RJ families excitedly joined in the fun of our **Primary Open Day** last Friday. Hundreds of parents, grandparents, relatives and friends flocked in for the enjoyable interaction during activities in the classrooms, across the new facilities and climaxing with our lively and colourful giant parade. The boys and girls obviously had a fabulous time and special appreciation is conveyed to our marvellous Primary teachers and support staff who ensured the special event was very successful. Once again the Primary staff, by their wonderful example, splendid participation and outstanding preparation, helped literacy come alive and motivate many powerfully impressionable memories. Well done everyone!

Our **North West Mission Team** (26 Years 8-11 students and 6 staff) were absolutely superlative during their Trip to Moree, Wee Waa and Narrabri. Many of the Primary children and teachers in a number of country schools made sure our Team knew how much of a positive impact was made and pleaded for their return sometime in the future. Mr O’Hare, who has co-ordinated the recent NW Mission Trips, was effusive in his compliments for the splendid attitudes demonstrated by the Team members resulting in tremendous co-operation and comraderie which, in turn, meant that the the Gospel message was clearly communicated through words and actions. We especially thank the staff for their generous provision of time and effort to train and lead these young people: Miss Close, Mr Napper, Mr and Mrs Rowe, Miss Brownlow and Mr O’Hare.

During the Final Assembly the **new student leader appointments** were announced: School Captains – Tiffany Adams, Benjamin Centre; Vice Captains – Ester Gaolo, Dalyn Assur; Chapel Captains – Laura Gonzales, Nikita Kumar; Service Captain – Kaitlyn Patel. Other leadership positions will be announced this week.

We were delighted to be able to move in to most of the new **Block F facilities and Courtyard** at the start of term. People have been very impressed by the design and the excellent physical connections between Blocks F, G and H which are now benefiting our School community. We are indeed most fortunate. People are now also able to see how the ongoing Masterplan will translate into improved external spaces. This construction work, first in Pioneers Way and then in the grassed area, will bring the Masterplan to its conclusion, in respect of most projects, by the end of Term 1 2016. We all look forward to that time.

Preparations for our **Marsden Park Campus** continue to progress, with Enrolment Interviews being conducted and Orientation being arranged for later in November. Specific details for the Pre-Kindergarten and Kindergarten enrollees are included in this edition of RJ Review.

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**PRINCIPAL'S AWARD**

Congratulations to the following students who received Principal’s Awards at recent Assemblies:

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Best wishes
Paul Cockrem
School RULES, OK!

STUDENT LEADERSHIP
Congratulations to the following students who were appointed to Captaincy at the final Assembly last Term:

Male School Captain: Benjamin Cantre
Female School Captain: Tiffany Adams
Male Vice-Captain: Dalyn Assur
Female Vice-Captain: Ester Gaolo
Chapel Captains: Laura Gonzales and Nikita Kumar
Service Captain: Kaitlyn Patel

The new House Captains will be made known at the conclusion of this week's Chapel Service on Friday 16 October.

After Friday's announcements, other Year 10 and 11 students will be able to put their names forward to be selected as House Leaders.

NW MISSION TRIP
Words would never be able to do justice to the blessings that the Mission received on their weeklong trip to North West NSW. Please take the opportunity of chatting to someone who went along and you will be able to sense their enthusiasm.

Students in Years 7, 8 and 9 can especially look forward to possibly being part of the next Trip in 2017.

Students will share their experiences via the RJ Review, Unashamed, Chapel Services, Staff Devotions and general chatter.

SCHOOL UNIFORM POLICY
As the Summer quickly approaches, students are reminded that, except for Years 11 and 12, the wearing of ties and scarves is optional, as is the wearing of the blazer/jacket.

In the first and last Terms of the year, the no hat, no play policy is enforced, irrespective of weather conditions. Students need to remember this for PE and Sport as well.

Cyber MATTERS

KEEPING YOUR KIDS SAFE ONLINE.
We continue in our quest to make as many sources available to parents to assist in making the cyber experience a pleasant one for all concerned.

Today's article comes from the NSW Education website “schoolatoz”, which has the following tips.

