A high level of interest was demonstrated by RJ parents in attending the various Information Evenings hosted by Staff to cover specific details about the School’s operation and to facilitate discussion about learning programs etc. They were excellent occasions; productive and with a relaxed, purposeful tone. We thank the teachers for their very good contributions.

The House competition is off to a fantastic start, as the Swimming Carnival was a tremendously successful event. Despite the K-2 Fun Swim Day still to be held, David’s Rams look to have an unassailable lead with a progressive score of 784, followed by Daniel’s Lions on 731, Noah’s Sharks third and Isaiah’s Eagles fourth. Special acknowledgement of Rams and Lions who both achieved extremely high participation rates at the Carnival. A big thank you to staff, especially the Carnival Co-ordinator, Mr Samuel Napper, for their great efforts.

Already Year 6 have enjoyed a superb 3 day Trip to Canberra with a comprehensive itinerary. We appreciate the staff team of Mrs Foxall, Mrs Taylor, Mrs McLeod and Mr Cowling for all their time and energy. Likewise, Year 11 experienced a wonderful 2 day Study Camp, which has established their goals and expectations for the Senior Years. We thank the staff team of Mr McCormack, Mrs Robertson, Mrs Cowling, Mr Smith and Mr Clay.

Class 1R energetically kicked-off the Primary Assembly theme (“The Bible in 10 Easy Lessons”) last Friday, colourfully showing the wonders of God’s creation and the uniqueness of every person, as we celebrated their topic of “Wonderful World, Wonderful God”. We look forward to different Classes unfolding this theme throughout Term 1 and into Term 2.

The upcoming first P&F Association Meeting on Tuesday 17 February will provide opportunity for RJ parents to be actively involved in the life of the School in supportive ways. It is the official forum for parents’ opinions, questions and ideas to be considered and to hear about the School’s current news. As highlighted, the Association, in collaboration with School staff, makes a Facebook page available to enable increased communication. There is no other Facebook account which represents the School. We convey our gratitude to the P&F Association leaders who last year generously served our School community. Leaders for 2015 will be appointed during this Meeting.

Of continuing concern has been the unwise use of social media by some of our young people. Through various programs we have continued to make RJ students aware of the potential pitfalls of any inappropriate usage of Facebook, SnapChat etc. We encourage parents to reinforce such advice so that their children do not place themselves in situations which could be hurtful or damaging to themselves or others. Whilst most of this activity occurs outside of School, we are prepared to act when any ‘postings’ are considered to negatively impact other RJ students and have implications contrary to the normal RJ rules and expectations. Our motive is the protection of an individual’s well-being and esteem, as well as the positive harmony of our School community.

“Do not let any unwholesome talk (text) come from your mouths (from your messages/posts), but only what is helpful for building others up according to their needs, that it may benefit those who listen (receive, see).” (Ephesians 5:29)

Best wishes

Paul Cockrem
Principal
CULTURAL AND SPORTING POINTS FOR 2015
Each year a review of all the activities of the School is done and the points system for the next year is devised. Below is the plan for 2015. Please print a copy for each child and fill it in during the year. A copy will also be put on the School Website and updated when new activities are added.

Michael O’Hare
Deputy Principal

Total of all points count. This is different to the past, where only the highest in each activity counted. The student needs to have been involved in any continuous activity for at least two-thirds of the time that the activity runs during the year.

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Secondary Public Speaking Finalist 10
Secondary Public Speaking Winner 10
Student Forum 10
Technical Team 10
VOX 10
World Vision Global Leaders Convention 10
Xylomania 10
Heritage Day Food Stall Preparation 10
Year 5 Camp Leader 10
Year 6 Canberra Trip Leader 10
School Tour Guide 5
Year 4 Pyjamaarama Helper 5
Secondary Musical Usher 5
Young Women’s Seminar 5
General Knowledge Place in Top Three in a Term 5
Heritage Day Performer 5

SECONDARY & PRIMARY INDIVIDUAL SPORTS - 2015

Competes at CSSA/PSSA Zone 10
Competes at CSSA/PSSA State 10
Competes at CIS State 10
Competes in any State Team 10
Competes in a National Championship 10
Full Day Helper at a Prim/Sec Event, besides School Carnivals 10
Finishes in the top 30 at CSSA State Cross Country 10
Walkers’ and Runners’ Club 5

PRIMAR Y CULTURAL POINTS cont...

