition, Friends of 10 and using equal arm balances to measure the mass of objects in Numeracy. The children are refining their knowledge of sounds and reading and then testing their ability to utilise these skills so they can problem solve on iPads and computers to complete Soundwaves and Reading Eggs activities. We LOVED reading *Alpacas With Maracas* yesterday. We then had a lot of fun doing a craft activity afterwards. We are all budding David Attenboroughs – our knowledge of honey bees is growing every week!

Mrs D'Ilio

We will be out every Monday to do the same thing... the same 3 photos each week. What could we be doing?

How do you think this photo of Orion and Jack will change when I take it next Monday and every Monday until the end of term?



Our Wednesday was very exciting in Southern Ocean, we participated in the National Simultaneous Story time. Ms Burcher read 'Alpacas with Maracas' by Matt Cosgrove to the whole school. There were 1,085,587 other students around Australia listening to the same book at the same time!

Back in our classroom we made our own colourful Alpacas and listened to some South American music as we worked.

It has been a fabulous week so far!

Ms Jacklin



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..."

Atlantic Ocean (3-4)

Yesterday the students enjoyed listening to the story *Alpacas with Maracas*. They then created an artwork of one of the Alpacas from the story.

In Maths this week we have been focusing on time. We have been practising telling the time on both digital and analogue clocks and converting between different units of time.

We have also been focusing on 'Tightening Tension' the next step in our writing program. The students have written some great tightening tension scenes, describing all the senses and building suspense so that the reader feels like they are right there with the character.

The students have started working on their science unit for this term with Mrs Fielder – Feathers, fur or leaves? Throughout the term the students will explore how living things can be grouped on the basis of observable features and can be distinguished from non-living things.



Ms Burns

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Pacific Ocean (5-6)

This term in the Pacific Ocean we have been looking at H₂O in Science. Mrs Curtis has showed us a video about water and we were shocked to learn that there is only 1% of fresh water left in the world!! (Can you believe it?). Miss Curtis had us write down our thoughts on this. We decided that we should all work at preserving our water because Australia is the driest continent on the planet.

We have also been doing Drama with Mrs Lodewijks. We start with meditation, focusing on deep breathing which relaxes us and gets us ready for drama (it's very calming, you should try it). We have been enjoying lots of different drama games and role play activities.

In maths we have been learning about time and 24 hour time.

This week in the Pacific Ocean has been an amazing one, we have had lots of fun and have learnt a lot.

Teegan and Haidee



SRC News

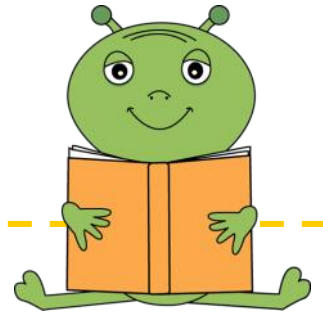
The SRC will be selling HOT MILO every Friday morning from now until the end of term. Come and have a wonderfully tummy warming cup of milo at the cost \$1 whilst you catch up with friends in the morning.

See you there!

Book Club

Reminder that Issue 3 orders are due tomorrow and I expect we will be reading our new books by late next week.

Mrs D



Cross Country

What a beautiful day it was last Friday. The weather was very kind to us and provided a bright sunny day for the annual RPS Cross Country Run. All of the children ran with enthusiasm and determination. As a result of running laps of the school oval for fitness in the weeks leading up to the event, many of our runners surprised themselves at how easy they found the course! Congratulations to each and every student who participated. In a stunning result, Cudgegong and Windamere TIED in the

overall point score for the day!

A huge THANKYOU to the adoring crowd who turned out to cheer the runners on. The atmosphere was very positive and supportive. As always, in a school with only minimal staff, we could not hold / run these events without the help and support of the parents who volunteered their help for this event. I appreciate the immensely positive response which follows every request for assistance.

Mrs D



Some of the place winners at the school cross country held last Friday afternoon.



P&C News

Raffle Fundraiser

Thank you to everyone who has supported our raffle this term. The draw will take place at this Friday's assembly. Good luck to everyone who purchased tickets!

Democracy Sausage Sizzle

Last Saturday was a fabulous day with lots of comments from people about what a fantastic school we have! Thank you to Kelly and Tim Lus for keeping the sausages sizzling, Bec Guilfoyle and family, Jodee Burcher, Alisa Burlington and Cheyne D'Illo for their assistance on the day and Karen Croake, Gemma Suttor and Ronnie Hudson for the wonderful array of homemade treats!