1. Nothing replaces parental supervision and education for kids about cyber safety.
2. Set a technology curfew.
3. Remind your child to never give out identifying information such as your home address, school name or telephone number in a public message such as chat or newsgroups.
4. If your child posts photos online, use privacy settings to limit access to people they know well.
5. Remind your child that people don't always tell the truth online, and they can't take anything at face value.
6. Reassure your child that they can tell you anything, without fear of losing the laptop or internet access.
7. If they get a message or email that's threatening or rude, they should 'STOP, BLOCK, TELL'. First step is to tell your child to stop responding to the abuse and then block those people sending threatening or rude messages if they continue. Let your child know that if they are being bullied, or know someone else who is, they should tell a trusted adult.
8. Never click on any links that are contained in emails from people they don't know. As well as sexual content, they could contain a computer virus.
9. If you suspect your child has been contacted by a predator, try to save a copy of the chat log (or whatever form the contact takes) for evidence. Call Crime Stoppers 24-hour line 1800 333 000 to make a formal complaint.
10. Your child will be using computers and the technology for the rest of their lives – you're in the great position of being able to get them off to a safe, positive start.

More information can be found on the School A to Z website, which can be found at http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/technology

REMININDER
The scrunchies recently displayed for sale at Lowes St Marys were an initiative of Lowes’ Head Office. They are not part of the Uniform Policy and have therefore been removed from sale. The approved scrunchie colour remains as navy.

ATTENTION
The transition from white socks with thin light blue stripes to ones with navy stripes is happening this year due to manufacturer difficulties. From 2016 only white socks with navy stripes will be permitted.
The HSC exams have started well with all students excited, but nervous, about the challenges that lie ahead. On Wednesday evening (14 October) at 7pm, the Surviving Year 12 night will be held in the Hall for all Year 12 2016 students and parents. The Year 12 Assessment Policies and Procedures booklet will be distributed at this time and other information will be shared about careers and maintaining healthy habits over the next 12 months.

Year 10 students were given their subject allocations for Year 11 2016 at the end of last term. Anyone who has not yet collected their sheet from Student Reception should do so as soon as possible. Any changes to subject choices should be finalised by the end of this week (16 October). Please come and discuss any questions you have with me. Students who are wanting to study at TAFE should have already submitted their application forms, but it is still not too late. The forms are available from Student Reception but need to be returned as quickly as possible. All applications for languages through the Open High School are due by 31 October.

The NAPLAN results were received towards the end of last term and the following is an analysis of those results. The 2015 results were consistent with positive results in previous years in Literacy and Numeracy.

There was a distinct improvement in the performance of students in Writing and this performance exceeded the goals that had been set in place in 2014, especially in Year 7. There was also a consistent movement of students into the higher bands, more consistent with (or above) the State average at proficient levels.

The table below indicates the percentage of students in Bands 6-9 in Year 7 and Bands 7-10 in Year 9. The table also highlights the difference between the School percentage in Bands and the State percentage in Bands. The average growth has been reported based on the students we can track from Year 5 to Year 7 and Year 7 to Year 9. The growth point in brackets is the difference between the School and State average.

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It is well worth remembering that NAPLAN data provides one piece of information that needs to be evaluated in the light of other testing and classroom observations. Each year, a different cohort of students is represented, with their own individual strengths and weaknesses. The Secondary section has achieved its goals of improving student performance in Writing, but that does not mean that our attention should now be directed elsewhere. The challenge is to sustain and further improve these results, including the consolidation of student performance in the higher bands.

Jenny Clay
Assistant Principal/Head of Secondary

Year 9
DUKE OF EDINBURGH

On Friday 11 September, a number of Year 9 students completed the Coastal Track in the Royal National Park as part of the Duke of Edinburgh Bronze Award. Armani Leuzzi, Aidan Kumar, Rhea Kumar, Daniel Kranendonk, Erick Boyd, Connor Sheppard Morris and William Stout should be extremely proud of their achievement.

We arrived at our camp site at about 2pm on Friday. After some great teamwork (and laughs) all the tents were set up. The remainder of the afternoon was spent on the beach, playing touch football and skimming rocks. After dinner we made the most of the clear and warm night by playing spotlight. On Saturday we woke early as we had an 18km hike, and some hot weather ahead of us.

The students showed care by looking after each other and encouraging others when needed. A special thank you to Mr Clay who joined us for the Friday night and for providing our support vehicle along the way.

Miss Little and Miss Close
INTRO
On 2 October, twenty-six students and six teachers set out to show ordinary people the extraordinary God who loves us. The 2015 North-West Mission Trip lasted 8 days and 7 nights, and was an experience we would never forget.