Xylomania 10
Vocal Group 10
Young Leaders Program Silver Achievement 10
General Knowledge Place in Top Three in a Term 5
Young Leaders Program Bronze Achievement 5

PRIMARY & SECONDARY TEAM SPORTS - 2015

School Rep team Full Term 10
Represents School at CSSA/PSSA level Competition 10
Represents School at CIS level Competition 10
Plays in CSSA/PSSA Trial, but does not make CSSA/PSSA team 5
Plays in CSSA/PSSA Team 10
Plays in CIS Trial, but does not make CIS team 5
Plays in CIS Team 10
Plays in any State Trial, but does not make State team 5
Plays in any State Team 10
Competes in a National Championship 10
Full Day Helper at a Primary/Secondary Event 5

Sewing Bee for the SECONDARY MUSICAL

‘THOROUGHLY MODERN MILLIE’
Saturday 28 February 9am in C2
BYO Machine or Overlocker or use the School machines.
All Material will be pre-cut and instructions supplied. The day will involve basic sewing.
Morning Tea provided but BYO lunch.
RSVP to Mrs Clay by 25 February.
All Welcome!
Secondary SEGMENTS

Two excellent Parent Information Sessions were held in recent weeks. At the Year 11 Information Meeting, the Assessment Procedures and Practices booklet was distributed. **Any Year 11 student who does not have this booklet should collect one from Student Reception this week.** The booklet is a vital document in assisting students with planning and preparation for tasks in the Preliminary year, and foreshadows what will be expected in Year 12. Students should be able to take the skills developed on the Year 11 Study Camp and apply them to their learning and preparation for these formal assessments. By all reports, the Camp was a wonderful experience and my thanks to Mr McCormack for organising the time away, and the teachers who attended: Mrs Cowling, Mrs Robertson, Mr Clay and Mr Smith.

The Stage 4 Information Session replaced the traditional "Back to School" night. Some of the evening focussed on the changes to the Years 7 and 8 examination schedule. Since the School Certificate no longer exists, the pressure to provide "exam practice" has reduced, and other meaningful ways of assessing student learning and the achievement of outcomes have been considered. In Year 11 last year we moved to a system of ‘on-time reporting’, where students and parents received frequent, detailed feedback on assessments tasks. No mid-year exams were held and the first semester report was replaced with a social development report which summarised student progress to date. This has proved to be very successful and students have responded well to more comprehensive feedback. This process has extended to Year 12 in 2015, and next year will involve Years 7 and 8. Consequently, we have decided not to hold formal half-yearly exams in Years 7 or 8. The formal exam setting of all students in the hall will be replaced with other alternate tasks which will be common across the grade and administered according to our assessment procedures, so that all students have the opportunity to perform to their best on an equal footing.

Some subjects may still do “in-class tests” but they will be smaller in scope, and therefore (particularly for Years 7 and 8) be much less stressful in these early years of Secondary schooling.

Students will continue to complete formal testing at the end of the year, and this change does not affect Years 9 and 10, nor does it change the NAPLAN schedule of testing, which will occur in May.

I certainly feel that this change will allow students to be able to demonstrate their learning and achievement of the outcomes of their course more successfully and confidently, and that they will be better able to acquire the skills they need to do even better in the final HSC examinations.

The Stage 5 Information Session will be held on 25 February and involve presentations from those groups organising the Years 9 and 10 experiences in Week 1 of Term 2. It is vital that all students and parents attend. **At this evening as well, the Guide to Edumate for Parents and Students will be available, a very useful handout that explains how the Portal operates and which was distributed at the earlier Information Sessions.** Any parent who requested, but has not yet received, new log-in details should contact Mrs Kranendonk at Student Reception. Those requested at the meetings were distributed last week.

Jenny Clay
Assistant Principal/Head of Secondary

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ENROLMENTS FOR 2016

We already have many Applications for students to commence at RJ in 2016!

A reminder to our current families to submit an Application now for siblings commencing in 2016.

Please remind any friends who may be considering enrolment at RJ to get in early.

There are still several vacancies in some Years for 2015, if interested please enquire at the Office.