Zone Cross Country

The P and C will once again be providing the canteen at next months Zone Cross Country event. This is another great opportunity to showcase our school, and we will be providing hot meals, drinks, snacks and homemade cakes/slices. Keep an eye on our Facebook page for updates as we get closer to the event on Thursday 6th June.

Uniform Shop

The Uniform Shop is open every **Friday** morning from 9am -9.30am. The Shop can now accept electronic payments, both credit and debit cards and cash is also welcome! If you need to make a purchase and cannot come in at this time please call Sandra on 0419 149 478 to arrange another time.

School Banking

Students need to bring their deposit and deposit book to the Uniform Shop on **Fridays** from 9am - 9.20am.

If you would like your child to join the program, or need further info see the Commonwealth Bank website <https://www.commbank.com.au/banking/school-banking.html>

Next Meeting

Monday 27th May
3.30pm in the School Hall.

Sandra Stroud President

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Cross Country Photos





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CUDGEGONG LEARNING COMMUNITY

Community News

MY HOUSE MY RULES

STUDENT SUMMARY SHEET

FAM [fam] Noun, Informal

A word used to describe your friends, the ones that you can trust totally. They are like family.

MALWARE, RANSOMWARE & FRIEND REQUESTS

12% of kids have had money stolen or downloaded a virus on their computer. Some of the ways criminals target young people is through:

Malware - tricks you into installing software that allows scammers to access your files and track what you are doing

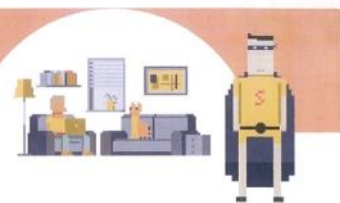
Ransomware - demands for payment to 'unlock' your computer or files

Unusual Friend Requests - people you don't know requesting to be friends on social media or asking for personal information.

GOOD DIGITAL HABITS

Phones and tablets and computers come equipped with lots of privacy and security features. As a responsible user it's important to make a habit to use them. How many of these security strategies do you use?

- I use a unique passcode such as a fingerprint to unlock my device
- I have 'find my device' enabled so if I lose my device I can prevent it being used
- I have turned off automatic location sharing
- I make sure software and virus protection on my device is regularly updated
- I ask others what security features they are using.



DETECTING SCAMMERS

Stay safe by thinking carefully before sharing personal information. Ask yourself:

- Why should I trust this person?
- Is this a reasonable request?
- Is my information protected?

SAFE SOCIAL NETWORKING

The internet is a great place to play games, share information and stay connected to family and friends. How many of these safe social networking strategies do you use?

- I am selective when accepting friend requests
- I have strong passwords on my social media accounts
- I limit the amount of identifying information I share e.g. full name
- I protect my location information e.g. not showing my location in photos
- I only share my passwords with trusted adults where necessary.

WHEN THINGS GO WRONG

One of the most important online safety skills is knowing where to go for help if something goes wrong. Australia has some of the best online safety and wellbeing resources in the world.

- Report [esafety.gov.au/reportcyberbullying](https://www.esafety.gov.au/reportcyberbullying)
- Online Wellbeing Hub
[esafety.gov.au/online-wellbeing-hub](https://www.esafety.gov.au/online-wellbeing-hub)
- Scamwatch [scamwatch.gov.au](https://www.scamwatch.gov.au)



Nutrition Snippet

The simplest way

... to add variety to the lunch box

Does your child get bored with their lunchbox?

Making a few small changes can keep it interesting. Try these quick tips to add variety



- **Mix up the breads** - instead of sandwich bread try: rolls, wraps or pita pockets.
- **Fruit** provides endless possibilities for variety, pack: different coloured, fresh, whole, diced, sliced, canned or dried fruit.
- Use our [interactive lunch box builder](#) and get your children to choose what they would like packed in the lunch box.
- Try some new [sandwich filling ideas](#) - visit our website for quick, easy and tasty filling combinations.
- Check out our website for new [healthy snack ideas](#).
- Cook extra for dinner and pack leftovers for lunch.

For more tips, recipes and ideas visit our [website](#).

healthylunchbox.com.au

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REMINDERS & PERMISSION NOTES DUE

★ Earn & Learn Stickers can be dropped at the office ★

★ Year 6 Shirt orders ★

★ Year 5-6 PD Program permission ★

★ P&C Raffle Tickets must be returned by tomorrow morning—Prizes drawn at assembly ★

★ Stewart House donations due tomorrow so entries can be posted ★