DAY ONE
Admittedly, coming to School on that first day at 5am was not an ideal start to the morning, and on the bus ride, it was only fair that for the majority of the ride that we grasped for a sleep. After 12 staggering-long hours, we arrived in Moree, settled into the church hall where we would stay and met the inspirational family that would accompany us during our time in Moree: the Strahan family.

DAY TWO
We started our Trip by holding a holiday program at Moree Christian School. This day was our first chance to reach out and touch the hearts of the Indigenous kids in Moree. The performance was led by the K-2 team and team leader Tiffany Adams, with their main message being ‘Found in God’. The team ended the day by relaxing at the Moree Hot Springs, having the male students and teachers prepare dinner, and completing our first Bible study together in the grand, glass-stained church.

DAY THREE
We started the Sunday morning with a 7:30am traditional Service in All Saint's Anglican Church, later followed by a 9am Family Service. Being in Moree for the first Sunday of the month meant the team could attend the local markets, browsing the stalls and experiencing true country spirit. The rest of the day was filled with free time and an intense card game of Mafia. For the evening, we headed to the Strahan’s house to have fellowship, eat BBQ, and be a part of the gut-wrenching, stomach-churning NRL grand final… GO THE COWBOYS!!!

DAY FOUR
The next day the 3-6 team, otherwise known as, ‘The Unbelievable Team’, led by team leader Benjamin Centre, were to present our last holiday program, also at Moree Christian School. This was our final opportunity to minister and plant the seeds of the Gospel within the kids of Moree, and later that afternoon tears were shed as we waved goodbye to the ones we had come to know and love. A short while after, we had a chance to drive around town to give fruit to kids around the area with Paul and Erin Strahan, and the team was given a glimpse of life in Moree. That evening, dinner was held at the Amaroo Tavern, and we concluded the day with bible study, later falling asleep peacefully in Wee Waa Christian School’s classrooms.

DAY FIVE
Our fifth day was our final day in Moree, and the team travelled to the Fairview Nursing Home to perform parts of each program to the elderly. The seniors enjoyed singing along particularly to the Australian bush songs Mark Doughty and Mr. Rowe led, as well as the puppet show of the K-2 program and magic show of the 3-6 program.

Afterwards, as we said our goodbyes before we left Moree to the Strahan family, the students and teachers could not express their gratitude and thanks for the experiences the Strahan’s had contributed to while in Moree. Paul and Erin continue to inspire us by the dedication of their lives to God daily.

Arriving in Wee Waa allowed the team to connect as we spent time with each other playing basketball, soccer and ending the night with bible study, later falling asleep peacefully in Wee Waa Christian School’s classrooms.

DAY SIX
Back to performing for children - by the end of the day both teams had smashed out two lots of their programs at the Wee Waa Christian School and Public School. In the midst of performances, the day consisted of one member having to go to the hospital, while another costing themselves an injury and entering the same hospital a little while after. Despite the unfortunate, the full team safely arrived in Narrabri that night, enjoyed McDonald’s for dinner - and of course, singing ‘Happy Birthday’ to our School Captain, Tiffany Adams!

DAY SEVEN
The morning had an emotional start with having to send home two unwell team members, Laura Gonzales and Mark Doughty, and along with them our ‘Head of Team’ Mr O’Hare. Both performance teams used this setback to enable them to deliver the best performances on our last official day on Mission. By lunch we had completed our final programs - each team performing twice in two different ends of Narrabri. The team could not have been more proud of those who took the initiative to take on the roles that needed to be filled! To conclude our final day, Mr Napper led us to the Sawn Rocks where we spent time in our Bible Study groups praying and reflecting on the Fruits of the Spirit in Galatians, specifically those we had seen being displayed on this trip. We also marked our final ‘Woolies’ run for dinner that night which was beautifully prepared stir-fry. Before retreating to our sleeping quarters, words of encouragement went around the group as we acknowledged the efforts of each other, and the new relationships we’d established.