Application forms can be obtained from Reception.
I'd like to extend to everyone a big welcome to 2015. This year promises to be another very busy, yet exciting one for the Instrumental, Technical and Vocal Program at RJAS. It is with great pleasure I can announce that Mrs Cecilia Bonser, one of our Piano/Vocal tutors will be having a baby towards the end of Term 1. Mrs Katie Watts has kindly agreed to take over Mrs Bonser’s keyboard & vocal students until she returns at the end of 2015.

YEAR 6 SINGING GROUP: TENNERS
Mrs Robertson will once again be taking the Year 6 Vocal Ensemble. Students can again look forward to singing popular music, but also, some varying styles/genres, especially Acapella! Both boys and girls are invited to audition. Students who are interested will need to attend auditions after school on Wednesday of Week 5 (25th Feb). Please prepare a short song to sing for Mrs Robertson – if you need some suggestions please ask. Please note: spaces in this group are limited to 8-10 and rehearsals will be held on Wednesday afternoons in D3 from 3:30pm – 4:15pm.

RJAS ENSEMBLE PROGRAM: PRIMARY & SECONDARY GUITARS
Information/Permission notes for our many Instrumental Ensembles have been sent home last week. Our Guitar Ensemble program is already underway. Primary Guitar Ensemble is held from 8:00am – 8:45am in D5. Secondary Guitar Ensemble is held in D5 every Friday afternoon from 3:30pm – 4:30pm. These groups will again be conducted by Mr Juan Bogaz, and are for the extension and enrichment of our guitar students. They are not designed to take the place of private lessons, but are an excellent opportunity for students receiving private tuition to put their skills into practice in a small group setting.

UKULELE ENSEMBLES
Once again, Mr Bogaz will direct the Year 3/4 Ukulele Ensemble. This was a group formed in the latter half of 2013, and was a favourite amongst our Stage 2 students. It will again be held on a Wednesday morning in D5 from 8:00 – 8:45am. Following on from the Year 3/4 success, and to cater for students progressing from Year 4 to Year 5, Mr Bogaz will pioneer a Year 5/6 Ukulele Ensemble, to be held on a Monday morning from 8:00am – 8:45am in D5.

RJ STRINGSTARS
We hope to commence String Ensemble in D3 on Tuesday 3:30pm – 4:15pm, in Week 5 of this term. This group (comprised of both Primary and Secondary students) will take place if there are enough students interested in playing together. The group will again be conducted by our Strings tutor, Mrs Wendy Bowring. Students who have been playing the Violin for more than 6 months, are eligible to be a part of this ensemble.

2015 BEGINNER BAND
Due to the extremely hectic nature of the end of last year, the details of our 2015 Beginner Band were not finalised. Beginner Band rehearsals will take place on Wednesday morning from 8:00am – 8:45am with Mrs Vowell. All Beginner Band Program group tutorials and rehearsals commence this week (Week 4).

2015 BAND PROGRAM COMMENCEMENT
Band Program group tutorials and rehearsals will commence on Monday of Week 4, unless advised otherwise. For parents of 2014 Band Program students – if you do not wish your child to continue this year in the program please let me know (if you haven’t already) in writing by the end of Week 4 or I will assume that your child is continuing throughout 2015.

Group tuition is offered in the following instruments:
- Flute
- Oboe
- Clarinet
- Alto Saxophone
- Tenor Saxophone
- Trumpet
- Trombone
- Glockenspiel
- Percussion

All of our Instrumental, Technical and Vocal Ensemble timetables are published in this edition of our RJ Review. This will give you all the details of Group tutorials, Band and Ensemble rehearsal days and times. It is a good idea to print off a copy to put on the fridge door!

PRIVATE LESSONS
Private Tuition is offered on the following instruments:
- Keyboard/Piano
- Acoustic/Electric Guitar/Bass Guitar/Ukulele
- Drums
- Flute
- Singing
- Violin/Cello

Private lessons have already commenced. There are, however, some vacancies on all instruments. Please return the permission form (to Student Reception) if you would like your child to have private lessons.

TECHNICAL SUPPORT TEAM
The Technical Team is a continuing project for RJAS and is one that requires specific training for all participants and a commitment to serve those who run events in the School. The team will provide support through the organisation and operation of sound, lighting, vision and theatre communications equipment.
under the supervision of Mr Wright, Mr Rae and Mr Robson. Our Secondary Vocal Ensemble: VOX will commence in Term 2 after the conclusion of the Secondary Musical. This group will meet on a Tuesday afternoon from 3:30pm – 4:30pm. It is comprised of students from Years 7-12, and will enjoy many and varied performance opportunities, including School Assemblies, Chapels, Concerts, Presentation Nights, visits to Nursing Homes and other community events.

If you would like to enquire about our extensive Band Program or Private Tuition lessons for your child, please contact Student Reception who can give you the relevant contact details.

Narelle Robertson
Performing Arts Curriculum Co-ordinator

RJAS 2015 BAND PROGRAM: MASTER TIMETABLE TERM 1

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Secondary
SPORTS SNAPSHOTS

One of the essential components of School life is the sporting program in which students have the opportunity to take part in a variety of different sports. Our School sport program commenced two weeks ago with trials for the representative teams for Term 1 being held. It was very encouraging to see so many students participating in these trials. The Rep sports for this term are Girls Basketball, Mixed Volleyball, AFL, and Cricket. They started their competitions this week and we wish them all the best in their matches. Thank you to Mr Taylor, Mr Smith, Mr Hyde and Mrs Mulligan for coaching the teams. Students not involved in Rep sports are participating in great activities such as ice-skating, tennis, kickboxing, swimming, rock climbing and Don Bosco sports.

Last week the first of our Carnivals was held at Emerton Leisure Centre. The Years 3-12 Swimming Carnival was a great day of competition and fun with many of the students who participated in the different events demonstrating good swimming skills. When times are available they will be placed on the Hall noticeboard. It will be exciting to see how our students perform at the next level of competition when the Nepean Secondary School Zone Carnival is held on Monday 2 March. Notes will be distributed shortly to those students who have qualified to swim at that carnival. Congratulations to David’s Rams which look to be our Champion House for 2015 and congratulations to all the students who participated in the races, helping make the day a very successful one. Thank you to the staff for all their efforts during the carnival. Below is a list of all our Age Champions.

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Also last Wednesday, one of our students, Dylan Mitchell, competed in the CIS trials, which were held at Blacktown Olympic Park. Dylan played very well and is awaiting selection into the team which will play in the NSW All Schools Tournament in April. Congratulations to Dylan and we wish him all the best at the next tournament.

I look forward to a great year of sport in 2015.

Mr Samuel Napper
Secondary Sport Co-ordinator

Careers
CORNER

The ATO has changed the processing of tax file numbers for 2015. Richard Johnson Anglican School can no longer process tax file numbers on behalf of a student. The application must be completed online - www.ato.gov.au

I am available in the careers office during lunchtime on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays. I am more than happy to assist with TFN applications, as well as any other career guidance. I can also be contacted via phone or email, rlittle@rjas.nsw.edu.au

Rachel Little
Careers Advisor

UPDATE YOUR CONTACT DETAILS

Have you changed your mobile number?
Do you no longer have a landline?
Have you changed your job 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.
Matters of PRIMARY IMPORTANCE

ASSEMBLY
Our year started with House Meetings then a fantastic Years 1-12 School Assembly, in which our Primary Captains and Vice-Captains enjoyed their first whole-school speaking roles. Year 4 students sang ‘Joy to the World/Shout to the Lord’, the song they performed as Year 3 students at the Primary Presentation Night, 2014. Last week 1R, the first class to perform an Assembly item, taught the Assembly all about our wonderful God and His wonderful world. Year 5 students led the Assembly while Year 6 students were away on their Educational Trip to Canberra. This term in Assembly, and continuing into Term 2, we will be looking at ‘The Bible in 10 Easy Lessons.’ These lessons present the students with a ‘big picture’ view of the Bible, starting with God’s creation, teaching about the covenant, the need for a Saviour and salvation through Jesus. Parents are invited to attend Primary Assemblies from 11:20am on Assembly days. This week’s presenting class is 3R. Week 5 is 1J.

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BANDAGE BEAR DAY – CHANGE OF DATE
Bandage Bear was originally planned for Friday 6 March, however, Bandage Bear is busy with the Bandage Bear Day appeal at the Children’s Hospital Westmead on this date. He is available and very keen to visit RJ on Tuesday 3 March for ‘Bandage Bear Day’. RJ students benefit from the care and support provided by the Westmead Children’s Hospital at times when they are unwell and our ‘Bandage Bear Day’ is a great way to support the Hospital. ‘Bandage Bear’ merchandise will be available to purchase on the day. K-2 students will also enjoy a morning of ‘Bear’ Activities, followed by a Teddy Bear’s Picnic and visit by Bandage Bear. All students and teachers will be encouraged to bring along a bear (bandaged of course) to enjoy the day. Further details will follow shortly.