DAY EIGHT
Another full day of driving back home! A few of the Year 11/12’s reflected over the impact of this Mission Trip while driving home. We concluded that Mission expands and challenges anybody’s confidence as a leader, and it can push one out of their comfort zone in being a servant of God. This Mission Trip has stirred up confidence as a leader, and it can push one out of their comfort zone in being a servant of God. This Mission Trip has stirred up confidence as a leader, and it can push one out of their comfort zone in being a servant of God. This Mission Trip has stirred up confidence as a leader, and it can push one out of their comfort zone in being a servant of God. This Mission Trip has stirred up confidence as a leader, and it can push one out of their comfort zone in being a servant of God. The morning had an emotional start with having to send home two unwell team members, Laura Gonzales and Mark Doughty, and along with them our ‘Head of Team’ Mr O’Hare. Both performance teams used this setback to enable them to deliver the best performances on our last official day on Mission. By lunch we had completed our final programs - each team performing twice in two different ends of Narrabri. The team could not have been more proud of those who took the initiative to take on the roles that needed to be filled! To conclude our final day, Mr Napper led us to the Sawn Rocks where we spent time in our Bible Study groups praying and reflecting on the Fruits of the Spirit in Galatians, specifically those we had seen being displayed on this trip. We also marked our final ‘Woolies’ run for dinner that night which was beautifully prepared stir-fry. Before retreating to our sleeping quarters, words of encouragement went around the group as we acknowledged the efforts of each other, and the new relationships we’d established.

CONCLUSION
A big thanks to all the teachers who dedicated time and effort towards the Trip – including Mr O’Hare, Mr Napper, Mr Rowe, Miss Close, Miss Brownlow and Mrs Rowe. Your service has been an integral part of the Mission!!! The outgoing missionaries encourage future applicants to take a step of faith and seize any opportunity God gives one.

Nikita Kumar and Laura Gonzales – Chapel Captains
Matters of PRIMARY IMPORTANCE

ASSEMBLY
In Assembly this term Primary will be looking at the ‘I Am Statements of Jesus’. Jesus used the ‘I Am’ statements to help his listeners understand that He is the Son of God and the only way to God the Father. The first Primary Assembly will be presented by 1R in Week 4 (Friday 30 October). This week, House Meetings replace Primary Assembly and in Week 3 Music Groups will perform in Assembly.

KINDERGARTEN ORIENTATION DAYS
Kindergarten Orientation Days will be held on Wednesday 18 November (9:00-11:15am) and Thursday 19 November (9:00-11:45am). We look forward to meeting our new 2016 Kindergarten children and their families on these days.

HOUSE MEETINGS
House Meetings will be held this Friday 16 October. All Primary students should wear their Sports Uniform with their House Shirt for House Meetings.

MARSDEN PARK OPEN DAYS
At the end of last term we opened the doors for the first time to welcome visitors to our new Marsden Park Campus. It was great to see so many visitors keen to learn about the new School. Thank you to the parent and student helpers who came along to also welcome our visitors.

NEPAL CHILD SPONSORSHIP
Thank you to families who regularly send in gold coin donations to support our sponsor children. $1-2 per month per student easily allows us to sponsor a child per year level and make a huge difference to the lives of these children. As the year progresses our donations decrease. Please continue to send a gold coin each month so we can continue to support the students over the longer summer break period.

PRIMARY OPEN DAY
What a fantastic day we had at our Primary Open Day last Friday. Our Primary section of the School was transformed into a colourful array of book characters and wonderful book displays. We saw some great costumes and the teachers had a lot of fun dressing as fairy tale characters to celebrate how books ‘Light up our World’, our 2015 Book Week theme. Primary Open Day is an opportunity to come together as a School community to celebrate the wonderful world of books and learning. Thank you to parents and visitors who came along for classroom visits, the book parade and who purchased or donated books to our Primary library.

RJ BIKE CHALLENGE
It is not long now until the RJ Bike Challenge, a great community morning of bike riding, fun activities and yummy morning tea. Now is the time to start preparing by checking bikes are all in order, ensuring bike helmets still fit and maybe even preparing some cool decorations for bikes. The RJ Bike Challenge is for both Primary and Secondary students and will be held on Saturday 21 November. Be sure to mark this morning in your calendar. Notes to follow shortly.

YEAR 5 YOUNG LEADERS PROGRAM
At the end of last term, Year 5 students actively embraced the Young Leaders Program. Students completed set tasks relating to communication, organisation and teamwork, service, personal development and physical endeavour, to achieve either Bronze, Silver or Gold level. Certificates will be presented in the Primary Assembly in Week 4. Students should be proud of their achievements. Well done Year 5.