EXCURSIONS AND INCURSIONS
Year 4 students will be undertaking an educational community walk along Hyatts Road this Wednesday 18 February to investigate the services available along the street.

EXTRA-CURRICULAR LUNCHTIME ACTIVITIES
Extra-curricular activities have commenced for 2015. Your child might like to be involved in one or more of the following groups at lunchtime through the week. Details of locations are given each morning in Assemblies:

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Groups also run for band and instrument programs. These are auditioned groups.

GRANDPARENTS’ AND GRANDFRIENDS’ DAY
Grandparents’ and Grandfriends’ Day is a special day for our students and grandparents. Students will make special invitations to send home in the coming weeks but, in the meantime, be sure to let interstate and overseas grandparents know the date, Friday 13 March, so they can start to make their travel arrangements.
More Matters of PRIMARY IMPORTANCE

NRMA SCIENCE AND ROAD SAFETY DAY
We will be welcoming the NRMA Science and Road Safety program to RJ on Monday 2 March. Students will need to bring their bike helmet to School on this day and wear it to the show. Parents are invited to attend the 9:00am-10:00am session.

PARENT INFORMATION EVENINGS
Thank you to parents who attended the Parent Information Evenings. I trust that you found both the General Information and Grade Information sessions helpful. Parent feedback has been very positive. Many parents were interested in the ‘Talk less listen more’ parenting online resource and excited by the introduction of the ‘You Can Do It’ Program.

STUDENT FORUM
Congratulations to our new Primary Student Forum representatives – Amber Bell (4R), Daniel Gauci (4J), Harmony Millard (5R), Juan Fado (5I), Emma Knowles (6R) and Ryan Martin (6J). Along with the Primary Captains and Vice Captains, these students will represent their classes at fortnightly Forum meetings where students raise and discuss matters of importance to the students in our School. I look forward to working with this wonderful group of students at Forum in 2015.

SWIMMING EVENTS
It was great to see students participating in events and supporting their House with cheering and chants at the Years 3-12 Swimming Carnival last Monday. Students who qualified will compete at the CSSA Zone Swimming Carnival on Thursday 26 February. We wish them all the best and look forward to hearing about their successes. The CSSA Primary State Swimming Carnival will be held on Monday 9 March.

Students in K-2 are looking forward to the K-2 Swim Fun Day on Wednesday 11 March at Emerton Leisure Centre. Further details to follow.

UNIFORM
All students need to have their hat at School each day in Terms 1 and 4. Girls dress length is to be mid-knee, no higher. Students are only permitted to wear jewellery as outlined in the Uniform Policy. Girls may only wear a plain stud or small sleeper. Parents are reminded that joggers, worn for PE and Sport, are to meet the criteria below: “Sport joggers (not sandshoes or slip-on styles) with laces, below ankle height.”

YEAR 6 CANBERRA EDUCATION TRIP
Last week, Year 6 students enjoyed an educational trip to our Nation’s Capital. They participated in a variety of educational programs focused on Australia’s history, culture, heritage and democracy. Students visited and participated in learning workshops at Parliament House, Electoral Education Centre, Australian War Memorial, Australian Institute of Sport, National Museum of Australia, Royal Australian Mint and Questacon. Students also enjoyed a visit to the National Dinosaur Museum and the CSIRO Discovery Centre.

The Australian Government recognises the importance of all young Australians being able to visit their National Capital as part of their civics and citizenship education. To assist parents in meeting the cost of the excursion (covered by student School fees) the Australian Government is contributing funding of $20 per eligible student under the Parliament and Civics Education Rebate (PACER) program toward the travel expenses incurred. This contribution will be paid directly to the School.

Richard Johnson Anglican School would like to thank the Australian Government for their support of this program. Our Year 6 students were beautifully behaved and enjoyed a vast array of experiences, including learning more about our democratic system, electoral processes, war history and parliamentary preparation of bills. A highlight of the trip was the opportunity for the students to enjoy fellowship with their classmates and teachers. We praise God for keeping us safe while we were away and for helping us to have a fantastic time. Thank you to the teachers and our wonderful Year 10 helpers: Britney, Rachel, Anastasia, Zoe, Mark, Logan, Timothy and Anthony for your leadership and assistance to the teachers and Year 6 students.

‘YOU CAN DO IT’ PROGRAM
This program was introduced to parents in the recent Parent Information Evenings. The ‘You Can Do It’ program develops the social and emotional capabilities of young people and is being implemented as part of our Primary learning program. While the program involves explicit instruction, the principles are fully integrated across the curriculum. In the RJ Review I will include information about the Program to continue to inform parents of what students will be learning and the skills they will be developing.

Narelle Taylor
Head of Primary
DEVELOPING THE SOCIAL AND 
EMOTIONAL CAPABILITY OF 
YOUNG PEOPLE

The Social and Emotional Learning Standards

The Social and Emotional Learning Standards represent what students are expected to know and be able to do in the general area of social and emotional development. There are three distinct yet interrelated areas: Emotional Well-Being, Success in School and Life, and Positive Relationships and Social Responsibility. The first of these areas is outlined below.

Emotional Well-Being – Resilience

- The ability to identify and label emotions and understand how they link to thinking and behaviour.
- The ability to stay calm and independently calm down in a reasonable time when faced with a troubling event.
- Having a realistic self-perception, accepting attitudes of self and a desire to build on strengths and work on weaknesses.
- Demonstrating self-control when emotionally upset and being able to ‘bounce back’ to normal routines.
- Identifying and interacting with others who offer support and assistance in handling stress, achieving goals and addressing challenges.

From LEFT FIELD

As we gear up for another big year in Primary Sport, it is important to remember why we participate in Sport and who blesses us with the skills and talents to enjoy various games and sports. In 2015, I encourage all students to have at least one goal. This may be as specific as running or swimming faster in a particular event, or it may be as broad as having more fun and attempting a new sport.

With the RJ School Swimming Carnival conducted last week, there will be notes delivered in the coming days to those who qualified for Zone Swimming. RJ Swimming Caps will be available for sale from Week 4. These caps can be purchased directly from Mr Cowling. This year, caps will cost $3.00.

Throughout the year there are multiple opportunities for students to participate in various team or individual sporting events. These can be School-based events, such as Carnivals, which lead to (Nepean) Zone, Christian Schools Sports Association (CSSA) State, Combined Independent Schools (CIS) State or even beyond. They can also take the form of Gala Days or ongoing PSSA Sports.

In addition to these events, students can also nominate to participate in Trial Days for selection into Representative Teams. Students need to be actively participating in the selected sport at a very high level, as usually these Trial Days are focused on State Level events. CSSA offers a range of sports such as AFL, Golf, Softball, Gymnastics, Basketball, Hockey, Tennis, Cricket, Netball, Touch Football, Oztag, Biathlon and Football (Soccer). Some of these sports have Trial Days for Representative Teams. For further details and information you can access the www.cssa.net.au website and look for the ‘CSSA Sports’ tab on the lower left section of the menu. If your child is interested in trialling, please contact Mr Cowling at least one month before the date listed on the CSSA website. CIS have similar sports and are at an even higher level than CSSA. We have had pleasing results/selections in Netball, Hockey, Soccer and Gymnastics in previous years.

If you have any enquiries or questions about Primary Sport in 2015, please feel free to email me directly: lcowling@rjas.nsw.edu.au.

Lachlan Cowling
Primary Sports Coordinator
A Selection of Photos From THE SWIMMING CARNIVAL
A Selection of Photos From
YEAR 6 CANBERRA TRIP
From the
P&F ASSOCIATION

PRESIDENT REPORT
I am sure everyone has settled into the new school year and are already wondering where the time is going! The year for current P&F Executive finishes with the AGM tonight at 7pm in the Library. We will hear reports from the past year, elect positions for the new Executive and start the year from there. Mr Cockrem addresses each meeting and there is a time for General Business which allows for ideas, concerns and discussions about things affecting our School community. Can I encourage you to come along to the first meeting of the year. If you want to get involved with the Executive that will be great, if you want to just come along and listen we would love to have you there.