YEAR 6 GRADUATION
Year 6 Graduation will be held on Friday 27 November commencing at 9am. Graduation consists of a special Primary Assembly, followed by morning tea for the Year 6 students and their families. Parents of Year 6 students should note this date in their diary.

YEAR 7 ORIENTATION DAY
Year 6 students will be preparing for the exciting transition to Secondary with an Orientation Day on Wednesday 4 November. This is a great opportunity for students to familiarise themselves with the Secondary environment and teaching staff.

YEAR 12 BUDDIES
Primary students give thanks to their Year 12 buddies who gave of their time this year to come and visit them in the classroom. The students enjoyed saying goodbye to their buddies in a special Primary Assembly at the end of last term. We continue to pray for the Year 12 students as they complete their HSC exams.

Narelle Taylor
Head of Primary

ATTENTION
Students who have received 4 Principal’s Awards, please bring them into the office to receive a School Plaque on Presentation Night.

2015 PRESENTATION NIGHTS
Primary - Wednesday 2 December at 6:30pm
Secondary - Thursday 3 December at 7:00pm
Primary students performed well in 2015 NAPLAN assessments in Literacy and Numeracy. NAPLAN data provides information on areas that students have performed at proficiency and also identifies areas for School and individual continued improvement. This data is used by teachers to inform teaching and learning, target particular areas for development across Literacy and Numeracy and consequently, improve student outcomes. NAPLAN data should be considered in conjunction with Student Reports and Work sample Folders provided at the end of each semester.

In Year 3 no students were below the National minimum standard in Writing. In other tested areas of Literacy and Numeracy a small number of students in Year 3 and Year 5 were below the National minimum standard.

PERCENTAGES OF STUDENTS ACHIEVING ABOVE THE NATIONAL MINIMUM STANDARD

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Performance by students in the top 2 bands indicated that students are demonstrating proficiency in a number of areas. Year 3 and Year 5 students performed above State averages in the top 2 bands in Spelling. In Year 3, RJ students achieved above State averages in Band 5 (Bands 3-6) in Reading, Spelling and Numeracy. In Year 5, RJ students achieved above State averages in Band 8 (Bands 3-8) in Reading and above State averages in Band 7 for Spelling.

The growth of students who completed NAPLAN testing in Year 3 (2013) and Year 5 (2015) was encouraging, with over 60% of students achieving above NAPLAN expected growth levels in all areas of Literacy and over 50% achieving above expected levels in Numeracy. Students demonstrated positive growth above State levels in all areas of Literacy.

The table below indicates the percentage of students in Bands 3-6 in Year 3 and Bands 5-8 in Year 5. The table also shows the difference between the School percentage in Bands and the State percentage in Bands. The average growth has been reported based on RJAS students we can track from Year 3 to Year 5. The growth points in brackets is the difference between the School and State average.

COMPARATIVE PERFORMANCE IN THE TOP 3 BANDS

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| Year 5 Average Growth (points) | (+1) | (+2) | (0) | (+16) | (-4) |

The Orientation Program for Year 7 will be held on Wednesday 4 November 2015, commencing in the Hall at 8.15am with parents in attendance, focusing on the new BYOD (Bring Your Own Device) Program for Year 7 in 2016. All students commencing Year 7 next year are expected to attend. The Orientation will include Year 6 students from RJAS and Year 6 students from many other schools. The students should wear their current School Uniform and bring food/drink in a small bag for a Recess break. A Sausage Sizzle (including drink) will be provided free-of-charge for lunch. Also, they will need to bring a pad and biro/s.

During the Orientation Program there will be an Information Session, a tour of the School, some general tests and other activities. The aim of the Orientation Program is to engender confidence in the students about the beginning of their Secondary education next year. Students should arrive by 8.15am. Parents depart at 8.45am after the first session. Students from other schools should be picked-up between 2.30pm and 3pm. Students from RJAS return to their classrooms after the Orientation concludes at 2.30pm.

The compulsory Uniform items sold by the School (Secondary Bag, Cap, Sport/Excursion Bag, House Shirt and Socks) will be on sale in the Hall/Gym from 2.30pm on the Orientation Day. Please refer to the Uniform list for prices (cheques made out to ‘RJAS P and F Association’). EFTPOS facilities available.

Secondary students wear Blazers, a compulsory part of the School Uniform. Blazers can be purchased, with a special discount of $50 at Lowes (St Marys store) between dates to be confirmed by Lowes (the previous dates were from between 12 January to 12 February 2015). After this time any Blazer purchases will be at the normal price. The Blazer may be placed on ‘lay-by’ or payment using the Ezy-Way card.