I would like to thank the outgoing P&F Executive for 2014. Thank you Trish Hyde (Vice-President), Denia Priestley (Secretary), Haryanty Kennerley (Treasurer), Vikki Ward (Uniform Shop Co-ordinator), Valeska Sanchez (Parent Rep) and Chris Midgley (Fete Co-ordinator). Last year was a very busy year for the P&F with organising the Fete and all the regular events that we support. Thank you for doing such an amazing job and being a great support and encouragement to me.

Book Club and School Banking start this term, both fall under the P&F umbrella. The first Book Club has been collected and we thank Sarah McAdams who is co-ordinating this. If you need to contact Sarah regarding Book Club please email the P&F (PandF@rjas.nsw.edu.au) and we will forward it on. ‘Sign up’ for School Banking will be in March and more details will follow.

As President I am thankful to all who have helped over the past year. There are many people who are willing to serve morning tea, serve in the uniform shop, run stalls and help on fete day. Thank you for your help and thank you to the many who supported me in the role of President with encouraging words and support of my family.

Looking forward to seeing many of you at the AGM tonight (17 February ) at 7pm in the Secondary Library.

Tanya White
President

Richard Johnson
ANGLICAN SCHOOL DIRECTORY

Principal:  Mr Paul Cockrem
Deputy Principal:  Mr Michael O’Hare
Assistant Principal /Head Of Secondary:  Mrs Jenny Clay
Head Of Primary:  Mrs Narelle Taylor
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Director of Service Learning/Special Events:  Mr Stewart Rowe
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Uniform Shop:  Tuesday 8:20am - 9:00am
Uniform Shop:  Wednesday 2:40pm - 3:30pm
Canteen:  Mon – Fri Breakfast, Recess and Lunch
Counsellor:  Mrs Debbie Beck (Tue - Thur)
P&F Association:  PandF@rjas.nsw.edu.au
Meet the Staff

JENNIFER BURGESS (TEACHER’S AIDE)

What is your favourite food?
Chocolate.

What do you enjoy doing in your spare time?
Spend time with my children and grandchildren, and reading.

When and why did you come to work at this School?
I just started in January this year. God directed me here to work as a Teacher’s Aide.

What do you think you will enjoy about your role in the School?
I think I will enjoy getting to spend time with other Christians. I am also looking forward to having fun learning with the children.

Describe a wonderful experience you’ve had which you’ll never forget.
I have visited several other countries but my most wonderful experiences are each time one of my grandchildren smiles at me.

Why did you become a Christian?
I became a Christian at 5 years old because God called me. He chose me to be His daughter.

What is your favourite Bible verse?
Isaiah 41:10.
“So do not fear, for I am with you; do not be dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen you and help you; I will uphold you with my righteous right hand.”

What is something you want to achieve?
I would like to learn to be tidy. I would also like to memorise 100 Bible verses.

If you could meet any person in the world at the moment who would it be?
I would like to meet Billy Graham.

Meet the Staff

CHRIS SMITH (SCIENCE TEACHER)

What is your favourite food?
Pizza with a salad.

What do you enjoy doing in your spare time?
I enjoy playing sport and spending time with my kids.

When and why did you come to work at this School?
I started at Richard Johnson in 2015. I’ve come here because I want to teach Science and contribute to the Christian ethics at the School.

What do you think you will enjoy about your role in the School?
I’ll enjoy getting to know the staff, students and parents in order to work together to help students achieve their best.

Describe a wonderful experience you’ve had which you’ll never forget.
Raising my bat after scoring my first century playing cricket.

Why did you become a Christian?
I became a Christian because I believe it is true. I’m convinced that Jesus lived, died and rose again and that He is now Lord.

What is your favourite Bible verse?
“Think about Him in all your ways and He will guide you on the right paths.”

What is something you want to achieve?
I would like to make and consume the perfect coffee.

If you could meet any person in the world at the moment who would it be?
Barack Obama.
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Prayer POINTS

- Praise – for the experiences and learning during the recent Year 6 Educational Trip to Canberra and Year 11 Study Camp.
- Praise – for excellent exchange of information during recent Parent Information Nights.
- Prayer – for the staff responsible for the production of the Secondary Musical, that they may use their God-given talents when teaching the ensemble of students to achieve their best performances.
- Prayer – for new families to RJ, that they may quickly find themselves settled and part of this Community.
- Praise – for the outgoing P&F Executive who have worked diligently for the RJ School Community.
Community ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

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