One of the significant points to be impressed upon students at the Orientation Day will be how important it is to develop a high level of diligence with their academic work, at School and on Homework tasks, as well as to maintain a high standard of behaviour and physical appearance. The School purposely sets a high yet realistic expectations and for some students and families this can require considerable adjustment, particularly when transferring from another school. However, we also appreciate that this is the very reason why this School has been chosen.

I look forward to meeting with all of the Year 6 students (and their parents in the first session) at the Orientation Day.

Mr Paul Cockrem
Principal

NB. Car parking is not possible in the School grounds. Please plan to park outside (e.g. Plumpton Marketplace) and walk into the School grounds.
Primary Open Day
CONTINUED
Book Fair News

Thanks to the enthusiasm of all our customers, we had an extremely successful Book Fair last Friday. Our sales were in excess of $5,000, giving us a commission of approx. $1,800. Special thanks must go to those who generously donated books to the Library:

Ruby Blake
Isaac Chryssafis
Heidi and Blake Fiedler
Brandon and Peyton Fisher
Mia Friesendorff
Jordan Kennedy
Daniel King
Emma Knowles

Max McAdams
Junaid and Jaeda Mohtaj
Edward Sanders
Oliver Sparks
Ryshelle Uy
Amy Watson
Madison White
Talan Woods

Kerrie Peterson
Primary Library

P&F Association
PRESIDENT’S REPORT

Welcome to Term 4! This term is a very busy one for the P&F and we will need your help if you are able to assist!

This term the P&F are running two fundraisers. The first one is the movie tickets. This note went home last term and is due back now. It’s a great chance to buy cheap movies tickets for the Christmas holidays! The second fundraiser is for Primary. You will have the chance to purchase cards, diaries and calendars that display your child’s artwork or photo. The note will be distributed soon.

This term P&F will be involved in helping with the Year 7 Orientation on Wednesday 4 November and the Kindergarten Orientation on Wednesday 18 November. This involves selling Uniforms as well as serving morning tea at the Kindergarten Orientation. If you would like to help please contact the P&F through the P&F email PandF@rjas.nsw.edu.au. P & F also organise the biggest morning tea for the Bike Challenge that will be held on Saturday 21 November and we will need help with that too! It would be great to see some new people joining our team of helpers as many who have helped in the past now work and are unable to help.

We apologise for the extra closure of the Uniform Shop. Unfortunately, there has been urgent medical appointments that couldn't be scheduled at another time for our hard working volunteers.

The next P&F will be held on Tuesday 20 October at 7pm in the Secondary Library. If you haven't come along yet why not join us and see what P&F is all about.

Tanya White
President
*MARSDEN PARK CAMPUS*

**ADDITIONAL INFORMATION FOR 2016**

* **COMMENCEMENT:** 27 January 2016, in a great new facility.

* **ENROLMENT APPLICATIONS** for Pre-Kindergarten and Kindergarten are being processed now.
  NB. Age cut-off re DOB (Date of Birth) is the end of May for both Pre-Kindergarten and Kindergarten.

* **SCHOOL HOURS:** 9am to 3pm
  NB. Supervision from 8am

* **SCHOOL BUS** (free) between Campuses:
  - Depart Marsden Park 8.15am; arrive Oakhurst 8.30am; return to Marsden Park to arrive before 9am.
  - Depart Marsden Park 3.05pm; arrive Oakhurst 3.20pm; return to Marsden Park to arrive before 4pm.

* **AFTER SCHOOL CARE SERVICE** to be confirmed by 26 October 2015.

* **SCHOOL UNIFORM** mainly based on the current RJ Oakhurst style:
  - Pre-Kindergarten – special version of RJ Polo shirt + RJ sports shorts + RJ socks
  - Kindergarten – RJ Polo shirt + RJ sports shorts + RJ socks

* **PRE-KINDERTGARTEN PROGRAM** is flexible across the 5 days:
  - Parents may select from 2 days per week to 5 days per week, provided the selected days are a continuous commitment, otherwise a casual rate will apply.
  - Program cost per term
    - 2 days = $1100; 3 days = $1650; 4 days = $2200; 5 days = $2750

* **ORIENTATION MORNING** on Wednesday 25 November from 9am to 11am.

* **SAME TERM DATES** for both Campuses:

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NB. Only difference may be actual last day and depending on joint arrangements could be 6 December.
Toys ‘N’ TUCKER

Each year Anglicare runs a ‘Toys ‘n’ Tucker’ Appeal to provide toys and food for families in need at Christmas. Our School is supporting the Appeal again this year and we would love to have donations of any of the items listed below. Please don’t send in glass jars or anything fragile or any chocolates.

Also, please don’t wrap presents as they must be unwrapped prior to distribution. This is a wonderful way to help those in need - we can make a difference!

Cash donations can also be made – these can be left at the School Office.

For the Primary School, donations can be left in the basket at each classroom.

Secondary students can leave donations in the basket in Student Reception.

The last day for donations to be received is Friday 20 November.

Thank you for your support.

DONATION IDEAS:
• Gifts for children - toys, games, books and activity sets.
• Gifts for teenagers - sporting gear, games, books and toiletry sets.
• New clothes - t-shirts, shorts and caps for all ages.
• Food - tinned ham, fish, vegetables & fruit; Christmas cakes and puddings; pasta and rice; long-life milk.
• Wrapping paper - so parents can enjoy the experience of wrapping gifts for their children.

Parents and friends are invited to attend the PERIPATETIC MUSIC STUDENT CONCERTS to be held on Wednesday 28 October 2015 at 6:30pm in D1 and B12
October

12/10-6/11  HSC Examinations
14  Surviving Year 12 Evening at 7pm in the Hall
16  7-11 Chapel at 9:40am
16  K-6 House Meetings 2:00pm (Primary students wear House shirts)
16  CSSA Primary (5/6) Biathlon “Splash & Dash”
16  CSSA State Triathlon, International Regatta Centre, Penrith
19-21  Year 9 & Year 10 Examinations
20  P&F Association Meeting at 7:00pm, Secondary Library
21  Year 11 Parent/Teacher/Student Interviews
22-24  Duke of Edinburgh Bronze/Silver Hike
23  7-11 House Meetings 9:40am (Secondary students wear House shirts)
23  K-6 Assembly at 11:15am – Music Group Performances
23  Year 10 Excursion to Taronga Park Zoo
23  Years 10 & 11 (selected students) GRIP Leadership Conference
26-27  Year 7 & Year 8 Examinations
28  Year 12 Hospitality Excursion
28  Music Peripatetic Concerts at 6:30pm
30  7-11 Chapel at 9:40am
30  K-6 Assembly at 11:15am hosted by Class 1R

November

2  Year 12 English Study Day, Wesley Centre, Sydney
4  Year 7 2016 Orientation Day
6  7-11 Assembly 9:40am
6  K-6 Assembly at 11:15am hosted by Class 1J
6-7  Duke of Edinburgh Bronze Hike
10  Year 12 Clearance Day
12  Year 10 1950’s Day
12  Year 12 History Extension Study Day, State Library
12  Year 12 2015 Formal
13  7-11 Chapel at 9:40am
13  K-6 Assembly at 11:15am hosted by Class 1S
17  P&F Association Meeting at 7:00pm, Secondary Library
18 & 19  Kindergarten 2016 Orientation Days
20  7-11 Assembly 9:40am
20  K-6 Assembly at 11:15am hosted by Primary Staff
21  RJ Bike Challenge
23-26  Year 10 Service Week
25  Marsden Park Campus Pre-Kindergarten & Kindergarten Orientation Day
26  Year 9 Food Technology and Year 7 Indonesian Tasting Day
27  Year 6 Graduation Assembly at 9:00am
27  7-11 Chapel at 11:50am
27  Year 10 Excursion to Luna Park
30  Music Ensemble Concerts at 2:00pm

Prayer Points

• Praise – for the support received during the Primary Open Day
• Praise – for the successful Launch Events at Marsden Park Campus, and the new families that have enrolled
• Prayer – for our Year 12 students as they sit their HSC examinations over the coming weeks
• Prayer – for the young people that God has raised up as leaders in our School as Captains, Vice Captains and other Leaders.

PLEASE BOOK THESE DATES:

14 October
Surviving Year 12 Evening in the Hall 7pm

20 October
P&F Association Meeting 7pm in the Secondary Library

28 October
Peripatetic Music Concerts in B1 and D12 6:30pm

UPDATE YOUR CONTACT DETAILS

Have you changed your mobile number?
Do you no longer have a landline?
Have you changed jobs or email address?

If this applies to you, it is important to contact the School to advise us. It is a requirement that the School is able to contact you!

Families should also nominate 2 names and mobiles (Grandparents, friends, neighbours) to be listed as Emergency Contacts for their child/ren. Email updates or changes to: admin@rjas.nsw.edu.au or log in to the Parent Portal to update your details.
Oakhurst Anglican Church

Would like to invite you to join us at one of our Services, or at one of our regular groups during the week.

SERVICE TIMES:
8.15am  Traditional Service
10.00am  Family Service
1.00pm   Dinka (Sudanese) Service
6.00pm   Service: Church @ 6

OTHER REGULAR GROUPS:
Play’n’Grow (Mums & Bubs playgroup)  Monday 9.30-11.30am
C4K (Kindy to Year 5 kids)             Mondays 6-7.30pm
Junior Youth Group (Years 6-9)        Fridays 7-8.30pm
ESL (English Lessons)                 Thursdays 9-11am

Oakhurst Anglican Church Op Shop is open Monday to Friday 9am - 2pm, drop in for a browse and a chat, the staff are always happy to meet new people! Ph: 9675 6200

For Further Information: Minister Neil Ellis 0433 252 268
Located at 95 Hyatts Road, Oakhurst (at the back of the car park)
Community ANNOUNCEMENTS

WHOOPING COUGH INFORMATION FOR SCHOOLS
There is an outbreak of Whooping Cough (Pertussis) in NSW, mainly affecting school-aged children.

Coughing spreads the infection to others nearby. Whooping Cough caught can spread to anyone at home, including younger brothers and sisters. Whooping Cough can be especially dangerous for babies.

Whooping Cough starts like a cold and progresses to bouts of coughing that can last for many weeks. The infection can occur even in fully-vaccinated children. Older children may just have a cough that is persistent and may be worse at night.

- Children with symptoms should see a doctor.
- If your doctor diagnoses whooping cough, please let the school know and keep your child at home until they have taken 5 days of antibiotics. Keep coughing children away from babies.
- Whooping Cough vaccines give good protection against infection but immunity fades. Check that all your children are up to date with their vaccines, due at 6 weeks, 4 months, 6 months, 4 years and 12 years of age (offered to all Year 7 students through the NSW school-based vaccination program). A booster is also recommended at 18 months of age.

A booster dose of vaccine is also recommended for adults that are in contact with young children, such as school staff and parents. Pregnant women are recommended to have a booster dose during each pregnancy and this is funded by NSW Health. Those who are new parents or carers of babies should consult their general practitioner about appropriate immunisation.


Go4Fun is free, runs every term for 10 weeks (out of school hours) and is for children aged 7-13 years who are above a healthy weight. It is managed by your local Population Health Unit and funded by NSW Health.

Go4Fun reached 71 families last term and the program has provided significant positive results in Body Mass Index, waist circumference, health related behaviours and self-esteem to many children of western Sydney.

FREE healthy lifestyle program for 7 – 13 year olds
Blacktown & Mt Druitt locations
Limited Places! Register Now!
1800 780 900
go4fun.com.au
You’re invited to...

**HUSH!**

Help us create an artwork and raise awareness for young children with communication disorders!

Come join us in front of
Max Webber Library, Blacktown
on Saturday 17th of October
between 10am-12.30pm
to create a silent artwork!


**PARENTING SKILLS FOR RESOLVING TEENAGE BEHAVIOURAL PROBLEMS**

A completely free, three-session program for parents and carers at the Western Area Adolescent Team (WAAT)
Buran Close, Mount Druitt, NSW 2770.

Session times: 5pm – 7pm on Tuesdays 6th, 13th and 20th of October 2015, with Afternoon Tea provided.

To register, please call Sarah-Jane at WAAT on 9881-1230 before the 22nd of September to secure a spot.

**WHAT YOU WILL LEARN:**

- Things parents have in common
- New understandings of your teenager and what to expect from them
- Know how to talk and make decisions with your teenager
- Building relationship with your teenager
- Skills for tough conversations for handling those problems you just can’t ignore

**WHO’S RUNNING IT?**

Andre and Sarah-Jane will be facilitating the sessions. They have completed the Parentshop’s Engaging Adolescents training.

FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT SARAH-JANE AT WAAT ON 9881-1230.
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